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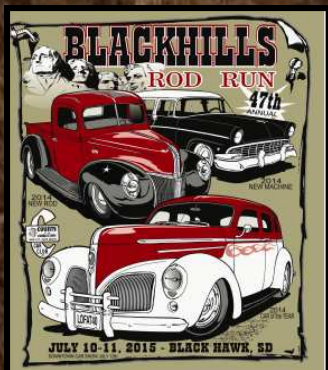
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Words from the Prez

WELL SPRING HAS SPRUNG BIG TIME! WATER EVERYWHERE. YOU MIGHT CONSIDER PUTTING PONTOONS ON THE HOT ROD IF IT DOESN'T LET UP SOON . HOPEFULLY THINGS WILL DRY OUT AND WE CAN GET THE HOT RODS BACK OF THE STREET. NOW THAT IT IS SPRING THE CLUB IS WORKING HARD ON OUR 47TH ANNUAL ROD RUN, HARD TO BELIEVE WE HAVE HAD THAT MANY AND JIM HAS SEEN THEM ALL. THIS YEAR WILL BE A NORTHERN HILLS RUN AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYBODY AGAIN AND THE RODS THEY BUILT OVER THE WINTER. ALSO KEEP IN MIND OUR ANNUAL SWAP MEET ON JULY 26. MAKE SURE TO GET ALL YOU OLD CAR PARTS OUT AND GET A TABLE. CLEAR OUT THE OLD JUNK MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEW JUNK. WE HAVE PICKED UP SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS THE LAST FEW MONTHS WHICH IS GREAT TO SEE , WE NEED PEOPLE TO PAY THE BILLS AFTER WE ARE GONE. PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CLUB. TIS THE SEASON FOR GETTING THAT HOT ROD ON THE ROAD AND WE LIKE TO SEE ALL MEMBERS DRIVE THOSE BABIES, REMEMBER WHEN PARKING AT THE CLUB HOUSE HOT RODS TO LEFT AND PICKUPS TO THE RIGHT! DRIVE EM !

Lynn Delameter, Your Prez

GET YOUR STREET ROD OR MACHINE FEATURED IN THE COUNTS NEWSLETTER
E-MAIL JIM SOME PHOTOS FINISHED OR UNFINISHED AND A STORY!

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The Counts have been PROUD to sponsor

CARLY JO ELLINGSON for many years

[Scott Feldman Journal staff](#)

Not so many years ago, Cary Jo Ellingson was finding her inspiration in a Disney movie, but not a cliché one about princesses. The movie was about drag racing. A dozen years later, Ellingson awakened to find that her dream had just gained a few car lengths on potential competitors. At 7 a.m. Tuesday Ellingson, a 20-year-old from Rapid City, learned she won first place in a national contest. The prize: a drag-racing sponsorship from Champion Spark Plugs worth \$50,000. For a moment she thought she might still be

asleep and dreaming. "It was very strange. It sent shivers down my body," she said. "It was an out-of-body experience, like it was a dream. I'm still pinching myself." She can stop pinching but keep smiling, for the annual "Search for a Champion" contest was indeed hers.

The seeds of that triumph were planted when, at 8 years old, she watched a Disney Channel movie called "Right on Track," which chronicles the story of junior dragster Erica Enders-Stevens. In 2014, Enders-Stevens became the first woman to win the NHRA Pro Stock championship, winning six races for the year, including the season-ending Auto Club National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Finals. Carly Jo's father, Cary Ellingson, was thrilled when his little girl told him that she was interested in drag racing. "Naturally, dad was all for it," Cary said. "I was excited." A few weeks later, Cary bought Carly Jo a junior dragster and took her to the races. She was hooked the moment she pushed the pedal down.

To demonstrate her talent and passion for drag racing, Ellingson recently put together a two-minute video that was voted on by an online community. Ellingson's video earned the most votes and topped nearly 150 other racers from across the U.S. and Canada. Her winning entry can be seen at championsparkplugs.com/search-for-a-champion/view/832#.VRxScvnF9yl. "They are investing a lot in me, it's a huge commitment, and I'm really excited to be a part of this journey with them. I'm going to try to represent them like a champion," she said. "This will take my career to a whole new level, so I am hopeful that we can keep this relationship going for many years." She said she thinks her video won because it made clear her dedication. "I am so adamant about pursuing a career in drag racing," she said. "What better way to spend your life than doing something that you love?" Winning the sponsorship was especially sweet in the aftermath of a serious crash that robbed her of her 2013 season. She lost control of the car during a preliminary run at Oahe Speedway and rolled three times. She wasn't injured, but the crash took a toll on her emotionally as she felt guilty about destroying her father's Mustang and being sidelined for the entire season. Nevertheless, the Ellingsons rebounded, rebuilt the Mustang and won twice in 2014.

