



# The Counts *Streetin' News*



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The COUNTS are in their 53rd. year  
*Fun With Cars Since 1957*

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# Happy New Year from the COUNTS

## PRES SEZ

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I would like to start out by saying that I am very proud to be a member of this car club, and proud to be stepping into the presidency after an exciting year of being vice president. I can't wait to see what the new year is going to bring. I am looking forward to working with the new Vice President- Mark Dennison, Secretary-Bob Dunfee, and Treasurer-Shakey Jack Venable.

This past year, we sold our old club house and property, which the club had owned since the '80's. We started building a new facility almost immediately on the property the Counts own in Black Hawk. With the expertise, support, hard work, and diligence of every member of this club, we have a new club house which we can all be very proud of. Just think, in our old club house we didn't even have running water. Now, we have a kitchen the size of our old clubhouse and a bathroom big enough to park Glen's Cadillac in! We also held our Annual Awards ceremony and our Christmas party in this new home for the Counts Car Club.

Some of the things I am looking forward to this year are the annual Car Show in February, our Rod Run in July, and our Swap Meet also in July, which is getting bigger every year. Now that we have a larger place to meet I would like to see more family events such as picnics and ice cream socials. Let's bring back some of the old games they used to play like the fan belt toss, and one more thing, like Casey talked about ...the famous Greaser Dance. Wouldn't it be fun to see Jim Neuzil with butch wax in his hair?!

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Exciting New Year.

Bob Rohrback

Due to printing costs and higher postage rates the Counts have decided to do their newsletter on line exclusively . We find that almost everyone has access to the internet or has a friend that can print you a copy.

Our goal is to produce a much larger and more informative newsletter with unlimited pictures.

We are open to comments of all kinds and tell us if you don't want us to share them in the newsletter. Remember that the Counts website will have all the info on our rod run and other important events that the Counts sponsor.

The editorial staff , Counts Car Club

Comments on how to improve the quality and information we give you? Just call Jim at 605-390- 2238 or Tom at 415-7441 and give us your ideas!

Our plans are to update parts of the online Streetin' News as the new info comes in. So check us out often.. The editors



# The Canton, SD Car Show

Our trip to Canton It started out ok we left after work and headed east. We decided to stop for some thing to eat at Mitchell that was when I



noticed the front drivers side axel seal was leaking. So after stopping at a gas station and a truck stop with no oil to put in it, we finally found an O Reilly's that was open. It was about 8 o'clock and I'm pretty sure we made it just before quitting time! So I loaded up on gear oil and we kept on to Sioux Falls. The first couple days we met with some friends

from Humbolt. It was nice to see them, because it had been almost a year!

We went to Canton Friday because of the info on their website we were under the impression that this was a 3 day event. Well it kind of was... The events really started sat night. We had a fun day in the park anyway.

Saturday they had a fun day for kids in the park with many events. Food vendors and other booths were fun to go through.

By the time we got done with all that all I wanted was a beer and a



steak back at our camper, so we missed the parade Saturday night, but now we know for next year to not go so early in the day.

Sunday about 10 we got our registration packet and parked the car. The show was based around Jack Fox park. They had jumping castles for the kids (FOR FREE!), a band playing on

stage and food and other vendors all up and down the streets. There were about 400 cars total. Everything from street rods, muscle cars, rat rods and daily drivers! Many Trophy's were given for almost every class you could think of. Most unique, best of class, even one for hard luck. A Diamond T Rat rod truck got that award for a broken oil pan.

Over all it was a perfect car show and a nice family trip, with a little bit of something for everyone. Coming back we got some nice pictures of the chevelle in front of the corn palace. The things we could have done with out were the broken seal, our reservations not being complete, and an almost bad wreck on I-

29. We had a little trouble stopping 40 foot of trailer going 70 miles per hour, when a little Toyota Rav 4 decided to stop before the off ramp still on the interstate! Mary couldn't see the license plate before we got around the lady. After a few tense moments down the road, Whitney our 8 year old says in a really quiet voice, "Sometimes you don't repeat what you hear adults say." It definitely lightened all of our mood! The Canton Car Show is a go again for sure, we will just plan our days a little different. [Casey Barrett](#)



## The COUNTS Tour the CEMENT PLANT in RAPID CITY, SD

October 4th. **Rapid City Cement Plant Tour**

Thanks to 30 year employee Bob Rohrbach, ten Counts members got a rare inside glimpse of the venerable Cement Plant in Rapid City for the second year . Originally built in the mid 20's as a project to increase employment in the area, the plant still has over a hundred employees and can put out 1,000,000 tons of cement per year.

