

**July 20, 2001**

**Leaving the Old Town area we went East towards Mitchell, SD. As we drove along, I noticed a bunch of Corvettes approaching. They usually do not come in bunches! There must have been some sort of rally in progress. By the time a couple of hours had passed by, we counted over 400 Corvettes of all ages! Being the counter that I am, I determined that we had seen about \$20 million dollars worth of them passing us!**

**We are in Mitchell, SD. This is the home of the world famous Corn Palace.**



**Every year the murals are replaced with new designs drawn by the same artist since 1971. The scenes are created with ears of colored corn and the trim is with different bundles of grain stalks, i.e. oats, wheat, etc.**

**The weather is still in this hot and humid pattern. The RV Park that we are in is a City Park and is right on the shore of Lake Mitchell. It is a fairly large lake and**

**there is a lot of swimming and boating going on.**

**We discovered a new Wal-Mart Supercenter on the outskirts of town. We have never seen one of these before. These stores are huge, and have food and would put Von's and Costco to shame. They even sell gasoline, which by the way is \$1.22/gal here in SD.**

**Proceeding down the road today, we crossed over into Iowa. The terrain was flat and there was a lot of corn growing. As we got to Council Bluffs, the land turned into rolling hills and the corn was actually growing on terraces. We saw lots of corn! It is hard to describe lots of corn, however you will know it when you see it!**

**The fields of corn race over the hilltops like Indians on attack! The fields of corn bend obediently as a fierce wind demands. The fields of corn are artistically designed as the tassels are turning color. The fields of corn are a lush green and surely are as high as an elephant's eye.**

**The weather is humid and is like stepping into a sauna outside. This is definitely not my favorite weather.**

**Dave and Bonnie**

