Just over a year ago we changed how the VP and President positions were filled in the club. Now, when elected to VP you serve in that capacity for one year and in Year 2 transition to the role of President. Due to that change, I have the privilege of being the Counts of the Cobblestones prez for the next 12 months. A new treasurer, Travis, and a new VP, Casey Barrett were also placed in office as of October 1.

A lot of changes have been initiated over the last few years. We are making payments on land for a future club house and we have a tentative agreement to sell our current property when we’re ready to make the move. A number of committees have been formed and the workload for our events is well distributed. Promotional items, shirts, etc. are now a separate responsibility (Thanks, Merle!). We are also seeing good growth in new members and fresh ideas. All of these things have made our meetings more enjoyable and productive.

In addition, there are a number of members who step up and make things happen, not just wait for someone else to do it for them and complain about it later. This is what makes the Count’s such a great organization to participate in.

This is what I hope to accomplish before my term is up:
1. Federal non-profit status approved.
2. Continued growth in young and energetic members.
3. High visibility of committee functions and accomplishments along with committee member succession plan.
4. Continued “Fun with Cars” activities.
5. Profitable and enjoyable car show.
6. Continuation of the Black Hills Rod Run tradition.
7. Successful first time out with management responsibilities of Black Hills Overdrive.
8. Establish a club historian/archivist position.
9. Develop a strategy to ensure success at paying off land contract and building new clubhouse

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Somewhere in there I’d like to get my own shop built, rebuild a 500 c.i. Caddy engine, find a new body for my old Liebig-built 400, and get the ’54 Chevy nightmare truck torn apart and chassis finished.

Since becoming active again in the club again a few years ago, I marvel at the progress that the last few slates of officers have made. Many thanks to you guys. I also want to go back and thank some guys from the early 80’s without whom we would not have the club house today. It is too late to bench race with Brent Willan, Carl Satterlee, and Art Herder…but Gene Jobgen, Don Hauer, Randy Rapp, Bill Brady, Dave Hill, Tim & Todd Sime, and Roy Powell, to name just a few, still support the club and were instrumental in getting us incorporated and where we are today.

The Greaser Dance in October, awards banquet November 15th, and Christmas Party in December will close out our year. Start making your plans now to enter the Car Show Keep on Streetin’

Bob Dunfee, President

Streetin’ News Goes Online

Due to printing costs and higher postage rates the Counts have decided to do their newsletter on line exclusively. We find that almost everyone has access to the internet or has a friend that can print you a copy.

Our goal is to produce a much larger and more informative newsletter with unlimited pictures.

We are open to comments of all kinds and tell us if you don’t want us to share them in the newsletter. Remember that the Counts website will have all the info on our rod run and other important events that the Counts sponsor. It will all be at www.countscarclub.com

The editorial staff

Comments on how to improve the continous quality and information we give you. Just call Jim at 605-390–2238 or Tom at 415-7441 and give us your ideas!

Our plans are to update parts of the online Streetin’ News as the new info comes in. So check us out often.. The editors

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The COUNTS Tour the CEMENT PLANT in RAPID CITY,

Sept 23rd Cement Plant Tour

Thanks to 30 year employee Bob Rohrbach, ten Counts members got a rare inside glimpse of the venerable Cement Plant in Rapid City. Originally built in the mid 20’s as a project to increase employment in the area, the plant still has about 117 employees and can put out 1,000,000 tons of cement per year.

After getting safety goggles and hard hats, we got to meet the plant manager. From there we went to the machine shop. Cool WWW1 vintage equipment like a 300 ton press, a 12’-15’ metal brake, and vertical milling cutters was awe inspiring. They do things in a big way at the plant.

Even before we started, it was obvious that everything (due to the dust) is just a shade of gray at the plant. It would be a great place to work if you were color blind or were trying to hide out in Meyers’ new Willys. First thing we saw was the wet mix part of the plant that is currently not in use. Huge steel rods or metal balls were used in these mixers to blend everything together. Kroger wanted to make a stop at something called the Blow Off Station right after this part of the tour, but Bob thought it was too early in the evening for that.

