



**VLNAACF Benevolence:** Ann Weaver of the Fairbanks Community Food Bank accepts a donation from Ruth Ann Domke on behalf of the Vernon Nash Antique Car Club. This money was raised through the 50/50 drawings held at monthly club meetings.



Some great things come as a complete surprise! VLNAACF received a 2006 Award of Merit for regional websites from the AACOA. The certificate states it is for superior achievement in improving relationships with their members and other antique automotive hobbyists through internet connections. Thank you to Wilma Vinton for her outstanding efforts in achieving this recognition for our club.

**MY LATEST PROJECT  
by Willy Vinton**

My latest project is a green 1930 Ford Model A pickup. Although it came with a reasonably good engine, I wanted to step it up a bit to make the

truck more compatible with modern traffic. At the same time I wanted to maintain the integrity of original style equipment as much as I could. The engine I installed was acquired from George Clayton, and its first life was as an aircraft engine in a Funk aircraft. George found it in Nome, carried it back to Fairbanks and stored it in a shed out of the weather. It required a major rebuild and refitting to put back to automotive use because it was formerly mounted in an inverted position in the aircraft. The oil pump was located in the head where the distributor normally was. But after much work and a few modifications it runs great. The stock A engine was 40 hp and this former aircraft engine is about 100 hp. The truck now has good power and an overdrive gear as well, so it gives a nice highway cruise of 55 to 65 mph without over working the engine. It will have the stock type wire wheels on it after the snow is gone, but for now I am running studded radials on it. Stephon, my oldest grandson, and I will travel about 7K miles in it up the highway this summer pulling a tear drop trailer. We are very much looking forward to that journey.



Willy's New 1930 Model A Pickup

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

By Willy Vinton

I would like to take this opportunity to make a proposal to the organization. I would ask that

serious thought be given to this project as it would take a commitment of a few and the help of all. I would like to see us start a Junior Membership Program for youth 15 and younger, to include the AACA CHIP program. The object of the CHIP Program is to provide an interesting and educational program that will excite all ages to participate and learn about motorized vehicles, the transportation industry and the skills (mechanical and artistic) required by the various maintenance, restoration and preservation projects. You can get more detailed information on the AACA website. It would involve class programs for youths on all aspects of the automobile, from history to operation, restoration, and maintenance. Each session would require the youth to keep a log, and to fill out a report to be submitted to the AACA to receive an award for each session completed.

I am a firm believer in the sharing of our hobby, and think this would be a great way to promote future involvement of the youth in the preservation of vintage vehicles. With the problems in society today, I believe any program like this will help to keep the youth on a good path, and maybe keep them out of trouble and harms way. I would anticipate this program to get off the ground late summer or early fall.

In the mean time, I would encourage everyone to share the hobby with family or friends, or even a neighbor, find a youth under 16 that you know, or even one you don't know, and spend a little time with them, take them on a run around, and make it a positive thing for them and you. I know from my experience that kids respond to old cars, and if they have questions that are answered with a friendly smile, I believe they will learn to respect the vehicles and their owners. Instead of shooing them away from the cars, maybe we should let them look at them, sit in the seat, explain how and why they work and spike their interest in a positive way. Many of the kids we see when we are out with the cars have little or no contact with old cars, and if the contact they have is negative, that's what they will remember. It is only natural that they will respond in kind in the future.

When you take a youth out for a drive in one of the cars, spend some time explaining to them what the life style was during the time the car was built,

help them to understand some of the history behind each one, tell them a story or two of a memory you have, ask them what their perception of the time period is and you may be surprised to see how accurate it is or isn't. Explain the good things of the period, the hardships that were involved, and make it a learning experience for them so they can go home and tell mom and dad something of what they learned rather than just say "I got to go for a ride in an old car."

Prior to departing on the trip, give them a briefing, like getting in a small plane, explain what they can and cannot do, explain why, tell them the expectations you have and if they have any questions, then you may not have to yell at them not to climb on the fenders or such. Then the next time you take them, ask them how much of that they remember. Most of them will remember the majority of it if they received it in a positive format.

Ok, enough rambling on my part, but please think about this and lets pass on to our youth our joy in our old cars. Willy

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

By **Bill Chace**

The March 8 meeting is at 6:00 PM at the Diner on Illinois St. There is plenty of parking in the rear of the building. You will have a choice of Steak or Chicken dinner with mashed potatoes for \$9.95. There are five other choices ranging from \$5.95 to \$9.95 each. A children's menu is available. **Please note that the steak dinner will only be offered to members who order before March 4th by calling Bill or Joyce Chace at 488-3805. In any case it would be helpful to call the Chaces so that they can get a head count for meal planning.** You are also welcome to call if you have any questions.

Bill and Joyce

### Most Improved Vehicle Committee

The members appointed to the Most Improved Vehicle Committee include Ron Stevenson, Scott Grundy, John McCarthy, Ron Allen, Richard Gresham and Roy Wilber



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

06 Karmen Shoemaker  
 09 Ron Stevenson  
 10 Gary Nash  
 10 Nancy Hanson  
 10 Luanna Barnett  
 11 Donna Krier  
 11 JoAnn Murphy  
 16 Merle Page  
 19 Leslie Yamamoto  
 21 L.D."Corky" Corkran  
 21 Roby McHone  
 28 Loran Benham  
 28 Joyce Chace  
 30 Jan Brabham

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

14 Charlie & Carrie  
 Jurgens



## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Model "A" Repairs.** Bill Wright, an active VLNAACF club member, does re-babbitt work on A's, B's, and T's. Call him at 479-8506 or his cell phone 388-2118.

**1973 Volvo project car:** \$500 obo. I'm selling it for a friend. Call Ron Allen 488-3965.

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### NEXT MEETINGS

The next general club meeting is Thursday, March 8 at the Diner on Illinois St. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM and the meeting is at 7:00. Please see the Chace's article above for more information.

The Board Meeting is at 6:30 at Denny's Tuesday February 6. Everyone is also welcome to attend Board Meetings.

### Newsletter Deadline

All materials for the newsletter should be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to be considered for the next newsletter. Email [ronandnancy@gci.net](mailto:ronandnancy@gci.net) or call 907-488-3965. Items can be mailed to Ron at his home address; 1288 Rangeview Dr, North Pole, AK 99705.

*Have a story about how you got your car? A favorite trip? A real repair hassle? Send it in!*

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