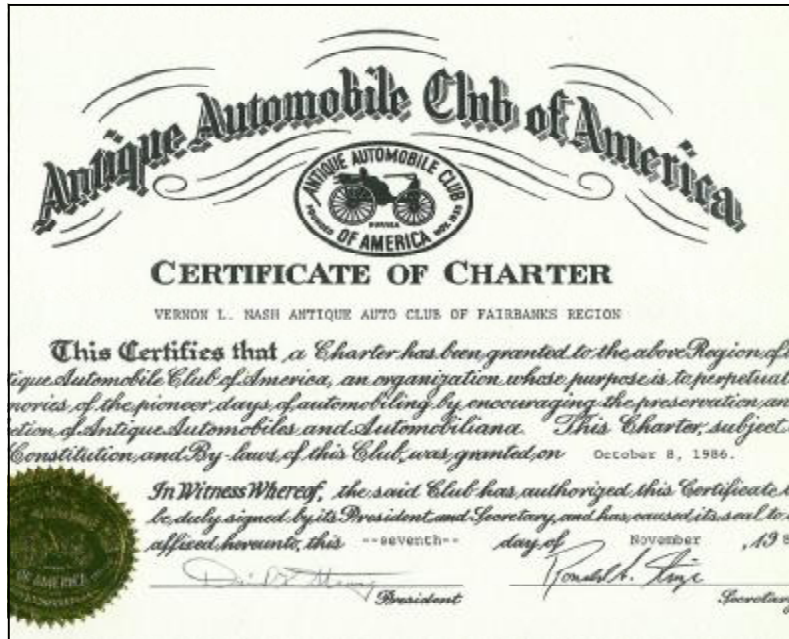


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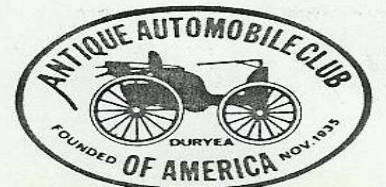
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The club celebrates a new name in commemoration of a honorary member - November 1986

**Antique Automobile Club of America**

**Vernon L Nash Antique Automobile Club of Fairbanks**



**PRESIDENT'S HEADLIGHTS.....*****November is an important month!***

While the club is a lot older, November marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our association with the Antique Automobile Club of America. The charter was granted on October 8, 1986 and the certificate which you view on our front page was presented to the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks Region on November 7, 1986. Cindy has provided some recognition of that history on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter. We will also recognize the event at our November Membership Meeting.

Recognition of this historic year was one reason for the Club Pictures that were taken by Ronn Murray Photography this June. One large copy is now hanging at our meeting spot – The Bakery, and another copy is hanging with the club car pictures over at Sam's Sourdough. More prints can be ordered if any club member is interested. Sign up and pay at the November meeting, and we will try and get the pictures by the Christmas Party.

Be sure and come out to the November meeting, in part to celebrate the AACA anniversary, but more importantly for the election. You all should have received a ballot in the mail and if you haven't returned it via mail, please bring it with you to the meeting. The officer's slate as nominated is Scott Culbertson for President, John McCarthy for Vice President, Nancy Peterson for Secretary, and Ron Allen for Treasurer. There are four people running for the two open Director positions – Tom Smith, Blue Hinschiff, Terry Whitledge, and Willy Viinton.

Circle the date for the Christmas Party –it is the first Sunday in December – this year December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Westmark. Laurel McLaughlin has arrangements all in progress and you will receive your invitation soon. A few other folks need some input:

Dave Karpik is again putting together a video presentation projecting digital pictures of this year's club activities and needs those of you with pictures to bring them to the November meeting on a CD for him, or upload them to the website [www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com). Log into that website with the login [shelbyluva@aol.com](mailto:shelbyluva@aol.com) and the password vlnaac. Click the upload button and a window will appear with instructions. Don Oines is chairing the committee to decide

the winner of this year's Most Improved Award and needs nominations and pictures of cars completed in the last year (or so).

