



Newsletter

August 2009

President's Message



Ya know, a thought just crossed my mind---why don't I just copy a President's Message from 12 or 13 years ago, maybe no one would notice! But that wouldn't be fair. Besides, it would not be very accurate or up to date.

Anyway, what a month July was. I'd highlight all the activities, but there isn't enough room for all of that. So, let's talk about what's coming up. Motor Magic---Great event with all of the club involvement. Please sign up for a time to help watch the booth for us. An hour or two would be great. Then, Season Finale---WOW, what a 15th it will be. Make sure you plan on coming Friday night for the, "Front Fenders," band at the Vegas. It should be a super weekend. Remember, even lifetime members need to sign up so meals can be ordered.

Anyway, this is short and sweet this month. We are off to the State Fair concert, car show in Melita, MB, and then into the monthly meeting!

Be safe, and keep Cruz'n with a safety mind!

Your President,

George

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Another tip: Check out the one-way rentals offered by some agencies in spring and fall when vacationers move north or south for the season.

Joan Rattner Hellman, AARP Magazine June 2009

A Special Note of Thanks!

To Darroll and Joni Meyers for hosting the Dakota Cruisers on June 27th at the Missouri Breaks Lodge Bed & Breakfast. Also, hats off to Cruiser members, John and Marlene Demaree, along with Jerry Black, for organizing the Cruiser's involvement in this wonderful event.

Respectfully, Life members, Darrell & Kim Zaback

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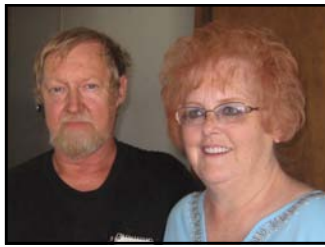
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Member Spotlight



Well, here he is! The King of Cruiser “burger burns” - Dave Smith and his “Queen” Cathy.



While the rest of us are lining up at Hardee’s to “cruise” to our next outing, Dave’s fired-up the grill with enough sizzling burgers and hot dogs to feed the entire Club.



Wearing his traditional, “Rat Fink,” wizard hat, Dave is flanked by his tool-wielding crew, Jason Bratvold on his left and Bill Huth on his right.

Be assured, if ever a match was made in heaven, it has to be the Smiths. Their dry wit and family-poking humor is like you’re watching a Vegas comedy act!

Dave and Cathy met on a blind date while in high school—she was a junior and he was a senior. Engaged the next year, the wedding was derailed by Cathy’s mom in when Dave joined the Air Force, (his draft number was 52, so he figured he’d better sign-up or he’d be digging trenches). His first assignment was Germany, then Thailand.

When Dave was home on leave a few years later, they decided to elope to Vegas. Then it was off to March AFB, California, to begin their new life together. Ooops, not so fast—Cathy’s mom found out and insisted they come back home to Minnesota for a church wedding 4 months later. According to Cathy, Dave’s now got two shots at remembering his wedding anniversary—one in July and one in November!

Dave’s Air Force career ultimately led them to Minot where he retired in 1991. His friend, Stan Saylor, introduced him to Andy Thurston, who happened to be looking for someone to run Nodak Klassics. “Since I’d always been a gear-head, I applied for the job and got it,” says Dave.

Cathy’s the Server Supervisor at J.R. Rockers, Minot AFB. Be sure to say “Hello” to her when the Cruisers visit Friday, August 14th, for the annual Block Party.

Like most fellow Cruisers, Dave’s experience with cars started at a young age. The first thing he tore apart was a 3-speed tranny at the age of eight. Then, he got his first ticket when he was 12, for driving a ’56 Plymouth without a license. The fine was \$5 and he still has the ticket framed and hanging on his living room wall.

Also at the age of 12, Dave and his pals made a still out of car parts up in his tree house. When his mother noticed she was going through a lot of 5 pound bags of sugar, his dad investigated and that ended his boot-legging days!

In addition to their daughter, Christina (Nina) and son Nicholas (Nick), the Smiths share their home with six dogs.

Dave and Cathy have been Dakota Cruiser members nearly since its inception and he’s been serving up burgers to fellow Cruisers ever since. Dave is also a member of Board, giving much of his time to the Club by serving on various committees.



In July ’08, George performed a re-taking of vows ceremony for Dave & Cathy - Dave wrote the vows himself!

After Cathy said, “No,” three times, Dave presented her with this Model T street rod at the Oak Park burger burn.

Dave’s current project is this 1925 Ford TT, that will match the one he gave Cathy last year for their 33rd wedding anniversary.



