Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'm proud to be sitting in the Presidents seat and looking forward to working with the Vice President Lynn Delameter, secretary Floyd Opp and our treasure Bob Diekmann. I also give thanks to the old officers who are stepping down now; secretary Bob Dunfee and President Chad Raterman. Those are going to be hard shoes to fill. Thanks guys!

Being a member of the Counts has been worth it just for the great people and friends I have met. I don't think there's another club that is so accepting and fun as the Counts. The cool cars and events are just the added bonus.

Now with winter coming upon us we will be working on the upcoming car show. There will be lots of planning and hard work to come but the cool cars and awards will be worth it.

We just finished the award banquet and what a great event. The meal put on by Gary and Carol Kreun was amazing and I was surprised just how creative people can be when they need a cup of coffee and have no cup or silverware to eat with. Thanks again to Gary for the fun time. Also, congratulations to all those who won awards.

Winter is upon us now and that means garage tours; we always welcome people who want to show off their cool garages.

Vice President Lynn Delameter is looking forward to keeping track of the points so please remember drive your cars and wear your car shirts and hats to earn more points. He is also going to keep you informed with the coming events at every meeting. So if you know of an upcoming car event please let Lynn know.

I hope 2014 brings us a good year. Remember to attend the 7 p.m. Tuesday night weekly meetings and remember that guests are always welcome. We're always looking for some new members.
Members from the 70’s and 80’s The Batmobile at the 1987

“Charlie Brown” Counts project
1932 Ford Pickup circa 1967

Sparce interior in ‘Charlie Brown’ was
Done by Helen Neuzil, Jim’s Mother

Counts 31st. Anniversary Awards Banquet winners left to right
Jim Neuzil, Member of the Year, Rick Roth, New Rod, Roy Powell,
Car of the year and New Machine, Dale Klug, Associate Member of
the Year, Deb Herder, Ms. Counts Member of the Year

HOLY BATCAVE, BATMAN! This was the feature car, The NEW Batmobile from the latest
Batman movie in the late 80’s. The show was
the World of Wheels and was held at the Rush-
more Plaza Civic Center and was hosted by the

This photo I don’t where it was taken and exactly
what year, somewhere in the late 80’s. It has some old
club members included with their families in front of
Don and Deb Hauer’s 1937 Ford. Included in the pho-
eto are Don and Deb, Skip and Anita Abell and their
kids and grandkids, John and Ann Houvdenes and
their kids and Mick and Sue Waters and Rick Roth
and his son. Let me know, OK JN editor

check out the Counts website countscarclub.com
This fall started off with a big bang on October 4th. The earliest serious blizzard with over 30+ inches of wet snow that caused a lot of damage in the Black Hills. On a very serious note, we lost a club member from Lead, SD, Mike Green. He was trying to remove 55 inches of wet snow from the roof of his house and suffered a fatal stroke or heart attack. There is an obit elsewhere in this issue. He will be missed by all his friends as he was a historian in many things automotive in the area.

We have developed a new car show committee that will be headed up by Gary Kreun as coordinator. We already had a ‘Burger Burn’ as a way to get a few of the vendors to know that we defiantly appreciate their having a booth at the car show. Many weekly car show meetings are in the plans and your input as a member or vendor and exhibitor ore greatly appreciated. Plan to attend one all all of these Thursday evening meetings at 6:30 pm at the club house. Check the website for firm details, right Chad!

Our annual Awards Banquet, held on Saturday night the 23rd. Of November was a rousing success. With over 55 members and guests present and Gary and Carol Kreun’s Mystery Dinner as the main course followed by Awards, including some cool gag awards, it was a great night of fun. See story elsewhere in this issue.

Lots of things are in the works for the month of December including the Parade of Lights on November 30th in downtown Rapid City. Next is the Christmas party on Sunday December 8th at the Club House along with the famous Christmas White Elephant Gift Exchange. Then the Club members work at the Storybook Island Lighting ceremony that takes place in December. Our date to run the event is December 15th.