Raffle tickets for the 1970 Chevrolet Malibu 2012 club raffle car will be available starting with the Christmas Party. The raffle car was seen by all at the October Meeting and was approved. It needs some work and Terry Whitledge will be working with Raffle Car Chair John McCarthy to set up some work sessions this fall and winter. A new interior needs installation, and we will do several work / training seminar sessions to get it done.

We also need suggestions for the November Board meeting of charities worthy of our donating the retained half of our 50/50 drawing funds and half of the Christmas Party reservation fees. Those request or nomination letters should be faxed or emailed to a board member or brought to the November board meeting. We should have about \$1100 to give away to one (or two) deserving charities.

This is the end of the Sam's Sourdough picture project (at least for a year or so). There is room for only seven more pictures and if you want one of those slots, then I have to have your digital photograph file (about 1Mb) before the end of the month. Email it to me or to the club email.

As always, feedback on any issue or 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](mailto:vlnaacf@gmail.com) and they will be shared with the Board and with event organizers.

**Mark Your Calendar:**

Nov 6	Daylight Savings
Nov 8	Board Mtg @ 6pm at Sam's Sourdough Cafe
Nov 10	General Membership Meeting 6:00pm Dinner at the Bakery 7:00pm Membership Meeting
Nov 20	Newsletter Deadline



### *Turning back 25 years of Time—A Tribute to Our Club*



As I am sure most all know, we lost one of our most active and solid supporters, when Vern Nash passed away last month. He cannot be replaced, but we can all honor his memory by trying to live up to the standards he set for helpfulness, cheerfulness, and participation in every club event. At the last meeting held during the progressive dinner, the club voted to donate \$100 in Vern's memory to the Intensive Care Unit of the Hospital. Also, as you will note from our letterhead, we renamed our club in his honor. A fitting tribute to a fine gentleman.

#### Clips from 1986 Newsletters - April -

As the weather caresses all out loves (4 wheel type of course) it is great to report that we have GOOD ACTIVITIES already planned! We plan a progressive dinner with Ed Christiansen and Winano McBirney chairing the thing. What really makes it a gala affair, is that after dinner, Gene Yurkovich is putting on a rally! I don't know any more of the details yet, but it promises to be a wing-dang-do, and Henry says he wants to go!!!

#### August -

We had 39 cars in the Golden Days Parade. The weather was perfect for both the parade and our picnic at Alaskaland afterwards. There were 3 cars that journeyed to Valdez for the parade on August 10th



#### July -

The trip to Central on the 4th of July celebration was a success. The T's started out about 9 a.m. The rest of the group met at Nash's and got a late start due to an elusive intermittent mechanical problem. We were all finally on the road by noon. The trip up was rainy but we were blessed with sun on Saturday for the parade and picnic. A total of 8 automobiles and 36 persons from the club attended.



*Parade Memories Include this 1925 Model T Ford which was used by the F.E. Gold Co. for mining purposes. It was given the vehicle #16 during that time.*

*It was purchased by George Clayton and has been a real favorite in the parade for over 50 yrs.*

*(L) 1986 Parade  
(R) 2006 Parade*





*Turning back 25 years of Time—A Tribute to Our Club.....Continued from page 3*



**ANTIQUE WHEELS**—The Vernon Nash Antique Car Club is one of several organizations in Fairbanks that welcome new members or visitors. The car club parades its model T's and other vintage vehicles Wednesday evenings at various locations around Fairbanks.



## Vintage autos put on show



*I found that a history like our club can not be condensed into two pages. As I perused the past, it was apparent that we have lived up to the standards of Vernon....helpfulness, cheerfulness, and participation. There is a tremendous commitment with our members to the club, their cars, and sponsored events. Pictures of cars, membership meetings, parades, picnics and parties, members helping members, seemed all so fitting.*

*Special thanks to all the members that have helped in past events and in the caring and sharing of our members.*

*Respectfully - Cindy Helms*

## Let good times roll with this Fairbanks club

Of all the clubs and organizations in Fairbanks, only one is likely to roll past your campsite during your visit to Fairbanks—The Vernon Nash Antique Car Club.

