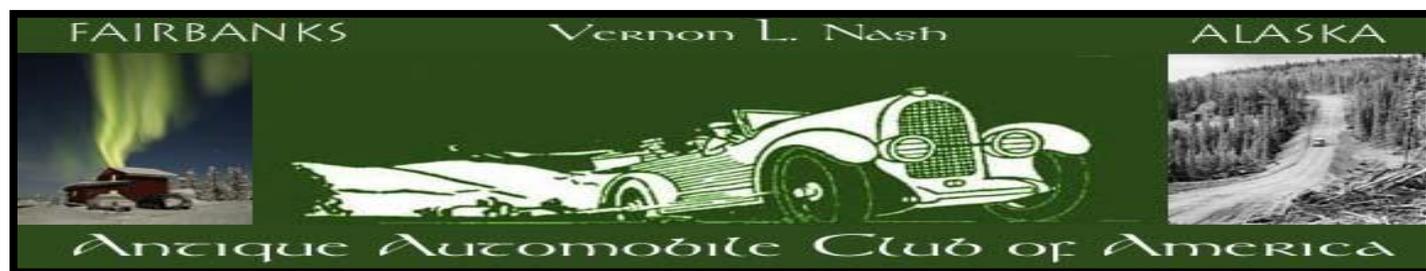


# The Arctic Runaround — Antique Auto news from the AACA's most northern region



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## Program Committee Sets Up for 2012

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Rochelle Larson chaired an impressive assembly of folks for the annual Program Planning Committee Meeting on Jan. 31st.

The group had a very productive meeting, seeming to fill up the calendar so quickly that it was very obvious that if it weren't for 24 hour daylight, that there wouldn't be enough hours in the summer for all our car club activities.



A calendar was presented at the February Membership Meeting at The Bakery, and you can see the full calendar on the club website at the web address at the end of this article, with highlights on pg 5.

Rochelle notes that there are a number of planned activities that

are still "tentative" because a PPR (primary person responsible) has not volunteered to organize or lead it yet.

<http://local.aaca.org/fairbanks/events.htm>

## Summer Touring

This newsletter is a publication of the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks, which is the farthest north region of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

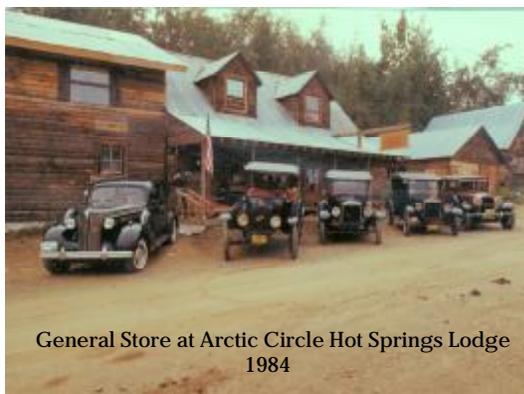


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Our club has been doing long distance tours for most of its history. Elsewhere you can read about the tour for this summer, again organized by Asst. Cat Herder Grundy, but in this article I have tried to capture a few snapshots, in both pictures and words, of earlier tours.

A favorite early tour (and one that would be a challenge for many of our members and their cars today) was the trip to Central for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It was reported



that Lee and LaVelle Montgomery in their 1917 Model T, Vern and Evelyn Nash in their 1926 Model T Touring, an Gary and Shirley Nash in their 1926 Model T had problems going over the summits. The rest would go ahead, park, and wait for the Fords. The trip to Central for 4<sup>th</sup> of July was done several times in the mid 80's. The pictures are from the trip in 1984, and were borrowed from our Club's photo albums.

Independence Day Parades are meant to be led by marching bands and old cars—and the smaller the parade, the more welcome are visiting old cars! Our club has participated in many parades—both on our 4th of July and on

When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty



1991 Mt. McKinley Tour—here the group is in Denali National Park

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Canada Day. For several years, the highlight was the trip to Dawson City for the July 1st Canada Day Parade. More recently, the Club did the Canada Day Parade in Whitehorse.

