

Vintage conditioned Chevy on display at car show

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One of the cars that people will be checking out at the car show on Saturday will be a 1955 Chevy owned by Bill and Betty Mullis, Collierville, Tenn. Not only is it restored to its vintage condition but also has updated working parts.

Mrs. Mullis said her husband had really wanted a "goat" or GTO – a muscle car, but he couldn't find what he wanted. We both have the "need for speed" genes, she said, noting that her dad, Cecil Terry loved cars.

In 2002, they found an antique car broker in Wichita and bought the Chevy. Bill's first car was a 1955 Chevy.

The car had originally been sold in Oklahoma. The prior owner was a doctor in the Kansas City area.

They knew they didn't want a "basket case" car because they wanted to be able to enjoy the car until they decided what they wanted to restore. The Chevy had been restored once but not like they wanted it.

As with many purchases, it didn't take long to find out where the first imperfection was.

Bill picked up the car in Wichita. He was on his way home when it began raining. However, there were no windshield wipers and he had to keep putting RainX on the windshield. The previous owner had disabled the windshield wipers. What idiot, Betty noted, would disconnect those from the power!

Restoration began. It was completed about a year ago by Larry Lewis, a man well known for his street rods



1955 Chevy owned by Bill and Betty Mullis.

in the Tennessee-Arkansas-Mississippi delta region.

Mrs. Mullis said she has a lot of hobbies and crafts and Mr. Lewis' sister managed Hobby Lobby where she shopped. Bill asked her if Larry would know someone who would work on the car.

Mr. Lewis said he had never restored a car to "new," but he and Bill struck up a friendship. Larry said he wanted to do a '56 Chevy street rod and, even though it was going to be restored, it would be a good place to "experiment."

Since Bill didn't get the "speed and muscle" he wanted in the Chevy, the car was souped up. Besides the windshield wipers, they added air conditioning, power steering, and a CD player, just to name some.

The only direction I gave the guys, Betty said, was, if I have to look at it, I have the majority vote. We both knew that we didn't want a "trailer queen," we wanted a car we could drive and enjoy.

And that is exactly what they got. Last weekend, they were driving the car to have lunch somewhere in the area.

Mr. Mullis is a member

of the Memphis Street Rod Car Club, but Betty said they haven't really done a lot of the car show circuit. However, they have shown the Chevy at several local events last fall.

Before the car was restored, in 2007, Bill and Betty traveled to St. Francis to attend the Saturday in the Park festivities. That year, the show fell on Mother's Day weekend and they were coming to visit Betty's mother, Hattie Terry. They enjoyed the show so much that they wanted to bring the completely restored Chevy back.

Mrs. Mullis was born in St. Francis and grew up on a farm near Hale. She graduated from Idalia High School and still has lots of relatives and friends in the area. Many will know her uncle Howard Poulignot, aunts, Dixie Curry and Wilma Lampe. Nancy Schultz, one of the coordinators of the car show, is Betty's cousin.

Mr. Mullis is from Eastman, Ga., a little town in the middle of Georgia.

Bill retired from the Air Force in 1990 and Betty retired from the Air Force Reserve in 2005. Both are also retired airline captains with Fed Ex.

Haigler author publishes his book of short stories

"Where We Belong" is the title of the just published book of short stories by local Haigler author, S.L. Carlock. The collection of 25 fascinating short stories is based on happenings in everyday life. It might be the death of a loved one, relative or friend; a dream; an extraordinary experience with one of the street cats he cares for; family history for future generations or experiences at the care center where his wife's parents were residents. Each is a compelling story that was waiting to be captured on paper.

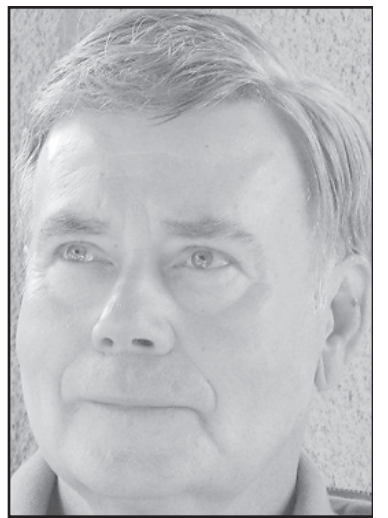
Those who have read the book say the writings will strike a familiar chord for every reader – as each recalls a past joy or tear in his or her own life. Quoting from his writings entitled "Threads," "Invisible threads – they do exist – although we cannot see them. The ties they form are all too

clear – 'Twixt us and all that we hold dear.' So please take note, for if you don't – the loss to you is great. Rest assured, a thread or two – will surely find you. For, my friend, it is your fate."

The author wanted the book cover colors to be purple and gold – the old Haigler High School Eagle colors. Stan and LaNeta Carlock live in their hometown of Haigler. Both were born and raised in this southwest Nebraska area, left after high school graduation, and returned 38 years later in 1996.

Stan grew up on the small family farm west of town. He graduated from Haigler High School in 1958. He spent a 4-year enlistment in the United States Air Force. After earning a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, he practiced for 28 years before retiring in 1994.

Mr. Carlock began writing



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short stories after returning to Haigler and continues to this day. He captures memorable events in his life just for the pure joy and satisfaction of telling the story.

For more information, contact Stan Carlock at P.O. Box 144, Haigler, 69030 or e-mail carlock@bwtelcom.net. He can also be reached at 308-297-3226. The proceeds from the book will be donated to the Haigler Cornerstone Museum.

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Kacey and Eric Harper, Loretta and Randall Raile of Benkelman, Donna and Norvin Northrup were Easter dinner guests of Debra and George Harper.



Pedal tractor pull to be held Saturday

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The Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull will be held Saturday in conjunction with the Saturday In The Park Car Show. Participants should meet at the intersection of the park and Western State Bank, downtown St. Francis.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. with the pull beginning at 2 p.m.

There are nine classes for ages 4 to 12 years. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second

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