

FAIRBANKS

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Antique Automobile Club of America

VLNAAC OPEN INVITATION CAR SHOW

by Ron Allen

A VLNAAC open invitation car show was held July 12 at Airport Equipment Rentals thanks to Bill Wright's organizational efforts and those who helped him. The weather was sunny and warm, which also contributed to a hugely successful event. The new event was organized in place of the usual Carlson Center Car Show, which was not held this year due to construction at the Carlson Center. There were numerous door prizes and trophies for participants thanks to generous vendors including Airport Equipment Rentals, M&O/Schucks, Affordable Used Cars, Jose Body and Paint, NAPA - /Van Horn, CarQuest of Fairbanks, Harley Davidson Outpost, Fairbanks Awardmakers, Heindl's Car and Truck Sales, Pegar Road IM and Auto Repair, Seekins Ford- Lincoln – Mercury, and Taylor Power Cranes.



VLNAAC invited the community to join us at the July Car Show at Airport Rentals with their own antique and classic cars. The show was a huge success.

NORTH POLE RALLY

by Nancy Allen

Julio and Marilee Merced gave the VLNAAC members who participated in the road rally on July 18 an education on all of the secondary roads in North Pole. We met at the former Harley's Diner off the Richardson Hwy at 9 am. There were 16 participants, and we took off from the diner in two minute intervals. As in any good road rally we met each other coming and going often lost or confused, but



The North Pole Rally and Picnic organized by Julio and Marilee was a fun challenge. The left photo shows the cars lined up at the starting point and the right is at the Terry Miller

continuing to move to the end. The classic statement from Loren and Marion Benham was, "We don't know North Pole very well," but we think they knew it better by the end of the rally.

After 1 ½ to 2 ½ hours, depending on the determination of the driver and the rally assistant, the rally ended at the Terry Miller Memorial Park where the participants had a wonderful picnic. Thanks to Julio and Marilee for putting together a great activity. The only regret is that Gary Nash was unable to take part because many members (Nancy Allen) wanted to see Gary participate in a rally when all the necessary directions were present with no imaginary detour signs.

HISTORIC RIVER DAZE

Article by John McCarthy - pictures by Rochelle Larson

On June 6th, 2009, five cars from the VLNAACF left Fairbanks to participate in the parade and festivities for "Historic River Daze" in Nenana.

We met at Pioneer Park at 9 A.M. to start our journey. The morning temperature was cool relating to minimal bug-kills on the car windshields, and the Parks Highway pavement was nearly flawless making the trip most enjoyable.

We arrived early to find Nenana quiet and nearly deserted. Shortly after our arrival, people began to mill around, set up vendor booths and await the start of the parade at noon.

Our cars were first in the line-up of parade participants which gave us the advantage of being noticed by everyone in the small crowd of Nenana residents. Even though this has to be one of the shortest parades in the world, our presence helped make the River Daze festivities a success, and we were thanked by the parade officials for our participation.

The trip home included a stop at the Monderosa Restaurant to enjoy famous Mondo Burgers, a must when visiting the Nenana area. We also stopped at Woodland Farms to check out the reindeer herd, tree farm activities, and to also check out a vintage VW looking for a new home.



VLNAAC members and some of the cars at the Nenana River Daze

All cars ran excellent on the trip and the day's journey was successful in exchanging good will between the VLNAACF and the people of Nenana. A 'thank you' goes out to Rochelle Larson for her excellence in coordinating this event with the Nenana River Daze officials.

RAFFLE WINNER

by Nancy Allen

This year the club raffled a 1956 Porsche 356 Speedster replica. The drawing took place at 6 pm on July 25 at Pioneer Park. Congratulations to the winner, Ruben Larranaga. Ruben also received with his car a complimentary membership to the VLNAAC. Ruben has been seen frequently since the drawing driving his bright red sports car around town gathering attention wherever he goes. Ruben purchased only one five dollar ticket on the day of the raffle at the insistence of his brother. Ruben recently attended the August VLNAAC membership meeting and announced that he has selected a new license plate that reads “5 BUCKS.” How appropriate!

A shocked, thrilled and hugely smiling Ruben Larranaga prepares to drive away in his newly won 1956 Porsche 356 Speedster replica car from Pioneer Park. Congratulations Ruben.



The car was donated to the club by Dick and Jo Scott, and the North Pole Lions Club worked with the club in the raffle process. A special thanks goes to Action Auto Parts and Sunshine Rae Motors for generously providing auto parts and labor for the raffle car. The club also appreciates the media coverage provided by the Fairbanks Daily News Miner.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

by Laurel McLaughlin

We have the election of club officers coming up in November. All members are eligible and encouraged to run for office, so think seriously about doing so. Competition is welcome. Do not assume that the incumbents will run again. The current president has reached his term limit. All offices are open:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director (two)

Please contact Laurel McLaughlin or Theresa Chase if you are interested in a position.

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Photos from the Fairbanks Golden Days Parade



Betty Carlson was beautiful in her flower print dress and matching hat. She couldn't get her Model A started that morning for the parade. Fortunately she was able to hitch a ride with Nancy Peterson in her dad's Old Number 16, a parade favorite for 40 some years.



Elvis hitched a parade ride with Ron Franklin in his 55 T-Bird.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Ditch	Alva	18-Sep
Levalley	Brent	18-Sep
Ronken	Don	21-Sep
Wright	Bill	22-Sep
Hume	Hal	24-Sep
Jurgens	Charles	27-Sep
Franklin	Ron	28-Sep
Sullivan	Larry	28-Sep
Larrick	Jill	3-Sep
Ronken	Connie	5-Sep
Morgan	John	7-Sep

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Grant	Wyan	14-Sep
Dane	Karine	21-Sep
Graham	Laura	23-Sep

Anniversaries

Tekin	Paul and Joyce	7-Sep
Middleton	John and Jean	19-Sep
Lounsbury	James and Lorna	29-Sep

CLASSIFIED ADS

'79 Coupe De Ville, Runs Great, Astro Roof, Lo Miles, All Elect Works. 137K miles. All White, Landau Top, Very Sound 425 eng. No damage, \$9,000. Orig Owner. 907-479-9111 email willib@alaska.net.

'79 Volkswagen Bug Convertible. Silver W/ black top very nice car. Low mileage (24,000). Well maintained, Always garaged. \$15,000. call Howard Hanson 907-345-1268 cell 440-1002



1937 Buick. Good solid body. Could use paint and interior, but is a head turner as is. Excellent mechanical. \$8,580. Ruth Hill 907-452-4510.

1949 Buick. Excellent body, paint and interior. Runs. \$10,000. Ruth Hill 907-452-4510. Ruth also has 1960 T-Bird and 1940 Buick parts to give away.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The last car event of the season is a Poker Run to Chatanika Lodge on September 5 or 12. Contact Rochelle Larson for information.

VLNAAC Website: oldcarsfairbanks.org

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NEXT MEETINGS

The general membership meeting is **Thursday September 10 at the Mayflower Restaurant**. Dinner is at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

The Board Meeting is at 6:30 PM at the **Food Factory** on **Tuesday September 8**. Everyone is also welcome to attend Board Meetings.

Newsletter Deadline

All materials for the newsletter should be in by the 20th of the month to be considered for the next newsletter. Email 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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