Joint Meets with the Anchorage Club provided more touring opportunities, and those meets have been going on each summer, at least since the early 90's. In a later newsletter, there will be a feature article with some pictures from club photo albums of several of those. There were a number of trips to Denali Park over the years. The picture here is of a trip in 1991. On any of the long distance tours, the agenda seems to be “drive and eat”, but the group stops often to enjoy the scenery and the club camaraderie.

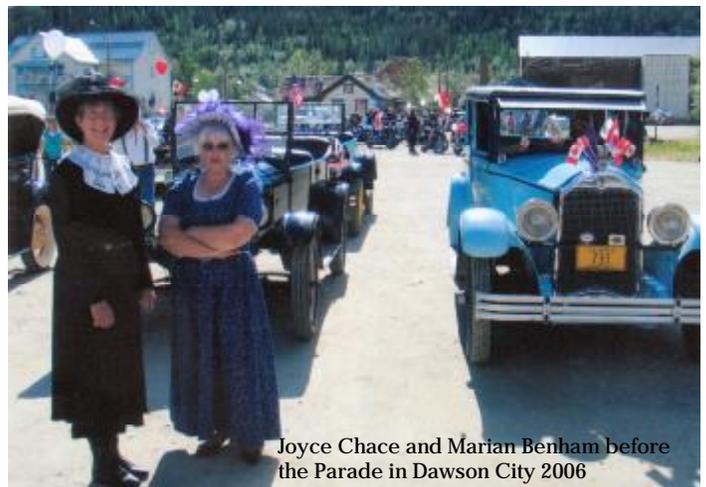
Our friends in the Anchorage Auto Musers Club of Alaska (AACA) are really into driving—and when they drive and eat, they really put on some miles! One year they drove all the way to Yellowknife in the NW Territory, Canada. The following year they cruised up the Dempster Highway across the Arctic Circle to Inuvik, NWT (via Whitehorse - for fun and extended mileage). The Grundys, Benhams & Chaces represented our club on the 2,500 mile round trip from Fairbanks to Inuvik. The Grundy's are still telling stories about that trip (and the tales get “better” each year—so if you want the real scoop talk to Scott soon, or you will have to rely on Linda for the truth....)

In 2009, Scott Grundy first stepped into the lead with what became named (we won't say by who, but he

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4th of July in Central—1984



Joyce Chace and Marian Benham before the Parade in Dawson City 2006

Did you know that the original charter for the Horseless Carriage Club of America, Fairbanks Regional Group was organized in 1970. The criteria for a charter was 5 cars of 1915 vintage or older. The 5 cars were:

- 1915 Model T Dumptruck, owner Vern & Evelyn Nash
- 1915 Dodge Touring Car, owner George Clayton
- 1915 Ford Touring Car, owner Mac McGuire
- 1911 Four Touring Car, owner Colin MacDonald
- 1908 Chalmers, owner Don Creamer

At least four of these cars are still in Fairbanks. It would be fitting if each of the current owners of these cars wrote us an article about the car for this newsletter (please).

## What's in a name?



A few submissions for the newsletter name have trickled in. This month I tried a take-off on the name Terry Whitledge suggested "The Runaround". As Ron Allen pointed out, it describes our regular and most frequent event as well as being a whimsical title. I added "Arctic" to reflect on our cold winter this year and our location, and to help avoid confusion with our Wednesday night summer activity. I'm not endorsing Terry's suggestion, but I wanted to use one of the early entries in order to inspire others to please send entries in to the club email at [vlnaacf@gmail.com](mailto:vlnaacf@gmail.com).



