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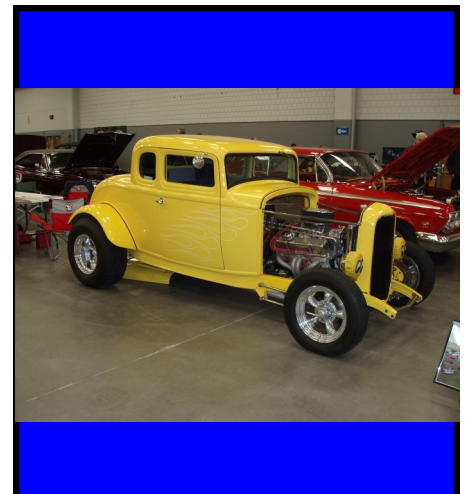
The COUNTS are in their
62nd year

Fun With Cars Since 1957



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Prez Sez



Welcome to the Counts of the Cobblestone website, I'm Mark Zallar, 2019 President of the Counts. A new exciting year is ahead as the weather will soon warm. We are looking forward to the many car show & shine events this year at the various shows throughout the surrounding area. Interested car enthusiasts are welcome to follow the calendar of events in our web site, and are also invited to join us for car shows and cruises throughout the summer. I am very happy that I joined the Counts of the Cobblestone car club, the members are a great bunch of guys who love all the classic cars,

customs, rat rods, and trucks. If you are interested in joining our car club, check out the online application to sign up, or check out one of our meetings on Tuesday nights at 7:00 at the club house located at 5301 Old Mill Rd, Black Hawk, SD. We would be very happy to see you and the ride you love. Thank you for your interest and we hope to see you this summer. It's all about fun with cars.





Edgemont Fall Festival Quilt & Car Show



Looking down Main Street



Nice '29 Ford hot rod

On September 29th, 2018 Edgemont held it's annual Fall Festival, which included a Quilt & Car show. The quilt show was sort of a bust, and from what was heard, the number of cars was down from 2017. They had around 30 cars this year, ranging from some cool classics, to muscle cars, to hot rods, to rat rods. There was still something for everybody. As an added bonus, I was able to park my Chevelle next to a very clean '61 'Vette and struck up a conversation with the owner. Turns out it was Bill Noggle (I think I spelled that correctly). Bill knows quite a few folks in the club. Plus, it turns out that the motor in the 'Vette he won at one of the very first Counts car shows. It's a crate GM 350, and at the time of the Edgemont show has 24,000 well used miles on it. Bill is still battling some health issues, but like tough old shoe leather, still wears on.



Bill with his '61 Vette & the Counts giveaway crate GM 350. Bill also took the best Classic Car award at the show.





Edgemont Fall Festival Quilt & Car Show

More pictures from the show



The name on the windshield tag said "Mouse Rod"



Super clean '70 Buick GS Stage 1 with the 455 ci motor



Sweet '34 Plymouth



'42 Chevy Deluxe



Who wouldn't want this '70 Bronco in their garage?

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

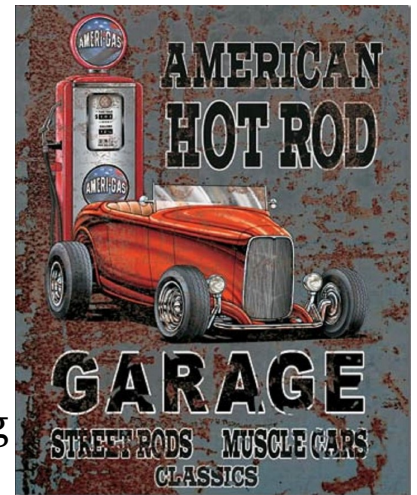


Where to begin, other than it has been a freaky, colder than hell winter! I posted up a warmer car picture just to remind us that the CALENDAR says that spring is coming. Along with spring comes car shows, cruises, get-togethers and all around car stuff. Man I can't wait. Sadly as the pictures below also point out, warmer weather also brings breakage season. But you know what...its all good. That means the cars and trucks are getting driven, getting used. Isn't this what it is all about? I mean...we didn't buy or build

our vehicles to sit in the garage to sit and look pretty. They are meant to be driven, to be used, and yes, they occasionally break. Thankfully, I had club members bail me out when mine did. They stayed with me until the rollback showed up, and helped me track down wiring issues to solve the issue. That is also what a club is about. Gearheads helping Gearheads. With that in mind, I've reached out to some of our new members and asked them for some bio info to help get to know them. I also included a neat "Remember When" section that I would like to expand. As always...if you have more ideas...feel free to email me at dnlhintz@yahoo.com. Get those rods ready as warmer weather is just around the corner.



