



# Newsletter



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

APRIL 2011



Well, here we are ---SPRING!!! (now, as I write this, we're expecting 9 to 16" of snow and high winds!!!) Oh well, they say if it wasn't for the weather, how would you start conversations?

Wild About Wheels Car Show just ended and it was a really nice show. I wanted to thank Stan & Sharon Orness for displaying their beautiful black "4-door" Mercury that was surrounded with huge statues of Elvis and Marilyn. But, with that being said, they had just come from the Detroit Auto-Rama --which was a show BY INVITATION ONLY, and I know it was quite an extra effort for them to come all of that way to just grace us with the beautiful car... Thanks Stan & Sharon. And, of course the cars that took the "People's Choice" and "Best of Show" awards went to two well deserving Cruiser members. One was the beautiful and one of the 2011 "Car of the Year" honorees, none other than Mark Snellings with his "ol' Yeller" '64 Impala. It looked wonderful. Then the other top award went to a 'early fifties' Chevy Pick-up truck owned and hand built by Johnny Curtis. His wife Kathlene must have been very patient with him because Johnny told me that it has taken him 26 years to build this truck. A well deserved top honor recipient! Congratulations to both of you.

"The Year of the Next Generation" project 56 Chevy two-ten 4 door hardtop car update: This is coming along really well. I have mostly two, and sometimes three kids, grand kids, dads and a gram-pa working on it with me, and I got another call today for two teenagers want to start getting involved. Since we have started assembly after the body was painted and put on the chassis, it is really coming along well. We have the passenger front door on, drivers door on, but not completed yet, Don Tucker graciously squeezed me in for polishing all of my stainless (and did a superb job, I might add), trunk lid is on, and the entire car is cut and buffed to a beautiful shine. My also good friend, Chad Wilburn, taught me how to 'cut' the paint (that's sanding off all of the high spots created by what you might know as 'orange peel') but being a novice, I hired him to do the buffing. The paint job and body work are superb (done by Ted Power in Logan, ND) and now

it is coming together rather well. I have learned to put the hood on the vehicle before the front fenders. My theory is that the hood has got to be in a 'fixed' position with regards and proximity of the firewall and firewall edges, whereas the fenders 'swing and slide side to side' for a proper alignment. You can't do that with the hood. I have installed the engine and transmission with the help of Neil Nathan of Minot Welding. I had everything mocked up with regards to the engine and transmission mounts, so one day Neil welded them in. If you think about it, how do you put in an engine and tranny and get it in the perfect proximity of its proper location on the chassis. We leveled the chassis, then installed the intake manifold. A level was placed on the manifold before the carb was installed, we jacked up the rear portion of the transmission until the manifold was level and "TACK" went the brackets. Then you have to have it perfectly centered with the firewall, the rear portion of the chassis and front by the harmonic balancer. Neil got it dialed in perfectly!

So, as you can see, kids are learning. One has reached the 10 hour mark and will be getting his first 'so-called' reward. I am going to give him an authenticated set of the Johnny Lightening series of 'tri-fives' that were designed after my 1955 Nomad a few years back. That's a whole other story!

The bus trip to Bowman is described in another portion of this newsletter, so be sure to read all about that! Thanks specifically to Steve with Northland Bus, and Miracle Mart, Craig Heupel, for terrific support of this trip.

Well, that's about it for now. Wednesday night cruises have been moved up to a 6:30 pm start for leaving Hardees. The guys thought this would give us all a better & longer time to get where we are going and have more time at an event---and still get home at a reasonable hour. Follow the calendar, HOTLINE and web site for event listings and activities!

See ya Cruz'n around!

*George*

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# **Minutes of Dakota Cruisers General Meeting**

**March 2, 2011**

**Vegas Motel**

## **Call to order:**

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

**Board members present:** George Masters, Jerry Black, Joanne Larson, Larry Haug, Randy Hysjulien, Bob Larson, Greg Olson, Doug Frazier, and Betty Trzpuc.

New members and guests were welcomed. Sixty five people were present.

## **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

## **Treasure's Report:**

The Treasure's report was approved as presented.

## **Committee Reports:**

\* **Wild about Wheels (George Masters- Jerry Black)** will occur March 19th and 20th. Move in day is March 18th, starting at 10:00 and lunch will be served. Warren will again be parking the cars and Jason Bratvold has donated the use of his scooter to Warren for the event. Please sign up to help out at the club's booth.

\* **State Fair Collector Car Show (Bob Larson)** Bob announced The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will be the entertainment for this event on July 27th. Classic quality cars from 1991 or older are eligible for the show. Two free concert passes will be issued for each car entered.