- Rick Larrick

**Please submit your NEWSLETTER NAMES**

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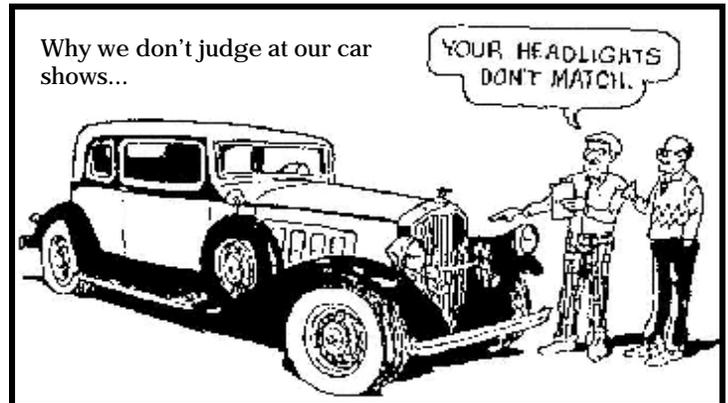
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drives a little yellow bug...) the Adventure Before Dementia Tour (ABDT for short). That was a wonderful trip from Fairbanks to Whitehorse for Canada Day, then a side trip to Atlin, and on to Skagway for the 4th of July festivities.

In 2010, Scott Grundy organized our adventure to Cordova, catching the Fast Ferry in Valdez to make the trip. In Cordova we drove out



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Wedgewood Resort & Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum



**Midnight Sun Cruise-In**  
June 22-23, 2012

Wedgewood Resort, Fairbanks, Alaska

Alaska's Hottest Classic Car Celebration

**CAR SHOW June 23rd**  
includes antique show, a drive, or dinner show

Planning has started for the Midnight Sun Cruise-In, which is being sponsored and hosted by the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum. As we did two years ago, our club has been asked to manage the car show and to sponsor the "Tour de Fairbanks", both on Saturday. Rick Larrick will head up the team to plan and execute the car show, and Terry Whitledge is planning this year's tour.

The theme cars this event will be "Cars from the 50's" and they will enjoy prime display location and their own People's Choice category. Other car classes for voting are: Vintage (pre-1950), Classic (1960-1985), Hot Rod / Modified, and special open classes for Motorcycles and for Race Cars (any year—don't have to be "antique"). Registration is \$30 per car / two cars per registrant maximum. The featured Dash Plaque Car will be the Premier. (One registration is waived for volunteer workers from our club.)

Fountainhead is working on planning events starting on Thursday night so folks can cruise on over to the Midnight Sun Ballgame, through a cruise for dinner on Friday night, the Car Show and the Tour De Fairbanks on Saturday, Saturday Banquet (\$35), and even some events at the Museum on Sunday starting with Pancake Breakfast (\$16).

## Schedule of Events

- **Tuesday, March 6th**— BOARD MEETING: Meeting at 6:30pm at Sam's Sourdough, with dinner before.
- **Thursday, March 8th**— MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Dinner at 6:00 at The Bakery Restaurant on College Rd—Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
- **Tuesday, March 20th**— Newsletter Deadline for April Issue

### LATER THIS YEAR:

- CARLSON CENTER SHOW MAY 25th & 26th (Charlie Borque, Chairperson)
- JOINT MEET with AAMA REGION (in Cantwell) JUNE 8th & 9th
- LONG DISTANCE TOUR (ABDT) - June 10th—14th (Scott Grundy, PPR)
- FOUNTAINHEAD MIDNIGHT SUN CRUISE-IN JUNE 22nd & 23rd (Rick Larrick, PPR)

Check the club website for Events & Calendar Updates:  
<http://local.aaca.org/fairbanks/events.htm>



FAIRBANKS ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB							Mar 2012 (Alaska Time)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
				1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 9pm - Board Meeting	9	10 7pm - MEMBERSHIP	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Newsletter Deadline	27	28	29	30	31	

## President's Headlights - Scott Culbertson

### “Sharing the Driving Program”

As we start the slow journey into spring and early summer here in the interior many of us become very excited about the upcoming driving session. As you find in this issue of the newsletter our club has a lot of activities for members to take part in. As you review the activities please remember we need you to share in the driving.