After getting safety goggles and hard hats, we got to meet the plant manager. From there we went to the machine shop. Cool WW1 vintage equipment like a 300 ton press, a 12'-15' metal brake, and vertical milling cutters was awe inspiring. They do things in a big way at the plant.

Even before we started, it was obvious that everything (due to the dust) is just a shade of gray at the plant. It would be a great place to work if you were color blind . First thing we saw was the wet mix part of the plant that is currently not in use. Huge steel rods or metal balls were used in these mixers to blend everything together.

In the control room it was illustrated how one guy can actually run the plant, so long as the hoppers are full. As expected, everything is now computerized and monitored remotely.

The kiln is the heart of the operation. It is a diagonal steel tube, probably 15-20' in diameter, and maybe 400 feet long. Here is a Fun Fact: Cement kilns are the world's largest manufacturing machines. Preheated material is fed into the top of the tube; as it rotates gravity slowly pulls the dry mix down. As the raw materials tumble through the kiln, they are gradually heated to at least 2,700°F via a powdered coal flame at the bottom of the kiln. The molecules of fuel, air and raw materials break apart. When temperatures reach 2,700°F. the molecules recombine to form a stable new mineral compound called "clinker", the primary ingredient found in Portland Cement. To you and me these look like black chunks of pumice stone. In any case, the thing is big and hot...probably a great place to work in the winter.

We got to go to the top of the tower with the various preheated hoppers that feed the kiln. It was quite a view of not only the nearby quarry but Rapid City in all directions.

After crowding 10 of us back in the 2,000# capacity, 5'x7' elevator, we took the slow ride down and then got to check out the giant milling machines for crushing the clinker. Bob showed us a 14,000 (or something equally ridiculous) horsepower electric motor that drives one of the mills. Bob also showed us how they use a strobe light to inspect the huge gears as they are running, and the continuous flow of lubricant over the gear teeth.

As we were finishing up, we got to look up in the inspection hole at the bottom of the kiln. Now we know what hell looks like. Chains with links between about 4 and 12 inches in diameter hang like a beaded curtain at the bottom of the kiln, and giant crankshaft looking thing with 8"x12" steel hammer heads smacks the over-sized red hot clinker as it leaves the kiln.

This was a fun couple of hours seeing the largest manufacturing facility in the state. The place was just like a Texas stripper: big, noisy, dirty, and hot. Bob Rohrbach seems to really enjoy his job



# Counts NEW Gearhead

My name is Chad Raterman I am 31 years old. My wife's name is Kayla and we had 2 daughters Hailie Mae, who is 6 years old and Peyton Jo, who is 2 years old. The entire family loves Hot Rods, Motorcycles, and anything Jeep.

My journey as a gear head started when I was young, a man that lived behind my house in Rapid Valley was building a 1923 T Bucket Roadster. He had several Chevilles that were in pieces.

I watched him and my dad put this T-Bucket together, and was hooked from there. The neighbor gave me a ride in that T-Bucket during a rod run in Keystone, and I almost lost my mind when we were sliding around the S turns going down Iron Mountain Road.

Before I was old enough to drive my dad bought his 1971 Monte Carlo, and it was my new favorite thing in the world. I begged and begged for that car when I was old enough to drive and he would never let me drive it, except to back it in and out of the driveway.

Finally, the day came when my dad gave me his 1970 something 3/4ton 4 wheel drive green and white dodge truck. What a piece of crap I thought. I drove it for about a week, and then one of his friends needed a 4-wheel drive and wanted to trade for this 1969 Chevy C-10 1/2-ton short box step side. It had a dogged out 350, and a 3 speed. It was in red primer and lower, and when I say lowered, I mean that the coils were cut.

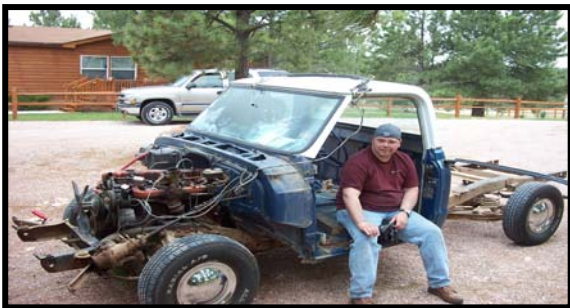
At first, I thought what a pile of junk, but my old man said he would help me out with an engine, and it would be fine. After an engine swap, that old Chevy would scream. Oh did I mention that the motor was out of his Wisconsin Modified racecar.

