



NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE July 2013



Rain, Rain, Go Away---Come again another day! Seems like it rains every other day or so this summer. But we move on and just plan for it. Like our pot lucks, we go rain or shine and so far we've been OK with the weather.

July seems to get into the season that has shows and runs every weekend. SO if you are an active Rod Run 'goer', you will be right on target. Most all rod runs have a little 'Show-N-Shines in them.

I was able to go to the Devils Run and to the Classtiques Run and this year I even stayed for Buggies-N-Blues. Devils Run was good. Some bad weather, but all-in-all, it was good. Classtiques had rain too, but that didn't seem to stop many old car nuts, and Buggies N Blues had just plain good weather...perfect day. Lots of nice vendors, swap meet booths and side streets filled with cars and bikes. I truly enjoyed all events at all 3 places.

Today while traveling North, I came across 4 guys that looked like they had just seen a ghost---a real one. They were headed to a car show with 4 cars. One developed an oil leak on the console oil pressure gauge. While that car pulled over, so did the other 3. Well call them cars #1, #2, #3, and #4. Car #1 was far out ahead, but pulled over. Car #2 stopped and was put in park to see what had happened to car #3. Car #4 was behind #3. Long story short---car #2 (left in Park and running), slipped out of Park and started heading for car #3, veered off and scraped the side of that car (#3). Now, had there been traffic coming just at the right time, that car would have backed into an active driving lane, and who knows what could have happened. Did I mention that this was a two lane road? Did I mention that none of the 4 car drivers owned any of the 4 cars? Well, the good Lord was watching over them at that moment, I'll say that. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, leave an old car idling in Park and get out of it. Just as important is a 'neutral safety switch on automatic cars. Never reach in and start a car without being behind the wheel with your foot on the brake. It's just like being told to be a defensive driver---be on the defense at all times around these 'ol buggers!!! The ghost expression on those guys faces---well I can see why. I had stopped to help about two minutes before the incident.

Funny thing about scrapes and scratches when you get them--- (and don't get me wrong, I do the same thing) you have a tendency to 'rub' the scratch and scrape---like that will erase it. NOT!

Anyway, as I get older, I see I am having a tendency to hurry up things and maybe not do as safely as I should, so maybe some of you are doing the same thing. Stop It! Not everybody has a Good 'ol Jerry Black to keep them straight!!!

All for now and thus ends the lesson. Be safe and lets have a lot of years of good 'SAFE', fun!!

President George

CLASSIFIEDS

We need a slogan for our 20th Season Finale. Submit your ideas to a Board member.

The club is looking for a business to sponsor the 2014 club t shirt. The name of the business would be advertised on the sleeve of the shirt. Get the word out and contact a board member if you're interested or know someone that is interested. Minimum bid is \$500 and bidder is responsible for own logo and any extra colors.

Plenty of people miss their share of happiness, not because they never found it, but because they didn't stop to enjoy it.

William Feather



Minutes of Dakota Cruisers General Meeting

June 5, 2013

Vegas Motel

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President George Masters at 7:30 PM.

Board members present were George Masters, Jerry Black, Joanne Larson, Tom Carson, Dave Alberts, Randy Hysjulien, Doug Frazier, and Rita Webb. Betty Trzpuc was excused.

New members and guests were welcomed. Fifty people were present.

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

- Motor Magic-(Jerry Black) is August 31st and September 1st. The next meeting is August 6th at 5:30pm All Season's Arena upper atrium. New activities for the children will be a sand play area with toys donated by the Dakota Cruisers and Jumping castle on loan from First Assembly of God Church. The Humane Society will monitor the children. Military vehicles will be the theme for this event.

- Season Finale-(Board Members) is September 13th-15th. The band is reserved and ideas for the event are welcomed. Board Members will be looking for members to assist in the different areas. Looking for someone to head the Breakfast on Sunday-if interested please contact friendly board member. Please remember this event takes numerous man powers to pull together.

- Christmas Party-(Rita Webb/Dave Alberts) is December 14th. Cost will be announced at next general meeting.

Raffle Ticket-Marlin & Marilyn Schiele were not present to announce how well we did selling at Devil's Lake.

Old Business:

- Audit results were read, Liz Hoppman had no issues with the past 3 years. Thanks Liz for taking this on and thanks to Joanne Larson for keeping the finances in order.

- 2014 Season Finale t-shirts and sweatshirt logo sponsorship still open to club members. July board meeting is the deadline. Open to any business. \$500 for logo on the sleeve and \$100 for additional color. Jerry contacted the operator of the Dyno for availability and George is having the T-shirt booth with Motor Magic logo. Still looking for additional vendors.

- Only one slogan was submitted. "Shift'n Gears for 20 Years" If you have any suggestions please submit ASAP to be considered.

- Quilt for 2014 season finale< Lisa Krebsbach will keep us posted if she is in need of additional t-shirts.

- State Fair Parade line up number will be place on the hotline once released

New Business:

- North Dairy Queen meet and greet Sundays from 5-8pm

- Fliers for future car show-please help pass the word for club sponsor events by taking and distributed flyers.

- Dakota Territory Air Museum grand opening July 4. Looking for cars from WW II era, early and late 40's. If interested please see Joanne Larson.

