

September 15, 2008 **Meeting Notes**

***August 16, 2008 Meeting at Eldridge, IA for Dale Gilmour's annual BBQ.***

***Attendance: Dale & Linda Gilmour, Ryan Wheeler, Dan & Valerie Tucker (newlyweds since June), Gene and Lori Engler, Jeff & Roxy Grady (and the boys), and Bill McDowell.***

***We all met at Dale's during the lunch hour and Dale was working the grille with some butterfly pork, burgers, and braut's. He also boiled some good old Iowa sweet corn. The rest of us brought side dishes to compliment Dale's cooking. Jeff Grady called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM***

***Heartland Nova Reunion - Jeff reported that we had 50 cars registered for the event. Bill reported that we had 42 cars listed and photographed as attendees. Nineteen participants were non-members. We also had several visiting Nova's stop by, but didn't enter the show. We circulated the 8 event surveys that we received from the non-members attending. Eight out of nineteen non-members is a 42% return rate, which is pretty good. A summary of the survey results is attached. Any members having comments on the event and suggestions for improvements need to get those into us.***

***Dave Loutsch provided Jeff information regarding Income and Expenses from the show, which did result in a profit. Expenses were around \$1848.00. The profits from the 50/50 went to the charity, "Fuel by the Fallen", which Jeff had some information on.***

***Everyone agrees that we had a successful event and that we want to do it again in 2009. We all need to start looking at 2009 and events for us to avoid, and set our date around them. We lost a few potential cars this year being so close to the Hot Rod Power Tour. There was also discussion around moving the event to another location such as Coralville/ Iowa City or the Quad Cities area. The discussion was tabled for another meeting after more members have the opportunity to take this under consideration.***

***The window placards were originally to be in 2 different colors to differentiate members from non-members, but was deemed not needed. During the voting process, members and non-members alike were confused as to who members were, so we will have 2 different colors next time.***

***Discussion time regarding promoting the event next year. Bill suggested that we consider somehow recognizing and gathering those who are members of "Steve's Nova Site" and "Novas.net" at the event. An example is that S.N.S. now has 10,000 members, and we can tap into that resource to promote our event.***

***Bill sent e-mails out regarding a DVD that was created by Loren Peterson from photo's that Kevin, Loren, and Bill took at the HNR. Loren spent over 4 hours putting this slide show backed up by some good old rock and roll tunes. You can get a copy for \$5.00, plus packaging and mailing costs. We have sold 16 of these so far, and gave one to Wayne Bushey from NNN. Well done Loren!***

***Visit from National Nostalgic Nova - Wayne and Shirley Bushey from NNN had contacted Bill as they were going to be in the area and wanted to get together with any of our members that might be available. Jeff and Roxy, Dave and Ilene, Dale, and Bill had dinner with the Bushey's on August 12th. After the meal Wayne read a letter regarding this years 50/50 at the Gettysburg Nationals and the decision that was made to donate the funds to the flood victims in our Chapter. One of the attendees at the Nationals won a TH350 transmission in the raffle and put it up for auction to raise more funds for our chapters flood victims.***

***As a side note, Jeff reported that Dave and Ilene were able to save some items and financial documents for the Club, but all other club papers were destroyed. Jeff and family are pretty close to moving back home. Dave and Ilene have some time ahead of them. Their temporary mailing address on the attached address updates. Dave & Ilene's home address used for the club's on the website, and everything else. So, we have some work to do in that area.***

***Website Update - Bill reported that we were at 6057 hits on our site since October 2007. As of this writing the count is 6662.***

***We are still in need of members Nova pictures for the website's member's page. We will name names! We need pictures from Steve Farwell, Gary Wood, Donald Irwin, and Larry Noble. Any member who has a better picture that they would prefer to have shown need to get that digital picture to us.***

***We are working on adding a new page to show our club member's attending events and other Nova's spotted at those events.***

***Members need to take advantage of our "Wanted/ For Sale" page to find or sell those parts or cars. Items currently listed need to be review by members and advise us accordingly on what items can now be removed.***

