

This is the beginning of our 17th year as an organized Nova car club. Our first meeting of the year was a holiday party held at Okoboji Grill in Iowa City. Attending the fun event was: Jeff, Roxy, Ryan, & Logan G, Bill & Lori M, Kevin K, Dale & Linda G, Gene & Lori E, Roger & Evelyn P, Ken & Becky S, Jim C, Gary & Sherry W, Dave & Ilene L.

- The first thing on the President's agenda (this must be kept a surprise) was to inform us that when the club first started, Roger Higginbotham helped to form the club. Since his passing, it was decided the club would honor his efforts by presenting a plaque to Sue Schafer and offer her a lifetime honorary membership (this bullet will be eliminated in the newsletter sent to Sue to keep it a surprise for her) at the Heartland Nova Reunion this year....the 50th Anniversary of the first Nova in 1962.
- 2012 Heartland Nova Reunion was the big item on the agenda. The t-shirts have been delivered (let Bill know and he could probably bring yours to the next meeting), the flyers are done (should be 2 included with this newsletter), the placards and the welcome letter are created. It was suggested the welcome letter and the dash plaque be put into an envelope and handed to the participant when they arrive at the event to ensure everyone gets one and it is not "lost" in the goodie bag.
 - 1) The casino wants us to provide them a list of our preregistered participants and spouses to offer discount coupons. Please get your registration in before the deadline of May 30, 2012.
 - 2) 2012 HNR Sponsors for the show currently are: Best Distributing, Engler Construction, Schoenthaler Restorations, and Chevy II Only....with room for more. The more sponsors we have the better our show could be. If a business wants to be a sponsor by contributing a certain dollar amount, the suggestion was made it be *not more than* \$200. (In previous years, the cost of the trophies, dash plaques and flyers was split between the sponsors). A huge Thank You to our wonderful repeat sponsors...we greatly appreciate your support.
 - 3) Still need to be determined where our HNR will offer a "side trip" for Saturday morning to either Kalona or Coral Ridge Mall...more discussion at the next meeting.
 - 4) We discussed adding a little more recognition for our repeat event participants. The group liked the idea of giving "First Timer" certificates to participants that are attending for the first time. Plus we would give participants a "Five Timer" certificate to participants that have attended all 5 of our HNR events. Dale displayed certificates, frames and the costs associated and Linda offered her calligraphy skills to make them look really nice. They would need a list of everyone that have attended each of our events, plus people that are planning on attending so the certificates can be done in advance. Thank you, Gilmours'!
Nothing was discussed about adding Hard Luck award, Under 21 award, Ladies award or Hall of Fame award. Bill would like to suggest an additional trophy of "Best of Show" that all participants get to vote on (not separating members from non-members).
 - 5) Raffle items and goodie bag items will be needed and all club members are encouraged to help with this task. Could everyone please help with this?!? Please let Bill know what you have gotten and from whom so we can list this on the contributors list that will be in the goodie bags. We hope to assemble 100 goodie bags for this anniversary event.
 - 6) Security will be provided Friday night of the event by the club. *Bill has gotten hourly quotes from different firms in Iowa City of \$15-\$20. Jeff will check with Cedar Rapids firms for their hourly rate if they are available and interested.* More details at the next meeting.

