

# Newsletter



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE March 2013



Well, we're getting closer. That's all I'm going to say about the weather! I'm so looking forward to Spring this year. I have a few cars that I haven't really driven yet, so this summer will be great. Last Fall, just before the "put your cars in storage" season came along, I bought the beautiful '41 Chevy 'Master DeLux' from Evie & Ken Holand. I don't think I've put 10 miles on it. It is a great car, and it will be going to Brandon with Danni and Me in July/Aug! I also bought a 1952 MG down in Bismarck Fall a year ago, and it just sat in my garage all summer and I only bought parts for it, but never did anything else. Well, this winter, it is being restored by Brian in Bismarck and it is coming along really well. It will be maroon and he's doing a 'superb' job on it. It was not a 55, 56 or 57 Chevy, so I didn't want to tackle it in the shop. Besides, they say you never get your own stuff done in your shop.

AAAH, but not true. I'm going to restore the 55 Nomad that I purchased in Greeley, CO last Fall. It is going to be the "Next Generation II" project for the club. Some kids and grandkids and club members have already started on the dismantling procedure. Don Ladner is going to do the bodywork and paint job on it. IT will be just like my other Nomad of back in '01. Gypsey red and India ivory with wide whites and a 700R4 and a 350 Fuel injected engine. Many parts are already purchased and more are on the way.

The club house is coming along for a Spring time fun place. The floor heat is great and it is (as of last Saturday) 66 degrees in the ground floor area where the 24 cars are stored. The carpet is installed upstairs, so more progress will be made in our area where the TV and display cabinet and the 'soda fountain' will be. It should be pretty neat this summer---and beyond!

We are up on membership in the club. Lots of renewals and lots of new members. Even new cars! Get ready for a great summer of fun activities. Might even be a new 'surprise' in store for all of us...stay tuned for---well, I'll just leave it at that!

Dave and Dave are just now putting together a nice summer of Wednesday night cruises. Some new, some old, but all will be great fun. When we say pot luck and burger burn, (or visa-versa) the turn outs are great and tons of food show up. If you can't bake something special don't worry about it. Bring some chips or cookies, or even on a rare occasion, just come and enjoy the goods of the others. This is NOT a show stopper. Also, bring a guest and maybe they will become members or even may get a nice cruiser car for their next investment!

Well, Wednesday nights are still at Hardees and the first Wed night is at the Vegas. 852-KARS is the information line, and [www.dakotacruiser.com](http://www.dakotacruiser.com) is the web site. Come and join in. See you at the Vegas soon (or Hardees)....

George  
"The Prez"

PS Hello to all of our friends that have gone South for Winter. Hope to see you all soon. We will have an exciting summer of fun runs!!!

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For Sale: 2005 Dodge Dakota Club Cab. Loaded, only 62000 miles, nice shape. 4 wheel drive, V8. Book is \$13,000.00 asking \$11,000.00 Call Dave Alberts 838-4309 or see me on Wed. night.

Dave also has some moving blankets for \$5 apiece. Great for moving. Covering your Hotrod or even using as a blanket while taking a nap.



WANTED: Cheerful Dakota Cruiser Volunteers to work a 2 hour slot at Wild About Wheels on April 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see (call or email) Spanky or Tom at the March meeting.

Minutes of Dakota Cruisers General Meeting  
February 6, 2013  
Vegas Motel

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President George Masters at 7:35 PM.

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

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 Report:

- Wild about Wheels- is scheduled for April 13-14 and the leaders will be Doug Frazier and Tom Carson. Please sign up to help sell raffle tickets and clothing.
- Motor Magic- Jerry Black will be in charge of this event. This year we will increase activities for the children and may have a load of sand delivered for a huge play area. George spoke with the Humane Society to take on these activities.
- Season Finale-the Board as a whole will be in charge of this with help from the general membership.
- Christmas Party- Dave Alberts and Rita Webb will chair this event.

