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Raffle Car Winner!

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This year's raffle car winner is Jessica Cahill of Fairbanks. The winning ticket was drawn at the club picnic / pig roast after the Golden Days parade, but Jessica could not be immediately contacted. Jessica was found, and the car was awarded by President Scott Culbertson and Raffle Car Chairperson and Vice-President John McCarthy on Thursday evening July 26th at the Fairgrounds.

The car couldn't have gone to better folks. Jessica and her husband Jim Baker are car buffs (they showed up to pick up the raffle car in a '69 Cadillac they call "Elwood"), and they know many of our club members.

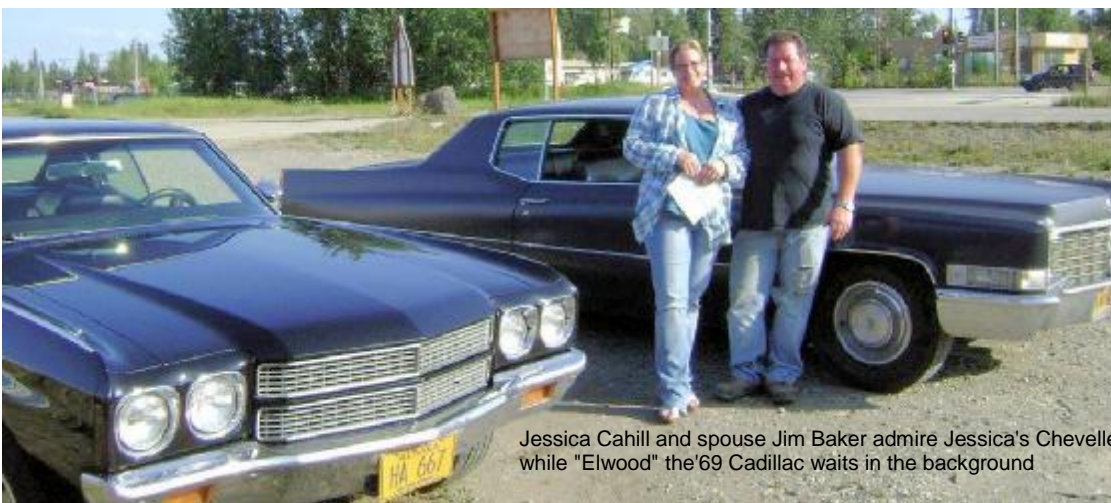
Now, like Paul Harvey would say... the rest of the story: It took a lot of



President Scott Culbertson hands over the title for the 1970 Chevelle Malibu to Raffle winner Jessica Cahill On July 26th

work to find Jessica. Under State law we only have 40 days from the date on the ticket stub to award the prize, so the club had to act

quickly to make a "good faith" effort to find the winner, or else arrange to draw for another. Scott, and others on the Board, started looking for every Cahill



Jessica Cahill and spouse Jim Baker admire Jessica's Chevelle while "Elwood" the '69 Cadillac waits in the background

Even a mosquito doesn't get a slap on the back until it starts to work

CHENA HOT SPRINGS PICNIC CRUISE



Cars at our second card stop at Pleasant Valley Store on the Poker Run to Chena Hot Springs

A group of seven cars, with 16 club members, two kids, and one guest made the cruise to Chena Hot Springs on Saturday, August 18th. In the group were Don Oines, Rick & Jill Larrick, Julio Merced & Marily Naquin, Rochelle Larson, Ruth Ann Domke, Tracy McLeod, Sam and Melody Simmons, Ron Frey, Jerry Frey, Ross & Paula Beal, and the David Karpik / Katy Rice family with Caroline and Lucas. Also along was Bo Hosticka, a member of the Franklin Club and visiting Fairbanks from Virginia. It was an absolutely gorgeous day along Chena Hot Springs Road, and a nice escape from the smoky haze that enveloped Fairbanks that day. Most of the group

had met earlier for coffee at the stand in Sadler's parking lot downtown where there was a fairly large group of old cars and car admirers out for Saturday morning coffee. The group left Pioneer Park a little after 10 and did a leisurely cruise. The picnic was in the barbecue area out at Chena Hot Springs Resort. As usual there was plenty of food and Melody brought a great bread pudding dessert.