Our first event of the year will be our Carlson Center Car Show (for members only). This year Charlie Bourque will be leading the event but that does not mean he can do it all alone. Charlie will need everyone's help at one point or another. If you're new to the club and want to meet folks, this is a

great event for that. So as Charlie requests help please keep in mind that in order for the club to function everyone needs to play a part.

We need leaders for all the activities. If you have questions about leading an activity place ask a board member. We want everyone who wants to participate to have the opportunity to do so.

Raffle car ticket sales are exceeding expectations. If you

are holding onto tickets that have not sold you can turn them back in and we will get them sold. With this year's raffle car we should be able to sell every ticket.

See you at the meeting.



## Birthdays

6- Donna Cuulbertson  
 6- Karmen Shoemaker  
 9- Ron Stevenson  
 10- Gary Nash  
 11- JoAnn Murphy  
 15- Rick Larrick  
 18- Will Chase  
 19- Leslie Yamamoto  
 20- Judy Weber  
 21- Roby McHone  
 25- Chuck Kirschner  
 28- Squeeky Benham  
 28- Joyce Chase  
 28- Bill Boucher  
 30- John Middleton  
 30- Jan Brabham  
 31- Donna Krier



## Anniversaries

Lambert & Marnie Hazelar  
 - March 12th  
 Charlie & Carrie Jurgens  
 - March 14th



## Sunshine Club

Sherry Camarata reports.....

**Patrick Trometter** passed away on February 17th, just after his 22nd birthday, and having fought brain cancer for the past two years. Patrick joined the club last July. A card was sent to Patrick earlier, and a sympathy card is being sent to his family.

**Gary Nash** is still undergoing treatments, and could use encouragement. Give him a call (456-2103)—we're sure he'd appreciate it!



## **2012 Tentative Events Calendar (see website for updates)**

**MAY 10:** Dinner @ The Bakery and then Club Meeting at The Fountainhead Museum

**MAY 12:** Hanlebars for Hearts\* Motorcycle Show at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital (our cars are invited)

**May 26-27:** Carlson Center Car Show

**May 30:** First Run-Around—meet at Pioneer Park to go in at 7pm sharp!

**June 2:** Monderosa Run for Lunch

**June 8-10:** Joint Meet (see below)

**June 10-14:** ABDT Long Distance tour (see page 7)

**June 16:** Poker Run to Gary Nash's Cabin on the Chena East Fork

**June 17:** Sourdough Fuel Car Show\*

**June 21-24:** Fountainhead Midnight

Sun Cruise In (see page 3)

**July 1:** Salcha Rib Run (pre-paid reservations needed)

**July 4:** Parades

**July 7:** Poker Run to the Tri 5

**July 13:** Buffalo Center Show in Delta\*

**July 14:** Slo-Poke tour to Hill Top

**July 18:** Pioneer Days at Park (no run-around)

**July 21:** Golden Days Parade, Picnic, and Raffle Car Give-Away

**July 28-29:** Tour to Manly Hot Springs

**Aug 4:** Slo-Poke Tour to Tri 5

**Aug 8:** Picnic with the Anchorage Club at Pioneer Park (Auto Musers leaving on their tour to Prudoe Bay)

**Aug 11:** Mondorosa Run for Dinner

**July 12:** Salmon Bake Dinner with the Anchorage Club on their return

**Aug 18:** Chena Hot Springs Poker Run

**Aug 25:** Crusin With Santa\*

**Aug 29:** Last Run-Around into Pioneer Park

**Sept 8:** Chatanika Lodge Poker run

Call Rochelle Larson with additional events or information.

Note: On the 4th Wednesday of each month there will be an alternative Run-Around to North Pole. Will depart as usual from Pioneer Park lot.