Old Business:

- Raffle Tickets- will be available for sale at Wild about Wheels. Marlin and Marilyn Schiele will manage the sales and 5000 tickets will be ordered
- Pens and Lapel pins- the pens are free and the pins are for sale for \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00.
- Audit- Rick Anderson will be doing an audit for 2010, 2011, and 2012.
- Club House-George stated the club house is now heated. There is still space for 3 or 4 more cars at \$50.00 per month. There is cork in the back of the display cabinet and member's items will be rotated if they would like to show them off.

New Business:

- Thanks from Joe- Joe Uhrmacher thanked the members for the sympathy card and money received.
- Quilt for the 20<sup>th</sup> Season Finale- George asked people to bring their previous cruiser T-shirts in to use to make a quilt. Lisa Krebsbach volunteered to sew the quilt. Thanks Lisa!
- Clothing- George stated that sweatshirts may be eliminated and we will just have T-shirts for sale. Discussion held. If members want to continue to have a variety of clothing, someone needs to step up and take over the clothing sales! George stated for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year the shirts will be generic with no cars of the year.
- United Way Pedal Car- which is all assembled and white was delivered to Rod's Auto body to be painted. There are extra pedal cars to purchase for \$118.00 if interested. The pedal car auction will be held Sunday at 12 noon this year.
- Burger Burns-Dave Alberts and Dave Smith are lining up our Wednesday night cruises. Please contact them with suggestions. The destination should be within 30 miles of Minot and we will be leaving from Hardee's South at 6:30 PM.
- NDSRA- George gave a report from the annual meeting. There will be four pick cities sites in 2013 and 2014. Minot is a pick site for 2014. A large acrylic sign with the NDSRA logo will be donated to each pick site. George was voted in as Vice President for two years and then will be President. Congratulations George! Don Ladner will be the North Central Director. NDSRA appreciated the \$200.00 we donated for door prizes. George stated there is a new House Bill that states a certified mechanic will inspect vehicles, not the Highway Patrol.

Announcements:

- February 27<sup>th</sup> is the next Board meeting.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> is the next general meeting.
- Dates for 2013 events need to be submitted to Sherie Saltveit and ideas for the newsletter to Tammy Kloehn.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Trzpuc, Secretary

## GETTING A RATROD LICENSED

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Getting my latest build on the road has nearly become an exercise in futility. Since I am kind of bullheaded I refused to quit. Here is how it all went down.

I acquired a 26 Ford Model T coupe a couple years ago with all the intent to make a very nasty rat rod out of it. It did not come with a title but I had a bill of sale so made an appointment with the highway patrol to do the VIN inspection. This was done with no problems except the officer said I had a lot of work ahead of me, I decided not to tell him it won't change much from how it looked at that time as I didn't want to make him nervous (yet). Anyway he got the vin paperwork done and I grabbed my bill of sale and checkbook then headed for DMV. Waited in line for about an hour and finally got my turn. The lady looked over my paperwork then said "where is the picture of the car?" The deer in the headlight look took over and she started to explain that since I did not have an original title for the car that the state now requires a photo of the body. She said she could not take the picture that was on my phone as they had no way to download it.

Ok I grabbed my paperwork and went home to print a picture of the body then went back to DMV. Again stood in line but this time was only about a half hour. The photo was accepted and I felt great joy and got out my checkbook. The lady then asked me "what will the color be when it is done?" I got the deer look again. I asked what difference that makes and she said it is another state requirement. Even my sweet wife looks at a thousand color chips before choosing the color she wants, (trust me I was there). Anyway in my case the choice was easy, I said "RUST"! That got a laugh from the DMV ladies and some customers. I paid my \$10 and got out of there. Total time was about an hour.

Now I start working on the car and doing everything I can to make it SUPER UGLY. Ordering and making parts and making them fit even if the parts didn't want to go on (welders are wonderful things). After 6+ weeks of waiting the title shows up and I am again consumed with happiness. As I am looking it over I cannot find anything that shows the color of the car?????? Now I am wondering if I was to paint it purple with green polka dots do I have to reapply for a new tittle? I am not going to push my luck and will leave it rust.