Above: 3rd card stop at Granite Tors



Jim & Jessica with their new car!

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we could find in the book or the web—we even begged the cellphone providers for help (they can't by law, we discovered). Finally, Rochelle saved the day. By luck or higher intervention, Jessica had put her name on three tickets and put her husband Jim Baker's on the other two in the full book she purchased. Scott called the Jim Baker number and asked for Jessica but wouldn't tell Jim what the phone call was about. A few minutes later Jessica called back and was delighted to find out she was the winner.

Jessica's cell phone had been lost in deep water and she replaced it with one with a different number. She had held onto the raffle ticket stubs, but didn't think anything about the phone number having been changed. Long story short—Jessica arranged to meet John and Scott and is delighted with the car. As mentioned, Jessica and Jim are big car buffs and know a couple of our members. Jim knows his way around cars and has restored several. Jessica and Jim plan to finish the work on the Malibu and keep it for years to come. With their free membership in the club, you should be seeing them at meetings and events. They are great folks and make a welcome addition to our club.

- Scott Culbertson



The picnic group cleans up after a wonderful meal at Chena Hot Springs on 8/18/12

When I die, I want to go peacefully, like Gramps did. In his sleep. Not yelling and screaming, like the people in his car.

My son has been working with Bill Bauer of Element Design who is up here working on design details of the new lobby for Denali State Bank. Bill's mother was raised in Fairbanks and Bill brought me the photo (to the left) of his grandparents car, taken as they drove the Richardson Highway (The Fairbanks—Valdez—Central—Military Highway) from Valdez up to Fair-



banks. The road has been much improved and paved since then, but even then was much better than when Bobby Sheldon first drove "the trail" . . .



The picture on the back page is Melody Simmons in her new 1960 Metropolitan. This was taken on it's first day in Fairbanks which was one of our Run-Around Wednesdays. Melody's first car was a '59 Metro, and it seems she is delighted to be reliving her youth!

The newsletter is in need of content for the future issues. Why

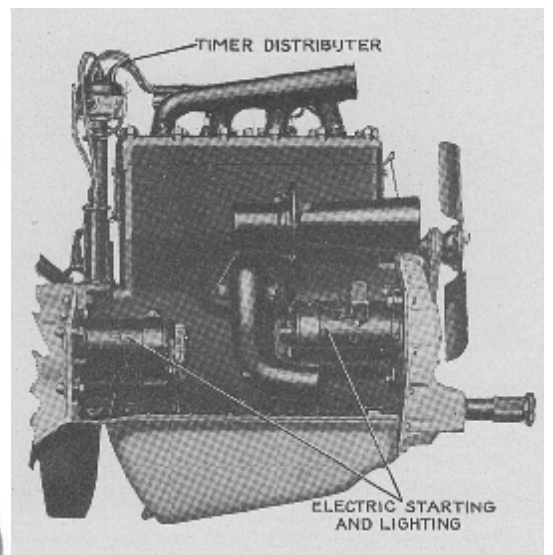
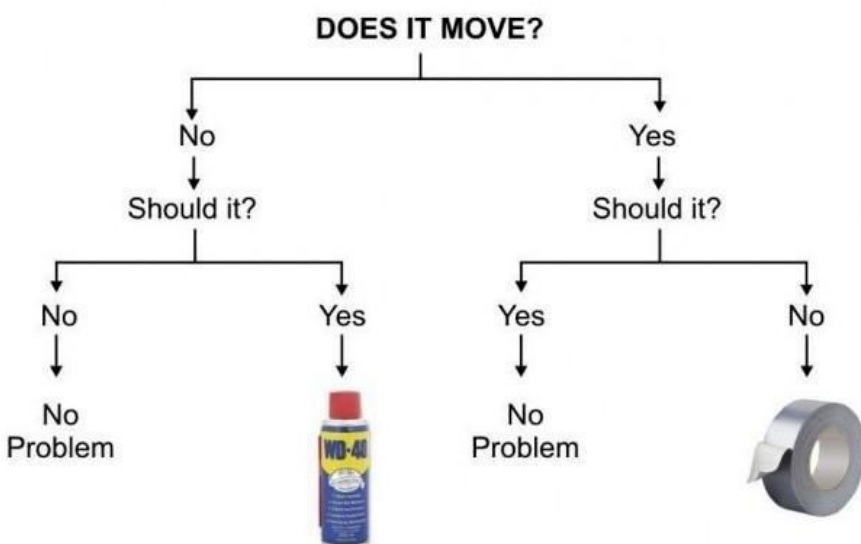
not take some good pictures of your ride now while the weather is great, and then write us a story . The story can be about the car's history, your restoration / repair of the car, some technical item (like the 5 speed gearbox on a Model A...), or just a story you have about driving your car in Alaska. Also, our membership ads section is growing each month—list your "wanted" or "For Sale" items there and make it the go-to place for antique cars and parts in Fairbanks. Ads are for members only, and are free. When space is limited, the oldest ads will be dropped, but as long as there is space your ad can run for multiple issues. Deadline is the 20th of the month. Thanks!