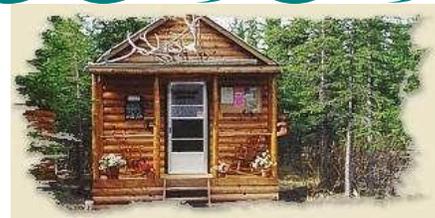
\* These events are not VLNAACF



AAMA and VLNAACF

## 2012 Joint Meeting

June 8-9-10, 2012



**Please plan on attending the annual Antique Auto Musers of Alaska and the Vern L Nash Antique Auto Club – Fairbanks joint meet in Cantwell.**

**Base of operations: Backwoods Lodge, Cantwell. ( [www.backwoodslodge.com](http://www.backwoodslodge.com)).**

The host club is the Anchorage Club—so we bring deserts for the Friday evening feed. The Auto Musers have lots of activities planned for Saturday, ending with the Annual Joint Meet Banquet and Awards Ceremony. See the February newsletter for more details, and please contact Scott Grundy of our club if you intend to participate (457-3526, [grundy@mosquitonet.com](mailto:grundy@mosquitonet.com)). Scott Hulse's excellent flyer that addresses all aspects of the event will be forwarded to you.

Tact is the art of making guests feel at home when that's where you wish they were

**Thank You, Jose, for supporting our Car Club!**  
**Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Of Fairbanks**      **AACA**

**2012 Raffle Car!**      **1970 Chevelle Malibu**



**350 V-8 Engine**  
 4-ball Matrix with 202 cover/ bump heads  
 gear drive timing  
 Edelbrock Performer intake and cam  
 Hooker Headers

**Raffle Tickets are \$5 each**  
**or 5 for \$20**      Permit # 2437

**Body and Paint Work Donated by**  
**Jose Body & Paint**  
 Martio-Senour Paint donated by NAPA



## Raffle Car News....

**Thank you, Sam, for supporting our Car Club!**

New windshield courtesy of Frontier Glass...      **Tickets \$5 each 5 for \$20**



**Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks**      **AACA**  
**2012 Raffle Car!**      **1970 Chevelle Malibu**

Every Member should have tickets to sell—pick up more tickets and turn in money to Rochelle at Larson's Locksmith

New Paint! Jose delivered much more than expected when we picked up the car and found that ALL the dings, dents, and minor rust was repaired AND the car had been completely block sanded AND a full coat of paint (donated by NAPA / Martin-Senour Paints) had been applied. As you can see above, the car looks GREAT!

A work session or two is still needed, and Terry Whitlege will be arranging that. We have parts for the dashboard and for headrest covers, and probably need to order some window seals, trunk seals, etc. before the car is complete. We need to do a safety check on brakes, etc., and it looks like we may need to fix a minor fluid leak or two.

Somebody is going to win a really great raffle car!

### AACA Mileage Award Announced

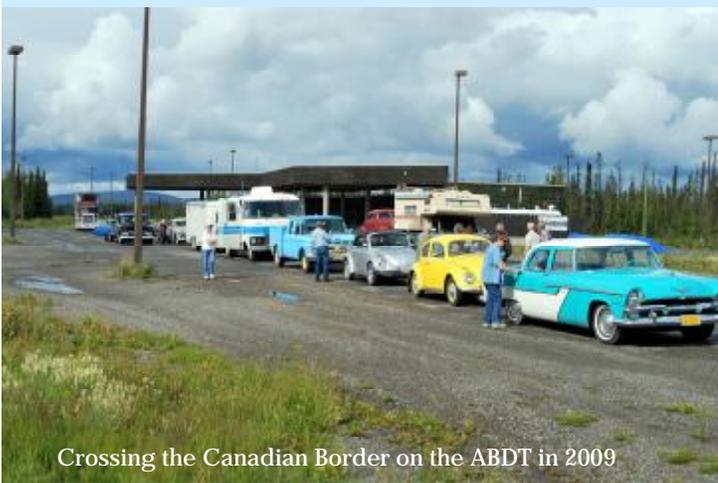
1. The owner must register each vehicle that they would like to include in the MAP by filling out copy 1 (National Headquarters) application (get one from Prez Scott) and mailing a \$25 check payable to AACA. A badge will be mailed to the owner to identify the participants.
2. All mileage counts (even trips to the grocery store, our run-arounds—everything) as long as the car is driven (mileage towed or trailered does not count).
3. When the vehicle is driven 2,000 miles, it is eligible for the first MAP award. A second award is presented at 5,000 miles and subsequent awards for each additional 5,000 mile increment. You will have a record-keeping form that must be forwarded to National when applying for each award level. All mileage after Jan 1, 2012 counts.