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Calendar of Events - August 2009

Birthstone - Peridot Flower - Gladiolus

July 31-Aug. 1	8th Annual Cruise-in Car Show, Thief River Falls, MN—(281) 686-2969, 2995 or (281) 681-7073.
July 31-Aug. 3	125th Anniversary Celebration—Melita, Manitoba Show & Shine. Sun. Aug. 11:30 to 4:30.
August 1	Street Wizards 7th Annual Car Show—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (218) 686-2969
August 1	Wheels & Wings, Fly-In featuring Classic Car Show & Shine, Barnes County Airport, Valley City, ND—Bridge City Cruisers and Barnes County Airport Authority.
August 1—3	Super Run Western Canadian Nationals—Prairieland Park, Saskatoon SK
August 2	30th Annual International Antique Classic and Shine Show, International Peace Gardens.
August 2	12th Annual Capital A'Fair Car Show, Ford and Mustang Club, Bismarck, ND. (701 323-9322/
August 3	OK Tire Store Car Show, Bismarck, ND
August 4	Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials concert—Oak Park Theater Show—setup 5 p.m. and concert start at 7:30—10 p.m. Complimentary tickets will be provided. Oak Park Theater will also provide some free movie tickets.
August 5	Monthly meeting at Vegas Hotel—7:30 p.m. Come early if you want to eat.
August 6	Arts in the Park, Oak Park, Minot, ND. "At the Hop" with the Treblemakers, (Oak Park). Featuring Dakota Cruisers; Studio X Dancers; Root beer floats sold by Sons of Norway and burgers sold by Night Riders Lions. For information call (701) 852-2787.
August 7	Noon lunch—Call the Hotline. 852-KARS
August 7-9	Dacotah Rodders Granny Run, Grand Rapids, ND. Call Bugs, (701) 683-5033.
August 7-9	Streetmaster Dam Run, Pierre, SD
August 12	Wednesday Night Cruise—TBA
August 14	Noon lunch—Call the Hotline. 852-KARS
August 14	Car Show/Block Party, MAFB—Parking lot between Community Center and J.R. Rockers. Call Jay Utter (701) 723-2127. Set up 3—4 p.m. and show hours 4:30 to 8 p.m. Registration form at Cruiser Website calendar (August 14th).
August 15	Stan Puklich Chevrolet Car Show, Bismarck, ND. Call (701) 223-5800.
August 15	Killarney, Manitoba Show n' Shine at Swatty's—1 to 5 p.m.
August 19	Wednesday night cruise to Sommerset Village
August 20-23	Kool Deadwood Nites—(800) 344-8826 for room reservations
August 21	Noon lunch—Call the Hotline. 852-KARS
August 26	Wednesday night cruise—Steak fry at the Velva Golf Course. Board meeting.
August 28	Noon lunch—Live radio remote at old Piggly Wiggly East from 11 to 1 p.m. All entities are invited that are involved with Motor Magic (Minot Internat'l Dragway, Dakota Cruisers, NODAK Speedway, Motor Magic Classic Car Auction, Auto-Cross, Military Vehicle display and anyone else associated). Each will have an opportunity to promote their activities.
August 28-29	Sizzlin' Summer Nights, Aberdeen, SD
August 28-30	Majestics Run to the Oasis, Moosejaw, SK

**SEND UP-COMING EVENTS & DATES TO SHERIE FOR THE CALENDAR
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Minutes of General Meeting

July 1, 2009
Vegas Motel

I. Call to Order:

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

Board members present: George Masters, Jerry Black, Dave Smith, Larry Haug, Randy Hysjulien, Kurt Smith, Ray Webb, Jerry Lawson & Betty Trzruc.

New members and guests were welcomed. Congratulations to Tom Uleberg on his retirement from Minot Public Schools

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as presented.

Bruce Way, from Minot AFB, spoke about Northern Neighbors Day (schedule July 18th). He stated the classic cars will be displayed along the flight line. Gates open at 8:30 a.m. The Golden Knights Parachute Team will perform. George announced there will be a post-air social at the Air Museum.

II. Committee Reports:

North Dakota State Fair - (Dave Smith & Betty Trzruc). The classic car show will be July 29, with The Devonshires for entertainment. Entry fee is \$7. We'll start parking cars at 4p.m. and need volunteers to help park.
Motor Magic - (Larry Haug & Kurt Smith).

Larry said the theme is The Fabulous '50's, so they're requesting cars from the 50's to fill the display room. Workers are encouraged to dress in '50's theme. The SIDNE go cart will be there. Sign up sheets available for instructors and non-trained helpers. Need help at the gate/door. Next meeting, July 7th at Fair Grounds.

Season Finale - (Randy Hysjulien & Ray Webb). 15th finale will be Sept. 18-20th. 100 people signed up so far. All life time members need to register. Committee meeting following tonight's General Meeting (sub-committee members asked to attend). The Front Fenders band are the entertainment. Each member asked to bring a door prize.

