



Newsletter

June 2009

President's Message



Happy Trails To You! Do you remember that song? By the time you read this, the Devils Run will be history for 2009, and I'm predicting just a terrific event! Congratulations to Stan for hosting another great weekend.

Our Law Enforcement Appreciation picnic went really well. We had tons of cops, tons of cars, and even more tons of food. I might just make it an annual event! We heard nothing but plus, plus, plus from everyone in attendance.

The Presidents, "Spring Dinner Cruise," went off extremely well. We had beautiful weather, about 45 cars and around 100 people who shared some of the best food around! We had a presentation for Barb Moe, her sister and other family members, honoring the late Richard Marshall. Richard was a brother and nephew to this family. What a tribute.

The sponsor for June will be, none other than, Motor Magic Classic Car Auction. In case you haven't heard, I've purchased the auction. So, for June's sponsorship, I'm giving away five \$100 certificates to be used at the auction, if purchasing a vehicle. You can keep the certificate or give it to a neighbor, friend, or associate. To follow all the Labor Day weekend events, including the auction, go to www.MotorMagic.net.

The Safety team is doing a bang-up job of inspecting Club vehicles. Some make it and some don't. I will say the ones that don't—well, some of the guys are getting the item(s) fixed, then re-inspected. I know Colin had his '32 Ford done but missed two items. So, once he was made aware of the items, he had them fixed. Now his '32 has a 2009 Safety Inspection sticker. Good for you, Colin!

The State Fair Car Show should be a good one again this year. The Fair has gotten a new group to entertain this year, so it should be a bit different for us to enjoy. Remember, you need to have a ticket to get admission

to the Fair, but the concert is free for up to two people in each car. Dave Smith and Betty Trzruc are in charge of this event.

Then, swiftly approaching will be Motor Magic. We are going to decide very shortly what the featured vehicle will be. This decision sets the stage for filling the center room at Motor Magic. This is one of the biggest and best of the year! Then, of course the Season Finale—15th year! Wow, how time flies. Our big news this year is the addition of the band "The Front Fenders," (Friday evening), and the Sunday continental breakfast. The rest of the events are just as dynamic as in the past. Remember, all Lifetime members must pre-register to be included in the meal 'head count'.

Well, I'm gearing up for the Devils Run in a day or two, so I'll leave you for now. Remember to drive safely and don't hesitate to have that pride & joy inspected by the CRACKER-JACK" team!

Your president,

George



George awards a \$500 Cruiser Scholarship to Clint Ellis of Divide County, at May's monthly meeting.

The second recipient, who was not present, is Keefe Phelps of DeLacs Burlington High School

George presents a picture of late Cruiser, Rick Marshall, to his family at the President's Run to Washburn.



Member Spotlight



The hardest thing about spotlighting Tony Marsh, is fitting his story into one issue—this is one guy who'd make a great sequel of, "to be continued," stories!



Speaking through those trademark pearly-white teeth, Tony confessed he got his love of hot-rodding from his mom, Francis. In fact, Francis was such a hot-rodder that she was once stopped cruisin' in her '58 Rambler with ten kids in the car—five of her own and five of their cousins. Tony swears the cop only gave her a warning because he felt sorry for her, thinking the entire brood belonged to her!



Tony, on the far right, during one of Francis 'spins' with the kids. She eventually broke the shift lever off the ol' Rambler and never lived it down!

Tony's a true-blue Minot native and the second oldest of seven kids, (five sisters and one brother). One of his proudest moments growing up, was passing his driver's test at age 13—with the infamous Walt Thompson, who was known for failing kids their first time through. It must've been that grin!

Although he confesses he's been through hundreds of cars, he recalls his first car was a '54 Chevy he bought for \$35. Next came a V8 flathead Ford. Then, at 16, he got his first street rod—a 1927 Ford Model T pickup with a Chevy V8. Tom Jones recalls riding with Tony when a cop gave him a ticket with every possible violation written on that one ticket.

After high school, Tony went to auto body and painting school at Bismarck Junior College. Thus began his career working in body shops—until 1975, that is. That's when he was, "distracted," from hot rods for 31 years to hit the racing circuit, racing street stocks, super stocks, modifieds and IMCA stock cars. After racing on nearly every track in the country, he returned five years ago to his first love—street roddin'.

In the last 5 years, he's accumulated several drivable cars, including '55, '57 and '64 Chevys, a '41 Ford coupe and "project cars forever."