Now as all outstanding young 15-year-old do, I headed straight up to 8<sup>th</sup> St. The first race I found myself in was with a kid named Stewart and his 1970 something Trans AM. We ran from St. Pat, to the light past the DQ, and I stomped that poor car.

After that it was a love affair with my 1969 Chevy Short box Step side. In 1998 I was living in Rapid City by myself, my folk were living in Denver, and I was heading to basic training for the Army, so I parted ways with my beloved beast. I kid I had worked with bought it for \$750.00, and I have not seen it since.

I searched and search for that truck over the years and people swear it is still in town, but I have never seen it, so I did the next best thing. I found another one.

It started out as a 1969 long box with a 292 straight six. No self-respecting lead foot would have that, so I pulled it.



I replace it with a newer 350. My old man did the engine work, new cam and lifter, new Edelbrock intake, Flowtech long tube headers, a Corvette starter, picked that up at an auction new still in the box for \$25.00. My dad donated a turbo 350 transmission.

The long box got sold for \$425.00, and a short step side box was bought for \$250.00, but I also picked up a 1971 Chevy frame for \$300.00 which had the 5 on 5 bolt pattern and disc brakes in the front, and I scored when I found out there was a 12 bolt rear end under it.

I read articles on shortening the frame, but the internet had a step by step full color set of instructions on how to shorten this frame, so we chopped 12 inches out of the center and 8 off the back, now the box fits.

# Counts NEW Gearhead

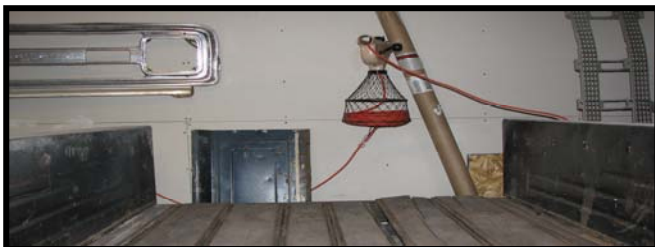
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The frame was disassembled sandblasted by yours truly, and coated with KBS coating. When the top coating was dry we started with all the goodies. Upgraded brakes front and rear, lowered suspension (3 in drop in the front and 4 in the rear) new drive shaft, motor, transmission was installed, and now it was a roller.



I am currently working on the bed. I have disassembled the entire bed and started sanding. We had some cancer in the bottoms of the fenders, but luckily, my dad found another bed with good fenders, and we will be using them. I hope that the bed will be ready for paint in Feb, or March. That is keeping my fingers crossed.



The cab is in the shop in Hermosa, patiently waiting for cab corners and rockers to be completed. The front clip is all sanded and awaiting paint.

During this whole project of the 69' I was given a 1952 Chevy Deluxe 2 door, and all I had to do was go pick it up. Well the car was too much for my wife to handle, after three

days of cleaning and ten 30-gallon trash sacks of crap, mostly mouse. She decided it goes or she does. Oh, the best part was the mice car with the crap, so I had to invest in traps.

The car was sold to a kid from Box Elder for \$300.00 or \$400.00 if he wanted those moon hubcaps. Therefore, I ended up with \$300.00 and a new set of moons.

My 1969 is a budget builder I am a cheap ass, and I always try to get something for nothing, so far it is working good, because I have about \$3,000 into my truck and pretty much have some bodywork and paint left, maybe some odds and ends, but nothing too big. Chad



# November 20, 2010 Counts hold AWARDS BANQUET

By Jim Neuzil

On Saturday November 20th D Day had finally arrived and it was last minute semi-finishing up the new club house so the Awards presentation could be there that night. This included putting most of the laminate hardwood floor in and some trimming around the newly installed wood walls. Isn't it amazing what can be accomplished when you have a deadline and so many eager and proficient workers in the club.

Another new plan was for the meal to be served by Candy Marquette at the newly opened Roundup Café located just across from the clubhouse. This worked out like a dream as she had a salad bar set up (first time) and seating set up in the newly opened Craft Store located on the east end of the building. The food was very good and the pre-meal conversation took care of 'Happy Hour'.

After the meal all went over to the new club house and scoped out what some hadn't seen yet. Candy brought cake and ice cream over to the clubhouse for dessert. UMM GOOD!