\* **Motor Magic (Larry Haug-Greg Olson)** Larry reported the September 3rd and 4th event will have the SIDNE go cart and also a van or two for the kids to paint on. The theme for the center room has not been established yet. Suggestions are welcome.

\* **Season Finale (Randy Hysjulien-Doug Frazier)** Randy stated The Dreamer Band from Minot will be the entertainment on Friday evening and Karaoke on Saturday evening. A block of 40 rooms are reserved at The Vegas. Life time members do not need to fill out a registration form, but do need to sign up if they are attending the event.

\* **Christmas Party (Joanne Larson-Linda Black)** will be December 10th.

\* **NDSRA Annual Meeting/Christmas Party (Doug Frazier-Dave Alberts)** will be hosted by our club this year. Doug reported it is booked for January 14, 2012 at the Grand International.

### **Old Business:**

- \* **Raffle tickets-** will be available for sale on March 17th. The sponsors and prizes are: Ryan Chevrolet- a new crate motor, Tires Plus- a new set of tires (\$400 value) and Minot Chrysler Toyota Center- a Astro Start remote car starter with installation (\$360 Value). The person that sells the most tickets gets a free admission to the Christmas party.
- \* **Bus Trip-** is set for March 5th, leaving from Kmart parking lot at 7:00 AM with garage tours in Richardton, Dickinson and Bowman. The three sponsors of the event are Don Ladner, Don Tucker and George Masters. The monies from these sponsors will provide the food and drinks on the bus.
- \* **Car of the Year Banner-**the banner was worn out and replaced with a new one. Marlan and Colin St.Croix are the recipients of the old banner.

### **New Business:**

- \* **New Time for Burger Burns-**6:30 PM will be the time we will leave Hardee's South for the Wednesday evening Burger Burns. Dave Alberts and Dave Smith are organizing the Wednesday events.
- \* **Safety Inspection Team-** the new team this year is Dave Alberts, Doug Frazier and Rod Krause. The inspections done are only good for one year.
- \* **Special Presentation-** Ray Webb was presented with a leather belt with a logo of his car on the buckle from the club. This was given to him for the numerous photos Ray takes at our car events. Thanks Ray.
- \* **Drawings-** Ken Holand was the winner of a box of burgers and Tom Carson and Ken Moe each won a block of cheese.
- \* **"Cobbler Cruise"-**a phone call was made to Ron Boen in Arizona and he is requesting to have a cruise and serve "Uncle Dave's" famous cobbler in June and made it a yearly event in memory of Dave Boen.

### **Announcements:**

- \* **March 30th** is the next Board meeting.
- \* **April 6th** is the next general meeting.
- \* **Check website** for other events.

### **Adjournment:**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Betty Trzpuc, Secretary**

# WINTER BUS TRIP TO BOWMAN

MARCH 5TH, 2011

As you may or may not know, the Dakota Cruisers had planned a bus trip to Bowman in February, but the roads were closed and it was stormy, so we postponed the trip till the 5th of March---just last weekend (as I write this).

About 25 guys and gals met at 6:45 on Saturday morning. It was cold, but the light snow allowed us to continue on this adventure. Thru some friends in that part of the country, I arranged for a stop in Richardton, two stops in Dickinson and two in Bowman. The original premise of the trip was to see the collection of the Hiltons and Faust's, right in Bowman, but thru the help of Darren Buckholz and Warren Flath, the tour expanded a bit.

The chartered from Northland Bus Service left Minot at precisely 7 am and we proceeded directly to Richardton where the old Ford garage housed about 15 or so cars and motorcycles. Started out in a showroom setting with a 58 Chevy, then a 32 Ford Pick-up truck, then a 58 Impala two door hard-top, then a 59 Impala -black-, a Javelin, a 64 Chevy, and finally a beautiful black 70's Chevelle. Part of the family that owned these cars was out of town, but the one brother, Cordell, met us there and showed us around. There was a back room to this place, too and it was full of neat cars and trucks and 'projects' that were under way.

Time to head to Dickinson where we went to Darren & Sue Buckholz's storage garage where they keep some of the stock for the winter. About 6 cars and trucks were there. The one truck was in the corner---blue and white---was owned by an 88 year old friend of theirs and it was pristine. This guy had even wax'd the steel painted areas of the interior! Then on to Cordell's house and shop just south of Gene & Diane Hoyt's place. There they have a room full of Dale Earnhardt's memorabilia and in the shop there were motorcycles (42 Harley), snowmobiles, '66 Chevelle car project and a 70's style Chevelle with all billet aluminum and a 454 engine that puts out over 600 horsepower and a mid '70's Z-28 Camaro. A lot of nice stuff here---and even a heated bathroom!