Spending most of his time in his hobby shop or attending every car show imaginable, his projects are too numerous to list. He beams like a proud father when he talks about the '36 Chevy rat rod/hot rod he's just finishing for Bill Lanners. "It'll be hard to give it up—I've gotten so attached to the darned thing."



At some point, he managed to have a daughter, 2 sons, 6 granddaughters and 2 grandsons. Although he wouldn't dish up any dirt, he said, "My life style hasn't been too good on cars and women!"



That hasn't stopped him from having a special woman in his life—Bonnie Gresser, who lives in Dickenson. Introduced 8 years ago by his mother, they only started dating over the past year. They make a great looking couple—don't you agree?!!!



Asked to give me a story from his past, he just grinned and said, "Well, I see they're finally replacing the overpass west of Minot that I tried to knock down with my '72 Plymouth police cruiser. They even charged me for the guard rail!"

Always looking for a new adventure, Tony just completed the Gene Winfield Chop Top class and loves building rat rods!



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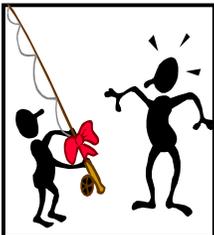
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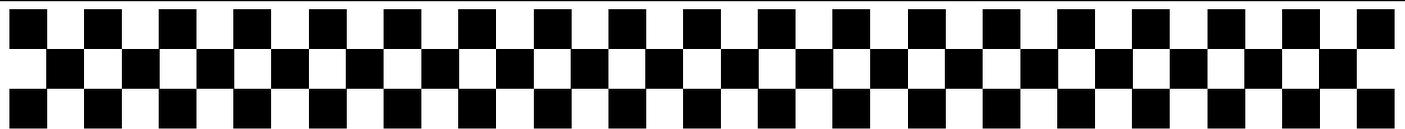
Calendar of Events - June 2009

Birthstone - Pearl

Flower - Rose

June 3	Monthly meeting at the Vegas Hotel—7:30 p.m.
June 5	Noon Luncheon—Call the Hotline
June 5-6	27th Annual Classtiques Rod Run—NDSRA Pick Event, Riverwood RV, Mandan, ND
June 7	Buggies and Blues in Mandan, Mandan, ND
June 10	Wednesday night cruise to Glenburn for BBQ
June 11-14	Black Hills Overdrive Annual Car Rally
June 12	Noon Luncheon—Call the Hotline
June 13	KraZkustoms 4th Annual Car & Bike Show, Glen Ullin, ND, email info@krazkustoms.com or call (701) 348-9224
June 13-14	2nd Annual Bonanzaville Car Show, Bonanzaville, West Fargo, ND
June 14	Flag Day
June 17	Wednesday night cruise to Sommerset Village
June 19	Noon Luncheon—Call the Hotline
June 19-21	MSRA Back to the 50's—Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN
June 19-21	Lewis & Clark Days Car Show, Washburn, ND. Car show on the 20th, \$10 entry fee—for more information call Ed or Bobbie at 462-8353 or 462-3374
June 20	Bottineau County & City 125th Centennial Parade and events—www.bottineau.info for details
June 21	Father's Day
June 24	Wednesday night cruise TBA—Board meeting
June 26	Noon Luncheon—call the Hotline
June 26-27	Antique and Classic Car Show, Medora, ND. Call (701) 225-8851 for details.
June 26-27	Cars in the Park—Badlands Drifters Car Club, Glendive, MT
June 26-27	Summerfest Car Show, Grafton, ND

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Minutes of General Meeting
May 6, 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, Randy Hysjulien, Kurt Smith, Larry Haug Jerry Lawson & Betty Trzruc. Ray Webb was excused.

New members and guests were welcomed.

Marlan St. Croix was recognized for the great job she does on our monthly newsletter!

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Approved as presented.

II. Committee Reports:

North Dakota State Fair - (Dave Smith & Betty Trzruc). Dave reported a \$7.00 entry fee & get 2 free tickets per car for The Classic Car Show July 29th. The Devonshires will be playing 50's and 60's music. George has applied for a State Fair Parade permit. Free entry into the fairgrounds if you have a vehicle in the parade.

Motor Magic - (Larry Haug & Kurt Smith). Larry stated posters and flyers are available for members to display. The SIDNE unit will be set up for this event. Sign-up sheet available at the next monthly meeting. Larry's asking previously trained people and new volunteers to please sign up. Theme is currently leaning toward "The Fabulous Cars of the 50's." Demolishing of the old grandstand will not affect Motor Magic.