At the second meeting in December a major breakthrough in club policy was defined and will be enforced from hence forth. Women, wives etc will be allowed to attend all club functions INCLUDING club meetings. See club officers for more details. We are NOT a guy only club!

We hope everyone has a FUN and SAFE holiday season no matter where you go. MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jim Neuzil, studeman40@hotmail.com or call me at 605-390-2238
The Counts lost a very interesting and informative member during the October 2013 blizzard in the Black Hills. Mike Green lived in Lead, SD where 55 inches of heavy wet snow fell. Mike was trying to remove that snow from his roof when he succumbed to a heart attack or stroke.

Mike joined the club back in 2004 and I was amazed as to how many of the hot rodders in the area Mike knew of or was friends with including many past and present Counts members. Mike would do anything to help you out! He will be greatly missed by all the Counts! Keep on Cruisin', Mike
As fall started, we started having Garage Tours on the first Tuesday of October. The first stop on this season’s ‘Fun to go to one of the club members garages.’ was the Bob Myers shop/garage just across the fence from the club property.

As is always the case there was a large turnout of members and guests including J. D. Bell from Lead, SD. Who brought Mike Green in JD’s rat rod roadster pickup. We had an opportunity to view Bob’s vast collection of cars, mostly red, and several bobber bikes and his nostalgia Max Wedge 427 powered early Dodge hardtop. His ’62 bubbletop 409 is awesome and not a clone either. His collection of memorabilia stuff is real cool too! Congratulations Bob on getting married again.
On a cool Tuesday night, November 5th, the Counts were invited to a tour of Chris Schmidt’s home garage. This is only one of several places he stores his collection of cars. The unique thing about Chris is his diversity in motorized vehicles. Most didn’t realize that Chris has been collecting unique motorcycles most of his adult life. He had 25 different bikes in this garage. This is after selling 15 when he had to downsize after the county took his previous office and garage to build their new evidence building on St Joseph ST.

We had a great turnout along with several guests that enjoyed seeing all the different English and British motorcycles in one place. Sort of another Carl Satterlee collection of sorts.

Former member, Dick Towne was there to compare notes on these cycles. It was also good to see Jim Shakett too.

Chris Schmidt was a gracious host and explained the different bikes, cars and had plenty of snacks

The motorcycle collection was diverse and many were rare and low mileage too with a history
Ex- Prez Sez

Hello to all car enthusiasts,

The last couple years have been very long for me, first as the VP of the Counts and the Presidency. It was a very enjoyable task for me, and I am very thankful for having the opportunity to have served as President of the Counts of The Cobblestone Car Club.

In my Presidency there were many milestones for the club, like the 55th Anniversary, many new members, and the passing of one of our beloved friends/members.

This experience has opened my eyes to many different things such as Club politics, Club problem, and Club achievement with the understanding of these factors; I have always strived to do what was best for the Counts Car Club. Even if that meant my popularity with the club could be jeopardized.

The Counts Car Club has moved forward leaps and bounds in the last couple years, and I would like to see the progression continue. From the Rod Run, to the Car Show, to the swap meets and family nights I honestly say, I wouldn’t want to hang out with a better group of guys.

This entire club deserves a huge thank you for everything you all have done to continue on the traditions and the brotherhood that is the Counts of the Cobblestone Car Club.

-Remember-

Shiny side up and rubber side down!
Sincerely,
Chad Raterman, Past - President
Counts of the Cobblestone Car Club

Local Black Hills Car is a big Hit at the 2013 SEMA SHOW

In Las Vegas, NV in early November.

This is the 1965 GTO that has Dave Kindig standing beside it in the KINDIG-IT booth.

This car is owned and commissioned by our friend Ron Meis from Lead South Dakota.