OCTOBER GARAGE TOUR



On the evening of October 2nd, 2018, we went out to Dennis Erdman's place for a Garage Tour. The evening was a fantastic evening for the early part of October. We had a wonderful turn out of club cars, and Dennis was a fantastic host. Between the collectable bicycles, cars, memorabilia in his shop, everybody walked away with a smile.



Nice '57 with Don Oskey eyeing the hotwheels on the shelf



More shop eye candy

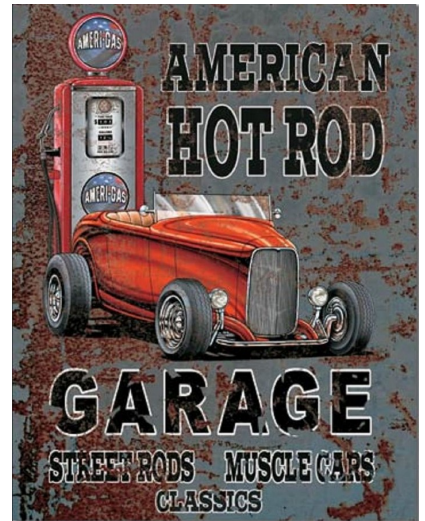


Club cars lined up and reppin'

More examples of the vehicles Dennis owns



OCTOBER GARAGE TOUR



Another view outside of the garage



Twins....right?



It was just an incredible night for a cruise and garage tour

We had a huge turnout of members cars that night



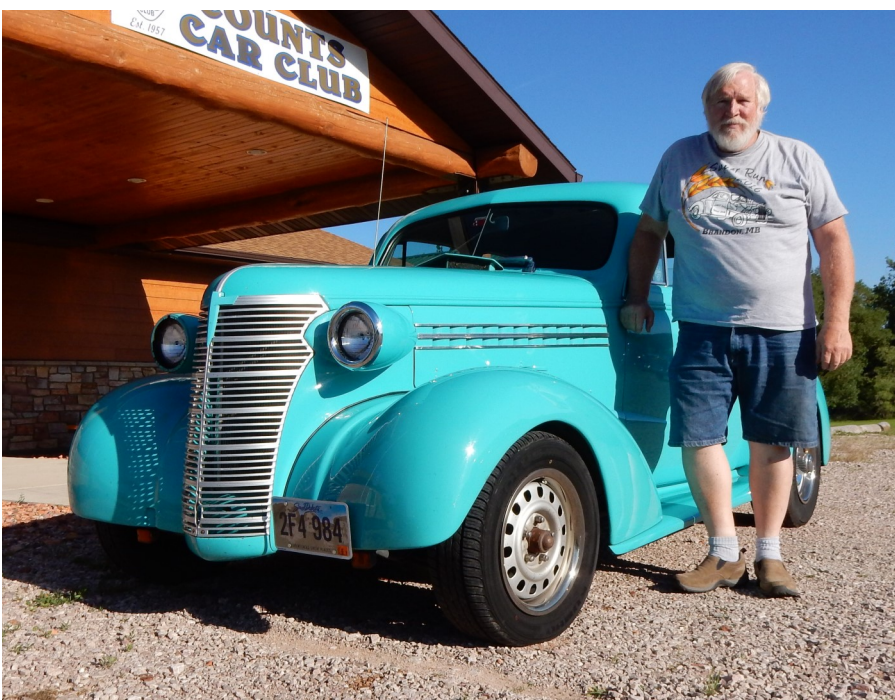
2018 Counts Banquet

On Saturday October 20th, we held our 61st annual awards banquet. The meal was catered with Sirloin Steak Tips & Gravy, Pulled Pork, Baby Red Potatoes, Chuck Wagon Bean, German Chocolate Cake, a Garden Salad and Dinner Roll. Yes...go big or go home. There wasn't anybody that left hungry, and we probably had about 40 to 50 folks in attendance. It was a very good turnout. Then it was time for the awards.



