

## *Hanging on to Memories*

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When Glenn and Cathy Walker were first dating, Glenn had a yellow and green 1954 Chevy that took them everywhere. It was fun and the memories with that car are still with them today. As time went by, they got married and the '54 was traded off for something a little newer when children came into the picture. The memories of the old Chevy were never forgotten even though their lives as a family went on.

Then in the early 1980s, a mutual friend of both told them about a nice looking old '54 Chevy for sale that he had seen in the Morrell's parking lot. They checked out the lead and bought the car, both agreeing to hang on to the car this time. The car needed a little work but they both agreed not to get too crazy spending at one time to fix it up. So with that understanding, it took the next thirty years to bring the car to what it is today. It was a process of fixing something small each time, driving and putting in storage until they felt they could do more. Over that 30-year period, they had the car completely repainted, replaced the bumpers, carpet, and headliner as well as numerous optional trim pieces available on the car. They even bought wide white wall tires in Kansas City one summer while visiting Glenn's brother there.

Glenn and Cathy don't do car shows all that often but did mention that they had an interesting experience at one in Lennox a few years ago. As they were sitting there, a middle-age man brought an older gentleman over to their car and said, "Dad, these are the people who own your old Chevy." That comment was verified by some old, original paper work Glenn had displayed in the trunk with the older gentleman's name on it. Although the older man was almost totally blind, the memories and excitement of both the old man and his son came out in a very profound, positive way knowing that dad's old car had

survived and looked better than new that day. Memories last forever for everyone...



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