Plan on checking it out closely at the Counts Car Show on March 7th. Thru the 9th. 2014 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
The 2013 Counts awards banquet was an astounding success with over 55 members and guests attending. The winners of the main awards were....Member of the Year Skip Abell. Car of the year and New Machine was won by Bob Diekmann’s 1951 Ford F1 pickup. Old Rod went to Dan Duncan’s ‘48 IHC PU and Old Machine was won by Floyd Opp for his 1968 Dodge Charger. Numerous gag awards were presented to the appropriate club members who someone found “dirt” on by another club member. The “Mystery Dinner” is another story! See next column! JN

**The Awards Banquet MYSTERY DINNER**

Through the years anyone associated with any kind of club or organization has sat through a few ho-hum banquet style meals. This year Counts members were tricked into a little different type of dining style at the annual Awards ceremony. Enter the Mystery Meal. A four course meal where all items were given different names, a very short time to decide your order, and then a wacky way of receiving your meal. The wait staff, Aubrey, Audrey, Tyler, Katie, Sevyn, and Tempyste, served each course on trays prepared in the secret kitchen by Carol, Jo and Rocky. There was some confusion but there was also a lot of laughter as eating the meal was sometimes a challenge. Sadly, the One Piece At A Time Diner’s operating permit was only good for one night and all assets have been disposed of, but one never knows when a new permit may be applied for! The take out number, 1-800-2-BAD-4-U has also been shut down. Thank you for your patronage and patience, The Management GK

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**Getting ready for this MYSTERY DINNER**

**The members and guests were aplenty**

**Floyd Opp receives the Old Machine award From new president, Glen Schild**

**Bob Diekmann and New Machine And CAR OF THE YEAR award.**
Chad has a Gag Award for Bob Dunfee

Bob Diekmann shows the Rod Run art work

Lynn explains to Anita how to use exit tool in case of fire course

Skip and Anita await next

Floyd has his Charger on the artwork

Food was in no set order

Bob Rohrbach ad libed his fork

You ate what you got, when you got it

Skip made MEMBER of the YEAR

Lynn says ‘Who needs utensils, That’s what fingers are for!’

Hudson Hawkes shows how to improvise!
The Christmas Party, held on Dec. 8th, 2013 was a cold –5 degree day. That didn’t stop nearly 50 hearty souls from trekking to the Counts Club House to enjoy dinner and the famous Christmas White Elephant gift exchange. The dinner was pot luck with the club furnishing brisket not used at the Awards Banquet. Great food was followed by Skip and Anita heading up the White Elephant gift exchange. 45 people participated in the fun but the big winner was Dan Duncan who got the traveling Christmas wreath that is almost to its limit now. Good Luck, Dan! There were lots items that went the 2 steals also. It was a great holiday party, thanks for coming!

The Counts Car Club was invited to participate in the 2013 Festival of Lights Parade as pace cars. They needed at least 12 cars and we ended up with 17 classic cars. And, out of that 17, we had 3 non-club members volunteer to help out. It turned out to be a beautiful night. There were over 100 entries in the parade and thousands of spectators lined the streets of Main Street and St. Joe. The parade was enjoyed by all and we are looking forward to participating in the 2014 parade.
This was Carson Rose’s 12th annual outdoor car show held in the Upton, Wyoming city park and co-sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce. This year’s event was complete with a craft show, entertainment and food. The weather was fantastic for the second weekend in September.

This year’s car turnout set a record with over 130 cars entered. This is a no judging or awards show and Carson makes sure that almost everyone gets a substantial door prize sponsored by local merchants.

The quality of cars that turn out for this show is unbelievable and they range from street rods to classic cars to classic trucks and exotic sport cars. VARIETY is the name of the game at this north eastern Wyoming town.

Carson Rose deserves a lot of praise for doing this for the last 12 years. It is also fun to see his handiwork on the cars he has built and restored over the years.
The 2013 ROSE CLASSIC continued

Classic GTX

HOT 1940 Ford

3 G’s Packard on display

The Counts had 8 cars on display too, nice cruise

Rare ‘55 Chevy wagon

Nice ‘60 T Bird

Check out this ‘70 SS

Don’t see many Hudson's

Rare GTO Judge

59 Ford with a history

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46th Annual Black Hills Rod Run
July 11th. and 12th. 2014
Followed by downtown Rapid City
Cruiser Car Show on Sunday, July 13
Plan to Attend these fun events!!!!!!!!

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