Then it was time for awards and some special presentations in the form of LIFETIME COUNTS MEMBERSHIPS. Those receiving the memberships were Steve Kroger, Rush Elliot and Bob Mallow. These awards were given for their long and hard work organizing and making the new clubhouse happen. It was noted that this was truly a club effort and it is shown by what we are looking at today.

More special awards in the form of 2010 Member of the year went to Steve Kroger, Car of the Year to Rush and Peggy Elliot's 1937 Chevy pickup, New Rod went to Dennis and Dale Volmer's model A roadster and last but not least, New Street Machine to Casey and Mary Barrett's 1970 Chevelle SS hardtop.

The new 2010 Rod Run logo designed by Scott Haines was presented and overwhelmingly approved by all at the Awards Presentation..

Then the fun began with the gag awards and fun special awards being handed out to those that chose to participate and a few others too!

All in all it was a fun and productive day / evening that ended up with many people truly amazed at what we, as a club, have accomplished. Many thanks to all that were able to help make it happen.



**New Pres Bob gives Steve Kroger Member of the Year jacket**



**Rush Elliot receives Car of the Year award**



**New Street Rod went to Denny Volmer**



**New Street Machine went to Casey Barrett**



November 20, 2010

# Counts hold AWARDS BANQUET

This is a follow up page with some of the Awards Banquet attendees and other misc. related item to show you. It is very much worth mentioning that the metal sculptures shown in the picture were of "Super Size" weight and dimensions. Bob said that most of the parts came from a diesel truck shop.

Below are some last mi-



nute detail work



Floor going in the hall  
Bob and Shakey Jack lay



floor by the front door  
This is what you see  
when you pull up



3 members receive lifetime memberships The banquet at The Roundup cafe



Bob Rohrbachs' metal sculptures were awards



GOOD FOOD



The 2011 RR LOGO was unveiled



Over 50+ people attended



Erv presents Casey with one of the gag awards Where's the food????







# Dream Becomes Reality CLUBHOUSE

## COUNTS CAR CLUB BUILD A NEW CLUBHOUSE

By Jim Neuzi I

The Counts stuck their proverbial neck out a few years ago by putting a down payment on nearly 2 acres of choice property in downtown Blackhawk SD on Old Mill Road.

After several years of payments and a really great offer on our old club house property in Rapid City that we had owned since the early 80's it was decided to start building our dream CLUB HOUSE.

Right after the 2010 Black Hills Rod Run was over the work began. Now here is where we need to make a statement about the DONATED, VOLUNTEER HELP that were so vary vital in the physical and monetary part of pulling a project of this nature off, in the relatively short period of time that we have done it in.

The designing and blueprints along with job foreman duties were taken on by Rush Elliot.

Along the line of PROFESSIONAL people that are members of the Counts and put their skills to work on this mass project were,

Rush Elliot, Steve Kroger, Henry Yantzer, Gayl e Kangas, Glen Schild, 'Shakey' Jack Venable and "count"less hours put in by many club member gophers.

We also need to thank these businesses and people that donated an awful lot of items that helped us extend our limited financial budget. Remember them when you are needing some of their products and services!

**A&E Plumbing, Rapid City**  
**Northwest Pipe, Rapid City**  
**Winnelson Company, Rapid City**  
**Dakota Craft, Rapid City**  
**Dehaan Construction, Rapid City**  
**RG Joens Construction, Rapid City**  
**Western Dakota Vo Tech, Rapid**  
**Gary Mahan, Rapid City**  
**Dakota Block, Rapid City**  
**Art Belcome, Rapid City**  
**Builders Supply-Sioux Falls**  
**Monte Stabnow, Black Hawk**  
**Kenny Raga, Rapid City**  
**West River Masonry, Black Hawk**  
**Gillette Fencing Co. Belle Fourche , Commercial Door, Rapid City**





# Dream Becomes Reality

## CLUBHOUSE



Floor goes on over floor joists



Foundation forms installed



Steve's concrete crew



Are we following the blueprints?



Starting to put up the roof trusses



Hang those walls!



Roof sheeting time



Drain field trench



It's time to put floor joists in



This building took a lot of roof trusses



Now going up



Lets get these walls covered



Here's the floor assembly



You have to have a good foundation



Tie those walls together



Steve works on the rock lower wall covering

It has taken many man hours of very hard work to be able to accomplish this major building project. It was only with the expertise and construction knowledge that we have in the midst of the Counts members that we could pull it off. Many thanks go out to all that helped, physically or financial-ly to make the Counts Club House a reality in this amount of time.

