

FAIRBANKS

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Antique Automobile Club of America

## Panama-Alaska Rally:

By Ron Allen

Participants in the Global Rally Organization's 2008 Panama-Alaska Rally stayed overnight in Fairbanks June 26 on the way to their final destinations of Anchorage and Seward. A small group of VLNAAC folks did greet them at their hotel and joined them at the Salmon Bake for dinner. We



found the mostly British folks to be quite friendly. They drove classic British and other European sports cars and exotics including Jaguars, Mercedes Benz, Aston Martins, Austin Healeys, MGs and others. There was even one American 58 Corvette in the rally. All cars were pre-1970. The group lost two cars on the way due to somewhat minor accidents that rendered them unrepairable for finishing the trip. Participants started by spending over a year getting their cars

overhauled and ready for the trip. They then shipped their cars to Panama by container and are shipping them back home from Anchorage by container. The cost of the trip was estimated at \$60,000 American each (YIKES!). Participants had to be hearty to endure driving that distance in what I would consider not the most comfortable cars in the world. One individual I spoke to said his wife started the journey with him. She left for



home and was replaced by first one son and then another on different legs of the trip so that most of their family members could benefit. They all seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed their journey. My wife and I are James Bond fans, so we gravitated to the owners of the silver Aston Martin. Although their car was missing the James Bond ejection seat and missile options, it didn't lack a bit in class.

## In-Town Car Rally Conundrum:

by Ron Allen

Gary and Jill Nash organized a rally around town and picnic for June 29. We met at Pioneer Park and received a three-page long numbered list of very precise driving instructions consisting of vague land mark hints, left or right turns, distances and questions about various objects seen along the way. The goal was to finish all items on the list, answer the questions and meet at the unidentified final destination in roughly an hour and a half for a picnic. If anyone became hopelessly lost, the final destination was written and covered in duct tape on the final page. However, anyone opening the duct tape would be disqualified from receiving any contest points. All instruction sheets were to be turned in after the rally for scoring.

We (the Allens) were the first ones out of the Pioneer Park chute in our TR4. We successfully followed the first 16 instructions to a dead end street near Illinois Street. The

widened the search grid. So did everyone else. There were plenty of road closed signs several blocks away in several different directions, each not fitting with the following instructions. We widened it more. We saw other club members who, like us, seemed to be searching all over town. We finally successfully picked up on one landmark clue and worked our way to the Hamilton Acres park without having to pull the tape and use the hidden directions. It probably doesn't matter though that we didn't loose points because we probably didn't earn many either. Almost everyone was already there at the picnic, eating, and wondering where the heck we had been for so long. I was almost certain we had won the red lantern award until Julio and Marily showed up later, thanks to the help of a patient Walmart employee's instructions.

Regarding the confusion about the road closed sign, Gary said it was still there Friday night when they checked the instructions, but that someone had apparently removed it before Sunday, the day of the rally. We'll have to



next instruction was to look for a road closed sign. Then it got confusing. No such sign was within sight. We spent the next half hour or so backtracking and looking for the missing "road closed" sign. We weren't alone either. Almost everyone else was also backtracking back and forth with us. The common greeting during this little parade was both arms up in the air, indicating no one knew anything about the next step. We skipped ahead on the list looking for clues and a short cut to another step without resorting to the Duct Tape. We



take Gary's word on that, but don't hesitate to question him about it.

The rally and picnic were a hoot! We had a great time razzing each other and enjoyed a great picnic. Gary cooked the hot dogs and burgers on the grill, and we all shared the salads and desserts. Gary won't reveal the scores of the rally sheets yet. He said he is saving it for the Christmas party. We're looking forward to that. Thanks Gary and Jill for organizing a great rally and picnic. I hope we do this again next year.

### Willy's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

by Ron Allen

Willy's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party was a great time for all at Pioneer Park with lots of food and an



Willy dances with his Mother, Claire who lives in Montana and shares much of her time visiting with all of her children around the country. It was easy to see where Willy gets his wit and humor.



The Vintons love to dance

impressive small band named Eagle Eye Productions that played big band music of the 40s and 50s. A good number of club members showed up to join in the fun.



Ed and Laurel pose with their recently restored Beetle



Julie Jergens poses in her pretty matching dress and hat with Chester

## August Events:

from Rochelle Larson

- August 3<sup>rd</sup>: The 30th Annual Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show-n-Shine in Anchorage.
- August 2nd thru August 11: Hot August nights in Reno.
- \*August 8,9,10: Joint meet with Anchorage Auto Musers at Mystic Valley
- August 9: Eielson Car and Motorcycle Show-n-Shine: Yukon Enlisted Club 1-5 pm. Info: Mike Reardean 377-2051
- \*August 14<sup>th</sup>: Meeting at the Salmon Bake. See Next Meetings block for information.
- August 22-23: Cruisin with Santa at North Pole.

\*club sponsored events

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

George	Barbour	8/20
Sherry	Camarata	8/3
Stella	Carpenter	8/22
Bill	Chace	8/31
Scott	Culbertson	8/26
Gary	Fuller	8/18
Scott	Grundy	8/25
Gene	Hansen	8/4
Tom	Hinchsliff	8/4
Jeanne	Hume	8/22
Daniel	Long	8/1
Alan	Monsma	8/12
Marshall	Ninmer	8/10
Lois	Oslund	8/6
Joshua	Rule	8/5
Wndy	Uzzell	8/20
Beau	Wagner	8/19
Stuart	Yamamoto	8/26
Gene	Yurkovich	8/30

## Anniversaries

Larry and Margaret	Bennett	8/25
Gene and Mebble	Hansen	8/5
Howard and		
Barbara	Hansen	8/20
Hal and Jeanne	Hume	8/25
Rick and Jill	Larrick	8/15
Alan and Beccy	Monsma	8/9
Greg and Karmen	Shoemaker	8/14
Stuart and Leslie	Yamamoto	8/11

## 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) Hinchsliff 479-0478.

**Automotive and Diesel Machining:** Serving Fairbanks since 1974. R&S Machine, Ric Smoyer, Proprietor, 515 Noyes Street in Fairbanks. 456-6496

**64 Checker Cab:** No engine, great body, Jane A. Mills, 488-8840, 347-3812, [jerkygirl@acsalaska.net](mailto:jerkygirl@acsalaska.net)

**Set of four like new hubcaps for a 1957 Chevy:** This person is cleaning out his garage and is willing to GIVE these hubcaps to an individual who is refurbishing a car and needs them. He doesn't want to give them to someone who would turn around and sell them though. Call Richard Coleman at 457-4135.

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DAYS SHOW  
AND SHINE**



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### NEXT MEETINGS

The next general club meeting is **Thursday, August 14** at the **Salmon Bake**. Our dinner charge will be \$16 for VLNAAC members. Wear your club name tags for identification. You may park your antique car in the park near the restaurant. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM and the meeting is at 7:00.

The Board Meeting is at 6:30 PM at the **Food Factory** on **Tuesday August 12**. 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!*