Each Wednesday night during the summer, members of the club rally in front of the Fairbanks Clinic on Airport Way around 7:30 p.m. with their Model Ts and other vintage autos, then drive through the Norlite Campground and Alaskaland. The procession draws rave reviews from tourists, according to club member Ben Anderson, who is in charge of the weekly convoy.



## 2011 Hershey Swap Meet By Nancy Allen



Three Fairbanks couples and members of the VLNAAC attended the Hershey, Pennsylvania Car Auction and Swap Meet October 5 – 9. Kelly and Nancy Rivers, Ron and Nancy Allen attended as spectators while Willy and Wilma Vinton were active members of the work force at the swap meet. Willy was there for the Fountainhead museum and Wilma was employed by Restoration Supply as the onsite accountant. Restoration Supply is owned by friends who generously provided a good place to sit and chat as well as providing us snacks while resting our weary feet. There are numerous other refuge tents at the event for different clubs and people with common interests to sit and chat. We met people at the Studebaker club tent and the WORKR (Willys Kight) tent who knew the Domkes and Larricks from prior year's events. Most vendors are people like us who love to talk about old cars as well as exchange precious collections for cold cash. It's a good time.

The swap meet is a true experience in looking for parts for antique and classic cars. The meet covers at least 600 acres for thousands of vendors, which would require many days of walking and looking to cover the entire grounds. Ron and I did our best to look at as many things as possible and did make several purchases. We also walked the car corral every day to look at the cars that were for sale by owners. I had to make sure Ron did not get the checkbook out and buy another treasure for our personal collection.

The most exciting part of the Hershey trip was the car auction. There were 125 cars for sale at the auction. Kelly and Nancy Rivers were interested in bidding on a 1973 sexy blue Volvo but did not get the car. Willy did win the bid on two new vehicles for the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum. The best part of the auction was the sale of the oldest running car in the world, the historic 1884 *De Dion Bouton et Trepardoux Dos-a-Dos Steam* Runabout. The crowd's excitement ran high throughout the bidding process on the oldest car and culminated in cheers and whoops when the last bid totaled a record \$4.2 million for RM auctions. With pure luck the Rivers, Vintons and Allens arrived early at the auction at just the right time and got to witness the first startup of the 1884 *De Dion* in two years up close and personal. What a treat to watch the firing of the boiler and the old car run off with a trail of steam!

Here are some tips for attending the Hershey swap meet:

- Wear good walking shoes, and carry a daypack with water, rain gear and other necessities. (fortunately for us the sun shined every day we were there)
- Plan to attend the auction as it is truly an exciting activity.
- Many vendors will dicker on prices. Cash is the general rule for smaller swap meet items although credit cards are used in some places.

Make your plans early so you can get hotel arrangements. This is a big event.

Ron and I had such a great time that we plan on attending again next year. We hope to see more VLNAAC folks there too.

