

October 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Roy & Lori Bauler, Rich & Brenda Elsamiller, Jeff, Roxy & Ryan Grady, Dave & Ilene Loutsch plus Bret, Christa & Mackenzie who were assisting our hosts.

~**Fall Cruise:** Thank you, Roy and Lori for organizing another successful cruise! We greatly appreciate all the time and effort both of you went thru to make it such an enjoyable and scenic excursion! Hopefully, next year, the weather will cooperate more!! Thank you, also, for hosting our meeting...the food was wonderful!!

~**Mini-Nats:** Jeff will contact Wayne B. and recommend June 6 & 7th (Fri & Sat) as possible dates for the Mini-Nats we are hosting in 2008 (hoping these dates will avoid conflict with the Power Tour). We discussed having a raffle/door prizes and catered meal on Friday (we will get catering bids). Saturday would be dedicated to judging until noon and awards in early afternoon. We also discussed starting in January to contact people/businesses to obtain door prizes/raffle items for the June event. It will take all of us working together to host another successful event. More discussion and decisions will be made at the next meeting in November. Contact Ilene or Bill if you want something written on letterhead to hand to businesses/people when you ask for contributions.

~**Calendars:** We will use pictures we already have....check the website to see if that is the picture you want on the calendar.

~**Business Cards:** We have less than 100...cost to re-order 500 is \$69.95, 250 is \$59.95. Gradys' have been stapling them to old issues of Nova Times when they handed them out to potential members. Order more???

~**Website:** How many "hits" is the website getting? Updates to it are important to keep people interested.

~**NNN:** What can we do to increase membership....It might help to keep info fresh, accurate and current as much as possible....economy making a difference...lifestyle changes?!?

~**Liquidate Old Inventory:** We discussed what to do with old items such as t-shirts. It was suggested and decided to sell the shirts for \$5.00 each. Koozies and Clings are given to new members. It was decided to sell extra koozies for \$2.00 to members. Jeff is checking on what to charge members for extra clings.

~**Holiday Party:** Ilene will check into availability of The Brick Haus in Amana for Saturday, January 19th at 4:00. It would be nice to see as many members as possible for this event. As of the writing of this newsletter, The Brick Haus does not have their 2008 calendar, yet. I should have more info at the November 17th Nova meeting.

~**Next meeting:** Saturday, November 17th at Godfather's Pizza at 2825 6th St SW in Cedar Rapids at 4:00.

Membership Reasons to Celebrate

Happy Birthday to Loren Peterson on November 23, Karen and Ryan Wheeler on November 25, Cheryl Utrecht on December 6, Ed Trenkamp on December 15, Dennis Eudaley on December 22 and Ilene Loutsch on December 28.

2008. This would be a Friday - Saturday event. With the 2008 Nationals being so far to the east, members felt that we could probably expect a good attendance in the Midwest. Jeff asked those attending the meeting if they were in favor of hosting a mini-national and a majority raised their hand in agreement. There were no members opposing.

Jeff advised that NNN would supply the awards and take part in the event. This would be a summer event and most likely be held in June. The chapter agreed that June 13 and 14 would be best, and Jeff will contact Wayne with this information. **If any chapter members see a conflict or problem with this date**, please contact Jeff, Bill, Ilene, or Dan, or send an e-mail to the chapters address einova@einova.org or use the link on the web-site **ASAP**. It was mentioned that the new Marriott in Coralville would be a nice new site for such an event with plenty of things to do and easily accessible from interstate 80.

Item 2: Jeff addressed the idea discussed at the last meeting of a fall trip/ meeting to Gays Mills, WI in October. Earlier a date of 10/6 had been suggested, but too many members had conflicts with that date. A new date of 10/13 was suggested, and all interested members need to look at their calendars and **see if there is a conflict or problem with this date**. Please contact Jeff, Bill, Ilene, or Dan by phone or send an e-mail by the end of August so plans can be made. This would be a one day trip to Gays Mills, WI and returning to Sumner, IA for a cookout at Roy and Lori's. For those not familiar with Gays Mills, it is a small community nestled in the valley of the Kickapoo River with numerous apple orchards. Check out their website www.gaysmills.org. There is also the Mount Sterling Cheese Factory along the way and their website is

www.buygoatcheese.com. This could be a really fun event with great scenery to enjoy along the way. Roy Bauler and Bill McDowell will work out a route and schedule.

Item 3: Roy Bauler would like to put together another cruise like they did this year to DesMoines and the Porky's Dinner. Bad news is that they will be tearing down Porky's for a Hy-Vee expansion. Roy's asking chapter members to contact him with their suggestions for a 2008 cruise. It would probably be a weekend 2 day event again with an overnight stay.

Item 4: Bill McDowell and Kevin Klindt reported that Kevin has been doing some regular updates to the site, and again are asking members for comments, suggestions, and ideas. We still have members listed on the website that we do not have a photo of their car to show. Check out the site, if your cars not there,

send a digital photo to the chapters e-mail address or send a CD to Kevin Klindt. If you don't like the photo shown, send us one you like.

Item 5: We are still working with Chevrolet over the permission to use their logos and such on the web-site and other items. Basically we have to show them what we want to use before we can use it or have it printed on an item. There is language that has to be included that identifies GM's permission. If we do have permission and produce it, the item can not be sold to others. Saleable items are reserved for their licensed vendors. We can go through their licensed vendor and obtain items.

Item 6: The Chapter 2008 wall calendar project. This is a project that we need to get going on and we need a good digital photo of every member's Nova/Chevy II. The plan is to produce our own calendar with each month having a collage of member's cars on it so everyone would be included in one of the months.

Everyone thanked Dale for his hospitality and Jeff adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM. Everyone packed up and we headed to the Cruise Night at the North Park Mall in Davenport. This is always a good size cruise night and they had a live band! Thank goodness there was a breeze, because it was a very hot and humid day!

It was nice for everyone to be able to meet and visit with some new members Rich and Brenda, and Loren; and guests Jason and Sara who appear to be joining our chapter.

Welcome aboard everyone! I took meeting notes for Ilene, so don't blame Ilene for any errors!

Submitted by Bill McDowell.