



June 2013

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The weather is actually starting to act like spring. Car shows are springing up all over. Bismarck was the 7-9th of June. Highmore is June 15th. I think Gettysburg is the next weekend after that. Faulkton is July 6th. Tom Murphy has set up a nice cruise for the car show in Highmore. We will leave the Donut Shop in Pierre at 11 a.m., drive to Gettysburg to meet up with the Gettysburg car club for lunch, meet the Faulkton group at the junction of Hwys. 212 and 47, then everyone drive on to Highmore.

The first annual Sioux Avenue Cruise was Wednesday. Despite the rain earlier in the day, the turnout was great. There were a number of cars there that I had not seen before.

The Dam Run will be here before you know it. We need to go over thing at the meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion cabin. See you there.

Al Spangler, President

STREET MASTERS MINUTES

Minutes from the May 20, 2013 meeting
American Legion Cabin
Members present: 20 and 2 visitors

Meeting called to order by Al Spangler, President

Ryan Ellerton appeared at the meeting to promote an upcoming Cruise Night to be held Saturday, June 8, 2013. He informed the group that this is the first annual Sioux Avenue cruise and that he has plans to continue the cruises, same time each year. He has distributed fliers across the state and is anticipating a good turnout and would like participation from the local Street Masters' members.

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 2013 meeting and the treasurer's report by Tom Murphy, second by Dale Hunsley.

Old Business:

Al Spangler reported that the Pioneer Auto Auction was a success. Participating Street Master members earned \$350 for the club.

Steve Brown, Dam Run chairman, reported cost estimates for member name tags. To purchase locally would cost between \$8 and \$10 each. He also received an estimate from the person who made the Studebaker name tags at \$3.50. Motion by Bob Thielen, second by Marlin Roseland, to proceed with the \$3 name tags for paid Street Master members. An updated membership list will be provided by the secretary.

Other Dam Run updates: Steve and Al will draft a letter to the City informing them of the upcoming event and will invite the Mayor and city commission members to attend the events. Tom Murphy has been distributing Dam Run fliers and will continue to provide them to other car shows across the state. Gear Head Reunion: Bob Thielen mentioned the possibility of music at the event and will follow-up on that. The driveway in front of the Capitol has been secured by Curt England. Steve Brown confirmed the schedule and circulated the sign-up sheet for volunteers. It was confirmed that the Dam Run awards presentation will be on Sunday morning and include a light breakfast of rolls, coffee, and juice at the Lariat Lanes. Saturday's events remain the same, gravity drags, poker run, meal at 5 p.m., Oahe Dam cruise at 6 and possibly Wheels and Sticks following. Entry fees will remain the same at \$30 pre-registration and \$35 late registration. Tom Murphy will contact Ed Nill for registration information and form and provide it to Marlin Roseland to include on the website.

Marlin Roseland would also like to include member bios on the website and link them to the member's car picture. Members should send their information to Marlin.

New Business:

Jerry Dittman reminded members of the upcoming Old Settler's Day Car Show in Highmore on June 15, 2013. New this year to the show is a fun run to leave Pierre at 11 a.m., proceed to Gettysburg and Faulkton and arrive in Highmore at 3 p.m.

Bob Thielen met with an individual from Gettysburg who has several vehicles and has invited the club to tour his property. Tentative plans are to visit sometime in June.

Upcoming Event:

Wednesday night inspection, Exhaust Pro, starting at 5 with a potluck at 6:30.

John Noyes reminded members of the upcoming North Dakota trip.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Murphy, second by Steve Brown

Submitted by Pat Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

MIKE SUITER'S BIOGRAPHY

Hi I am Mike Suiter. I was born and raised in Pierre. I started going with my wife, Ginger, in high school and got married the summer of 1964. I graduated high school in 1965.

From the ninth grade and all through high school, I worked in a service station for a man by the name of Cecil May who was quite a mechanic. I got to help Cecil put a 289 with a c4 automatic in an old Dodge pickup. I thought that was the most amazing thing I had ever seen done. I wish I would have been smart enough to have paid more attention to Mr. May and learned more of what he knew.

After I graduated from high school, I worked in an automotive parts house and was able to help in the machine shop. There again to dumb to really learn things that would really help me with the automotive hobby now. I quit this job to go to school in Sioux Falls. I took a course in accounting. This helped me get a job with a finance company. After two years of this, I knew I hated suits.

In January 1970 my dad bought out his partner in Pioneer Oil Company and I was able to go to work for my father. In 1974 he made me a partner. I gradually took over the company and have been in the petroleum business in one way or the other ever since. I now own a convenience store with my son, Sheldon, who went to work for me in 1986. We have had a good working relationship for all these years and his son, Chase, is now working with him.