- 7) The group discussed if we should have a “sub fund” of our checking account which would be dedicated only to the HNR event. All money coming in from sponsorships, registrations and sale of cups, pop and water items would go in to the fund and all expenses of the event would come out of this fund. This was approved with no “nays”.
- Other trivial items that were mentioned: Dave shared the t-shirt expense of \$1116.85 was paid. Club insurance has been paid. Need to find out what Riverside room check in (3:00) and out (11:00) times are for June 22 & 23.
 - Cruises and Car Shows: Bill handed out copies of LaHarpe Classic Car Show Reunion (formerly Fred Gibb Car Show). It was voted on and approved the club would sponsor both Nova classes for this event for a total cost of \$80.00. *The treasurer has sent the check to LaHarpe Classic Car Show Reunion.* Some suggestions for cruises was to Fountain City, Wisc...check with Elmer....not sure if this could be a day cruise or overnight. Any other suggestions or ideas?
 - Website: Kevin reported he has made updates to the site. Kevin explained the club owns the website but the bills are coming in his name and we should have this changed. Kevin and Dave are working on getting this resolved.
 - Another item that was discussed was defining our club boundaries. We welcome any Nova enthusiast from any geographic area and welcome to participate in all our fun events.
 - Wild Wades will be attended by Bill & Jeff on Jan 29 in Des Moines. *Roy & Rich might be attending as well. Thanks to all of you guys for your time and efforts.* Club agreed to pay for fuel to carpool to help with this opportunity to promote the HNR show and talk Novas.
 - Club trailer- Bill shared that Kevin would like to sell his trailer, tent, cords (items we use for each HNR). Club needs cost before considering this venture. Bill will check with Kevin. *Bill e-mailed me: “Kevin would like \$700 for his 5’x8’ enclosed trailer that would include 2 tables, tent and sides, extra tarps, straps & bungee cords, and gas cans. We have used all these items at our shows. It would allow us lockable storage for items that are located in several of our garages/homes. In the past, I have borrowed it from Kevin and towed it behind my vehicle. I really don’t see us transporting the trailer to shows and cruises as a club. A storage location is an issue to deal with. I may have a potential location. License yearly renewal is \$15.00. In most cases trailers don’t get insured, but the vehicle pulling the trailer covers the trailer for liability. Yearly cost for to insure against fire/theft/etc .is around \$30.00.”*
 - The last item on the agenda was elections. It was discussed how nice it would be to have more people take an active part in the club. To accomplish this, should we establish committees (Jeff shared what he came up with) to tackle various projects (cruises, Christmas party, Heartland Nova Reunion, calendars, etc)? It was decided to table the establishment of committees until the next meeting to give people a chance to mull this over and come to the next meeting with their ideas. This club belongs to everyone and it would be fun to try to get different people working together on maybe just one event. It was also suggested (and decided) to move the elections to November, therefore, the officers will remain the same and elections will take place on November 17th of 2012....please give some thought to the committee idea and what title and responsibilities would be most beneficial to the club. Your opinion matters!!
 - Thank you to the club for providing appetizers. Linda G, Lori E, Sherry W, Becky S & Logan G took home the door prizes. Thank you to everyone for attending!

- **Next meeting will be March 24th at @ 4:00.** Schoenthalers' and Englers' will be hosting this event at a place yet to be determined around I-80 truck stop. Please try to attend this fun opportunity (meeting) with other Nova Lovers!!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ilene Loutsch

Items in blue are additions and updates after the meeting.

Happy Birthday to:

Ryan M on 1/6 Ann K on 3/1
Mary C on 1/7 Dan T on 3/2
Steve A on 1/9 Jeff C on 3/5
Brenda E on 1/11 Mick B on 3/7
Ron M on 1/17 Roger P on 3/11
Mike F on 1/19 Jill M on 3/12
Dale G on 1/21 Denise K & Joe S on 3/13
Vince M on 2/7 Al D on 3/15
Becky S on 2/10 Dave L on 3/18
Barb F on 2/14 Bill M on 3/24
Julie W on 2/19 Janet D on 3/31
Evelyn P & Terry M on 2/27

Happy Anniversary to:

Dave & Ilene L on 2/12
Jeff & Denise C on 2/14
John & Chris S on 2/22
Mick & Diane B on 2/28
Steve & Punky A on 3/2
Gene & Mereda T on 3/18
Roger & Evelyn P on 3/27
Chris & Cindy G on 3/28
Joe & Tracy S on 3/31

Buy.....Sell.....Trade

- 2012 club calendars are still available for sale @ \$6.00, along with 14 hats (member price is \$9.00) and cozies for \$1.00....contact Bill via our club website if you are interested.

This N' That.....Things to ponder

- To save on club expenses, should the newsletters be e-mailed to club members that have an e-mail address...and sent via US mail to those members that do not?
- Club member Roger Higginbotham passed away in December. The club delivered a poinsettia plant and donated \$50.00 to his memorial. The club has received a nice Thank You from Sue.
- Have you paid for your caps, cozies, calendars and your membership dues of \$10.00 for 2012...if not, please send them to: Eastern Iowa Chapter of NNN

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