



GOLDEN DAYS PARADE 2011



Some of our Club Members, Their Cars, And Families

PRESIDENT'S HEADLIGHTS.....

"Fall in the air..."

While August has been rainy, as is typical (but so was July...), we still have a number of events planned into September. Often September weather can be *GREAT* cruising weather. We have one more run-arounds (8/31) before Pioneer Park "closes". Another event is our annual poker run out to Chatanika Lodge which is on the 10th. As last year, if the weather holds, a number of folks will still gather at the Pioneer Park in the front lot thru September Wednesdays to cruise...

The raffle car was a big success exceeding a little more than budget again this year. As many of you heard at the membership meeting, our finances are healthy and on budget. As we shift into fall, there are a number of key club activities coming up:

A nominating committee is being formed for officer nominations: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board positions. Nominations will be closed at the October membership meeting to present elections at the November meeting.

We need to vote on the couple of by-law changes published in this newsletter and presented at the last meeting. We will do that in September.

Planning for the Christmas Party has started and I expect that Laurel will have an update at the October meeting.

A committee to select a raffle car and begin planning for next year is being formed.

Membership renewals will come up in October.

If you want to volunteer for the nominating committee, help with the Christmas Party, or the raffle car team, please call me or email.

Feedback on any issue or any event is really appreciated so that we can build on success and make improvements based on suggestions. Please e-mail your suggestions to vlnaacf@gmail.com and they will be shared with the Board and with event organizers.

- Rick Larrick



The winner of the Bug

*Sam Tovar
From Salcha!*

Mark Your Calendar With These Dates

On-going	Wednesday Night Run-Arounds thru mid Sept 6:45pm Pioneer Park
Sept 6	Board Mtg @ 6pm at Sam's Sourdough Cafe
Sept 8	General Membership Meeting 6:00pm Dinner at the Bakery 7:00pm Membership Meeting
Sept 10	Chatanika Lodge Poker Run 10:30-3 p.m.

Please take a moment to read and/or review

The following by-law changes will each be voted on at the September meeting. They were discussed at the August membership meeting and must be voted up or down in September. Each will be voted on separately. The first is to clear up elections procedures before nominations are presented in October. The second is to put in place a method to capture policy and procedure for the club, most of which is now buried in past meeting minutes. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion in September before the vote but the opportunity for amendment closed with the August meeting. Changes are in color or light type. Full bylaws are published on the website.

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS:

Section 1. A Nomination Committee shall present a recommended slate of officers and directors at the October meeting. Additional nominations may be taken from the floor at the October meeting. Once nominations are moved and voted closed, if none of the positions to be elected are contested and all nominees have accepted their nomination, then the presiding officer may declare all nominees elected by acclamation. If any position is contested, then all those accepting the nomination, either verbally or in writing, shall be on a ballot conveyed to the membership via the November newsletter.

NEW ARTICLE XVIII POLICIES

Section 1. The board may develop permanent written policy for guiding VLNAAC members and officers in the execution of various responsibilities, duties, and activities of the club. Policies may have as much detail as desired and may be modified as and when needed by the board. Policy changes adopted by the board are to be reported at the general membership meetings and are subject to possible membership challenge, change, and/or approval.

Club Opportunities

NOMINATIONS

The club needs a nominating chairman and committee members to canvas the membership and solicit nominations and agreement to serve for next year's club offices. If you are interested in serving, please contact Rick Larrick at home or at the club email vlnaacf@gmail.com.

Plans are to send an email survey out to all members asking about ways they would be willing to serve in this next year and describing the various officer and committee chair jobs. Responses will be turned over to the Nominating Committee. Nominations will be presented and closed at the October Membership Meeting and elections will be at the November Membership Meeting.

Runnin' The Ridge To The Mondo

By Scott Grundy

As I prepared for the run, it was cold, rainy, and nasty. My bride didn't want to abandon her plan for a future vacation and my dog didn't want to get his feet wet. All was very depressing however the thought of running for food and supporting Don Oines, who planned the Mondo Run, motivated me. Convinced that only Don & I would be at the rendezvous site, my mind searched for an alternative to suggest.

As I pulled into Pioneer Park, I was delighted to see at least five cars and folks standing in the drizzle. In retrospect, I admit I was foolish to believe our membership would be deterred by a little drizzle – especially this summer! I approached the group & stated that I was certain nobody would be there and was going to suggest to Don that we run to the Hilltop Restaurant for lunch. Well you would think I had committed a huge sin as two assertive women (who shall go unnamed but are emphasized later) accosted me for daring to venture such a thought. No amount of explanation including my emphasis on the past tense of my statement would satisfy their good natured tirade. The girls even continued their ridicule at the conclusion of our lunch at the Mondo by announcing that Grundy would surely be eager to extend our run to the Hilltop Restaurant for dessert.

At our assembly in Pioneer Park, Terry Whitledge experienced a fuel leak in his Model A - so he headed home with his guest Dean to switch cars. Other attendees in addition to Don & Angie Oines were THERESA & Will Chase, Ron & NANCY Allen, Ed & Laurel McLaughlin, Rick & Jill Larrick, Julio & Marily Merced, Bub & Rochelle Larson & lonesome me in eleven vehicles. (Note my intentional emphasis!) Don agreed to wait at the Parks Highway Monument Viewpoint for Terry and to delay drawing cards for the poker event dependent upon the weather. We were encouraged by the "Dutchmen's britches" appearing in the distant skies (blue spots) and sure enough our optimism was rewarded with sun all the way to the Monderosa. At the monument, Don held the tray full of cards, Rochelle recorded & THERESA collected the cards. We drew two cards at the monument from separate decks, and another card at Skinny Dick's, the Minto Flats viewpoint & the final card at the Monderosa.



