

Member Spotlight



There's no better way to honor May—the month that includes Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, than 'spotlighting' Air Force family—Stacey and Mark Law. With over 40 years of military service between them, let's all say, "Thanks!"



Stacey grew up in Castle Creek, NY. In 1985, after receiving a degree in equine science from the State University of New York, she headed to Ocala, Florida to work the horse farms.

Three years later and looking for a change, Stacey enlisted in the Air Force and found herself heading for Utah. There she met and married fellow airman John Groves. By December '91, they were making their way through the snow to Minot AFB—with 2 week old daughter, Katie!

For a hobby, they bought a '64-1/2 Mustang coupe and proceeded to restore it in their garage—taking it from 3 colors to its original, Prairie Bronze. In 1993 they joined the Dakota Cruisers and Stacey served on the Board as Secretary for 2 years.

As fate would have it, Stacey and John decided to go their separate ways. He got the Harley, she got the Mustang and they both share Katie.



Uncle Sam then decided to send Stacey globe-trotting from Korea; back to Minot; to England; Germany; Massachusetts, and finally back to Minot again—whew! During her travels, George Masters stored the Mustang for

her—that George, always looking out for members!

Stacey then met Mark Law, who was also stationed in England. Mark was raised in a small suburb outside St. Paul, MN. He worked a few years after high school then decided he wanted to see the world—his first duty assignment—Minot AFB. From Minot he went to Korea; Grand Forks; England; Iceland; Germany and finally, back to Minot (with his bride, Stacey).

Back to being Cruiser members, too! Stacey served as Board Treasurer until a possible deployment to Iraq required handing the job over to Jerry Lawson.

Mark retired from the Air Force in '05 and is employed at Sears. He now enjoys more of his favorite hobbies. Like, working on the '62 Corvair Monza they bought from George.



On May 14th, Stacey hopes to be promoted to Master Sgt. That will mean serving her country another 3 years. If not, she said she'll retire this fall. Their plans include buying a small hobby farm somewhere in Minnesota. "We're not city folks," they both chime. They're looking for a place with a barn/shop that's bigger than the house! They love to kayak, scuba dive, fish, camp..., well, as long as it outdoors, they both love it!

Guess I'd have to say, in doing this interview I was most impressed with Mark's, "Man Cave." It's a great sanctuary they've created in the lower level of their home—complete with stone walls, cedar ceiling, wood floor, rustic shelving and a big screen TV. I was certain, if I looked out the window there'd be a big lake out there.

Thanks Stacey and Mark for years of service to your country and your Club.



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Calendar of Events - May 2009

Birthstone - Emerald

Flower - Lily of the Valley

May 1	May Day
May 1	Noon Luncheon—Call the Hotline
May 6	Meeting at the Vegas Motel—7:30 p.m.
May 8	Noon Luncheon—Call the Hotline
May 9	77th Annual Band Day & 29th Annual Band Day Classic Car Show, Williston, ND (701) 774-9041
May 9	BLT Day at the Dakota Boys Ranch—Dakota Cruisers Car Show. Member and 1 guest eat free—Just show up! Show time is 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
May 9-10	51st Annual Road and Custom Car Show, Veterans Memorial Arena, West Fargo, ND. For more information email toppers@toppersscarclub.com .
May 10	Mother's Day
May 13	Wednesday night cruise to Trinity Nursing Home with pot luck and BBQ to follow at Tom's Service—Leave Hardees at 7 p.m.
May 14-16	4th Annual Petaluma's Salute to American Graffiti presented by Rods & Wheels, Petaluma, CA
May 15	Noon Luncheon—Call the Hotline
May 17	Pioneer Auto Club Acres of Iron, Riverwood RV, Mandan. Tom (701) 663-0050
May 17	Roughrider Chevy Car Club Show, Bismarck, ND
May 20	Wednesday night cruise. Destination to be announced.
May 22	Noon Luncheon—Call the Hotline
May 22-24	Mid-America Street Rod National, Springfield, MO
May 23	President's Run to Washburn—BBQ and pot luck at the Interpretive Center. Line up at 4:00 p.m. at Hardees South and leave at 4:30 p.m.
May 25	Memorial Day
May 27	Wednesday night cruise Old Settlers Park in Burlington—Law Enforcement Appreciation Cruise. We'll leave Hardees at 7:00 p.m. and will be escorted by some of the finest law enforcement officers in the land. BBQ and pot luck. Board meeting.
May 29	Noon Luncheon—Call the Hotline
May 29-31	17th Annual Devils Run—Devils Lake, ND
May 30-31	Midwest Mopars in the Park—National Swap Meet and Car Show, Dakota County Fairgrounds, Farmington, MN

SEND UP-COMING EVENTS & DATES TO SHERIE FOR THE CALENDAR
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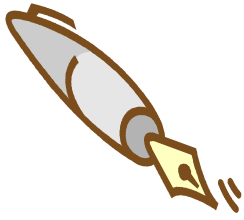
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**Minutes of General Meeting
April 1, 2009
Vegas Motel**



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, Randy Hysjulien, Kurt Smith, Ray Webb, Jerry Lawson and Betty Trzpuc. Larry Haug 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 Trzpuc). Dave reported the entry fee is \$7.00. The Devonshires band will be providing the entertainment playing 50's and 60's music.

