

Welcome to the Counts of the Cobblestone Car Club

We have prepared this paper to inform you of the “informal” rules of the organization and to let you know what to expect from us.

If this is your first meeting, be advised that the club was formed in 1957; we are one of the oldest clubs in the country. In order to be a member, you must be a car enthusiast, have a street rod or a street machine in some form. All members are expected to have a drivable car or project at all times.

We have beer or soft drinks in the refrigerator and the price is set by the merchandise committee. We handle payment on the honor system.

We do require that you be a member of the National Street Rod Association during your first year of Counts membership, the cost for NSRA membership at the time of this writing is \$29.00 per year. Please provide a separate check to NSRA along with your initiation fees (below). We also encourage you to be a member of the South Dakota Street Rod Association.

Membership in the Counts costs \$60.00 for a full year or \$5.00 per remaining month for new members. There is also \$10.00 initiation fee. Both dues and initiation fee are payable along with your membership application. Once you become a member, we will provide you with a copy of the by-laws. If you would like to see these before you decide to join, ask one of the officers or a member of the membership committee.

We conduct five major events each year; the first is the Counts Car Show, generally held in the Civic Center during late February or early March. The next activity is the Black Hills Rod Run, traditionally on the first weekend after the 4th of July. In late July and early fall, we hold a Swap Meet. Our annual awards banquet is held on the third Saturday in November. Finally, we have a Christmas party on the second Sunday in December. It takes a lot of work on the part of our members to make these events successful. We will expect your help.

Meetings are held each Tuesday. The first Tuesday is cruise night from April through September, and garage tour from October through March. The second meeting of the month is a business meeting, held in the club house. The third meeting of the month is family night. We try to have a picnic or some car-oriented activity on family night from April through September and we meet at a local restaurant in October through March. The fourth and fifth Tuesday are business meeting at the club house. We try to have other activities like cruises through the hills or get togethers at other times.

Once a year, (normally the Sunday following Mother’s Day), we hold an NSRA Appreciation Day where your car is safety inspected by a trained inspector. Your car should pass if it’s street legal. The inspection is really no big deal but it sends an important message to the public—it’s a sign of your support to the hobby. We usually do inspections in conjunction with a family picnic.

Thanks for your interest in our club; we look forward to your participation.