While growing up, we had a 1927 Ford Model T in the back yard. I think I put a million miles on that T playing in it. This car was probably what got me started loving old cars. I had several cars in high school but my favorite was a 1955 Chevy 2 dr. sedan that I was able to fix up. John Holland ended up owning this car and built it into a gasser in the mid 60s. It was raced a lot at Thunder Valley and is still in Sioux Falls. I see it every now and then at car shows. My next project was a 1955 Ford Crown Victoria. After driving this car for a few years, I made the big mistake of letting it go; have always regretted it. The Crown has a good home now in Rapid City and has been on our t-shirts. It was green and white at the time I owned it.

As for that Model T, my dad and I finally got around to restoring it just to have it been burned up in a fire in a warehouse in January 1997. We also lost a real nice 1951 Chevy in that fire. There have been a lot of other projects over the years.

Ginger and I will have been married for 49 years in June. We have three children, Deb who married Paul Gaetze, Sheldon who is married to Alana, and our youngest Stacy, who is married to Chad Wantoch. We have five grandchildren, Jeff Gaetze, Samantha Gaetze who is married to Aarohn Reiss, Chase Suiter, Madison Wantoch, and Emily Wantoch. We also have one great-grandchild, Lilly Reiss, and another one on the way, our grandson Jeff and his significant other, Emily, are expecting in October.

We are driving a 35 Buick three-window coupe now and have a 33 Ford 2 dr. sedan and a 55 Chevy gasser in the works. There are a few more projects waiting to come later.

2013 EVENTS

- June 15 Highmore – Old Settler’s Car Show (registration 3 to 4; show 4 to 7 p.m.)
- June 15 Gettysburg – Dakota Cruzers Car Show
- June 17 Street Masters club meeting --- Legion Cabin --- 7:30 p.m.
- June 27-30 Sturgis – Camaro Rodeo
- June 28-30 Brandon – Automania
- June 28-30 Milbank – Farley Fest
- June 29 Pierre – Suicide Prevention & Awareness Car Show – Runnings --- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- July 6 Faulkton car show
- July 7 Lake Preston – Kingsbury Klassic Kruisers Car Show
- July 11-14 Blackhawk – Counts of the Cobblestones 45th Rod Run
- July 17 Sioux Falls – Hot Summer Nights
- July 18-20 Spearfish – Black Hills Corvette Classic
- July 20 Rapid City – Mustang & Ford Club of the Black Hills Car Show
- July 21 Sioux Falls – Angels With a Dream Car Show
- July 21 Gettysburg – Whitlock Wheels Car Show & Bean Bag Toss Tournament
- July 25 Spearfish – Impala Show-n-Shine
- July 27 Custer – Cool pine Cruisers Open Car Show
- July 27 Chamberlain – 2nd Annual SD Street Rod Association Car Show
- Sept 6-8 Watertown – Vintiques 34th Rod Run

KRUIZIN SCHEDULE

- Sat, June 15 Cruise to Gettysburg, join up with Faulkton club members, and then on to Highmore show -- leave Pierre 11 a.m. from the doughnut shop.
- Fri, June 21 Oahe Days Parade – 5:00 lineup in Griffin Park; 6:00 parade followed by supper at the Marina.
- Wed, June 26 Dairy Queen – 6:30 Then we will try the poker run again.
- Thurs, July 4 Ft. Pierre Parade – Picnic afterward??? Discuss @ next meeting
- Wed, July 10 Bubba Rays – 6:30

THIS AND THAT

- The \$30 membership dues need to be paid for the 2013 calendar year. If you have not yet paid the yearly membership fee, please plan to submit your payment at the June 17th meeting or mail your payment to PO Box 185, Pierre, SD. It is important that memberships are paid so we have an accurate membership list. Thank you.
- Plan to attend the June 17th Street Masters meeting. The meeting begins at 7:30 at the Legion.
- A few Street Masters' members attended the Murdo car show. Several awards were received. Steve Robinson, Tom Murphy, Bob Thielen, Dale Hunsley, Delbert Jones, and John Noyes brought some hardware home.
- Five Street Masters' cars made the trip to Bismarck June 6-9ⁱ. We stopped at the Shade Tree Garage in Herried to see what Larry was up to. He had a 65 Olds convertible on the rotisserie, a 71 Torino convertible with engine problems in the shop along with his black 69 427 Chevelle, black 61 Corvette and a 56 Ford Thunderbird that is waiting for rectifications. The scenery was lush and green along Hwy 1804. The show and shine wasn't too shiny as it rained pretty much the whole time we were at Scotty's Drive Inn. While we were killing 4 hrs. in the rain we met a couple of North Dakota Rodders from Beulah that were gracious enough to haul our sorry butts around to the different garage tour stops. Street Masters did well at the awards ceremony. John's Anglia was a big hit, he won the award for the "Best Meats" sponsored by Bob's Meats. He also won the "Just Because It's Neat Award". Frank won the "Hot Hauler" award and Merk won the Sponsors Choice.

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