In the control room it was illustrated how one guy can actually run the plant, so long as the hoppers are full. As expected, everything is now computerized and monitored remotely. The kiln is the heart of the operation. It is a diagonal steel tube, probably 15-20’ in diameter, and maybe 400 feet long. Here is a Fun Fact: Cement kilns are the world’s largest manufacturing machines. Preheated material is fed into the top of the tube; as it rotates gravity slowly pulls the dry mix down. As the raw materials tumble through the kiln, they are gradually heated to at least 2,700ºF via a powdered coal flame at the bottom of the kiln. The molecules of fuel, air and raw materials break apart. When temperatures reach 2,700ºF, the molecules recombine to form a stable new mineral compound called “clinker”, the primary ingredient found in Portland Cement. To you and me these look like black chunks of pumice stone. In any case, the thing is big and hot…probably a great place to work in the winter.

We got to go to the top of the tower with the various preheated hoppers that feed the kiln. It was quite a view of not only the nearby quarry but Rapid City in all directions. After crowding 10 of us back in the 2,000# capacity, 5’x7’ elevator, we took the slow ride down and then got to check out the giant milling machines for crushing the clinker. Bob showed us a 14,000 (or something equally ridiculous) horsepower electric motor that drives one of the mills. Bob also showed us how they use a strobe light to inspect the huge gears as they are running, and the continuous flow of lubricant over the gear teeth.

As we were finishing up, we got to look up in the inspection hole at the bottom of the kiln. Now we know what hell looks like. Chains with links between about 4 and 12 inches in diameter hang like a beaded curtain at the bottom of the kiln, and giant crankshaft looking thing with 8”x12”steel hammer heads smacks the over-sized red hot clinker as it leaves the kiln. This was a fun couple of hours seeing the largest manufacturing facility in the state. The place was just like a Texas stripper: big, noisy, dirty, and hot. Bob Rohrbach seems to really enjoy his job.
Vintiques 29th. Annual
Kampeska Kampout

By Jim Neuzil

I’ve been to this run several times in the past 20 some years but what really amazes me is ho much this event has continued to grow. What was once a hundred car event held at the lake and in Watertown has mushroomed into over 350 entries this year. It’s gotten to be quite a chore for a club of about 20 members to feed around 700 people on Saturday night. This includes pork loin sandwiches, sweet corn and members wives made salads and desserts.

The highlight of this event is the bus tour to guys garages that have some very “cool” cars. The neat thing is that most of the stops aren’t duplicated from year to year. There were 6 buses with about 50 or so people on them that wound their way around Watertown and were back to the lake to cruise into town for the car show on Main Street, 6 and 1/2 blocks with 4 rows of cars was an impressive sight.

Entrants were from South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa & Wyoming. Long distance went to Randy and Karen Hedge who drove their Hiboy ’32 Ford roadster from Edgemont, SD. 5 of the western SD people were represented by the Jim & Ann Neuzil in their Studebaker, Gene and Carla Tim Christenson in his yellow ‘Graffiti style ’32 coupe, the Hedges in their ’32 Roadster and last but not least Ed and Yvonne Shell from Hill City who are members of the Vintiques. I’m going to let the pictures tell the rest of the story!
On Sunday July 20, we held the first annual Counts Swap Meet. We had a very warm and sunny day for our first endeavor into Swap Country. We had 14 vendors and 5 autos in the Car Corral. Two of the autos sold. After visiting with some of the vendors, it seems there was quite a few items changing hands. Swap Chairman Denny Volmer was happy enough with the turnout of both vendors and spectators that we will probably be doing it again next year. The Swap Meet was the first use of our newly acquired property and it seemed to work well. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success, especially to Dan Duncan and Duwayne Marquette for operating the concession booth all day. Hope to see you all next year.

Family nights can be a lot of fun. A great example of that was our annual fall picnic. This year's event started with a cruise from our club house on W. Omaha St and ended up at the Hart Ranch Camping and Vacation Resort on Spring Creek Rd. Over 20 street rods and machines and a sports car were part of the impressive tour to the Hart Ranch. Many thanks to Dan Duncan for his time spent setting this up and to all the wives and girlfriends for furnishing all the great salads and of course the desserts. Many of the temporary residents of Hart Ranch were treated to a real ‘KOOL CAR SHOW’.

I might mention that the weather was absolutely perfect with temps around 72 degrees. Hopefully this can be a regular location for this event!
The Counts 40th Annual Rod Run is A Success

After a poor turnout at the 39th Event last year, 2007, the Counts turned up the heat on the activities and places the “Black Hills Rod Run” cruises went.