- the editor

PS—as always, your feedback and suggestions are welcomed! E-mail vlnaacf@gmail.com



Engineering Flowchart



Electric starting and lighting with the timer-distributor were introduced by the Cadillac company in 1912, one hundred years ago.

~ September 2012 ~							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2	3 LABOR DAY	4	5  RUN - AROUND 6:45 WEATHER PERMITTING	6	7	8 CHATANIKA LODGE POKER RUN 10:00 AM Pioneer Park	
9	10	11	12  BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM Sam's Sourdough Café	13 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7PM THE BAKERY DINNER BEFORE	14	15 Put your snow tires on....	
		18	19  RUN - AROUND 6:45 WEATHER PERMITTING	20	21	22	
		25	26	27	28	29	

- **Tuesday, Sept 11th**— BOARD MEETING: Meeting at 6:30pm at Sam's Sourdough, with dinner before.
- **Thursday, Sept 13th**— MEMBERSHIP MEETING: at THE BAKERY. Dinner is before (most arrive at 6pm and the meeting starts at 7pm).
- **Saturday, Sept 8th** CHATANIKA LODGE POKER RUN. Meet at Pioneer Park to leave at 10:00 am

JOIN THE CROWD ON THE LAST BIG DRIVING EVENT OF THE SEASON—SEE YOU ON THE CHATANIKA LODGE POKER RUN SEPT 8TH!



President's Headlights - Scott Culbertson

At the August Board meeting discussion focused on the importance of having a Primary Person Responsible (PPR) for each event held by the Vernon Nash Car Club. This practice was started a couple of years ago by Rick Larrick. You may remember the saying "Share the driving"; many Board members felt it had good success. The idea of a PPR is simply giving every event some leadership. It is impossible for a seven member Board of Directors to handle all the details of every event our club does.

Sharing the driving or PPR also allows everyone the opportunity to manage the club. We need members to take on leadership roles so we are not relying on one or two members to be the back bone of the operation. Earlier this

summer Rochelle Larson took a well-deserved vacation. Rochelle does so much for the club, that her absence was truly felt. We did not come to a total stop while she was gone but we sure slowed to a crawl.

We as a Board realize we have lapsed in getting members to share the driving. So as we finish up this session and plan for the next we will be reaching out and looking for members who want to get more involved but don't see how. We will also be making sure that each event has a PPR and, if not,

the event will have to be canceled. While we do not state it on our website, the Vernon Nash Car Club is the largest AACA affiliate in Alaska. In order to keep it running we all have to share in the driving.

See Ya at the meeting.



Birthdays



- 2- Pranee Nakprasit
- 3- Aimee Hughes
- Jill Larrick
- 4- Wayne Long
- 5- Connie Ronken
- Tracy (Splistoser) McLeod
- 7- John Morgan
- 13- Marilyn Nigro
- 14- Wyan Grant
- Al Haynes
- 18- Alva Ditch
- Brent Levalley
- 21- Karine Dane
- Don Ronken
- 22- Bill Wright
- James Anderson
- 23- Laura Graham
- 24- Hal Hume
- 25- Charlie Jurgens
- 26- Robert Renfro
- 28- Ron Franklin
- Larry Sullivan

Anniversaries



- 4- Fred & Vonna Husby
- 7- Jim & Tracy Brand
- 7- Paul & Joyce Tekin
- 19- John & Joan Middleton
- 29- James & Lorna Lounsbury

Sunshine Club



Linda Grundy reports.....