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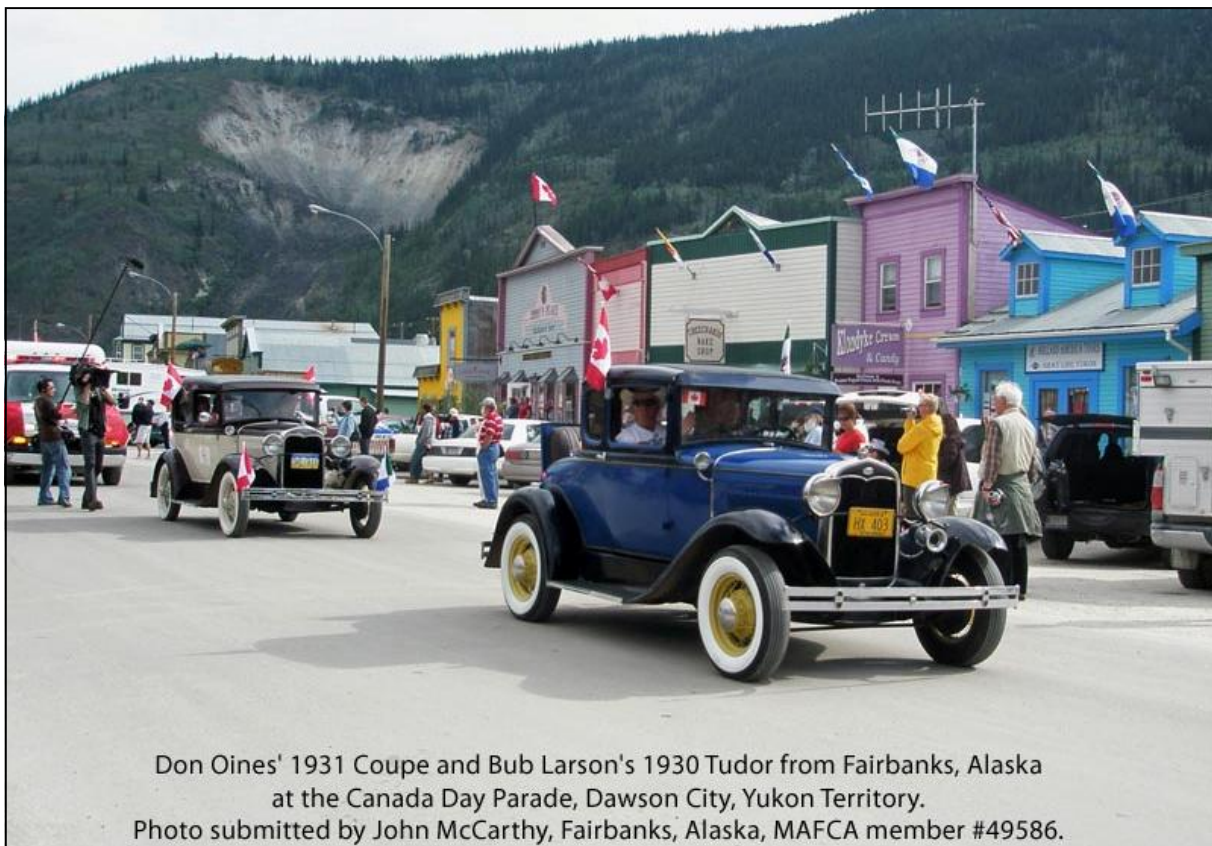
## Hershey Swap Meet -Cont'd from Pg 5



Willy with the De Dion Roadster

**De Dion-Bouton** was a French [automobile manufacturer](#) and [railcar](#) manufacturer operating from 1883 to 1932. The company was founded by the *Marquis Jules-Albert de Dion*, [Georges Bouton](#) (1847–1938) and his brother-in-law Charles Trépardoux.

The company was formed after de Dion in 1881 saw a toy [locomotive](#) in a store window and inquired about the toymakers, to build another. Engineers Bouton and Trépardoux had been making a starvation-living on scientific toys at a shop in the Passage de Léon, close to the "rue de la Chapelle" in Paris.<sup>[1]</sup> Trépardoux had long dreamed of building a [steam car](#), but neither could afford it. De Dion, already inspired by steam (though in the form of rail locomotives)<sup>[2]</sup> and with plenty of money, <sup>[3]</sup> agreed, and **De Dion, Bouton et Trépardoux** was formed in Paris in 1883. This became the de Dion-Bouton automobile company, the world's largest [automobile manufacturer](#) for a time, becoming well known for their quality, reliability, and durability.<sup>[4]</sup>



Don Oines' 1931 Coupe and Bub Larson's 1930 Tudor from Fairbanks, Alaska at the Canada Day Parade, Dawson City, Yukon Territory. Photo submitted by John McCarthy, Fairbanks, Alaska, MAFCA member #49586.