Christmas Party - Jerry Lawson & Ray Webb-No report.

III. Old Business:

Raffle Tickets - Mike Padgett has tickets available. Each member asked to sell or buy at least one book.

Safety Inspections - Team doing safety inspections after meeting. George's tip: "Check your lug nuts as they tend to loosen up after 100-200 miles."

Laminated Window Signs - Completed by Morgan Printing available from Jerry Black.

Newsletter - Is available at Cruiser's website monthly. Will also be mailed through Dec. Ballots must be returned if members want to receive the Newsletter in the mail after Dec. This is being implemented to decrease cost to the Club (about \$6,000 per year). Sherie Saltveit has 2009 Newsletter archived at our website: www.DakotaCruiser.com.

IV. New Business:

Christmas Donations to Organizations - Reminder: this requires written application to the Board. Deadline is the last Wednesday in September.

Memorial Page Website - Ray Webb will work with Sherie Saltveit to add this. Submit deceased to Ray.

El Camino Anniversary - '09 is 50th Anniversary for the El Camino. They will have a separate wall at Motor Magic to display their vehicles.

Gifts for Season Finale - A list of businesses was read for members to approach for gift donations. Diane Hysjulien recorded volunteer names & businesses.

Sympathy Card - Long-time member Joanie Faris passed away. A card, signed by all, is going to family.

Scholarships - An article regarding each of the 4 recipients will be at our website. Thanks to Dick Sundhagen for mailing 42-43 applications yearly to school guidance counselors.

V. Announcements:

1. Road trip to Missouri River Breaks Lodge: Jerry Black says great trip despite rain. 13 cars went. Darroll Myers supplied the meal, a tour of the bed & breakfast and pontoon rides.

2. Medora Car Show: George won 1st place in his class with his '56 Chevy convertible. Colin & Marlan St. Croix won 2nd place in their class with their '32 Ford Roadster. Both were honored by driving across stage at the Medora Musical. Congratulations!

3. Important Dates: July 8th - Cruise to Air Museum; July 15th - Cruise to Brentmore; July 18th Northern Neighbors Day, Minot AFB.; July 22nd - Cruise to Surrey Park; July 25th - State Fair Parade; July 29th - State Fair Concert & Car Show; Aug. 5th - General Meeting; Aug. 14th - Show & Shine, MAFB, 4:30 to 8 p.m. Civilians needing clearance must register by Aug. 1st and those already having clearance must register by Aug. 7th; Aug. 26th - Cruise to Velva Golf Course for steak fry. Board meeting.

4. Stories: Told by Vern Erck and Norma Opperude.

5. Monthly Drawing: George is sponsoring the Motor Magic Classic Car Auction drawing tonight and it's for five \$100 certificates which can be used towards purchasing a vehicle at the auction (certificates are transferable). Certificates can also be traded for a \$25 Dakota Cruiser Gift Certificate, in lieu of using them at the Motor Magic auction. The winners were: Bette Grosche, Rick Vise, Leroy Eberle, Joy Olson and Dennis Wright.

VI. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Trzruc





Bulletin Board



A Tip From Tony Marsh

Engines, prior to 1990 with non-roller lifters, require zinc additive in the motor oil to avoid premature cam shaft deterioration.

Engine Builder Magazine supports Tony's observation in it's article, "Performance Oils and Additives: Got Zinc?" According to the magazine, it's more than a coincidence that engine builders have experienced more flat tappet cam failures in the last few years than at any point prior. And that's because today's engine oil has a lower amount of anti-wear additives than your flat tappet cam requires in order to keep spinning freely.

Experts say that the reasons behind the changes in engine oil are numerous, but one of the main reasons is that the American Petroleum Institute (API) has regulated the amount of zinc levels to .08 percent, down from .15 of a few years ago (and even higher levels before that) due to its harmful effects on catalytic converters and emissions systems.

The latest API formulations are aimed at extending the life of catalytic converters, not racing or performance engines. Around 1996, most of the OEMs had already started manufacturing OHC engines with roller followers, that in turn, allowed them to use lower zinc-phosphorous anti-wear additives.

So, while performance engines of the early 1990's could share the same oil as production engines without consequence, today, the use of API approved street oils in many performance applications will likely lead to trouble, especially during flat tappet cam break-in periods.

Experts say that the additives in API blends will no longer cut it in a racing or performance engine. There is no denying that API oils for the most part work very well in late model engines where there are roller cams and much less friction than in high powered engines, which are in many cases, good old pushrod V8's.

Tony says, "Try Lucas TBZinc-Plus, available at Car-Quest and Hedahls. ZDD Plus, available at (763) 753-4265. Or, Valvoline SynPower Full Synthetic. Use it or pay the price!"

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