



EASTERN IOWA NOVA NEWSLETTER JULY 2011 VOLUME 16 ISSUE 5

Hello from the Heartland!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, and not staying too busy. With two boys, baseball, work, and other summer activities it is hard not to. I hope everyone is doing well at car shows, drag races, cruise nights, and those who are spending hot nights in their garages building their Novas.

Speaking of car shows.... the Heartland Nova Reunion was a huge success! Let's start off by saying the club had a goal of 75 cars in attendance, we had record breaking 67 pre-registrations and 70 cars in attendance! If the weather would have held out I am sure we would have met our goal.

Thursday evening, Bill McDowell and Jeff Grady met at the Clarion Hotel to number the parking spaces in preparation for the Elite group of friends that would join us for the weekend.

Friday Morning, Bill McDowell, Jeff Craft, and Jeff Grady started unloading Kevin Klindt's trailer and began setting up tents. Other club member began to arrive to help. Ken and Becky Shoenthaler, Lori Engler, Jim Conrad, and Ilene Loutsch arrived just in time to finalize getting the ball rolling. Tents and tables went up, sound system got wired, and we were on our way to be prepared for the Novas to roll in. The show had around 42 Novas in attendance that day.

Friday Night, by 6:15 pm we were lined up and led by Kevin Korsmo on our cruise to Hawkeye Downs for the parade lap during the National Anthem. While we were in line, everyone received a wrist band for a free pass to stay and watch the races. If you were not able to make the cruise to the race track, you really missed out. This was one of the coolest things ever to see 38 SWEET Novas lined up and ready to show off. The Novas lapped both the outer and inner tracks. Once everyone had returned to the hotel, there was enough time to get dinner while the sun was still out. When darkness fell, it was time for the drive-in movie night provided by the club. What a sight this was with everyone with chairs, coolers, and popcorn (supplied by the club). The movie was the 1979 version of "HOT ROD", and I think everyone enjoyed it. Thanks to Roxy for the movie projector, and the cool movie featurette before the movie. After the movie was over, it was time to turn in for a good night's rest.

Saturday morning, registration was open by 8:00 am and by 9:30 the Novas began to roll in. The skies were overcast and rumor of the crazy 4 letter word of precipitation. The rain held off until 1:30 pm when the wet stuff began to fall. Thanks to the Clarion for letting us move indoors by the pool. The club moved up the raffle, 50/50, and awards so everyone could get on the road early for their safe journey home.

So in closing, the Heartland Nova Reunion went smooth. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the club did a stellar job! I normally do not drop names, I would feel bad if I forgot someone, and just in case I do, I apologize ahead of time. So here it goes: Special THANKS to:

- All the club members who had anything to do with the show.
- To each and every club member who registered and showed up to support the Heartland Nova Reunion.

- To Kevin Korsmo, for setting up the cruise to Hawkeye Downs, arranging for us to get popcorn, and helping tear down tents in the rain.
- Jeff Craft for another year for allowing performing DJ duties and the use his awesome sound equipment.
- To all the ladies at registration you know who you are.
- Ilene for setting up the food buffet in the hotel, blocking rooms, getting raffle items, getting beverages to sell
- Those that helped obtain or donated raffle and goodie bag items, no matter how big or small.
- Thanks to Gene and Lori Engler for use of their trailer used for the screen for the movie night.
- Jim Conrad for help setting up the parking lot, tear down, and the help parking Novas during the show.
- Thanks to Rich and Alvy for parking cars!
- Jeremy Stuper for conducting the great live windshield installation demonstration on Chevy II provided by Pam Kuhns.
- Thanks to Bill for all the countless phone calls, emails, paperwork (welcome letters, window placards, maps, registrations forms, etc), and whatever else he has in his notebook and for keeping us organized. Also contacting major companies to plead for all the goodie bag and raffle items.
- Last but not least a big thank you to Brian Fields from Kansas City for the ride to Des Moines after the show so I could attend Ryan's Baseball Tournament.

I don't think that we can out do ourselves for the following years, but we can try. Next year will mark our 5th Anniversary of the Heartland Nova Reunion and the 50th Anniversary of the 62 Chevy II/Nova. Reminder, the idea for the Heartland Nova Reunion is to get as many Novas and their owners together in one area. It doesn't matter if it's a show car, daily driver, 4 door, race car, or bone stock original as long as it's a NOVA. The show also gives us all the opportunity to meet new friends, and a chance to talk to old friends as well. Remember there is a wealth of knowledge from those attending the show and within the club. As we grow as a Nova family it is great to see that people take the time to attend our show. Being able to see John & Chris Slowiak, Vincas' and the group from Chicago, the Wisconsin Clan-Stueper, Yelk and Clemmon Families, Andy Firth, Ken Raley, Ed Brewer, Brian Fields, and James Easterday from the Kansas City area. All the people that travel a long way to attend. To know that we get support for our show from sister chapters of NNN, like Ron Barker and his family coming from the Indiana Chapter. Each year we hear very positive remarks from those attending, and as they are heading home they can't wait for the following year! This couldn't be done without everyone's help! Thank you!!

Enough turning the tires, let's get on to some Nova news....

July 9th meeting at Leonardo's... Attending: Ryan Mulligan, Casey Potter, Doug and Nicole Carlson, Roger & Evelyn Prosil, Ilene & Dave Loutsch (Tanner & Brittany), Bill McDowell, Jeff Grady (Ryan & Logan).

