



### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2008

The following officers were elected at the November 8 general membership meeting:

President: Willy Vinton  
 Vice President: Bill Wright  
 Treasurer: Don Oines  
 Secretary: Marion Benham  
 Director: Ray McLeod  
 Director: Scott Grundy  
 Director: Gary Nash

A total of eighty-two ballots were cast out of a possible 163 membership listing. We thank the outgoing 2007 officers for their efforts and contributions of time, and we wish the new and continuing officers a great new year with lots of activities.

### AUTO MUSEUM PLANNED FOR FAIRBANKS

by Ron Allen

It was a pleasant surprise to most members attending the November 8, general membership meeting to hear a presentation from Derik Price of Fountainhead Development Inc. (FDI) regarding their plans for construction of an auto museum next summer here in Fairbanks. I, like most of us at that meeting, probably initially looked at Derik in shock and awe wondering if our ears were playing tricks on us. Having personally visited three different car museums last summer in Wisconsin, Montana and Nevada I could hardly contain my excitement of having

one in our own hometown. The museum will be located on the Wedgewood Resort grounds off College Road.

FDI is owned by local entrepreneur, Tim Cerny. Derik is a special projects manager for FDI. FDI has already started collecting cars for the museum with a total of 19 very interesting vehicles as of our November meeting. Derik reported after the meeting that FDI had just closed a deal with a collector back east for 16 more vehicles, some of which are very rare. This brings their current total to 35 including one 1917 motorcycle. An additional item of interest is that these 35 vehicles were assembled by 28 different manufacturers, representing 21 different model years from 1898 - 1936; so FDI is really gathering a variety of styles and technology. The latest group even includes a 1901 Rochester steam carriage and an Owen Magnetic! The intent is to have a total of 40-50 drivable cars with a focus on the years 1900 to 1936. Individual cars will be driven nightly during the summer on the Wedgewood property when the weather cooperates.

The museum facility as currently envisioned will be roughly 22,000 SF including a small restoration facility, an Alaskan vehicle photo collection and space for meeting/gatherings with space for the display of 6 to 8 'theme' or specialty vehicles, portable tables with seating for several dozen people, a small kitchenette, and bathrooms. If all goes well, the museum will be open for the winter of 2008-2009.

Tim and Derik would like to meet with VLNAAC club officers to see how FDI may provide meeting space for the club and possibly a records library. Their initial thoughts were that perhaps a mutually beneficial arrangement could be developed whereby FDI could provide space and/or the use of the facility at no charge to the club, and in exchange, club members would be available during certain times as hosts, and answer questions about the collection and talk about the Vernon Nash Club.

According to FDI's website -

(<http://www.fdifairbanks.com/aboutFDI.html>)

FDI owns and manages four hotels, over half of a million square feet of commercial leasing space, and a year-round Commercial Construction Division. The hotels include Sophie Station Hotel, Wedgewood Resort, Bear Lodge and the Bridgewater Hotel. Associated operations include four restaurants, two lounges, one internet cafe & gift shop, and a convention facility. In addition to the museum plans revealed at the November 8 meeting, FDI intends to open a Wildlife Sanctuary in 2008 (<http://www.fountainheadhotels.com/wedgewood/wildlifesanctuary/sanctuary.html>) to be located behind Wedgewood Resort on newly acquired property, adjacent to the planned museum.

FDI's statement indicates they are committed to the Fairbank's community. Their plans for developing a wildlife sanctuary and an auto museum in our area firmly demonstrate the sincerity of this statement. Fairbanks is fortunate to have Tim and Fountainhead in our community, and our club is indeed privileged to be considered in their plans.

Please direct inquires and suggestions about the museum and VLNAAC's possible involvement to one of the 2008 VLNAAC board members, who can collect member's comments and ideas and present them to Tim and Derik in an organized manner. Tim and Derik do plan to join and be active in our club and to meet all of us at future VLNAAC functions. We welcome Tim and Derik to VLNAAC and look forward to developing organizational relations between FDI and

VLNAAC as well as developing personal relations between current club members and our newest members, Tim and Derik.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER**

Our annual Christmas party is at the Westmark Hotel on Sunday December 16 at 4:00 PM. We will be installing our newly elected officers and enjoying the camaraderie of friends with a delicious dinner. In addition there is an optional Chinese Christmas gift exchange. If you choose to participate, bring a gift of your own gender marked male or female with a recommended value of around \$20. Traditionally many gifts have been automobile oriented, but there are no hard and fast gift rules.

Please remember that in order to attend the Christmas party you **MUST** have a reservation. It would be very unfortunate to have someone show up expecting dinner and not get served. You may contact Laurel McLaughlin at 452-5234 if you do not have reservations.

### **RAFFLE CAR WORK PARTY**

Willy Vinton will be planning raffle car work sessions at his home shop within the next few months in order to get the car ready for next spring's raffle drawing. The work sessions are usually held on a Saturday or Sunday and typically include coffee, occasional snacks and great camaraderie between the guys and gals. Come and help or just watch and learn. It's a great time. Call Willy at 456-2261 to get on his work party call list. He will contact you with planned dates and times.

### **DUES REMINDER**

In order allow all club members to fully enjoy the December Christmas Party we request that 2008 membership dues not be delivered at the party. Dues may be sent to the VLNAAC address at Box 71253, Fairbanks, AK 99701. The annual dues this year are \$50 per single member and \$65 for the family membership.



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

05 Ron Dane  
 06 John McDonald  
 17 Shawn Rogers  
 19 Charley Walton  
 20 Klinton Chace  
 23 Furman Dotson  
 27 Corbett Upton  
 30 Laurel McLaughlin  
 30 Elizabeth Molloy

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

01 Kirk & Kathy Larson  
 03 Gene & Tena Yurkovich  
 04 Bill & Samornrat Wright  
 13 Kevin & Tanna Yarnell  
 15 Willy & Wilma Vinton  
 18 George & Nila Lyle  
 19 Terry & Sharon Whitledge  
 22 Don & Angie Oines  
 26 Ken & Wendy Uzzell



## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**Welding, Repair and Fabrication!** Need it done? I can do it! Tom (Blue) Hinchliff 479-0478.



Some of us recall Joe Fuller from the historic Lindy's Grocery Stores that operated over many years in College and downtown Fairbanks 30+ years ago. Joe recently joined VLNAAC and attended most of the runarounds this summer in his Studebaker Lark. Back in the day, Joe greeted all his customers and usually had an interesting story to share. If you met Joe recently, you'll see he hasn't really changed all that much either.



This Kissel Speedster located in a Wisconsin Museum has something unusual. Most of us have heard of suicide doors. Many high-end Kissels like this one had slide-out suicide seats located on the running boards. Yikes!



John McDonald chauffeured his dog, Chester around in the rumble seat of his Model A Ford at a runaround. There's only six months to go till the next runaround!

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**NEXT MEETINGS**

There is no general membership meeting in December. Instead we will have the annual Christmas dinner at the Westmark Hotel on Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 PM.

The Board Meeting is at 7:00 PM Tuesday, December 11 at the Felix Cookhouse Restaurant in the Best Western Hotel. 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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