Now I grab the checkbook again and head to DMV to order personal plates. The line went out into the lobby so I decided I would go to a parts house to get some wire and connectors then returned to DMV and the line was only to the drivers testing office. Roughly an hour and a half later it was my turn. I presented my title to the lady and she asked if I wanted ANTIQUE plates. I said yes and gave her a note denoting what I wanted on the plates. She looked at me and said that the computer was "FLAGGED" that I will have a safety inspection done by the highway patrol before plates could be issued. As I beat my head on the counter several times I asked why I wasn't told this on one of the last visits, I got no answer. Gathered up my paperwork again and voided the check I started. Since the car was still in work, it was not ready for an inspection. I didn't even have the driveshaft made yet let alone the ebrake and lights.

About 6 weeks later I get everything ready and working (even the ebrake and tunes) and call the highway patrol to schedule a safety inspection. The officer showed up right on time and after he regained his composure started the inspection. First thing up was the turn signal that DID NOT work. They worked before but I had been under the dash the day before hooking up more goodies and apparently blew the fuse. Got a questionable look from the officer. Swapped the fuse and they worked fine. Everything else worked fine and the car passed with flying colors, (rust of course). Once again I take all the paperwork to DMV and stand in line waiting my turn and walking on pins and needles. Everything is going fine and the lady is typing away and I started to relax then she stopped, looked at the inspection sheet then at me and said "the officer didn't write in the word "ANTIQUE". Now I am getting extremely irritated and I said quite loudly "YOU GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!!!!!" I didn't know there was a place to write it in. I told her that if the people in Bismarck cannot figure out that it is an antique by the year of the car they should not be there.

The lady at the counter said she would send it in but I might get a nasty letter from Bismarck but she would send it in and took my \$103 check. I am presently waiting to see if I get a nasty gram or plates. I have come to the conclusion that you might have to take something before you go to DMV just in case. I plan to have the new rat at the Wild About Wheels in April. I would love to get it there under its own power and not by trailer. If I get the plates it might smoke a bit at stop signs on the way. It might smoke anyway from the pipes.

## HOTRODDERS PRAYER

I ask for a simple thing,  
Please don't let me break a ring.  
If I bend a rod,  
I'll just call it a bad mod.  
If a bearing should start to spin,  
I know I just won't win.  
The officer doesn't understand,  
What it's like to have 600 horses at hand.  
If a tool gives me a pain,  
Please forgive the lack of restrain.  
I don't mean to use his name in vain.



Yea though I drive the streets full of JAP CRAP, I shall fear no front drive car, for torque and horse power are with me. Thou hast anointed my bearings with oil, and filled my tank with premium. Surely points will be renewed all the days of my life, then I shall dwell under the hoods of hotrods forever.

AMEN

Dave Smith author of poem and article



Some people are like Slinky's. Pretty much useless but make you smile when you push them down the stairs. :)

*The greatest success is being yourself.*

# March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Noon luncheon call the hotline for location	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> General meeting at the Vegas 7:30	<b>7</b> O'Reilly Roadster car show Boise, ID 7-10th	<b>8</b> Noon luncheon call the hotline for location	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>  daylight savings	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Cruise to Hardee's South	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Noon luncheon call the hotline for location	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Cruise to Hardee's South	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Noon luncheon call the hotline for location	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Palm Sunday	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Cruise to Hardee's South	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Noon luncheon call the hotline for location Good Friday	<b>30</b> Draggins Rod & Custom car show Saskatoon 29 & 30
<b>31</b> Happy Easter						

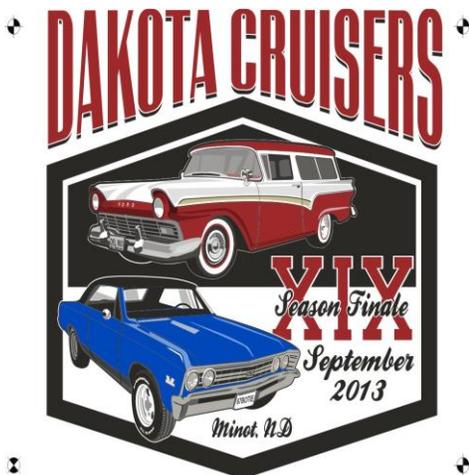
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Next General Meetings at the  
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Mar 6 & Apr 3, 2012