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Above: Don Oines, Charlie Bourque, Ron Allen and Marlin Pruett admire / inspect some old iron on the July 30th "Random Run Around"

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Photo by John McCarthy

Right: The very first club run was June 8, 1971 from the J.C. Penney parking lot to The Switzerland Restaurant.

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Photo by Vern Nash



Apparently I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car I'm driving...

JULY RANDOM RUN-AROUND EXPLORES HIDDEN FAIRBANKS TREASURES

Article and Photos by John McCarthy



Cars gathered at Pioneer Park for the Random Run-Around

On Wednesday, July 27, 2016, our second-of-the-season Random Run-around combined a sunny summer cruise with a garage tour and backyard treasure exploration.

Twenty six vintage cars made the trek from Pioneer Park on the "road-less-traveled" around Fairbanks International Airport to Peter and Denise Lundquist's car storage facility where we were able to see one of only three known to exist Model T Ford town sedans, their rare '57 Chevy window delivery and a host of other wonderful automotive treasures.

We continued our tour to a Fairbanks downtown neighborhood backyard where my friend Mac showed us his collection of resting antique trucks which included a 1929 Relay stake bed. According to Mac, Relay only made vehicles for about five years and this truck is one of very few extant Relays making parts and information difficult to acquire.

Our tour of Fairbanks continued to A&W / KFC for an evening snack and social time. Thanks to all that participated in our Wednesday evening adventure and a special thanks to those that shared their hidden treasures to the club.



Pit-stop along the way...

AUGUST RANDOM RUN-AROUND

Our August 31st Random Run-around will be called our "Apple Cider Run" celebrating the onset of autumn and the harvesting of one of America's favorite fruits- the apple. This will be a "flatland" tour for vehicles (and people) of all ages. Don't miss out on this Run-around adventure as the event can't go to press without your participation.



VLNAACF Cars at Chatanika Lodge, September, 2006

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LAST RUN OF THE SEASON **CHATANIKA LODGE POKER RUN**

Saturday, Sept. 10th

Leave Cars'NCoffee @ 10:00 am

This run is a lot of fun! We will preorder our lunches and I will have menus available so everyone can make their choices. We started preordering our lunches a few years ago so the kitchen does not get overwhelmed with as much as 52 orders all at once. This way we all get our food in a reasonable amount of time. Please come along and enjoy the drive. You do not need to drive an old car if you do not have one available.

- Rochelle Larson



VLNAACF Members enjoyed the food 10 years ago at Chatanika

Our December meeting & party is early this year, Dec. 11th.

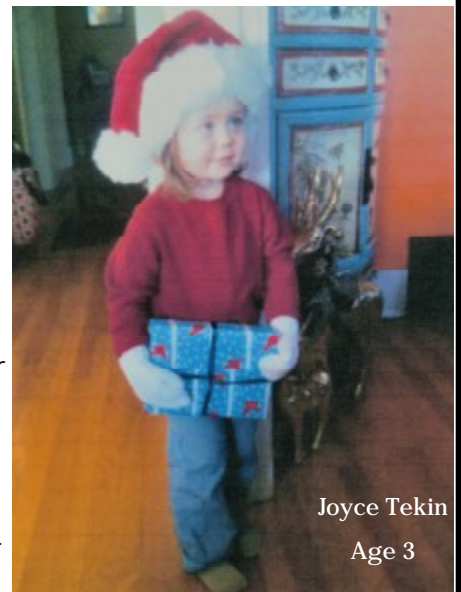
Joyce is working on a project for this meeting and needs your help.

She needs a picture of you as a child at Christmas time or with Santa.

Be sure to have your name and age on all pictures and give them to Paul or Joyce Tekin.

All pictures will be returned. Thank you for your help.

PS- Remember Santa is watching and making his list!



Joyce Tekin

Age 3

If procrastination was an Olympic sport, I'd compete in it later.

RIB RUN / POKER RUN

Bret and Cindy Helms hosted a great poker run / rib feed on Saturday, July 30th, at their home on Bennett Road. 30 people attended, and many came in old cars despite the persistent rain.

The group met at Pioneer Park at 4pm, and drew the first card of the poker hand—all thirty people participating. Rain appeared to be letting up, and an enthusiastic crowd left for the first poker stop—at the golf course on Farmers' Loop. Our tour attracted a few followers, and several folks pulled into the parking lot behind us to see the cars. Second stop was Musher's Hall. Third and last stop was the Pipeline View Station near Fox.