Reprinted from the Model A Fords of America Website; picture submitted by John McCarthy



Distance is a combination of car and people from the Antique Auto Masters of Alaska from Anchorage, Alaska and the Vern L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks from Fairbanks, Alaska. We combined our club's long distance tour together this year and traveled the 325 miles to McCarthy and Manzanito, Alaska to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Copper River and Northwest Railroad's completion. The CRR/AV provided transportation and supplies from the Kennecott Copper Mines to the Helicopter port of Cordova, Alaska from '91-'1926. Of 1000 cars that made the trip, there was a large presence of Model A Fords, several that have MAPCA affiliations. Submitted by MAPCA member John McCarthy.

Seen it all, done it all, and can't remember most of it



Crossing the Canadian Border on the ADBT in 2009



2010



2009

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the Cordova Road to the “Million Dollar Bridge” on its 100th Anniversary as the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad was being built to the copper deposits above the Copper River. We returned via Whittier and Hatcher Pass. All wonderful!

Last year, 2011, Scott Grundy teamed up with the Anchorage Club and took us to the other end of the railroad, as we drove the McCarthy Road into the town of McCarty and the Kennecott Mine site. There we helped celebrate the driving of the Copper Spike which happened 100 years earlier.

What Jill and I have found on these trips, is that the old cars start out as the common bond of something to talk about, plan about, and commiserate about—but very quickly the focus of the group is the people, and what a wonderful group of good friends the group quickly becomes. The other thing that happens is that with the focus on the cars, the trip, and on other friends—the trip becomes a wonderful vacation, more relaxing than most of us would usually take. So please join the rest of us on this year’s Long Distance Tour this year (otherwise known as the annual ADBT) and have a wonderful summer vacation combining your old car hobby with a bunch of really wonderful friends!

- Scott Grundy & Rick Larrick



2011

### **ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA TOUR (June 10 – 14)**

This driving tour to Seward and other special places is separate from the joint meet but the dates are contiguous. You **do not** have to participate in the joint meet to join this nifty tour. I anticipate a group will either depart Fairbanks on Saturday, June 9 to drive part way to Seward and/or a group will drive the entire 489 miles on Sunday, June 10.

The tour itinerary printed in our January newsletter has two minor changes. Our visit to the incredible Brown’s vehicle and automobelia collection will occur on our return through Anchorage. And secondly, for those interested, I have added the option of an approximate one hour round-trip hike to view a unique geological phenomena that occurs in only one other location in North America!

Contact Scott Grundy for information or to join the always-fun cast of characters on these trips at 457-3526 or [grundy@mosquinet.com](mailto:grundy@mosquinet.com).

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### NEXT MEETINGS

The General Membership Meeting is always the second Thursday of the month. This month the membership meeting is on **Thursday, March 8th** at The Bakery Restaurant on College Road. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm—order dinner from the menu. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

The Board Meeting is at 6:30 PM at Sams Sourdough café on the Tuesday before the membership meeting. This month it is on Tuesday March 6th. / Dinner is B4. Everyone is also welcome to attend.

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