There were 2 Show N’ Shines this year, one in the historic gambling town of Deadwood and one in Hill City, the host town.

The Friday Poker Run went to Rapid City and visited a Street Rod shop and a old car Museum and a Hot Rod School. The comments were well received od these stops and open up the possibility to similar things like this happening in the future. Friday night was the big feed hosted by the Hill City Chamber of Commerce, thanks Mike. The infamous White Elephant gift exchange was huge and it’s moments of extreme humor. Some of these gifts can go from unbelievable to just plain weird, right Skip and Nita?

It got a little cool on Friday night but Saturday warmed up early and the cruises rolled out on time after a drivers briefing by club president, Tom.

A stop at Pactola Lake was the ideal place to take pictures of the nearly 70 cars. Then it was off to Boondocks for a brief yet fun stop at one of the most nostalgic Diners and collection of 50’s and 50’s memorabilia in a very large area.

Next it was off to Deadwood and a 3 hour shon on the historic Main Street. Thanks to Dan Duncan and his helpers that parked all those cars on both sides of the streets. It was a sight to see and many spectators took advantage of this cool car show.

Two tours left Deadwood at about a half hour apart. One took the scenic way back through Van Nocker Canyon with a stop at Whitewood, SD for refreshments. The other tour went straight back to Hill City via Hwy 385 and went to the car show.

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Having 2 different car shows in two different towns gave more spectators the opportunity to view more cars. The Deadwood show was over the late morning and lunch was handled at the Casinos. They always have meal deals to entice customers into their establishments to play the machines. It was a pretty impressive sight to see all the rods and machines on both sides of Main St. When the cars arrived in Hill City around 4 pm they went to the parking lots on both sides of the high school. At about 6 pm they headed back to the Soccer Field for the Awards Ceremony. The top five received metal art car sculptures made by our talented member, Bob Rohrbach. Door prizes and Hill City raffle tickets were the highlight of the evening. I almost forgot to mention the great meal furnished by the Hill City Chamber followed by the White Elephant exchange that was a howling success on Friday Evening.
We have tried to show what took place at the 2008 BLACK HILLS ROD RUN. I don’t have a list of the winners at this time but may update in the next STREETIN’ NEWS. We were impressed that so many states, No. Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming, Montana, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, California, Iowa and Canada.

Plan to attend the 2009 Black Hills Rod Run that will take place the second weekend of July. SEE YA THERE!
One of our new officers and a new member this past year, Casey Barrett, invited us over to his business, Dakota Battery on Deadwood Ave in Rapid City. This Shop Tour was held on October 14th on a beautiful Tuesday evening.

Casey and his Dad gave us a great tour of this busy alternator, generator and starter repair shop. They also do some engine work, mostly the electric variety as well as sell all kinds of batteries and replacement parts. They also will rewire your car as the 1941 Studebaker Champion in the shop will attest to.

We were treated to a question and answer session, a video on the latest type of belt pulley tension devices. This along with showing us how they can do electric load tests and free popcorn too. It was a fun and informative tour that everyone enjoyed. Thanks Casey.
Tuesday evening, November 4th 2008, saw several Counts members and a couple of wives venturing out to Box Elder, SD. This was a very impressive tour of Tom Goergen’s upholstery shop. Tom has taken on the trade of auto upholstery after wanting to do it for several years. He worked as an apprentice for two major upholstery shops in the area before starting his own shop in this area. His shop is located behind his house in a nice Morton building on Falcon Dr. near Douglas High School near Ellsworth AFB. Tom is also employed at the commissary at Ellsworth.

Tom showed some samples of his work and he had Bob Meyers 1941 Willys coupe in the shop finishing up the final stages of the interior and trunk. Nice work, Tom.

Tom’s wife had refreshment on hand to sweeten up the atmosphere.

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Past Prez Speaks Out

Outgoing President Had Fun,

Hey, being Counts President wasn't all that bad! There were some challenges, as well as lots of fun. Former presidents were always there to help, and Vice Bob Dunfee (now prez himself) shared responsibilities with me. There were shows, and cruizes, and drag racing. And meetings and family picnics! I'm glad to have done my part. And, now I'm looking forward to Greaser Night, the Awards Banquet, the Christmas party, and the 10th annual Counts Car Show.