*Left: The Group taking a pit stop at
The Gold Hill Express*

Above: The Poker Run Winner's!

The Slow Poke Tour

By Terry Whitledge

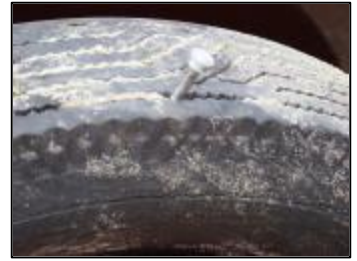
The slow poke tour around Fairbanks on Saturday, 30 July, was a fun event even though there were a few scattered showers in the area. Our group of cars was dominated by Model A Fords but some classic cars also took the tour. The idea of the tour was to cruise along at a slow speed so that was perfect for traveling some of the less traveled roads around the area.

The tour group gathered up at Pioneer Park at 10:30 with the usual late start to allow everyone to arrive. Route sheets were handed out and we were off at 10:45 on the way to the Tanana River overlook via Geist and Chena Pump Roads with a stop at Chena Plaza for some petrol.

The first two cars arrived at the river overlook but the others were missing so we waited for 10-15 minutes for them to catch up. Finally, Willy Vinton went back to see what happened and he arrived just in time to observe the installation of a flat tire back on the carrier of Don Oines' Model A. As usual Willy had a comment to the effect of "timing is everything" since he avoided the dirty work. Upon inspection of the flat tire at the overlook it was not a nail or dry wall screw that caused the problem but rather a flat-ended clevis pin that was about 4 inches long. Apparently one of the front wheels kicked it up and was in a perfect orientation for the back tire to puncture. Don's comment was that he was glad that he had his jack along and the spare tire had air in it.

The tour proceeded by climbing Chena Ridge as we watched the great view of the river and flats as we ascended and then meandered down the ridge road on the way to the Large Animal Research Station on Yankovich Road via Sheep Creek and Miller Hill roads. The musk oxen were enjoying lunch as we arrived. It was the first time I have ever seen the dozen or more animals up close at the same time. Their lunch was a bit bland for us but it did stimulate our desire to get moving again with thoughts of some great food on down the road. The tour traveled down Yankovich and Ballaine Roads with a short check point at the Vallata Restaurant parking lot. The tour took the final leg down Gold Stream Road and ended at the Tri-five Drive Inn in Fox at approximately 12:30. This arrival was perfect to allow us time to eat and still allow enough time for a couple of the cars to provide wedding transportation at 2:30pm. The car hop service was great and it brought precious memories to see the window tray hanging on the window of Don's Model A as they devoured their sandwiches.

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SUNSHINE CLUB



I would be happy to send a card or share information if tell me there is a need. So, if you know of a Club member who would appreciate being remembered, please call or e-mail the information to:
Linda Grundy 457-3526

September Birthdays

Nakprasit	Pranee	2-Sep
Larrick	Jill	3-Sep
Long	Wayne	4-Sep
Ronken	Connie	5-Sep
Splitstoser	Tracy	5-Sep
Morgan	John	7-Sep
Nigro	Marilyn	13-Sep
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Grant	Wyan	14-Sep
Ditch	Alva	18-Sep
Levalley	Brent	18-Sep
Dane	Karine	21-Sep
Ronken	Don	21-Sep
Anderson	James	22-Sep
Wright	Bill	22-Sep
Graham	Laura	23-Sep
Hume	Hal	24-Sep
Jurgens	Charlie	25-Sep
Franklin	Ron	28-Sep
Sullivan	Larry	28-Sep
Peterson	Nancy	30-Sep

Anniversaries

Fred	Vonna	Husby	4-Sep
Jim	Tracy	Brand	7-Sep
Paul	Joyce	Tekin	7-Sep
John	Jean	Middleton	19-Sep
Jack	Nancy	Gile	24-Sep
James	Lorna	Lounsbury	29-Sep



CARS FOR SALE



Dark Blue 1948 Ford with a real 1948 license plate #5863. A steal for \$14,750. Rebuilt flathead V-8 engine with less than 5,000 [miles.No](#) rust or bondo--even the floor pans and the rockers are original. Nicely restored with La-Baron-Boney interior. Many spare parts. Drives and shows nice. Bruce Campbell 345-3129 or mcmarl@alaska.net

1977 Jeep 3/4 ton 4WD PU - complete & decent; 1984-5? American Eagle 4dr AWD, 157,000 miles very nice body, interior (runs well- just needs boots & TLC); **1949 Dodge dump truck with a spare motor as the original engine block is cracked;** or an operating 1953 GMC dump truck. Just make a reasonable offer on any or all! Call Nila Lyle 488-4136 for an appointment. Scott Grundy & Rick Larrick have photos.



1948 Ford F 1 pickup with 279 cubic inch V-8 engine and 6 volt electrical system. Engine has been overhauled and burns no oil and has great oil pressure. Oak planking in bed has been recently replaced. Metallic green in color. Asking \$12,000 OBO. All gauges working. A great truck!! Reason for selling: storage in winter has become too difficult.

LARGE GOLD DREDGE BUCKET: \$3,000 - contact Mike Ivester at 452-1567. (Air Liquide vendor at our car show.)

'74 Opel Manta complete but doesn't run \$500 OBO

Rick Larrick 457-4344

Everyone have a fun and Safe Holiday Weekend! Remember Fall is in the Air so we all need to get out and Enjoy!

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NEXT MEETINGS

The General Membership meeting is on September 8at the Bakery Restaurant at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.

The Board meeting is at 6pm at Sam's Sourdough Café on September 6. Everyone is 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 chelms@ptialaska.net or mail your items to her home address; 770 Bennett Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99712.

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



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