Ellingson started her racing career in the NHRA's junior dragster division, winning three track championships in Douglas, Wyo., two junior titles at Sturgis Dragway and another at Oahe Speedway, north of Pierre. She also won the Junior Dragster title at the NHRA's 2011 Western Conference Finals in her last year in the juniors. In 2012, Ellingson moved up to the Pro E.T. and

- Carly Jo Ellingson story continued from page 2
- Super Pro classes with a restored 1970 Ford Mustang that her father had first owned as a high school sophomore. She won two event titles and posted two runners-up in her first season, sat out the next year following the accident, then returned in 2014 to win two additional events. She has taken first place at nearly 70 events during her career. Even before Tuesday morning, she and her racing team — her father, her mother, Jo, and her sister, Stevie — had tossed around ideas on how to use the sponsorship money. "My team and I had kind of talked about it when the (15) finalists were announced," she said, "but we didn't want to plan too much and jinx it because we didn't know if we were going to win." One idea that Ellingson and her father, who serves as her crew chief, have discussed is using the money to travel to races far from the strips she usually competes on. The money "will definitely help with maintenance costs, entry fees, and the cost of traveling to various races," she said. "Right now we're not planning on making any huge changes with the car, but so much is up in the air right now." She is hopeful she will be able to go to the E.T. Final this year in Topeka, Kan., as well as compete in some national open races this year. "There is plenty of stiff regional competition, (but) I would really like to test my ability against a wider range of racers," she said. Cary Ellingson said he hopes that once his daughter starts competing in national races, she'll gain more exposure and possibly attract the backing of a team that could get her in a vehicle with the electronics and the tuning that will enable her to compete at the highest level. The drag racing season begins in May and continues until September. "We plan to stay very busy throughout the season," she said. "I probably will be racing every weekend during the season, but I can hardly wait."
- The Counts have followed Carly Jo as a sponsor for the last 9 or 10 years. We have seen Carly Jo and her families strong dedication to the sport of drag racing grow over the years. It is with this dedication and great sponsorship that we predict BIG THINGS in the future of her career in Drag Racing.



CONGRATULATIONS, Carly Jo from the Counts of the
Cobblestone Car Club.

Editorially Speaking

with JIM

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It's great to be able to tell the story of a young Rapid City woman that has such a dedication and dream for her future in the automotive sport. And we have helped sponsor her quest for success.

The Rod Run is coming up real fast. The entries are coming in, an ad was placed in the Motor Market magazine to see if we could pick up some more eastern SD entries. The first Tuesday of the month Cruise Nite is off and running and the date for the Counts Swap Meet has been set for July 26th. Check out all the Coming Events on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

We need more stories on old and new club members so get me some photos of your cars and I'll do a story on your involvement in the sport of rodding.

After our brief snow storm it was time to gear up for the annual NSRA Safety Inspection and Appreciation Day held at Steve and Deb Kroger's place in Piedmont. Fantastic turnout and thanks to our NEW official NSRA inspector, Gary Kreun and his team of inspectors for all their hard work. Thanks goes out to Skip Abell for his 20 years of doing that job.

A few of our members have been under the weather, so to speak, Steve Kroger, John Stauffacher and Gary Mahan need to be in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.



"Keep On Streetin'"

Jim Neuzil, editor

Check out our entire website
www.countscarclub.com

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Stride On!

Hey, Strider asked me to ask the Counts if they would consider working with us on giving Rides to our Japanese racers coming in on Aug. 27th for the Strider World Championship. At this time it looks like about 41 people. email me at ann@striderbikes.com - if I need to contact someone else in the club please share their contact information. I think this might be a job for OLD SKOOL too. We would like to donate product in exchange – either as a Give-Away at the Rod Run or maybe to a Children’s Charity in the Clubs Name.

Ann Houvdenes Stride On!