Fun With Cars since 1957

Former Prez,

Tom Goergen
Larry & I left Thursday morning for Medora North Dakota, July 17th. We went to the pitchfork supper and the musical show. While we were waiting for the show to start the Counts with motor homes (our homers) came: Bob & Laura Myers, Skip & Anita Abell, Dan & Barb Duncan, Erv & Karen Vogel. The show & supper was very good. The next morning we got up early and headed for Dickinson. Larry and I went shopping before checking in at the Rod Run Headquarters. That night it rained so they brought supper to the event center. The next day we had breakfast with Gary & Carol Kreun and Rush & Peggy Elliot and then headed for the event center for a day full of activities. Henry Yantzer was there as well as the motor homers, we had a big group from our club as well as Dave Hill and his wife from Rapid. The parade and car show was full and they said they had a record turn out. The Prairie Cruisers were celebrating their 25th year anniversary. Some new (old) events were brought back like the wheelchair races and the valve cover races. Henry was a big winner in the Canadian boat race. There was a new venue of erotic entertainment (wife sanctioned) set up for the guys in an enclosed car trailer, worth every penny too. Gary Kreun got the hard luck award because he had damage from a fender bender when they were leaving Rapid. We always have a great time. People are friendly and the food is awesome.
Yep, it was that time of year. This my fourth trip to the Outkast Car Club event. This time my 62’ Chevy Pickup was ready to go. My wife said she would go with me this time, as I always went with someone else. She really enjoyed the trip and events that took place. On Friday morning most of us met at Campbell Street Café and then caravanned across the state. No matter where we stopped we drew a crowd of onlookers and got their admiration. We got to Mitchell around 4:30pm. The event was at the Ramada Inn this year. It was a nice site to see the parking lot full of every vehicle you could imagine. There were Rat Rods, customs, street machines, and pickups. I even saw a custom lawn tractor. There were a lot of out of state vehicles as well. Some of them I remember being from Montana, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Kansas. So, it was neat to see vehicles from other areas. Plus there was some that did not enter the event, but were there. The Counts Car Club had the most in attendance along with their machines. Those that didn’t, well maybe next year. Some Counts members drove their welfarebagos over and camped at the RV park. I think some even pitched a tent, now that is really roughing it guys. The Abell’s, Myer’s, and Duncan’s invited Counts members out for a Saturday evening cook out. Very enjoyable, except for the war with the skeeters. Skips grandsons worked on building a camp fire. They finally got it going good with help of Bob Rohrbach and his incendiary devices. Everyone set around the campfire roasting marshmallows and visiting (very outstanding grandsons Skip and Anita). It was time for the Saturday night band to start playing at the convention center. Those of us staying at the motel went back to there and watched the Saturday night festivities which were very outstanding.
Sunday morning came and went and had breakfast and of to the awards at 10:00am. Top five winners were a 53’ Studebaker, 194? something Diamond T Truck, 1933 Rat Rod Sedan that was really radical. Jerry Tomac 59’ Ford pickup, and I can’t remember that last one (must be getting old). Mike Iverson got the Hard Luck award as he broke the crankshaft in his “55 Chevy”, Orville Hendrikson and Randy Baumiller hooked up a couple of trailers in tandem and brought their machines over that way. Randy drove his back to Rapid City and Mike’s was hauled back by

Here are the bonfire builders, Travis is the taller of the two boys, Austin is the other, and that’s Bob and me in the background...

Orville. Larry and Cathy Johnson drove their 49’ International. Ken Yates his 39’ Ford. Travis and Pugs (the canine escort) in the Dodge pickup. Bob and Laura Myers in their 1941 Willy’s. Dan and Barb Duncan with their 48 IHC pickup. Skip and Anita with grandsons in tow 31’ a coupe.

Counts there as spectators were Dennis Volmer, Dick Towne, and Bob and Nancy Rohrback. All said they would like to participate next year.

I did get a little surprise myself, not paying much attention, but a gentleman in an old straw hat pulled down over his face said, “sir does this thing really run (my Chevy pickup)?” After I did a double take, it was none other that Gary Kreun. My reply, “well it’s done and here for this!” Gary and Carol were on the way home from their vacation trip back East.

Rapid City had the largest attendance club members and non members, and represented this side of the state very well. Maybe next year’s trip will grow bigger. Thanks to Mike Hale and Outkast Car Club for a GREAT event