***2009 Eastern Iowa Nova's Calendar - The 2008 calendar project was quite successful with only one left over out of 92 calendars ordered. Some other Nova clubs are following our lead and developing there own calendars. This year we would like to get more event dates added in before producing the calendars. Any show input for 2009 would be appreciated ASAP. We are going to need digital pictures again! So get some nice pictures while your ride's outdoors on that beautiful fall day. Take pictures with hood and trunk lid down. ¼ angle shots look the best, and avoid parking lots with stripes, and busy backgrounds.***

**Memberships and Event Insurance - Some discussion around NNN memberships and how many of our members may or may not be currently members of NNN. We purchase event insurance as being a NNN chapter for \$125.00 per year, but to be in effect, coverage requires that all of our members be NNN members. There are other sources that are slightly more expensive (as low as \$200 annually), but with no NNN restrictions. NOTE: To participate in an NNN official event, you must be a member of NNN.**

**Member Relocation - We received a letter from Jim and Cheryl Utrecht updating us that they had moved. Bill was worried about them as he had tried to call them and the number was disconnected! Jim and Cheryl, congrats on the move. Nice picture of the house and the 3 Nova's parked outside! We need some more information and individual pictures of those other 2 cars for the website!**

**Other members having any changes in their contact information need to notify us as soon as you possibly can. Keep us updated on any phone or e-mail address changes. It's easy to forget when you're busy!**

**Member Meeting Participation - Bill inquired if anyone had any suggestions or ideas on how to get more attendance at meetings from our members. Realizing that we are spread across a wide area and that fuel costs alone might keep some from attending. Bill wondered if instead of meetings that are "just meetings" that we try and schedule meeting around different popular shows and cruises and meet at those. Any suggestions from any of our members are encouraged.**

**Meeting Adjourned- With all the good food holding us down the meeting was adjourned. We hung out, chewed the fat for awhile, and at 4:30 PM we hit the streets and headed over to the North Park Mall cruise night. Dale belongs to a Quad Cities car club that sponsors the event. At the cruise we ran into some other Nova owners, and were joined by Ken and Becky Schoenthaler. There had to be over 500 cars at this event, and what a variety!**

**A big THANKS to Dale & Linda for hosting this annual meeting event!**

#### **Other News**

**Welcome new members to the club! - Jim Conrad from Moline, IL joined us after visiting at the North Park Mall. Many of you have met Jim previously at NNN events, our Heartland Nova Reunion, and at North Park Mall cruises. Welcome aboard Jim! We believe that we may have another new member from Waterloo to welcome, but the information may be lost. Any help?**

**Member Roster Update - The attachment is a list of new members or changes to the roster. These will not be posted to the website meeting notes to keep your information secure. Please make these changes to your current copy. New**

***members will receive a complete roster. We will also e-mail a new roster to those with e-mail.***

***Meeting Schedule - We have canceled the September meeting since we just had a meeting at Dale's BBQ in August. The next meeting will be on October 18th and will be located at Godfather's Pizza in Cedar Rapids at 4:00 PM unless notified otherwise. The meeting scheduled for November will also be cancelled with this rescheduling.***

***Newsletter - We are trying a little experiment. Members with e-mail will also get this newsletter via an e-mail attachment.***

***Paper or electronic? Give us your thoughts and input!***

***Monmouth Cruise and Fred Gibb Show***

***Roy Bauler, Dan Tucker, and Bill McDowell started cruising together from Coralville, and we met up with Dale Gilmour, Jeff & Roxy Grady, and Dennis & Donna Uudaley in Moline, IL. From there we all cruised down to Monmouth, IL (Bill was delayed with tranny issues). In Monmouth we found Kevin Veatch, Ken Shoenthaler, Jon Cronkelton, and Gene Engler. We also found our new friends from Wisconsin Jim Yelk & Elizabeth, and Jeremy Stupar. What a wonderful evening with way over 2500 cars.***

***The next morning Bill, Roy, Dan, and Jeff & Roxy headed to LaHarpe. Ken was there, and also Ray Morrison. We also had the opportunity to visit with the Gibb family members. Another super day and so many nice cars.***

***Mark your 2009 calendars for the first weekend in August as this makes a super weekend of cruises and shows. It would be really cool for a large group of our clubs Nova's to show up at these events. The folks running the Monmouth Cruise and the Fred Gibb show really appreciated our attendance.***