2018 New Machine was Roger Theis' 1966 Chevelle. The car sports a 402 ci big block bow tie motor, along with ac and a Tremec 5-speed transmission.

2018 Counts Banquet



Gary Kreun was this year's member of the year. With all the work Gary does for the Car Show, it was an easy choice! His 1938 Chevy was also voted 2018 Car of the Year.

2018 Counts Banquet



Rush and Peggy Elliot won old machine of the year with their 1954 Chevy pickup.



2018 Elections



At the end of October, it was time for a Leadership change. Don Oskey had lead the club for the past year, but it was time for Mark Zallar, current Vice-President to step into the President role. That meant a new Vice President was needed. Dave Hintz (yours truly) stepped into that role. It will be an exciting opportunity to get to know all of you, and help lead the Counts.



Officers from left to right:: Denny Volmer (Secretary), Mark Zallar (President), Dave Hintz (V-President—wondering WTH I got into), Bob Grantz, (Treasurer)

A Lady & Her Cars

Pat Asmussen

My First Car(s) from the viewpoint of a "Girl"

In 1972 as senior in high school I bought my first car...a 1966 Cutlass. Great looking car, black over white, two door, red interior with a 2 speed on the floor and great pipes. Turned out to be a lemon. (I found out later that I was the 9th owner in 6 years.) had it for a month before I asked Dennis (a friend) to go car shopping with me in Watertown one Friday. We tried out a couple of cars that weren't any better and I finally asked Dennis what he would buy if he were buying a car. He never hesitated and said "a Gremlin". I had to ask what it was as I had never heard of them. So we headed to the dealer and I was hooked. I don't remember looking at any one of them except the white X with black detail. With my trade I got it for \$1500. They delivered it the next day, which was a Saturday, and needless to say Saturday nights were for partying.

So I decided I better keep my ducks in a row and that meant 'no drinking'. I did really good but that didn't mean I stayed out of trouble. Through a series of miserable circumstances a friend ended up with his car behind mine, I didn't know it and backed into him. He was driving a jacked up Mustang and his bumper hit above my bumper. As we were surveying the damage the two guys in the back of my car poked their heads out the back window to see and that is when we realized the back window was broke out. It had shattered in the cold!!! I had my car for 12 hours!!

Over the next few months of winter (and we had real winters in Deuel county) I managed to take out both front quarter panels and the right rear quarter panels. Pretty much all ice related. We won't go into detail. I was on a roll, so to speak.

My son, Harris was born in February 1974 and it was a great car to raise my son in. He could fall asleep anywhere in it. I learned to change my own oil and somewhere along the way I took out the right front quarter panel again. I ordered a fender from the junkyard and decided to change it myself. I only had a large crescent wrench to work with. When I got to the hinge on the hood my little neighbor boy went home and got his dad's ratchet set. We proceeded to take the rest of it apart and put the 'new' fender on. The hood didn't close right (of course) when I put it back on. Someone at work gave me a hard time and said I should have marked it before I took it off. I didn't have to worry too much about that as it was dirty and I could find its original markings and

was able to straighten it out. Worked great after that.

Back in the day I was also a notorious smoker. When you bought cigarettes back then you also got matches, which conveniently got thrown on the ledge underneath the dash. One day, not thinking, I left my son (who was 4 at the time) alone in the car for just a few minutes. I heard him screaming and when I came out he was hanging out the drivers door window with flames coming up behind him. He had panicked and couldn't open the door. I got him out in time but the damage was done and it took out the cab area of the car. This was the end of the first Gremlin...7 yrs and 80,000+ miles. I lost my car but **saved** my son.

My second Gremlin was about 3-4 yrs later when I came across a yellow '73 X with a V8. This one had a personality all its own. Hard to start in the summertime and no problem in the wintertime. By this time my son was getting to driving age and learned to drive on this one. I had this one for about 7 yrs also. Unfortunately I don't know the ending of this one. I ended up selling it to a couple whose Cadillac broke down and they needed to get back to Iowa. I imagine it ended up in the junkyard.