Any one that is interested in coming out and see what we have accomplished are welcome to attend a club meeting at the club house most every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Just take exit 52 off of I-90 at the Black Hawk exit and turn east just before you get to the stop light in Black Hawk. We're on Old Mill Road next to the new Roundup café.



# Dream Becomes Reality CLUB HOUSE

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The original club house



Foundation dug 3rd. Week of July Frame closed in by end of August



Looking good outside



Walls studded in with 9 foot ceilings and 2 x 6 outer frame studs



Meeting night at club property Pillars poured for the next step, the overhang



No maintenance siding and rock Insulation installed Overhang up and ready for a major log install



Looking better all the time Skip hangs some fixtures Ceiling up and textured Front looking almost done  
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# DREAM HOUSE CLUB Becomes Reality

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**Glen installs siding**



**Denny learns to lay tile like an expert**



**Erv puts tile on walls**



**Bathrooms are a work of art**



**Meeting room and hall walls took a lot of T & G wood and poly**



**Getting ready to lay floor**



**Bob and Skip hang wood on walls**



**Paneling drying after painting**



**Kitchen walls are really white**



**Bob and Shaky finish floor**



**It took a lot of club member help to complete this great project! Wait 'til Spring for final touches.**



# Counts have First Christmas Party Counts have First Christmas Party at the new Club House new Club House

On Sunday December 12, 2010 the Counts held their second club function at the new club house. It was the annual club Christmas party with a pot luck dinner with all the homemade goodies ( never saw a pot luck I didn't like). This was followed by the famous White Elephant gift exchange. It was a 2 steal rule and a lot of really neat gifts went the limit before they found a permanent home

One of our newer members, JR Harvey's girlfriend, Randee managed to open more gifts the first time than anybody ever has before.

The Master of Ceremony, Santa Skip and his assistant Vonda (Nita) started everyone off with the rules of the game and gave every one that had brought a gift a numbered disc. When your number was called you could go to the table or steal an opened one, up to two steals.

Most of the gifts have become quite desirable and you can't go wrong if you bring wine or die cast cars.

Barb got a miniature motor home and wanted to keep. She lost it once and her husband Dan's number came up and he got it back. What luck!!!

There were some really cool hand made items (continued on page 14)



**These are the RULES**



**Do I want this or not?**



**It's a tough choice**



**Maybe that's the one I should have 2 neat handmade lamps**



**Barb says this is MINE!**



**The food line was long but went fast Are we having fun now?**





# Counts have First Christmas Party Counts have First Christmas Party new at the House new Club House

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That went up for grabs and didn't last long at all. The entire gift exchange lasted about 2 1/2 hours but it went by really quick. It's kind of like going to a Barret Jackson auction, fast and furious!

Being able to do this at our own facility made decorating and table set much more planned. We need to thank Bob and Dan for picking up the chicken that was the main course furnished by the club.

Next year we may even be able to prepare the main course at the club's kitchen.

This is just one of the many functions that are so much fun and are part of being a member of a club that has fun group activities and also has fun with CARS!



The tables were set up with tablecloths



A tree was decorated for the holidays



The crowd was filling up the chairs and tables

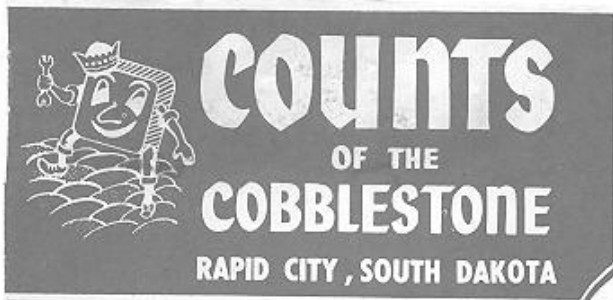


Even the kitchen was ready to handle all the food that was on it's way



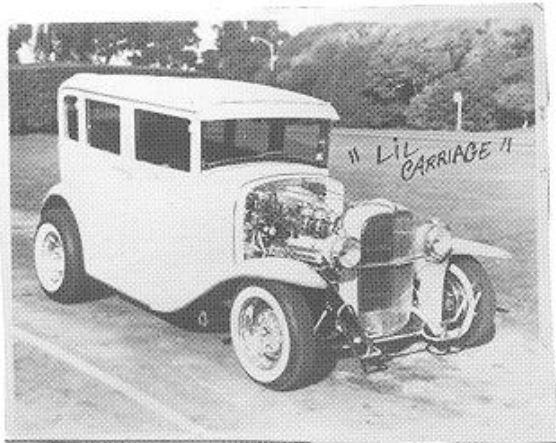
The Christmas gift table was running over prior to the dinner