Last stop was Bret's garage where the rib feed was held. Not all of us have a garage clean enough to hold a club banquet in, but Bret does. Cindy had made hors d'oeuvres (salmon dip & crackers) and had punch



The rib run included a Garage Tour—as the feed was held in Bret's very neat and clean garage!



Bub Larson, Robbie & Doris Casey, and Bear Schmit enjoy the great ribs



First card draw in the rain at Pioneer Park

and even some wine for the guests. Ribs were from "Big Daddy's BarB-Q", that Cindy had picked them up earlier in the day, and had all individually packaged by person and wrapped in foil. Cindy made corn bread, beans and salad to go with the ribs. It was a wonderful meal, and all enjoyed. There were few left-over ribs...

After dinner, Cindy introduced the group to "Left—Right—Center".

While most of us were trying to figure out what kind of an old car game this might be, she brought out sets of three dice. The game was a dice game which was pure chance, but the interaction with passing one of your three dollars stake to the left, right, or into the center pot, made for fun, and sometimes contentiously fun interaction!



"Left—Right—Center" was a new game of pure chance that stirred some competitive spirit, even though it was only the luck of the dice roll and only a very small ante.

2017 Car Raffle

Help us find a raffle car for 2017. If you know of any vehicle that you think would be a good candidate for our annual raffle, please contact John McCarthy at 907-347-5056 or gt500@acsalaska.net. Cars should be clean, good running, in need of only minor repair with an appraised value under \$5000.



September, 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events, notices, and articles to vlnaacf@gmail.com

				1	2	3 Cars'N Coffee
4	5 LABOR DAY	6 Board Meeting Sam's Sourdough	7 Run Around	8 Membership meeting - AK Buffet	9	10 Cars'N Coffee Chatanika Run
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- Saturday, August 27th: **Run to the Pagoda**; leave Cars'NCoffee at 10am
- Wednesday, August 31st: **Random Run-Around**; leave Pioneer Park 7pm
- Tuesday, September 6th: **Board Meeting**, Sourdough Sam's 6:30pm.
- Thursday, September 8th: **Membership Meeting**
- Saturday, September 10th: **Chatanika Run**; leave Cars'NCoffee at 10:00am

Antique Auto Mushers

- Wednesday, September 14th: **Membership Meeting**—Meet at Day Break Center at 6:30 pm.

National AACA Events

- October 5th—8th: **Eastern Fall Meet (HERSHEY)** Join the group from Fairbanks on this annual pilgrimage this fall!



Member Advertisements

Must sell:

1977 Ford Thunderbird—one owner, good condition, rebuilt engine and transmission. \$1500

1959 Edsel Corsair—restorable and extra parts. \$1200

1958 Edsel Ranger—restorable and extra parts \$1200

Three **1966 Chevelle Hoods**—Dynacorn w/hole \$150 each

1959 Ford Retractable—complete and restorable \$7500

Burnie Hall 907 322 2488

Member Advertisements

For sale 1923 ford model T roadster, older restoration that still runs and looks good. Good top, upholstery, tires and paint shows well. Equipped with a Ruxtell 2 speed rearend as well. \$10,000.00.

Willy Vinton 388-8252



FOR SALE: 1961 Comet. Lots of new parts. Price reduced to \$2,000. Call Ralph Moore 347-1675

More Member Ads on Pg. 7

Suggestion: Print or cut this page out and tape it to your refrigerator so you don't miss any of our fun times!



President's Headlights

- Wilma Vinton

I hope that all of you have enjoyed the various events offered this summer as much as I have. We could not have done it without the help of folks that have stepped up and taken on the responsibility for an event as the PPR. Thank you all for making the events happen and so much fun. Several businesses have also made the events fun. Thanks goes to the Alaska Great Harvest Bread Company for providing free coffee for our Saturday Cars 'N Coffee; Napa, Car Quest and O'Reillys for donating prizes for a few of our events, Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum for the use of the K-Mart Parking lot for our car games and River's Edge RV Park for the tasty cookies on the Wednesday night run-around. I am sure there are others that I have missed.

Now that the summer picnics are over, we will start back having our meeting at the AK Buffet. Picking a place for our meetings is a difficult task for the Board. We have to balance insuring that we have a place to sit for everyone, the ability to conduct a meeting easily, and a menu that offers options folks like. Service for those meals is also an important factor. The Alaska Buffet offers all of those. They have generously offered a discount for the meals at \$10.95 per person for the buffet, \$7.95 for soup and salad only. But the biggest draw is that the room is private and allows for plenty of room for our members and they don't charge for the room as many other places researched do. And there is no issue of slow service-it's a buffet! I understand that some may like a change of menu, but there is always the option of eating before you attend the meeting. Much time and effort has been spent by the board researching other options and this one appears to be the best for providing plenty of room and a private place to conduct our meeting. We are always open to other viable suggestions if it meets the criteria necessary to allow for quality meetings.

