



President's Address - Travis Bolton

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"The world's largest one-day celebration of car culture" is how they describe the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise, held annually in Detroit. This year it was the 12th annual Dream Cruise, and the second time I have attended. It's amazing the vast variety of cars that you see. Sure, there are scores and scores of Chevelle's, GTO's, Camaro's and Mustang's, but there are also just about every kind of car you can imagine. This year they were expecting 40,000 or more cars and about 2 million people to pack Woodward on the official cruise day, Saturday August 18th. But it starts well before that. We got into town late Tuesday night and ventured to Woodward the next morning. There were already cars cruising the street famous for street racing "back in the day" of the muscle car.

My first time out there, 2003, was a pretty big disappointment. Most of the Northeast part of the US lost power due to some problem with the power grid. We lost power on Thursday and it wasn't back until Saturday. There's not much to do when the whole area is out of power. This year was much different though. We had awesome weather the whole drive out (in my buddy's '68 Cutlass convertible) and most of the week. Of course it rained Saturday until about 2 or 3, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the cruisers. We even saw a woman driving a convertible with one of those umbrella hats on and the top down!

There were quite a few Corvairs this time, and I think I saw every model except a pickup. Not sure if I saw any sedan either now that I think of it. GM had the '69 show car prominently displayed in the their area along with a 1 of 1 1971 station wagon with a 427 and a powerglide. Get the groceries on Wednesday and take it to the drag strip on Saturday.

Some of the more unusual cars where a BMW Isetta with a small block Chevy hanging off the back and a serious pro-street Nash Metropolitan. The Nash was a pretty cool car. There was also a hot rod garbage truck. Powered by a small block Chevy (what else) the back had been converted to seating lawn chair style. Amusing. Then there was the plywood-bodied car. What else would you do if you want to make your own car, but don't know how to fabricate sheet metal or fiberglass? I have attached some pictures that I took while I was out there. If you love cars, and cars of all kinds - then you should try to make the Dream Cruise a destination at least once. And if you really like getting stuck in traffic (i.e. cruising) then you definitely need to make it.

See you at the Creekside, Travis





Johnny Ray's Cruise Drive In - August 19th - What a turn out!!!



The club had a great turn out for the last HACO hosted event out at Johnny Ray's Cruise Night on August 19th, Many of the members showed up with their cars to have a total of eight cars plus one none member looking to sell a late model Monza convertible





WANTED: Convertibles for the Overland Park Parade

The Overland Park Parade will be on September 30, 2006.

We will again be one of the first units in the parade and

We will transport the dignitaries.

We will line up at 79th and Floyd (one block west of Metcalf)

At 1:00 pm

Parade starts at 2:00

Please call Jack Hill at 816-452-0619 and

Let him know that you will be able to participate.

If he doesn't hear from you, he will be calling.

SORRY I HAD TO CHANGE THE DATE ON THE CAR SHOW AT METRO NORTH MALL
NEW DATE IS **OCTOBER 20-21-22**

WE WILL GO IN THURSDAY NIGHT AT 9:00 P.M.

Metro North Mall Car Show 2006

It's that time of the year that the club has our annual car show at the mall. We will be showing the cars on Oct. 20-21-22 at Metro North Mall in Northwest Kansas City, MO. Besides having the car display, we will have the Concours again this year with a \$10 entry fee. If I have not contacted you about being in the show, please call or write me at (816-324-4870), 602 S. 13th Terrace, Savannah, MO 64485 or email me at wagndo1@stjoelive.com . I'd appreciate knowing at least a week ahead of time if you can come, so that I can make final preparations for the show. We will need judges. If you can help, please let me know ahead of time so that teams can be prepared, (new judges are welcome - (no experience necessary!!!). Cars will be removed from the Mall late Sunday afternoon, at approximately 6:00 PM..... Please be there at 5:30 PM to have your car ready to leave. All of your efforts in making the show a success will be appreciated! Thank you, Don Wagner, wagndo1@stjoelive.com

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On the Road Again by Bob Vukas

Wahpeton, ND was my target destination for the Annual Roughrider Yearbook Camp, held on the campus of North Dakota State College of Science. The wagon was washed, with the fluid levels checked. The two year 24 thousand mile servicing of the transmission and radiator were done by the Lube Stop in preparation for the trip too. Mapquest is invaluable to guide you as you travel down the highway. Consumer Reports recommends a Global Positioning Sensor and shows one available for \$350.00. This may come to our house and cars soon.