Get-well cards were sent to **Wilma Vinton** and to **Scott Culbertson**.



Please call Linda at 457-3526 (or email at lindagrundyak@gmail.com) if you know of someone needing a little sunshine!

From the August 10, 1987 issue of Treads on the Tundra: Did you get to meet our newest member, Don Ronken? He joined just before parade time, and was in the parade with a spiffy 1929 Mercedes - a real jewel!!

Member Advertisements



FOR SALE: Award Winning (club's 2011 "Most Improved" award for a recent restoration and Carlson 2012 People's Choice Antique Class car) **1929 Model A Roadster**. See the article in the April Newsletter for more pictures and the restoration story.



\$21,500. Call Marv Wright at 978-9252

For sale: set of bucket seats:

This is a set purchased thru Shucks and came to us with a donated car. The seats have had the side trim cover cut off to narrow them up, but are new and unused. Seats belong to the VLNAACF, and we are looking for the best offer before the Sept. Membership Mtg. Call to arrange to see them. Willy 388-8252

Wanted: "I'm looking for a Ford 351W block,



casting number on side of block is C9OE-6015-B. Please let me know if you have a serviceable one, and let me know the date code (which is near the casting number on the passenger side of the block behind the starter) if possible." David Karpik

WANTED: Nominations Chairperson to head a committee to solicit nominations for club officers. Nominations need to be made by the close of the October Meeting for the elections at the November Meeting. Call Scott Culbertson to offer your help.

THE CONTEST: There was a man who entered a local paper's pun contest. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.



FOR SALE: 1936 Dodge LC-1, 1/2 ton PU for sale. Very nicely restored rust-free truck. Runs & starts well. NADA high book value is \$18,900. Asking \$17,000. Call Scott Grundy at 457-3526 or email grundy@mosquionet.com.



FOR SALE:

1925 Franklin 11A; early Raulang body. \$11,500 firm

1922 Studebaker Light-Six Roadster: 3rd owner, complete with side curtains. \$10,000



For either of the above, contact Rick Larrick at crlarrick@alaska.net or 457-4322

I was visiting my son last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. 'This is the 21st century, Dad!' he said. 'we young people don't waste money on silly newspapers. Here, you can use my iPad, if you can figure it out.'

I can tell you this, that damn fly never knew what hit it... and, my son learned a thing or two about manners

FOR SALE:

1926 STAR Model R —6 Cyl with extra parts, new wiring harness ready to go in, rebuilt clutch, etc. Asking \$7,500
1931 Deveaux 4Dr Sedan. Asking \$8,500

TIRES: Two brand new sets of tires :
1 set: 440/450-21 BFG 2 1/2" whitewalls
1 set: 475/500-19 BFG 2 3/4" whitewalls
\$700 for each set of 4—**BRAND NEW!**
Call Dennis Dussman 455-6471

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?



Group Therapy—Everyone contributed a “Willy” Story on this stop on the Hilltop Run, August 4th

Left to Right: Paula Beal, Wilma Vinton, Scott Grundy and his guest, Chuck Legler, Nancy Allen, Willy Vinton, Ross Beal, John McCarthy

HILLTOP & MONDEROSA

-Contributed by Nancy Allen

The VLNAAC held two Saturday events in August where members got to eat, drive and show off their beautiful cars.

The first event took place on August 4 and was organized by Terry Whitledge. Terry led the group on a tour starting at Alaskaland (Pioneer Park), stop-

ping at the Chena Ridge look out, the Large Animal Research site, and ending at the Hilltop Restaurant for a wonderful breakfast. Scott Grundy had a friend, Chuck, ride with him. Chuck enjoyed the ride and the company so much that he very generously purchased breakfast for the entire group. We were awed. Thank you Chuck. We enjoyed your company too. Also thanks for joining us on the run. During the trip the group did develop some concerns for Scott Grundy who wore a jacket that said Linda and smelled like female perfume. As a group, we must continue to watch over Scott and care for him because remember he does lead the ADBT tour.

The second event was organized by Robbie and Doris Casey

and took place on August 11. Seven cars participated in a poker run to the Monderosa. The day was beautiful, and everyone enjoyed driving their old cars and sharing good times over a meal. The winners of the poker run were Robbie Casey, Sherry Camarata and Sandy from Pueblo, Colorado, the sister in law of Robbie and Doris Casey.