# Remembering the 60's



The Counts have held car shows since 1960, starting Outside at Baken Park for 2 years and moving inside In 1962 to the Soule Bldg. at the Fair Grounds and then to the old City Auditorium that was located where the Dahl Fine Arts Center is today. Here are some of our winners and first few feature cars!

## ROD & CUSTOM Exhibitions

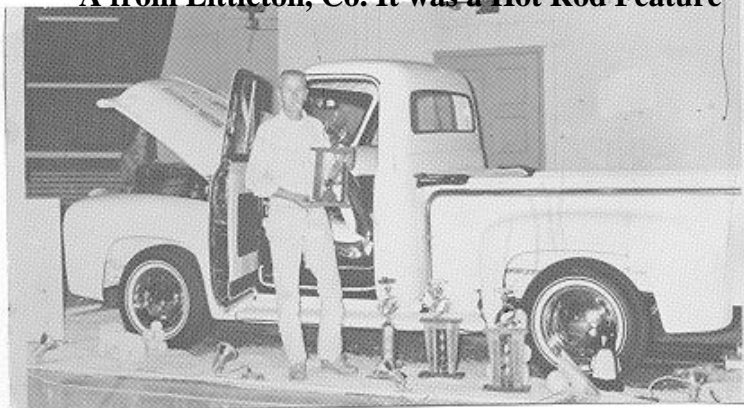


First feature was Jerry Volavka's wild '31 model A from Littleton, Co. It was a Hot Rod Feature



Al Cofrin's '33 Ford PU with a flathead & Scott blower and wild chop and channel gave the club a lot of ideas for our own 32 PU, "Charlie Brown"

DAHL FINE ARTS CENTER



Max Bailey and his hemi powered '53 Ford pickup Was a crowd pleaser and 'Sweeper' for several years



Another Hot Rod feature was 'Pop' Marner's '32 Bantam drag race car that hailed from The Denver area also



In 1965 we were fortunate enough to feature the top two cars on the show circuit, The Surf Woody and the Continental Classic, a bubble top show car. They were on their way to Indy for the ISCA Finals.

Fun with Cars  
Since 1957!



# Counts Old Gearhead

## Herman Jones member in the 60's and rejoined in 2007

This is my 1932 5-window Ford that was given to me in 1964 by my Uncle Elmer Wilson of Elm Springs, SD. The car was originally bought by his son, Marion Wilson, while working for Homestake Gold Mine in Lead, SD.

Marion married Betty Cox about in 1948. They moved to Elm Springs and worked with his father. The car was used to fix fence and hunt jack rabbits. When it died it was parked by the blacksmith shop.

I owned Drag City Au- and Chrome Plating Shop (on Omaha Street next to Johnson Machine), and planned on making a race car out of the beaten '32 Ford.

In September 1967 I accepted Christ into my life at a Billy Graham Film Crusade. I gave up my military deferment that came with the Ellsworth Air Base contract I had, and was

then drafted for the fourth time and sent to Vietnam for 23 months.

I returned home in 1970 and said I would not take Rapid Chevy as a gift because people do not save money to fix their broken down cars or to go to the hospital. But I did find that people save money to go on vacation so I got into the Bus Tour business. I've been getting paid to go on vacation now for 40 years.

With my wife of 32 years, Wanda Golden Jones, dying of cancer and having been blessed with six wonderful children, I decided it was time to restore this car before I die and the kids don't know this story.

Gene Jobgen of A&A Restoration (and son-in-law to Marion and Betty Wilson) restored the car finishing it on a time schedule in 2005. Gene is a real personable business man and I thank him for that. As a special gift, I loaned the car to Marion and Betty on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary for a day in the park and a ride to the church once again.

I use this car and a straight axle 1961 Ford Falcon Ranchero (from Drag City) as displays at the Stagecoach West Tour Bus Company and Ft. Hays Dances With Wolves Movie Set each summer. I am happily remarried to Verna Sharp Jones and invite you to come see us on South Highway 16 on Mount



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house by season

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