



# Zooland Region AACA



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### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 5:00 PM on Saturday, July 25, 2009. We will meet at Pleasant Ridge Christian Church; 1426 Pleasant Ridge Road; Ramseur. Hal & Brenda Leonard will host the meeting. Cost of the buffet is \$8.00 per person.

### JUNE 23, 2009 MINUTES

#### To be submitted for approval at July meeting

The Zooland Region AACA met on June 23, 2009, at Pleasant Ridge Christian Church, hosted by Joe and Shelby Taillon. There were 23 members and one guest present. President, Joe Taillon, called the meeting to order. Dolores Routh, Secretary, read the minutes from the previous meeting. Minutes were approved as read. The financial report was given by Pat Pugh, Treasurer. The financial report was approved as read. President, Joe thanked the ladies of the church for preparing such a fine banquet.

#### Old Business

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AACA was discussed.

A question was asked about the \$35 bikes at Wal Mart. Larry Pugh stated that the price had been raised again and they did not have a sufficient number for us anyway.

#### New Business

The General Greene Chapter's 34<sup>th</sup> annual show will be on Saturday, August 1,

2009.

A letter was received from the AACA Museum, they wanted a donation that would allow them to install a new sign and do some landscape upgrades to the museum. They were asking for \$1,000, but would accept less. After some discussion, it was decided that Zooland Region is not able to contribute, at this time.

An email was received from Wendy Walker of radio 93.1 The Wolf. She asked that we help "get the word out" in regards to a car and bike show to raise money for Hospice of Randolph County. It will be held July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Southern Showcase on Highway 64.

#### Show Business

Hal Leonard was selected as chief judge for this years show with Johnny Miller as his assistant.

Jack Ferree reported that the person that has been supplying our trophies has lost her vendor and could not compete in price with Olympia Trophy Com-

pany. A motion, by Brenda Leonard and seconded by Johnny Miller, to obtain the resin trophies, six special trophies and dash plaques from Olympia, was passed.

It was suggested that we let Chester Allred obtain a trophy, of his choosing, for the award that he will be sponsoring.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dolores Routh, Secretary



The source for shirts, hats, jackets, etc with the Zooland Region logo is Ink N' Stitches. They are located at 2739 US Highway 220 S; Asheboro. They have catalogs from which you may choose an item based on your preference in style and pricing. There may still be time to get something before this year's show.

# CHEVROLET NOVA

The Chevrolet Nova was produced in the United States from 1962 until 1979 and from 1985 until 1988 by the NUMMI, a joint venture between General Motors and Toyota. In its original form it was the top model in the compact Chevy II range and was marketed as the Chevrolet Chevy II Nova until the Chevy II name was dropped for the 1969 model year. The original platform was discontinued and the name returned as a front wheel drive subcompact based on the Toyota Sprinter.



1963 Chevy II Nova

The first generation was from 1962 until 1965. Body styles included 2-door sedan, hardtop, and convertible and 4-door sedan and station wagon. The convertible was dropped for 1964. Engines included 153 cubic inch I4, 194 cubic inch I6, 283 cubic inch V8, and 327 cubic inch V8. Transmissions included 3 and 4-speed manual and 2-speed powerglide automatic. The Chevy II Nova was introduced to compete against the Ford Falcon/Comet, Chrysler Dart/Valiant, Rambler American, and Studebaker Lark.



1967

The second generation included the 1966 and 1967 models. 1966 saw significant restyling, based in part on the Super Nova concept car. For 1966 the SS model did not carry the Nova name, but were badged as Chevy II Super Sports, although the sales brochure promoted them as Chevrolet Chevy II Nova Super Sport. The 1967 models carried significant improvements in the area of safety equip-

ment. Some of these improvements were energy-absorbing steering column, safety steering wheel, soft interior parts such as armrests and sunvisors, recessed instrument panel knobs, and front shoulder belt



1974 Chevy Nova

anchors.