*If you haven't taken the time to meet Don and Bud, you probably should. They are long term members who seem to have fun wherever they go!*



PENNSYLVANIA AND INDIANA HIGHLIGHTS -By The Troll

I accompanied the Allens to a huge swap meet at Hershey, Pennsylvania and met all sorts of interesting folks who made me the center of attention. I like that. Willy and Ron entertained me with a tour of display tables filled with rusty old car parts where they swapped lies and even parted with a few dollars. I then accompanied the Allens to Cloverdale, Indiana where Ron's brother-in-law owns a local bar. You can see from the photos that I was received quite well there too. It was a fun-filled trip. I look forward to my next trip with my next mystery hosts.

## SUNSHINE CLUB



Members circulated a card at the October Meeting for the Penny Hauck family in honor of long time member Herman Hauck who passed away in early October.

If you know of a club member or members who would appreciate being remembered due to health issues or a family loss, please let us know. Ruth Ann Domke will be the club contact with the assistance of Sherry Camarata for the next few months.

Contact : Ruth Ann by phone at: 373-6973 or e-mail: [domkera54@gmail.com](mailto:domkera54@gmail.com). or  
Sherry may be reached by phone at: 373-0253 or e-mail: [pscamarata@gci.net](mailto:pscamarata@gci.net).

## November Birthdays

Charlie	Bourque	1-Nov
Rick	Crisenbery	1-Nov
Stephen	Stidham	1-Nov
Joyce	Tekin	2-Nov
Dale	Oines	4-Nov
Pat	Crisenbery	5-Nov
Melody	Simmons	5-Nov
Ray	McLeod	6-Nov
Nathan	Helms	7-Nov
Dan	Tempel	7-Nov
Rhonda	Morgan	8-Nov
Sterling	Muth	8-Nov
Randy	Britschgi	10-Nov
Benjamin	Carpenter	10-Nov
Mary	Blankenship	14-Nov
Beccy	Monsma	15-Nov
Burnie	Hall	19-Nov
Eugene	Reed	19-Nov
Paul	Gitschel	20-Nov
Ruth Ann	Domke	21-Nov
Jeffry	Cook	25-Nov
Rochelle	Larson	27-Nov
Penny	Hauck	29-Nov

## Your Help Is Needed

I'm putting together a slide show of car club photos to be shown during our Christmas banquet and gift exchange. If you have pictures or memories to share, email [shelbyluva@aol.com](mailto:shelbyluva@aol.com) or contact David Karpik

Members.....

Don't forget to mark our Christmas Party on your calendar Dec 4th @ the Westmark

Also, take time to nominate someone for the most improved award for 2011. This member will be honored at our Christmas Party. Contact Don Oines

## Anniversaries

John Mary Blankenship 6-Nov

As we approach the end of the year, we need Applications from charitable organizations who would be interested in a donation from our Club. We again should have \$1000 or just over to donate in either one or two gifts. We would like to give the money to worthy local charities where our members either are involved or have benefitted. Please have someone from the organization send me or the club email address [vlnaacf@gmail.com](mailto:vlnaacf@gmail.com) an email if they are interested in being considered. Ideally we would like to make the decision at the November Membership Meeting, so nominations would have to be in before the November Board Meeting.



This is the last call for pictures that you may want hung at Sam's Sourdough until a year from now. Please e-mail me or the club e-mail at [vlnaacf@gmail.com](mailto:vlnaacf@gmail.com) a high resolution (750k or bigger – preferably 1 Meg) digital picture, with the year, make & model of your car, and we will print up the picture. Cost is \$20 per picture.



You can purchase a club picture at our membership meeting or contact our membership chair - Rochelle Larson

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## NEXT MEETINGS

The General Membership meeting is on November at the Bakery Restaurant November 10 at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.

The Board meeting is at 6 pm at Sam's Sourdough Café on November 8th. 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](mailto: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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