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For the Restoration, Preservation, History,
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Dick's Daydreams

**A Message from the Chairman
— Dick Bennett**



Lani and I want to thank everyone who attended the annual chili feed. Everyone seems to have a good time. We started discussing next year activities but as always we are looking for more input.

October, 18 members attended our Fall Road Tour to the Amana's. We enjoyed the food, the cars and getting together on a beautiful fall day.

Our Heartland Chapter Meet was held at Stalker Chevrolet in Creston on Saturday, September 10th. We had 3 cars to judge. Thanks to everyone who attended and a special thank you to Bill Becker, our Judging Chairman, for a great job getting everything ready.

We just held our end of the year meeting at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse and it was great to see the members who attended. I am looking forward to a great upcoming year filled with Corvette events! Hope to see you at the January meeting.

Enjoy the holiday season, Dick

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Fall Road Tour

You couldn't have asked for a better October day for the Heartland Chapter Fall Road Tour. With plenty of sunshine and temps in the 70's, the group started from Main Street in the small town of Le Grand winding along the Iowa River ending up at one of our favorite eateries, The Ox Yoke Inn in Amana.



Corvettes present were:

Dick & Lani Bennett - '62 fuelie, Roger & Terri Main - '66 convertible, Bill Winterstien & Cherly Wilson - '03 convertible, Bill Lannom - '70 convertible, Larry Smith - '66 convertible, Don & Amy Heckenberg - '65 coupe, John Burgeson - '03 Lingenfelter coupe. Also present were: Jon & Donna Divishek, Kevin & Kim Walton, and Dave Sly.



Photos taken by Roger Main and Don Heckenberg

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NCRS Restorer Archives Available for FREE!

The Heartland Chapter has purchased the Complete NCRS "Restorer" Magazine Archives on CD for our library. If you have a question about your Corvette, just email Larry Smith (rsls66@msn.com), and Larry will search the Archive CD's and respond back to you. Articles can be searched by: word/phrase, article name, or category. A very nice benefit of being a member!

Heartland NCRS Chapter Membership Renewal

Your Membership Expiration Date is printed on the Newsletter address label. If your membership is about to Expire or has Expired, a Renewal Form/notice will be included in this newsletter. Your membership in NCRS must be paid up and current. Please promptly return the form and payment to: Kevin Walton, 2660 Burns Drive, Marion, Iowa 52302. Make checks payable to Heartland Chapter NCRS. Save \$\$ money and hassle by doing a Multi-year renewal.

We need your current Email Address!!

We need to ensure that our Email Address database is up to date. Email is the primary means by which we will communicate with the newsletter and specific timely information related to events.

Please email me your email address changes at birdcam69@mchsi.com. You will miss announcements if we do not have it.



NCRS Membership

The NCRS is a non-profit hobby group of nearly 16,000 families dedicated to the Restoration, Preservation, History, and Enjoyment of the Chevrolet Corvette. The NCRS has been helping its members purchase, restore, maintain, and enjoy their Corvettes for over 32 years. NCRS membership and Local NCRS Chapter membership is the smartest money you will ever spend on your Corvette(s). For more information on NCRS membership, go to www.ncrs.org



Membership in the National Corvette Restorers Society is open to persons interested in the restoration, preservation, and history of the Corvette produced by the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Corporation from 1953 through 1991. NCRS is not affiliated with Chevrolet or General Motors.

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Corvette Calendar

January 21, 2012	Upholstery Tech Session - 11:00 - Dr. Dave Sly's garage - Nevada, IA
January 25-28, 2012	Winter Regional - Kissimmee, FL
June 7-9, 2012	North Central Regional - Rochester, MN
June 30-July 4, 2012	National Convention - San Diego, CA

Heartland Chapter Fall Meet



Photos taken by Tim Larson and Roger Main

Once again, Stalker Chevrolet in Creston, IA opened their service bays to accommodate the Heartland Chapter Fall Meet. The morning started with Bill Becker, Judging Chair, conducting the owners and judges meetings. The judging process was soon started on three excellent Corvettes. The judging sheets were tallied with the awards presented in the afternoon. Thanks to all the judges, tabulators, and owners who brought their cars. Congratulations to the following NCRS members:

- Keith Geppert, South Dakota, 1967 convertible - Top Flight
- Mike Jackson, Missouri, 1968 convertible - Top Flight
- Jim Cogil, Iowa (Chapter member), 1992 coupe - Top Flight

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Searching for my Corvette's History

1966 convertible - Tim & Karanel Larson, Burlington, IA

Like a lot of fellow Corvette owners I have been attempting to trace the history of my car. Unfortunately I have not made it back to the original owner, but have made progress. My detective work started with a copy of a 1980 Michigan title with the name of David Mowry from Pontiac, MI that was in a folder of receipts that came with the car. The desire to trace the history started a couple years ago.

I bought the Corvette from Veits Vettes, a father/son collector car dealer in Bettendorf, IA on July 9, 2004. I contacted E.J. Veit (the father) who purchased the Corvette from an ad in the QC Times in March of 1995 before he became a collector car dealer. The seller was Bill Vroman of Vroman Body Shop in Andalusia, IL who has restored many Corvettes. Bill Vroman stated he bought the car from a guy in Michigan who needed to pay for a summer cabin in northern Michigan. E.J. provided me with a copy of the 1995 title listing David Mowry as previous owner. Contacting Bill Vroman yielded no further information other than he recalled the car had sidepipes and was partially disassembled.