This brings me to my third Gremlin. My nephew found this one on the VanderPol auction in Corsica, SD in Aug of 2011. My brother-in-law, Jim was there to do the bidding for me. He was up against someone on the phone and neither side would give in until Jim bid \$50 over the limit I gave him and the phone caller caved!! I paid more for it than I should have but I have the history of the car as it was bought new from Anderson-Hall in Sioux Falls by Cal VanDen Hoek and it went to Corsica. After a number of years and Cal's family was growing, Rollie VanderPol offered to buy it and I think for the most part it went into storage until sale day. It is not an X but it is closest thing I am going to get at this time on my life!! My son is my primary mechanic and over the years has pulled the motor and tranny. It took him 5-6 cans of degreaser and a power sprayer to get the motor clean. After 7 years in my garage we finally fought the battle of figuring out rims and tires for it. (Don't ever want to go through that again.) With a lot of help from Quality Trans and Royal Wheel, we finally got it on the road this summer. Still needs more work redoing the rear end, exhaust and electrical and then on to paint. Since I bought my first one in high school I hope to have this painted like my first one in time for my 50th class reunion in 2022.

There have been a lot of cars and pickups along the way but none have the memories for me like the Gremlins have.



November Garage Tour



On November 6th, 2018, Bob Rohrbach invited us to tour his garage full of goodies. Bob was a great host and everybody had a great time.



On the rack is Bob's 59 Impala. Under the rack is his 'Vette. In the back is his rare '89 Dakota convertible.



Inside Bob's paint booth was Steve Kruger's AMC. Bob, Tom and Art were in deep conversation about colors, or cookies.



Bob's wall art collection of valve covers and other assorted memorabilia

NEW MEMBER BIO

Member Name: Dennis Brinkman

Joined Club: January 2019

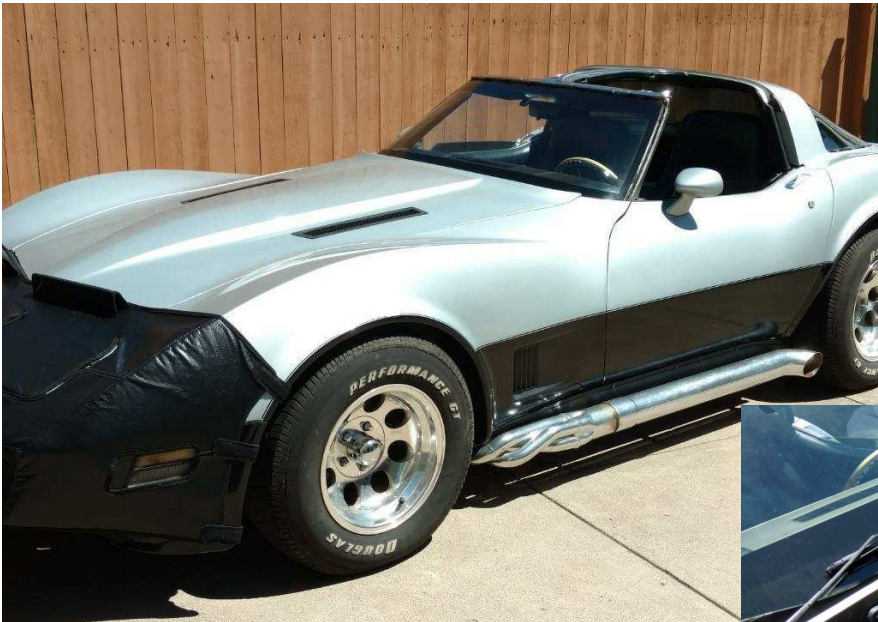
Your Ride: 1981 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray

Your Profession: US Airforce (ret)

Hobbies other than your car: Member of Haycamp Woodcarvers, Fishing, riding motorcycles.

How long have you owned your current car: Since June 2018

Any interesting stories about you or your vehicle: Owned a 1957 2dr hardtop Chevy in 1966. Bought it for \$450. Upgraded the engine to a 302ci. Drove it for a year, then sold it for \$450. Wish I had it now. Traded my 1998 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic for the '81 Vette "even up"



NEW MEMBER BIO

Member Name: Vern Green

Joined Club: Sometime in 2018...I don't remember

Your Ride: 1969 Dodge Charger

Your Profession: Retired

Hobbies other than your car:

How long have you owned your current car: Bought new in 1969.

Any interesting stories about you or your vehicle: I've lived in Murdo, and drove the car to California where I live in L.A for all of 6 weeks. That was enough.