Service and Education Director, Strider Sports Int’l Inc. www.striderBikes.com

2221 N Plaza Dr. Rapid City, SD 57702 AKA STRIDERville, USA Ph.605-342-0266



Hey everybody, are you willing to give some cool foreign kids a ride in your street rod or street machine on August 27 during the STRIDER Nationals that’s going to be held in Rapid City at the Downtown Square! Let’s make this a club project or club activity. . I’m sure we can get some positive publicity out of it and also some STRIDER products to give away at next years Counts Car Show. JN



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1st. CRUISE NITE for 2015 season

April 7th. 2015 started off our CRUISE NIGHT season with a cruise from the club house in Black Hawk, SD down the back way to Deadwood Ave and ending up at our favorite drive in restaurant, the Canyon Lake Drive DAIRY QUEEN, with about 15 cars led by our faithful cruise directors, Gary and Carol Kreun. A good turnout of members and cool cars also included guests Denny Henrikson and his friend Kerry Conner in Denny's 1962 white Impala 2 door hardtop. It was neat to see the long line of street machines and street rods on the street in a group once again. As the owner of the Dairy Queen said, It's a sure sign of Spring when the Counts show up on a Cruise In. The parking lot took on a whole new look with classic Chevs, and old Fords and even a Studebaker and a pickup or two.



Gary Kreun's trusty '38 led the group to the Dairy Queen



Another CRUISE NITE May 5th. 2015

The second CRUISE NITE of the season was held on Tuesday, May 5th. Our cruise leader, Gary Kreun, and even with pending threats of rain keeping the attendance down, headed us east then west to Norris Peak road just off Nemo Rd. From there it was on and up to Johnson Siding where club member, Bob Diekmann was ready for us with pie and ice in the new Community Center. You and you friends did a great job rebuilding that place after it was destroyed two years ago. We started out with about 10 or 11 cars but several guys dropped out of the group before we arrived in Johnson Siding. The food and conversation was great and maybe next month the turnout will be better. JN





COMING EVENTS

Please check dates and times before attending distant events, editor

- JUNE 6th 2015, Culvers on W. Main St. Cruise In** hosted by the Dakota Rods and Classics. 4pm to 7pm. Rain date June 7th., 1980 and older cars. Everyone is welcome and it is FREE! Culvers will donate a percentage of food sales to IDF (Immune Deficiency Disease) more info go to www.dakotarodsandclassics.com or call Al Vogle at 605-342-2121
- JUNE 5, 6 & 7, The 2015 Energy Capitol Car Show**, sponsored by the Campbell County Classics and Cus toms car club, Complex Central Pavilion, Gillette, WY. Show on Saturday and Sunday, awards Sun day at 3 pm. For info call George Rhodes at 307-680-9511 e-mail www.ccclassics.org
- JUNE 13th, 2015 FREE car show** with awards and food. Sponsored by the new owner of the PRIVATE STOCK used car lot at 3400 West Chicago. 4 pm to 7 pm, contact Robert Buxton at 391-8004 or e-mail him at robert@privatetockrapidcity.com See poster elsewhere in newsletter!
- JUNE 20th, 2015, HOT RODS and HARLEYS Car Show** sponsored by the Deluxe Harley Davidson shop in Sundance, WY. For info contact Rod at 307-283-2001
- JUNE 19 & 20, 2015 28th. Annual Center of the Nation ALL CAR RALLY**, Belle Fouché, SD, for entry pick up a flyer at different car businesses or call event chairman, Sam Silacci at 605-210-2013 fo details.
- JUNE 20, 2015, CAA 6th. Show & Cruise, Miles City, MT.** sponsored by Custom Auto and Access. If has pistons and runs, bring it. Free dorr prize drawing and lunchn from 11 am to, 1 pm. Cruise staets at 2 pm. This is customer appreciation Saturday. All vehicles and motorcycles welcome.
- JUNE 19 – 21, 2015, 42nd. Annual BACK TO THE 50's**, sponsored by MSRA held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, 1265 Snelling Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55108-3099, go to MSRA.com to register
- JUNE 27th, 2015...Whitewood, SD Cruis-in Car Show**, No Judging or entry fee registration at 11:30 am to 4pm, show Noon to 4pm info 605-269-2168 sponsored by the Whitewood Chamber, Games, Food, Prizes
- JUNE 25, 26 & 27, and 28th, 2015, Sturgis Camaro Rally** sponsored by the Black Hills Camaro Club for details go to www.SturgisCamaroRally.com
- JUNE 26 & 27th 2015, CARS IN THE PARK WEEKEND**, Glendive, MT. hosted by the Badlands Drifters Car Club, Inc. for info contact 406-385-3518 or 385-5342 or go to www.badlandsdrifters.com
- JULY 10, 11, 2015, 47th annual Counts Car Club BLACK HILLS ROD RUN**, headquarters is the Counts Club House off exit 52 at Blackhawk, SD, Fun, food games and lots of Cruisin' go to countscarclub.com to register early or call Bob at 605- 434-5447
- JULY 12th. 2015 Downtown Cruiser Car Show**, 10am to 3pm, register early, Fee this year \$15 online by June 25th., \$20 day of show. rcgov.org/Police/form-cruiser-car-show-registration.html see ad page 13 this newsletter
- JULY 17 & 18, 2015, 32nd Prairie Cruisers Car Show**, Dickenson Recreation Center, Dickenson, NDPre registration before Juli 1st is \$30, For info call Gene Hoyt at 1-800-526-5507
- JULY 11th thru 18th, 2015 CORVETTE WEEK** contact blackhillscorvetteclassic.com for info and schedule
- JULY 17, 18, 2015, Classics in the Park, Chadron, Nebraska**, Thurs. band on main st, Friday eve Chamber sponsored Bar-B-Que 5pm, Sat show registration from 8am at Wilson Park, awards at 3pm, for info contact Ken Korte at 308-207-5338 or Mike Kaus at 308-430-2044