The third generation was from 1968 through 1974. Another extensive restyle was done and the station wagon and the sport coupe were discontinued. The 153 cubic inch inline four cylinder was dropped for the 1971 model, because of lack of interest. 1968 was the last year that the Chevy II nameplate was used, although all 1968 models were Chevy II Novas with one single trim line. The 307 cubic inch engine replaced the 283 and the 3-speed turbo-Hydromatic was available with the largest V8 engines. The Nova Super Sport was transformed from a trim option to a performance package which offered upgraded brakes, suspension, engines, and transmissions. During the third generation, retired race driver Don Yenko, began refitting Novas for optimum performance to compete with Mustang, Barracuda, and Challenger. The result was a redesigned Nova with a stronger body frame and suspension system to house the enormous 427cid V8. These now rarities were put out by Yenko Chevrolet in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. The most sought after Yenko Nova is the 1969 model. Only 37 were known to be produced with an original selling price of \$4,000. Today, only seven known units are registered. The 1969 SS model were the first to have standard front disc brakes and 1969 saw the availability of a Turbo-Hydromatic 350 three-speed automatic for non-SS Novas with 6-cylinder and V8 engines. 1970 was the final year of the SS396. In 1971 the Rally Nova was introduced. This trim package included stripes that ran the length of the car and around the back, a Rally Nova sticker on the driver's side of the hood, and rally wheels. 1972 saw the introduction of a sunroof option on the 2-

doors. In 1973 a hatchback was introduced, based on the 2-door coupe. In 1974 a light weight, 3-speed Turbo-Hydromatic 350 replaced the outdated 2-speed Powerglide transmission. Other new technologies introduced on the 1973 and 1974 models were radial tires and compact spares. Also a luxury themed Nova Custom was introduced, later to become the Nova LN. In 1974 a Spirit of America Nova was introduced. It included white paint with blue and red accent stripes as well as red and blue interior carpets and fabrics.

The fourth generation was from 1975 through



1976 Chevy Nova

1979. Body styles were the 2-door coupe, 3-door hatchback, and 4-door sedan. The Nova was completely redesigned for 1975. A high-performance police version, the 9C1, was introduced in 1975. It became the first compact car certified for police duty in the US. The Nova LN was replaced by the Nova Concours in 1976 and 1977. 1978 saw only minor changes, such things as steering wheel, gauges, colors and some added trim. In 1977 the SS was replaced by the Nova Rally. 1979 was the final year for the Nova and only minor changes were made. The front end had a new grill and square headlights. Production ended on December 22, 1978.

There was a fifth generation Nova from 1985 through 1988. It was built in Fremont, California by NUMMI, a joint venture between General Motors and Toyota. The new Nova was just a rebadged and slightly restyled, front wheel drive Toyota Sprinter. Sprinter was sold in Japan as an upmarket version of the Corolla.



## MY MOTHER'S CAR



Bill Wright

You may say that there is nothing special about a 1968 Chevy II Nova, there were thousands built. The subject of this article is not a unique vehicle, in fact it is a pretty basic Nova. Don't get me wrong, it is not a totally stripped down car. It was fitted with some options including custom interior and exterior décor packages. It also has an AM radio and a 307 cubic inch/200 horsepower V-8 with a two barrel carburetor.



What is unique, is this particular vehicle's history. This Nova was built at the Willow Run, Michigan plant and was shipped to Canaday Chevrolet in Liberty, North Carolina. At about this same time, Bill Wright's mother, Juanita, decided it was time to trade in her 1962 Chevrolet and she asked Bill to go and pick her out a new Chevrolet. As any good son would, Bill brought home, for her approval, a Nova equipped with bucket seats and the SS package. Juanita took one look at the bucket seats and told Bill "you know what type of car I want, now go back and get it". This time Bill returned with the Grotto Blue Chevy II Nova, that is the subject of this article.