The home front requires the usual mowing maintenance with watering necessitated by our hot weather. I often leave the garage door open in the evening too cool off our western exposure cement sauna. I did the same after our record time short meeting July 14. Unfortunately, I neglected to close the garage door that night and my snow blower walked away with someone overnight. My only John Deere is now history unless the police can recover it. I did not realize that snow blowers were a hot item in Topeka nor on the fencing black market.

After all the home have tos' were done I headed out to North Dakota at 3:00 pm, Sunday afternoon. Rachel made reservations for me at the Watertown, SD, Super 8, but I got tired before the car did and stopped at 400 miles on the trip odometer in Brookings, SD. The five thirty am wake up call came too early as usual, but the free breakfast and the 28.4 mpg did my heart good. A short couple of hours later and I was in Wahpeton. The return trip was similar and the average of 27.5 mpg felt good too. South Dakota has a posted speed limit of 75 mph with 65 in construction areas or as they call them the "cone" zones. If you see a car off to the side of the road in South Dakota, with its emergency flashers on, and fail to pull over to the left, you can be arrested. I like this law and it should be the same in all states.

New Car Fever by Bob Vukas

My brother called me July 1 as I waited for the a/c repair person at home. His company, instead of buying company cars, gives their employees a yearly car allowance. The car must be 6 years old or less. Mike's 2001 Crown Victoria, white in color like a police car, needed replacing soon, according to company policy. Mustang Mike is what my brother's name was in high school as he drove a '65 Mustang. We talked about cars and his first choice was the 2006 Mustang GT, until he looked at the \$42,500 price tag. Next on his list was the Chrysler 300 with a Hemi. The Hemi adds \$7200 to the price tag. Mike bought the sweetest black 300 (6 cylinder) he could find on the internet shopping highway. He has not had a new car since 1978 so joy was all around.

Rachel and I went to Lewis Toyota to test drive new Camrys as her boss buys them for their rock solid reputation for quality and lasting value. This process began in April to find just the right color. Aloe Green is the choice. The next debate was whether to buy one with a 4 or 6 cylinder. We test drove the 4 and Rachel put it through its paces up the freeway entrance ramps, with the air conditioning running, to see how the new car and engine would do. Her boss will now negotiate the deal and the waiting will begin. I will keep the 1997 clean and ready to go back to her boss as several people have expressed an interest in the car.

Andy, my nephew, is the last on the I want a new car list. He still wants a hybrid as he lives in Las Vegas and wants to save money on gas as well as to help the environment. Whether it is his Serbian, Norwegian or German background that is holding him back from making the purchase, I do not know, but his 1995 New Yorker's air conditioning does not work and it has to be extremely hot in 'Vegas most of the time.

Last, but not least, I will look over the internet and the car magazines and dream while perusing the new car issues wherever I can find them.

Tool Crib

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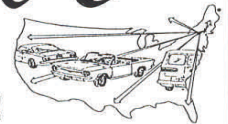
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September Calendar

- September 12 Meeting at Creekside**
6:45 Board 7:00 Social 7:30 Meeting
- September 22,23,24 Great Plains Corvair Round Up Tulsa, OK**
- September 30 Overland Park Parade**
- October 8th Social, Meet at Downtown Airport to tour museum at 12:30pm, Cruise to Weston along river and tour winery, Dinner in Weston**
- October 10th Meeting at Creekside**
6:45 Board 7:00 Social 7:30 Meeting
- December 1 Christmas party at Kevin & Ada Koch's home**
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