Thanks to all the organizers and the participants – good friends and great cars make for a wonderful day.

Join in on the fun!

WEDNESDAY RUN-AROUNDS

Meet in the front lot of Pioneer Park at 6:45pm

Parade into the Park (oldest cars first) and park in the village area

Depart at 8:00 pm to cruise Fairbanks

The season is fast coming to an end. Pioneer Park concessions close after Labor Day. As long as the weather is good, we will continue to meet.



2nd Card Stop at Skinny Dick's Halfway Inn on the Monderosa Poker Run Aug 11th

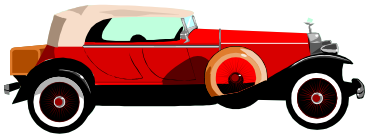


2013 Adventure Before Dementia Tour Dates



Where: To Dawson City for their Canada Day celebration & Eagle for our Independence Day celebration.

When: Sat. through Sat. bracketing the Fourth of July week as follows:



E-mail grundy@mosquitonet.com
for info

Sat., June 29 p.m.: FBX – Tok (206 miles – 4 hours driving)
Sun., June 30: Tok to Dawson City (185 miles – 4 hours driving + Yukon ferry)
Mon. & Tue., July 1 & 2: Dawson City
Wed., July 3: Dawson City to Eagle
(143 miles – 3 hours driving + Yukon ferry)
Thurs. (Holiday), July 4: Eagle
Fri., July 5 pm: Eagle to Tok (171 miles – 3.5 hours driving)
Sat., July 6: Tok to FBX (206 miles – 4 hours driving)



Club Members Arrive at The Salmon Bake

August Meeting—Our Annual Outing to the Salmon Bake

And a Welcome Back to the Anchorage Auto Musers on their return from Prudhoe Bay

A large turnout of both VLNAACF club members and the group of 32 Anchorage Region Auto Musers met together for a great meal at The Salmon Bake on Sunday, August 12th. Everyone had a good time (especially Rod Benson—see photo to right...)

The Auto Musers had returned earlier in the day from a four day round trip from Fairbanks to Prudhoe Bay. They reported wonderful weather, great scenery, a good time, and no automotive difficulties (other than one cracked windshield).

The Auto Musers were joined by Joanna Cooper from Bro-

ken Arrow, Oklahoma. Joanna is a National Board Member of AACA, the Western Region Director, and this year's AACA Membership Chairperson. This is her second visit with us (she was on the Kenecott tour last year) and she obviously enjoys Alaska. She got to experience an encounter with a grizzly on this trip, but still hadn't been observant enough to see a moose....



NOTES FROM THE BORED...

The VLNAACF Board met on August 7th, but since there was no business meeting at the membership gathering at The Salmon Bake, here are some highlights from Secretary Nancy Peterson's notes:

- Minutes /Treasurer's Report: July club minutes were approved. Treas report—\$19,054 net income; current balances total \$30,611.
- An order of new club name badges was placed (both magnetic and clip type) in the current design.
- On the corporate 501(C)3 filing status, the board determined that no bylaws will need changing to apply for non-profit status.
- 2013 Raffle Car candidates were discussed, and efforts will be made to procure a car before snowfall.
- There was a long discussion on the Club summer event calendar, its publication, event planning and leadership, and the recruitment of leadership for each of the summer events. It was decided that a regular agenda item for the Board would be discussion of upcoming events and the status of preparation by the event leader. This should help keep the calendar up to date, help do better publicity (including in this newsletter), and make events go even more smoothly. It was also pointed out that recruiting new leadership for events would increase participation by all. Several new event ideas were also discussed with 2013 in mind.
- There was discussion of club storage, and John McCarthy was asked to investigate rental of a storage spot big enough to store the club raffle car as well as all our other stuff.

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NEXT MEETINGS

This month the membership meeting is at The Bakery on Thursday, September 13th. Meeting starts at 7pm; most members are there for dinner by 6pm.

The Board Meeting is at 6:30 PM at Sam's Sourdough café on the Tuesday before the membership meeting. This month it is on Tuesday Sept. 11th / Dinner is B4. Everyone is also welcome to attend.



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