On August 8, 1968 the deal was completed and Juanita had her new car. Bill still has coffee, occasionally, with the salesman, now 96 years old.

Except for a bump in the K-Mart parking lot, requiring a new bumper, life for the Nova was pretty routine, spent in the Asheboro area. Juanita drove the car a total of 52,000 miles before her death in May, 2003, at age 86.

Hal Leonard, another Zooland Region member, expressed interest and eventually purchased the car from Juanita's estate. During the two years that Hal owned the car, he did a great deal of work to bring the car up to show quality, including a repaint, and it earned a Red Bird. Hal decided to sell the car and offered it back to Bill, who declined to re-purchase it.

The car was then sold to another Zooland Region member, Jerry Rook. Jerry immediately put the car up for sale on the internet and, after only five days, the car was sold to a dealer in Waycross, Georgia. The dealer's original plan was to put in an engine built by Smokey Unic, the famous NASCAR engine builder. After seeing the car, the dealer decided that it was too nice to turn in to a racer, so it went back up for



sale on the internet.

After about five days, it was sold to someone in Morrisville, North Carolina, who had actually been looking for a 1967 Nova. After approximately two years, he found the 1967 he had been wanting, it was listed at

the Waycross dealer where he had purchased the 1968. A trade was arranged and the 1968 was trailered back to Waycross, Georgia. Over the years in Morrisville, the Nova had been in some shows and driven in a couple of Christmas parades.

In the mean time, Hal had purchased a Chevy Malibu. He again, cleaned up the car and showed it some, then sold the car to yet another Zooland Region member, John Woodell. John put the Malibu up for sale, on the internet, and quickly found a potential buyer, a dealer in Waycross, Georgia.

He mentioned the potential deal to Bill Wright and, after a few



phone calls, it was determined that it was the same dealer who had twice purchased the 1968 Nova and he still had it.

Before speaking with John about the Malibu sale, Bill said that he had found himself thinking about the Nova. Even waking up at night, with the car on his mind. Although not superstitious, he took the news from John as an omen. A trade was soon arranged and the Malibu was loaded into Bill's car trailer and they set out to meet the Waycross dealer in Charleston, South Carolina. The exchange was made and on November 6, 2008, the car was nestled comfortably, among the Fords, back in Bill's garage. Over the five and a half years that the car was gone, it had only been driven about 4,000 miles. Bill still has the original bill of sale, original title, the original set of keys with the lock codes on them and even the original spare is still in the trunk.



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**Zooland Region May Meeting**

A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the (North Carolina Education) lottery!" The husband said, Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?" "Doesn't matter," she said. "Just get out."

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

07/02	Hal & Brenda Leonard	Anniversary
07/10	Ron & Lois Johnson	Anniversary
07/22	Odell Routh	Birthday
07/22	Sam & Charlotte Routh	Anniversary
07/25	Hospice of Randolph County Car Show	
07/26	John Woodell	Birthday
08/01	General Greene Chapter 34th Annual Car Show	
08/22	Zooland Region Antique Car Show	
09/26	Liberty Car Show	
12/05	Zooland Region Christmas Party	
12/12	Zooland Region Bike Giveaway	

**TIDBITS**

1) This past week Dolores Routh fractured her ankle in a fall at her home. She is also suffering from some severe back pain resulting from the fall. She is at home recovering and will be in a cast for about six weeks. Dolores plans to return to the doctor this week to have her back checked. We wish you a speedy recovery, Dolores.

2) July 25th will be the last regular meeting before the show. If you have any questions about the show, please attend the meeting or ask another club member. We will meet on Friday, August 21 at 6:00 PM, to set up tents and go over last minute details.

3) Remember sponsor money is due the first of August. Please make an attempt to sell ads, this is how obtains most of it's operating funds and pays

**Our Photo Album**

May 23, 2009



Even the employees enjoyed our visit to Seagrove Creations.