- Your Prez.. Wilma

BIRTHDAYS

2 - Pranee Nakprasit

3 - Aimee Hughes

Jill Larrick

James Boswood

5 - Connie Ronken

Tracy McLeod

7 - John Morgan

13 - Emily Crook

Marilyn Nigro

14 - Wyan Grant

Al Haynes

17 - Carolyn Mustard

18 - Alva Ditch

Bret Levalley

21 - Karine Dane

Don Ronkin

25 - Charlie Jurgens

18 - Larry Sullivan

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Cards were sent to:

- 7/20/16 sent a get well card to Doris Casey for her recent surgery.

- 8/10/16 sent a sympathy card to Robbie Farquharson son of Merle Page who recently passed away.

Wishing you all a happy and safe September...on to fall days and beautiful colors!

God Bless You all!

Tracy McLeod, Sunshine Committee

Tracy McLeod is the Sunshine Contact. Please send her an e-mail if you know of a club member who could use a little "sunshine".

e-mail: tksplits@yahoo.com . For a postal mail address contact Tracy or a Board member.

ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Vonna & Fred
Husby

7 - Tracy & Jim
Brand

Joyce & Paul
Tekin

18 - Tammy & Marlen
Pruett

29 - Lorna & James
Lounsbury

Logo Decals and Magnets are Available:

We have purchased decals with our new logo to cover our old VLNAACF logo magnets that folks already own, or you can purchase a magnet with our new logo on it. These items are available at Larson's Locksmith. Magnetic car signs are \$18.00 a pair (or \$10.00 for one) and the decals are \$2.00 each.



- Wilma Vinton

NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 CLUB OFFICERS

The VLNAACF Nomination Committee is currently recruiting for all officer / director positions for 2017. If you are ambitious and interested in sharing new ideas and helping steer the direction of our club, please consider running for one of the club's officer or director positions.

Contact the Nomination Committee chair, John McCarthy, or Committee members Bret Helms or Scott Culbertson (or any board member) to submit your name. President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer positions are up for vote and are a one-year term. Two board member positions are up for vote and are a two-year term. Selection will be made by membership vote at the November membership meeting. New ideas and active participation in the club are vital to the club's success. Become a vigorous part of leading the club in a positive and dynamic direction. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated.

I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not too sure...



1972 Buick Centurion 4-door hardtop purchased new by Jeff and Sue Cook from Mike Gutman at Tip Top Chevrolet Buick in the fall of 1971. At the time Sue and I lived at 1st and Dunkle downtown and had two young children. Nice looking car but we kept it only three years. It could get stuck on a flat surface. I don't think they ever got the positraction to work. Sold this car and purchased a 1975 Oldsmobile 98.

- Jeff Cook

Automobile

Repairshop Short Cuts

These short cuts and repairshop kinks are taken from the 1918 book of the above title as published by the U.P.C. Book Company



(No. 173)
Lifting body from a limousine

The easiest method of removing a body is by means of a traveling crane; after the body is taken off, the crane carries it away to the place where it is stored. In lifting a closed body, the simplest way to attach the block and tackle is to a 2x4 beam placed under the roof and with its ends sticking out of the opened rear door, as shown. There is no danger of injuring the body by this method and it requires minimum time. In removing a touring body, the block and tackle should be attached to the top irons. By this method, a limousine body may be taken off and a touring body put in its place by two men in 8 hours.— R. R. Sharp, Packard Cleveland Motor Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

VLNAACF Membership Meeting Minutes August 11, 2016 Location - The Salmon Bake



Pres. Wilma Vinton brought the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. There were 39 members present.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ED MCLAUGHLIN AND SECONDED BY JILL LARRICK TO ACCEPT THE JULY MEMBERSHIP MINUTES. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The August BOD minutes were read.

The Treasurer's report was given by Ron Allen. MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK LARRICK AND SECONDED BY MIKE LECORCHICK TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. Passed Unanimously.

No membership report was given.

Wilma gave us an update on the following items:

Mondo Poker Run will be on August 21 at 10:30. Don Oines is the PPR.

Hilltop Poker Run is August 27th after Cars & Coffee.

Website Update

MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF CRAMER AND SECONDED BY MIKE LECORCHICK TO OPEN THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION. NO OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION.