Motor Magic - (Larry Haug & Kurt Smith). The next meeting is scheduled for May 5th. There will be track racing as always.

Season Finale - (Randy Hysjulien & Ray Webb). Randy is requesting pictures of past car of the year honorees, grouped or individual, for centerpieces. The Front Fenders of Fargo will be providing the entertainment on Friday September 18th. It will be outside, weather permitting.

Christmas Party - (Jerry Lawson & Ray 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 that showed their car for the first time.

Raffle Tickets - Tickets are available from Mike Padgett and each member is responsible to sell or buy at least one book.

III. Old Business:

Club Windbreakers - Fifteenth anniversary windbreakers are available, this year only, and will be special ordered when purchased. The styles are black zippered and black or dark gray in a pullover. The Dakota Cruiser logo and "Still cruz'n after 15 years" will be printed on them. You may also put your name on them if you desire.

IV. New Business:

Stanley's July 4th Event - Dennis Zietz invited everyone to Stanley for the 4th of July celebration which will include a parade, a car show with awards and a get together in the park.

Road Trip and Picnic- Jerry Black talked about going on a road trip on a Saturday. The first one would be at Darroll Myers' place at Lund's Landing. Everyone would bring their own food and beverage. Darroll has a big shop by the lake and will have a new Mustang by then. It is about 100 miles and we would go there on Highway 1804 and return on the four lane highway. Several members were interested in the trip. The date will be announced later.

Scholarship Program - Announced by George that this program applies to any automobile school either in or out of state.

V. Announcements:

President's Cruise - George stated the cruise will be May 23rd and we'll be going to the Interpretive Center in Washburn. Barb Moe, the late Rick Marshall's sister, will be our hostess. It will be a pot luck with a burger burn. Line up at 4:00 leaving at 4:30 p.m.

Band Day- Is scheduled for May 9th in Williston.

BLT Day - Dakota Cruiser members are invited to attend May 9th from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. at The Dakota Boys Ranch.

Toppers Car Show - Is rescheduled for May 9th and 10th in Fargo.

Devils Run - Will be May 29th, 30th and 31st at Devils Lake.

Rod Run '09 - Is in Bismarck-Mandan June 5th and 6th. Buggies-n-Blues is June 7th.

Brentwood Volunteer Appreciation - Is April 9th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. They'll serve beef and chicken tacos.

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

Story by George - George told a true story that happened in Minot, "Beware of buying cars on the internet." It was an eye opener for everyone!

Monthly Drawings - A cloth club jacket was won by Barney Bradley. The late Rick Marshall's watch was won by Tom Jones.

VI. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Trzpuc





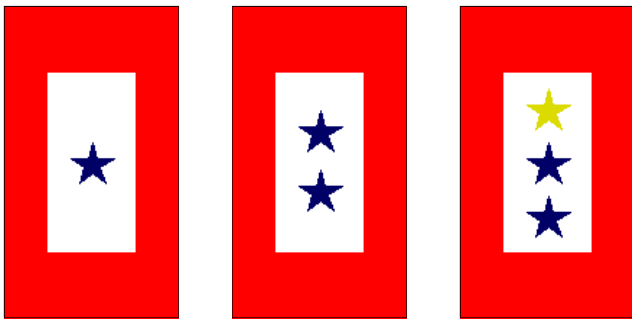
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The Blue Star Service Flag

The Blue Star service flag is an official banner authorized by the Dept. of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities the United States may be engaged in for the duration of such hostilities.

The Blue Star Flag was designed and patented in 1917 by WWI Army Capt. Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front line. The flag quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in service. President Wilson became part of this history when in 1918 he approved a suggestion made by the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defenses that mothers who had lost a child serving in the war wear a gold gilt star on the traditional black mourning arm band. This led to the tradition of covering the blue star with a gold star to indicate that the service member has died.



During WWII the practice of displaying the Blue Star flag became much more widespread. Most flags were hand-made by mothers across the nation. One of the most famous flags was that of the five Sullivan brothers who all perished on the U.S.S. Juneau.

The Blue Star flag may also be displayed by an organization to honor members serving during a period of war or hostilities.

The Blue Star flag is an indoor flag and should be flown facing out from the front window of the home or organization.

Each blue star on the flag represents a service member in active duty. A gold star is displayed if a service member is killed in action or dies in service. If several stars are displayed by one family, the gold star takes the honor of being placed at the top.



The use of Silver for wounded was also started in 1917 but after many years fell into disuse. However, use of the Silver Star has seen a resurgence with 46 states, the Virgin Islands, District of Columbia and hundreds of cities nationwide having signed a proclamation to designate May 1st as Silver Star Day.

Silver Star recipients include: *Personnel wounded by enemy action; injured or contracted a serious illness causing disability; victims of friendly fire; kids injured in a war zone; those who suffer from PTSD, Agent Orange effects and Gulf War syndrome.*

So, as you drive around town, if you happen to see one of these flags proudly displayed in a window, tip your hat and say, "Thanks!"

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Next Meeting Wed. May 6th
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