The quest to find David Mowry was launched. After doing internet searches and coming up empty with good addresses I was discouraged. As I find out later, I did send a letter to the summer cabin that the Corvette helped fund! That letter came back because I didn't have a PO Box number. Then one day while I was on Facebook I searched and got a possible hit. I fired off a private message and soon heard back....I found David Mowry!

After a number of emails back and forth, the story of my Corvette started to unfold. David and his wife bought the car on July 21, 1978 in Norfolk, VA with intent to restore it as they didn't think a family was going to happen. He added they think they conceived the night they brought the Corvette home! The interior was pretty beat up and the Corvette was sporting tubular sidepipes, GT mags, stinger hood and a yellow painted engine. It was mechanically sound as he drove it to New Jersey to live after he left the service. He bought GM sidepipes and had the rear valance filled in. Soon after, the Corvette was driven to Michigan to live where it sat in storage for 7 years while they raised two daughters and David went to college. In the fall of 1989 he pulled it out of his cousin's barn and started to disassemble (see photos). Life got in the way again including building a summer cabin and the Corvette was sold to Bill Vroman. Unfortunately David does not remember who he bought the car from in Norfolk. He found and sent me these photos showing how the Corvette looked when he drove it to Michigan in 1980. By the taillights is a dealer emblem that says "COLONIAL", which is located in Norfolk.

The rest of the story is E.J. Veit owned the Corvette until April, 1999 when he sold it to Richard Gottlieb (CEO of the Quad City Times). E.J. bought the car back in August, 1999 after a front knockoff came off and Mr. Gottlieb refused to get back into the car! Soon after the car was sold to Ralph Marasco of Elgin, IL. where the Corvette receives a Silver Spinner award in 2000 at Chevy Vette Fest. E.J. buys the car back in the spring of 2002, then sells it to Dan Butler of Galesburg, IL. E.J. buys the Corvette back in the spring of 2004....then I became the next steward!

Earlier this year I sent for my shipping information from NCRS and found out my Corvette was delivered to Sound Chevrolet in Morehead City, NC. This dealership is no longer in business but I have received some information about the dealership from a member in that area. Morehead City is a couple hours south of Norfolk....maybe the Corvette was dealer-traded to Colonial Chevrolet?....the search continues!



Every Corvette has a story...we want yours! Please send information and photos to share.
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November Chilli Feed

A special thanks goes out to Dick & Lani Bennett for hosting the annual November Chilli Feed at their home. A nice November day greeted 24 people to enjoy great food and great conversation.



Mike & Betty Murray - '74 coupe



Larry Sample - '60 roadster



Rod & Jeanie Ryan - '74 coupe



Jim & Joanne Cogil - '67 coupe

Photos taken by Roger Main

Annual Meeting

The Heartland Chapter Annual Year-End Meeting was held on December 3 at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse in Des Moines. Good food and conversation was enjoyed by all who attended.

It was agreed that future Classical Glass newsletters will be distributed electronically.

Don Heckenberg announced that he is accompanying Bill Becker to the Barrett-Jackson auction in AZ to sell Bill's '69 Camaro during prime-time Saturday night. Watch for details as time gets closer!

The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2012 at Dr. Dave Sly's garage in Nevada, IA. During the winter months we will be having tech sessions on recovering the seats of a 1959 (Sly) and a 1962 (Bennett). January we will be removing the old covering and evaluating the frames of the '59. Al Knoch has graciously donated 2 DVDs for both year's seat cover installation.

In a conversation with Larry Sample he stated that the finances of Heartland NCRS chapter were appropriate for the 2010 regional. This met the audit criteria which Larry Sample would have applied when he owned his accounting firm. I had asked for an audit of Heartland Chapter part in the regional because of the large amount of money which passes through the books for such an event (Approximately \$15,000). I feel that it is important all Heartland Chapter members are made aware the audit was performed and that it was "approved" by an accountant.

— *Larry Smith, treasurer*

The Heartland Chapter would like to welcome our newest members:

Bob & Diane Young - Desoto, IA

Jack & Beth Alexander - Clive, IA



Photos taken by Tim Larson

Mark your calendars for the January meeting. Upholstery Tech Seminar at Dr. Dave Sly's garage. January 21, 11:00 am, 603 T Ave., Nevada, IA

Heartland Chapter Gives Back

• To meet our charity requirements for Chapter Flight Award, the Heartland Chapter has selected the American Cancer Society. The chapter has donated \$500 for their “general” usage. It is anticipated that NCRS National will match this donation. We ask that members consider joining us in this charitable drive by making a contribution. Any amount, regardless of size, will be matched by the NCRS. If you choose to participate, donations can be mailed to Larry Smith at 1594 NW 96th, Clive, IA, 50325.

• The Heartland Chapter donated \$250 to American Heart Association.

• The Heartland Chapter has also made a donation of \$200 to Diamond Blackfan Anemia Foundation (DBA). This is being donated for the support of Sheena Hayungs of Britt, IA. DBA is a rare blood disorder where the bone marrow does not produce red blood cells. If interested Google “Diamond Blackfan Anemia”. See the foundation and read the Wikipedia sheet about this rare disease. Sheena is the daughter of Randy Hayungs (The Boys) of near Britt. The Boys have supported NCRS and recently entertained our chapter at a tour of their body shop.

Our Sympathy

Long time member, great friend and Corvette enthusiast, Dick Mathern passed away on Friday, October 21st. The Heartland Chapter has donated \$100 to Capitol Hill Lutheran Church in memory of Dick Mathern for use in their elevator fund

Helen Studts, wife of John Studts, passed away on September 17th. John is a long time NCRS member and was a member of our chapter for several years. The Heartland Chapter has donated \$35 to American Cancer Society in her memory.



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