Season Finale - (Randy Hysjulien & Ray Webb). New registration sheets available with The Front Fenders on them. Please take and display them. Randy's requesting pictures of past Car of the Year honorees. Rainbow Photo labs will be doing the photography.

Christmas Party - (Lawson & Webb). No report.

Wild About Wheels - (George Masters & Jerry Black). George stated it was a successful event. Checks for \$50 are being distributed by Scott Fuchs to people who showed their car for the first time.

III. Old Business:

Raffle Tickets - Mike Padgett has the raffle tickets available tonight. Please pick up at least one book to buy or sell to support our scholarship program.

Club Windbreakers - 15th anniversary windbreakers available for \$45 (special order). Zippered or pullover. Offer expires when the Season Finale is over.

Road Trip to Darroll Myers - June 27th per Jerry Black. Darroll's supplying the meal. Each person bring their beverage and a potluck dessert. Depart in the morning for a noon meal. Darroll's also inviting the Williston

Car Club. Approximately 123 miles; then 3 miles west of Lund's Landing.

Membership Cards - Available from Jerry Lawson. New members also get a window decal.

Scholarship Presentation - Clint Ellis was presented a \$500 scholarship check from the Dakota Cruisers to attend Williston College auto tech program. The check will also be presented at his awards banquet at Des Lacs/Burlington School. Dick Sundhagen stated Gary Lokken will be presenting a scholarship in Divide County to Keith Phelps. More scholarships are available for first and second year students.

IV. New Business:

Sponsors - Tonight's meeting is being sponsored by NAPA. A \$100 gift certificate will be given away. Thanks to all the guys at NAPA!

Safety Inspection Team - The team of Tom Carson, Dave Alberts and Kurt Smith are here and will do safety inspections on Colin St. Croix's and George Master's cars tonight. They will be doing at least one inspection per month.

V. Announcements:

1. BLT Day—Dakota Boy's Ranch - May 9th from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Car Show 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
2. Williston Band Day Classic Car Show - May 9th.
3. Toppers Car Show - May 9th and 10th in Fargo.
4. Trinity Nursing Home car display with a potluck/burger burn at Tom's Service May 13th.
5. Pioneer Auto Club Acres of Iron, Mandan, May 17th
6. Roughrider Chevy Car Club Show, Bismarck, May 17th.
7. President's Cruise to Washburn for potluck/burger burn May 23rd.
8. Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. We'll cruise to Old Settlers Park in Burlington for a potluck/burger burn. Leave Hardees South at 7 p.m. Board meeting after the meal.
9. 17th Annual Devils Run at Devils Lake, May 29-31.
10. Monthly drawing—\$100 gift certificate from NAPA was won by Brendan Galvin.
11. Story Time—Stories were told by Tom Carson, Colin St. Croix, Curtis Yuly, Lenny Salseg and George Masters.
12. Al Larson—George announced that Al Larson has been transferred to Manor Care in Minot.

Check out the web site www.dakotacruisers.com for other shows and garage tours.

VI. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Betty Trzruc





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THE FIRST HOT ROD SHOW



You're looking at the birthplace of HOT ROD magazine. This was the crazy scene inside the Los Angeles Armory during the first HOT ROD Exposition. The very first issue of HOT ROD magazine was created as the program for this show, selling ads to whoever wanted to display as a vendor and hawking copies on the steps outside the Armory.

Though still in the very early planning stages, there's an idea to hold another HOT ROD Exposition at the Armory for traditional hot rods only.

Visit HOTROD.com to read blogs and see several other photos from the '48 show.



Gene Winfield Metal Working Clinic

At 81, Gene Winfield's been working on cars for over 60 years and has established himself as one of the premier customizers and car builders in the world. His ideas and painting techniques have permanently influenced the way custom cars are built today and will continue to be in the future.

The 2-day clinic, sponsored by Andy Thurston and AMS Auto Build, was attended by 60 people, including Dakota Cruiser members. Attendees came from as far away as Canada, Missouri, Montana and Wisconsin. The class featured working with metal, welding aluminum and hammer (gas) welding. The 'chop-top' projects were done on '49 and '50 Mercurys.



Gene Winfield demonstrates how to adjust the door hinges on a '50 Mercury by swinging a sledge hammer.



NSRA safety inspection team, Tom Carson, Kurt Smith and Dave Alberts, perform the extensive 23 point safety check on Colin St. Croix's '32 Ford Roadster. Has your car been inspected yet?



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