- Only 1 scholarship awarded, looking for ideas to attract more interest. Suggestions to look at: discontinue and use funds elsewhere, offer larger amounts, now it is open for individuals to apply for 2 consecutive years. Using guidance counselors to spread the word. This will be readdressed.

Announcements:

- Next board meeting June 26th,

- Next General meeting July 3rd

- June 19th-rod run, taking a cruise through the countryside. Come and enjoy some fresh air.

- Please check the website for updates and other events.

- Buggies and Blue Mandan and Classtique Car show this weekend in Bismarck.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Submitted by yours truly Tammy Kloehn

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Canada Day	2	3 Monthly meeting at the Vegas 7:30	4 Independence Day 	5 Noon Luncheon - call Hotline for location Car Show in Velva Park at 5:30-8:00 p.m	6 Car Shows in Jamestown & Hazen
7 Sunday Night get together at North brdwy DQ 5-8 pm	8	9	10 Wed. Nite Cruise to the Airport museum leaving at 6:30 Hardee's	11 Car Show Black Hawk, SD 11-14th	12 Noon Luncheon - call Hotline for location	13
14 Sunday Night get together at North brdwy DQ 5-8 pm Car Show Brandon, Manitoba	15	16 Corvette Classic Sioux Falls and Spearfish, SD 16-20th	17 Wed. Nite Cruise to Wellington leaving at 6:30 Hardee's	18	19 Noon Luncheon - call Hotline for location Car Show in Dickinson 19 & 20th	20 ND State Fair Parade Show N Shine in Bismarck
21 Sunday Night get together at North brdwy DQ 5-8 pm	22	23	24 Wed. Nite Cruise to Market Place Foods by the Mall leaving at 6:30 Hardee's	25 Car Show in Casselton	26 Noon Luncheon - call Hotline for location	27 Car Show in Hillsboro
28 Sunday Night get together at North brdwy DQ 5-8 pm	29	30	31 Wed. Nite Cruise to The View leaving at 6:30 Hardee's			

1961-1968 Amphicar

It hardly needs saying that amphibious motor vehicles like the 1961-1968 Amphicar have not exactly been common over the years. There are several reasons, including certain design compromises dictated by their dual-purpose nature and, typically, a resulting purchase price much higher than that of comparable cars or boats.

But the Amphicar is an exception. Introduced by inventor Hans Trippel at the 1959 Geneva Salon, it saw fairly high production -- 3,770 units -- over a fairly lengthy period, eight years. And it was successfully marketed in both Europe and the United States at a price that was surprisingly reasonable for a machine that could do almost everything but fly. Unfortunately, that price was so reasonable that the venture could never fly very far, but it has left us with an appealingly versatile little vehicle that had come into its own as a bona fide collectible within two decades.

The Amphicar may have been the most commercially successful amphibian but it was far from the first. That honor likely goes to a 20-ton steam-powered monster built by Oliver Evans of Philadelphia way back in 1803. That same year, he drove his alarming contraption over a mile and a half of the city's streets and down to the banks of the Delaware River. Of course, he didn't stop at the water's edge but drove right in and went to work. This work was accomplished by a dredge mounted on the wide-beamed, scow-like body.

Christened "Orukter Amphibolus," this vehicle ably fulfilled Evans' contractual assignment, which was to dredge space for a number of the Quaker City's first docks in what was to become a major harbor. Little more was heard of it after that.

More than a century later -- in 1917, to be exact -- William Mazzei of Seattle, Washington, designed an amphibious car of more normal size and put together a company to produce it. Called "Hydrometer," a name more appropriate for a measuring instrument than a car, it was powered by a conventional internal-combustion engine supplied by Continental. Contemporary accounts describe the Hydrometer (some sources list the name as "Hydromotor") as looking more like a boat than a car, but it did have four wheels and was said to have been capable of 60 mph on land and 25 mph on water, the latter no doubt exaggerated.

That same year, George Monnot of Canton, Ohio, announced his "Hydrocar," a car/truck combination with a steering wheel at each end and a four-cylinder Hercules engine. Monnot tried to interest the U.S. Army in his rig for all-purpose use in World War I, but it was rendered unnecessary by the end of hostilities the following year. By that time there was no money left for pursuing the civilian market.

Perhaps the most famous automotive amphibian was the one that did see action, though in a later conflict, World War II. Of course, we're talking about the four-wheel-drive Schwimmwagen derived from the land-only Kübelwagen ("bucket car"), the equivalent to the American Jeep in the army of Nazi Germany's Third Reich.

Both were designed by the renowned Dr. Ferdinand Porsche along principles he'd established with the "people's car" project so beloved by Adolf Hitler. Though neither vehicle was a "Volkswagen" in the strict sense, they're usually considered as such because they were produced at the huge new Wolfsburg factory that Hitler had erected before the war to build the little low-price car we've come to know as the Beetle.

VW thus deserves credit for the first mass-produced amphibian, and the Schwimmwagen was indeed turned out in large numbers during the war years. Some found their way into private hands once peace returned, while others were avidly studied by motor manufacturers on both sides of the Atlantic.



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Next General Meetings at the
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July 3 & Aug 7, 2013