

The Oklahoma Cornhusker Club History

On July 1st, 1981, Don Nelson had lunch with Art Newburg and Mike Henry, publisher of the Husker Illustrated Magazine, with the thought of starting a Cornhusker Club in Tulsa. By the end of 1981, in 5 short months, the club had 82 charter family members. Those members still with us in 2009 are:

Don Nelson #1, Steve White #10, Nick & Faye Landin #11, Karey & Pam Low #13, Debbie Sowell #23, LaNelle Meyer #28, Eugene Meints #33, Walter & Lynette Bauman #47, Mark Blongewicz #56, Howard & Betty Seigfreid #63, Glenn Carlson #68, Keith & Loree Steffen #69, & David Laudenklos #77.

During the early years, before cable, when TV coverage was relegated to ABC, CBS and NBC there were not many opportunities to see our beloved Cornhuskers on TV. On Saturdays in the fall we would meet at Don Nelson's house. He would call his parents long distance in Omaha and his mother would put the phone next to her radio which was of course tuned in to Lyle Bremser on KFAB, 1110 AM. At half time we'd take a break and place another call for the second half. We all kicked in to cover the expense of the phone calls which in the 80's were expensive.

Since 1981 we have met at member's homes and different sports bars always moving on as our membership continued to grow. We now have chapters in Tulsa, Bartlesville & OKC with over 250 family memberships.