Review Heartland Nova Reunion:

- 67 Pre-Registrations
- (13) 1962-1965, (19) 1966-67, (26) 1968-1972, (8) 1973-1974, and (4) 1975-1979 Novas were in attendance
- (4)1970 Yenko Deuces and (1) 1969 Yenko
- 1962, 67 ,and 72 four doors in attendance
- Discussion of Next Year's Friday Night Cruise - ideas needed, some suggestions were: Palisades Park, Ball Park (Baseball, Hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolet)
- Show Next Year will be on the June 22 & 23. Location pending will be discussed at next meeting.
- 50/50 went to Fueled by Fallen-\$112.00
- A portion of raffle proceeds went to the University of Iowa's Children's Hospital-\$200.00
- We need to do a gas card next year for the Long Distance award winner.
- Windshield installation went well and we need to do some other demonstrations next year.
- What will the 5th annual HNR shirt theme be? Next year will be the 50th birthday of the Chevy Nova.

- Jeff proposed the club look at adding additional Awards (issue to be discussed in future meetings and seeking comments and suggestions from other club members)
 - Hard Luck Award (someone who had a breakdown or repair situation)
 - Under 21 Award (recognize a younger Nova enthusiast)
 - Ladies Award (award for a female Nova owner/ drivers)
 - Hall of Fame Award (some means of recognizing those that have attended all of our Heartland Nova Reunions)

New Club Items

- Hats with new logo
- Can Cozies with new Logo
- Additional Window Cling-on are for Sale-\$1.00 for Club Members

Upcoming Club Events

- **August 5th** - Monmouth Cruise Night. Please contact Bill 319-351-3805
- **August 6th** – Fred Gibb Car Show in La Harpe
- **August 20th** - North Park Cruise and Donahue Cook Out/Potluck.
- **August 27th & September 10th** –Benefit for Roxy Grady-Due to conflicting schedules there are two Benefits scheduled.
August 27th is at Asbury United Methodist Church-350 27th Ave SW · Cedar Rapids **September 10th is at Valley View Baptist Church**-5555 Mount Vernon Rd SE · Cedar Rapids ~Both Benefits are asking for a display of cars, If you can bring your car and help support the benefit to one or both it would be greatly appreciated.
- **September 17th** - EIN meeting at 4:00 pm at Bandana's Bar-B-Q, 807 1st Avenue in Coralville, IA . Take exit #242 off I-80 and head south on 1st Avenue into Coralville. You will Bandana's on the left just past the Perkins. Visit their website at www.bandanasbbq.com
- **October 22nd** - EIN "Cruisin to the Muddy" fall Nova Cruise that will be starting in Clinton, IA...more info at the next meeting.

---- Newsletter submitted by Jeff Grady---- with a few additions and edits by Bill McDowell

Classified Ads

- Roger Prosil-Steering Gear for 70-74-\$20.00-email
- Bill McDowell- 1970 Nova Parts and a brand new back window glass –see web site for list or call Bill.
- Request from Ryan Wheeler:

Ok, this may be a hard bill to fill, but here is what I am looking for.

I am not sure if you knew of my Uncle Dave Wheeler or not, but many in this area did. He was a local dirt track stock car guy, who was probably better known for building many engines for stock car guys, drag car guys, and street car guys. He recently passed away unexpectedly. When he was racing stock cars in the 70's, he ran a red and white 1970 nova with the chrome 01 sponsored by Rudy's Tacos. I have always thought it would be cool to build a real replica of his old Nova to pay tribute to his racing days, and now that he is gone, I want to do it even more. A little something to remember him by. I am not sure if I would make it a street legal stock car, or just do a real deal stock car. Nonetheless, I am going to build something. I have attached pics of him with his actual car from back in the 70's.***Would love to get the word out to any/all of the club members to see if there just might be one of these sitting around out there that a guy could buy. Could you PLEASE pass this on, maybe even put it in the news letter to let everybody know that I am looking for one? Anything with a 68-74 body on it would do. Does not matter to me if it needs work or not. Kind of figured it was going to need something.

I can be contacted at (563) 209-1490 or via email at rmwheeler75@gmail.com, Thanks, Ryan Wheeler

Celebrations for August and September --- Happy Birthday and Congratulations to All those listed below!

Birthdays: Linda Gilmour 8/1, Kevin Veatch 8/2, Lori McDowell 8/4, Jim Conrad 8/12, Valerie Boddicker Tucker 8/23, Gene Tucker 8/25, Mike Rolow 8/28, Chris Slowiak 9/5, Denise Craft 9/6, Chris Wubben 9/11, Dan Frisch 9/12, Roxy Grady 9/18, Jim Easterday 9/20, Peter Douros 9/23, Ray Morrison 9/25, Craig Nilsen 9/28, and Roger Higgenbotham 9/28.

Wedding Anniversaries: Doug and Kris Rawson 8/1, Ray and Cynthia Morrison 8/8, Richard and Brenda Elsamiller 8/20, Peter and Janet Douros 9/3, Roy and Ann Parker 9/8, and Dale and Linda Gilmour 9/27.

If we missed anybody it's because we don't have your information for our club roster!



Arial Views of HNR



Photos by Gary Weiner

Welcome New Members



- Al Mazrek from Ely, Iowa-1970



- Vince Montelpasse III from Tinley Park, IL -1972



- Ryan Mulligan & Casey Potter from Cedar Rapids, IA-1974



Joe Cronkelton from Long Grove, Iowa-

- Michael & Donna Franks from Cedar Rapids IA -1972 -(not pictured)
- Joe Shoenthaler from Dixon, Iowa-1972, 1967, 1968