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# **DAKOTA CRUISERS NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to your 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2025 newsletter.

We have lost another member Elaine Hofer-Thurston, Andy Thurston's wife passed away in September.

Well, Motor Magic and Season Finale are over for another year. We would like to thank the following sponsor of Motor Magic: Westlie Motors

And the Model car contest:

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Motor Magic was both good and bad.

As for the good, A Big THANK YOU to the members that ran the event and the members that helped out all weekend. Attendance was up this year for our car show. We feel mainly because the Flea Market was going on at the same time for the first time, so we gained a lot of visitors that were there for the Flea Market. The Model car contest was a big hit with more entries than last year. The valve cover races went really well also.

As for the bad, again we had a lack of participation from club members helping out at the event. Also a lack of cars for the show. This year was the least amount of cars we have ever had in the show.

Season Finale went really well this year. Friday night at the Moose was a perfect evening. Saturday the rain put a small damper on the car show but quit for the garage tours. The meals were good. A special THANK YOU to Gene and Kathy Tague for putting together the Saturday lunch at the museum. And Thanks to the chair people and members that helped for putting together the whole event.

The next event will be the Christmas party on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge. We will have a sign up sheet at Oct. Meeting.

Starting October 1<sup>st</sup> we meet at the Moose Lodge, please plan on attending. We will nominate Officers and Board members. There are 3 board positions up this year. Also the club needs someone to take over raffle tickets or they will go away and that money is used for our scholarship fund.

#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Here we are, summer almost over and Fall and Winter are in the offing. I wanted to wait to write this message till the Motor Magic and the Season Finale were over and done with. I can't say enough about how well these both came off. Very few glitches in either event. More people stepped up and made the club look nothing but outstanding. I thank you.

Not a lot to go into about each event, other than as far as I can tell everyone did exactly as they said they would do. That's how it works and that's why this club is so successful. Way to go!!!

There are only a few more shows to go for the season, then it car storage time. Make sure you have the space and education to properly store for the winter. Internet and AI should tell us how to best store a vehicle with regards to battery, fuel, insurance, tire pressures, and all that. Be prepared!!!

Congratulations to all of the winners as I state them here: \$1500 gift card from Ryan Chevrolet: Ruby Rathbun, Robbie Opperude for the set of Tires from NW Tire, and Gary Volk for winning the set of Falken Tires from LFS Elite, Inc. Thanks for all who bought our raffle tickets and congrat's to the winners here!

Then at the Finale: Peoples Choice--Gene and Kathy Tague with their 1940 Ford. Best of Show--Lanny and Lois Moore of Grand Forks for their beautiful 1956 Oldsmobile. Hard Luck--Tracey Summers. Presidents Choice--Carter Matson with the 1956 Cadillac. Miss North Dakota's choice goes to Lacy Quail with her 1967 Ford F-100. and then the Mayors Choice went to Jeremy Krause with his 1955 Chevy pick up. Then the long-distance award went to Mike Larson who came to this show from California. And again, thanks to all for coming and congratulations again!

And we gave out three Lifetime Member key chains: Marla Triplett and Marty Werner, Jon and Agnes and Rob and Kari Hill. Thanks for this tremendous financial support.

Busy times for the Club, for sure. Stay tuned and see how we progress into the winter months! Watch the web site for updates: <a href="https://www.dakotacruisers.org">www.dakotacruisers.org</a>

George

### **MEMBER LETTER**

**Gary Crowdus** 

I have had 13 corvettes in my life. Someone recently asked , "why so many"? As I tried to think of a good answer I kept thinking of a particular day, I remember it well.. It was 2 days before I started the 9th grade.

I grew up living two blocks from the Pensacola Navy Station home of the 'Blue Angels" Navy Precision flight Squadron, locally called the Blue's. My mom had another name for them, she called them a nuisance. They flew so low over our house on practice days it rattled her china in the Dining room, however I digress. We lived on a corner house and three blocks down from my house was officers condo's, at about the same time each day the officers would be driving home and right by my house, Now I'm talking about the late 60's, I graduated in 1970, so these officers are driving camaros. mustangs, cougars. GTO's 429 Torino Coba Jets, and of course CORVETTES. One officer in Particular had a 1967 427 convertible, a dark green color with a red stinger. His wife I am assuming, had long blonde hair that flowed just right with the breeze from the corvette, she would always smile at me and the officer threw me a salute every time they saw me.

This one day my dad had walked out to the corner asking what I was doing, as I was telling him about all the cool cars that came by each day, but before I could answer I saw the green vette coming down the street with blonde hair flying in the wind, and I said "dad I'm going to have one of those one day, he looked at me and said" a Corvette!!!, you have a better chance of getting the girl, You'll never make enough money to Have a Corvette, the city doesn't pay that much. My dream job according to my dad was to work for the city street dept.

His comment about me never being able to afford a Corvette stuck with me for a long time and of course now that I have had 13 Corvettes through out my life that didn't hold water. Maybe what he said was a good thing, it certainly motivated me at times. So there it is why I have owned so many vette's is BECAUSE I COULD,

2008 ATOMIC ORANGE COUPE
2009 CONVERTIBLE RED
2011 GRAND SPORT VERT ATOMIC ORANGE
2012 GRAND SPORT SILER
2014.C7 VERT RED
2005 C5 VERT BLUE
2013 "427" RED
2016 Z06 SILVER
2013 "427" METALLIC BLUE
2016 Z06 BURGUNDY
2019 GRANDSPORT BLUE
2023 C8 GREY
2013 "427" GREY

PS I HAVE NEVER TAKEN OUT A LOAN ON ANY CORVETTE I'VE HAD.

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