Time to head to Bowman to see the famous Hilton collection, and boy oh boy! We were welcomed to the shop that housed about 34 cars and trucks. The car club in Bowman met us there; the hospitality was gracious and we got to see some familiar faces from the summer cruises. I did take pictures of this collection and will have them on the Dakota Cruiser web site for viewing. Anything from a Ferrari to a Rolls Royce, to a 66 Corvair with only 10 miles on it---yes, 10 miles, Impala convertibles, a Model "T" Touring car, XKE Jaguar, Lincoln Continental convertible, Olds hard top, t-birds, and a really popular (among the tour guys there) a 1956 Nomad that was the most odd color you've ever seen---but factory stock & correct! We spent about an hour there and then moved on to Warren & Michelle Flath's Insurance Office in downtown Bowman. Here is a beautiful collection of Corvette's, a '67 Mustang 2+2 fastback, a Super Bee, and a 68 Chevelle two door hard-top. There the beer flowed and pop corn and snacks were enjoyed by many of us.

After all of us enjoying seeing others projects and collections, we ventured back to Dickinson where we stopped and had a nice afternoon combination lunch and dinner. On to the big city of Minot and back home after a really nice day visiting car guys and gals in South Western North Dakota. Thanks to Don Ladner, Don Tucker and myself, for sponsoring this bus trip with some extra funding to make it just a little bit nicer. Also thanks to Steve & Cheryl Lesmeister for supplying the bus and a driver for our fun and safe Saturday in March, 2011.

George

PS: Not all car years may be correct, and maybe not all names are spelled correctly, so please forgive. To view the pictures of this event, go to [www.dakotacruiser.com](http://www.dakotacruiser.com) and look under "EVENTS" (they will be sent and loaded soon)

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Updates from Stan Orness:

Concord Mobile Dyno with their 224 Dynojet will be at Devils Run this year, they are looking for the "Hottest Car in America". You will be able to find all the information at [www.concordmobiledyno.com](http://www.concordmobiledyno.com)

**For more information, check out [www.greaterdakotaclassics.com](http://www.greaterdakotaclassics.com)**

LRSC has prepared a website to register for overflow housing during the Devil's Run this June. I have attached an information sheet that you are welcome to use as a way of informing people who are interested in the option. The link to the reservation page is here: <http://www.lrsc.edu/campus/default.asp?ID=933>

**Dragons are coming!**

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**For Sale! 350 chevy motor this is a 84? model engine, needs rebuilding, motor ran, no knocks \$100.00**

**contact Don Tucker 839-3416**

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**Needed, two or three members interested in helping with NSRA Vehicle Safety Inspections for 2011.**

**Contact: Dave Alberts 838-4309**

**George Masters 852-5010**

**If anyone has an ad they would like placed here, please send an email to [ladymech@live.com](mailto:ladymech@live.com) or talk to George or Kaekilia.**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

<i>SUN</i>	<i>MON</i>	<i>TUES</i>	<i>WED</i>	<i>THURS</i>	<i>FRI</i>	<i>SAT</i>
					<b>1</b> <i>Noon Luncheon</i>  <b>April Fools!</b>	<b>2</b> 53rd Annual Toppers Rod and Custom Car Show
<b>3</b> 53rd Annual Toppers Rod and Custom Car Show	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Meeting Night @ The Vegas</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Noon Luncheon</i>	<b>9</b> Prime Steel 29th Annual Car Show
<b>10</b> Prime Steel 29th Annual Car Show	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Hardee's Night</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Noon Luncheon</i>	<b>16</b> Majestics 45th Annual Car Show
<b>17</b> Majestics 45th Annual Car Show	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Hardee's Night</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Noon Luncheon</i>  2011 Draggins Rod & Custom Car Club of Saskatoon, 51st Annual Car Show	<b>23</b> 2011 Draggins Rod & Custom Car Club of Saskatoon, 51st Annual Car Show
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Hardee's Night Board Meeting</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12th Annual Rondex Rodarama - Manitoba Street Rod Association	<b>30</b> 12th Annual Rondex Rodarama - Manitoba Street Rod Association  Valley Vintage Car Show

Send up-coming events and dates to George at [gem@min.midco.net](mailto:gem@min.midco.net) or to Kaekilia at [ladytech@live.com](mailto:ladytech@live.com)

Look for more events online at [www.dakotacruiser.com/calendar.shtml](http://www.dakotacruiser.com/calendar.shtml) !

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**Next General Meetings at the Vegas:**

**April 6, 2011 | May 4, 2011**