MORE..... COMING EVENTS

- JULY 18th 2015**, 3rd annual Sioux Ave. Hot Rod Hangout and Cruise Night, Pierre, SD 6pm to 12am, Sponsored by Wegner Auto, Muisic and food, contact Ryan at 605-280-4835
- JULY 18th 2015**, Longmire Days Car Show, Buffalo, WY, 9 to 3 pm, corner of Angus and 141 S. Mainsponsored by the Modal A and Pioneer car slub of Sheridan / Johnson counties. For info contact Carl Madsen at 307-751-5257
- JULY 26th, 2015** Counts annual SWAP MEET at the Counts club house property in Blackhawk, SD, Exit 52 off I-90 move in is 7am Swap Meet is 8am to ? Contact Dennis at 605-787-6809 for booth rental and info. See flyer in this newsletter.
- AUGUST 7, 8 and 9th, 2015**, Street Masters car club of Pierre, SD 26th ann. Run, Fun Food and games plus the famous Downhill Drags info go to www.pierrestreetmasterscarclub.com
- AUGUST 8th, 2015**, 5th ann. Big Horn Tire, Inc. SHOW and Shine in Buffalo, WY. 196 HWY 16 East 190 exit 58, contact Dan Wasserburger at 307-684-7416 or dwasserburger@hotmail.com for info
- AUGUST 9th. 2015**, 1st ann. Custer County. Fair Car Show in Hermosa, SD parade at 10 am, show noon to 3, See ad in newsletter on page 13
- AUGUST 20th thru 23rd. 2015**, KOOL DEADWOOD NITES, Deadwood SD, Registration daily at the Lodge at Deadwood, fpr more onfo go to www.KoolDeadwoodNites.com
- AUGUST 28, 29 and 30, 2015**, 32nd ann. Blue Light Special, hosted by the Road Knights in Loveland, Co. at the Larimer Cty. Fairgrounds (the Ranch) entry fee \$24.99, pre 1972 cars only. www.roadknightscarclub.com call Andy Anderson 970-402-2839 Big give-a-ways all weekend
- SEPTEMBER 4, 5, 6 2015** 39th annual Labor Day Weekend STUDEBAKER PACKARD Event, Custer, SD Car show Sept 6, Car Show and Swap Meet in downtown Custer, for info contact Jim at 605-390-2238 or go to www.dakotastudebaker.com
- SEPTEMBER 11, 12 and 13th. 2015** 36th anniversary ROD RUN and KAMPOUT located at Lake Kampeska Memorial Park in Watertown, SD Garage tours, Downtown show, Food and Fun, contact Kevin 605-881-1734 or go to vintiquescarclub.com for entry and info
- SEPTEMBER 12th, 2015** Upton, WY city park, ROSE CLASSIC car show, sponsored by Carson Rose and the Upton Chamber Of Commerce 10 am to 3 pm call Carson at 307-488-2378 for info
- SEPTEMBER 19 2015** Newcastle Wyoming Car Show and Shine at the Newcastle city fairgrounds from 9 AM to PM. Big cash awards for info call Dick Rich at 307-746-2006



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