Policy & Procedure Update

Nomination Committee - We need 2 more people for this committee.

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I've been repeating the same mistakes in life so long now, I just call them traditions.



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

Couldn't resist putting in the picture (right) of our oldest son (Andrew) helping wash our 1973 Buick Century after I received Jeff Cook's "When They Were New" of the '72 Centurion that he and Sue bought new that year! We loved the much smaller two door Century with the big engine and positraction—dealt with the heavy snows in Escanaba, Michigan very well...



Michael Farrell did, and is doing, a great job with the new website. He has it well formatted and easy for others to update. I have added what newsletters I have been able to find. Please if you have newsletters from any of the missing years send them to me. If they are hard copy, I can scan them and put them on the website. Website is www.faribanksaaca.org.

I also have several scrapbooks and bunches of loose photos from when Bill and Joyce Chace were Club Historians, as well as the two years that Vern Nash kept a scrap book. Many of the photos are faded, but I have some software that once I scan them, I can correct for the fading and make them look almost new. Please see the photos on page 10 and in the 1971 year Vern Nash scrapbook that is now posted to the website.

There are other years where club scrapbooks were kept, or photos accumulated to document club history. If you have these, I would appreciate your lending them to me so that I can scan them for the club website.

- Rick Larrick

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Wilma is asking members for ideas on guest speakers for the winter meetings.

Our Christmas party and meeting will be December 11 this year.

Our next meeting will be at the AK Buffet on September 8. Dinner is at 6:00 and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. AK Buffet has asked that we have a car show at the September meeting in their parking lot.

The total for the 50/50 was \$117. The lucky winner was Nancy Allen.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

- Donna W., Secretary



Members enjoy good food at the Mondo—see pg 10

100 years ago this month: Articles from the pages of the **Seattle Star :**

Autos Shorten Mail Route Up in Alaska Now

Mail from Valdez used to arrive in Fairbanks several weeks later—and oftentimes not then. Those were the days when the North was a hard country, when man and dogs risked their lives on the long, cold trail.

Frequently the mail went first to Nome, thence inland up the frozen Yukon and the Tanana.

Today Ernest Anderson is carrying the mail over the route of the Alaska railway, and he makes the trip in 48 hours each way in a little motor car bought in Seattle.

Half Anchorage Is Working on New Railroad

Census takers at Anchorage, the little town at the head of Cook Inlet, where the Alaska railroad is being extended both ways, towards Seward and towards Fairbanks, have just finished counting noses.

There were 5,482.

Of that population 2,500 are hardy laborers employed on the railroad, laying ties and spiking down the steel, who live in Anchorage when they are at home.

The rest are permanent residents, of whom 3,332 live inside the townsite proper.

Member Advertisements



Old cars and Model A projects for sale: John Dee Mc Donald 488-1843

Al Haynes is looking at a **fleet reduction**, have the following for sale: 1934 Ford Cabriolet street rod \$46,500.00 or a serious offer. Two 1968 Matchless 750 motorcycles, one is a one owner the other I am the third owner. 1954 Ford new old stock pickup cab with a usable frame and potentially a bunch of other parts. Can text pictures if needed. Call or text 907 388 9621.

Why is it that when you turn 50, your Chiropractor starts to send birthday cards?

Car Games!



Well it finally happened, a warm sunny day for some car games. We gathered at the old K-Mart parking lot for some fun and competition. We had a total of four challenges to complete, all requiring some sort of talent.

First up was the Fishing competition where the passenger had to catch a plumb bob placed in the top of a cone, then the driver had to drive to a cone, go around it and stop at which time the passenger had to exit the car, without dropping the fish, run around and hand the pole to the driver, who then had to drive back to the start and place the fish back in its starting place. This was won by the team of Rick Larrick and Charlie Bourque in the 24 Studebaker. 2nd place was Ron Allen and Kelly Rivers, with Rochelle Larson and Theresa Chase coming in 3rd.



Scott Culbertson fishes from the drivers side of the Austin



Ron Allen demonstrates an innovative technique



Theresa Chase fishes from the passenger side of the Austin



The Price father / daughter team in the "Barbie Van" demonstrates coordinated precision backing

Second up was the back seat driver. The driver with a blindfold on, had to maneuver thru some cones, then reverse course guided by the passenger to return to the starting point between 2 cones. This was rather exciting with one driver hav-

ing to be saved by the safety patrol to stop them from running over a light pole, then had to be aided back to the start. This was a timed event, and was won by Kelly Rivers and Ron Allen, 2nd place was Scott Culbertson and Theresa Chase, and 3rd place was won by Theresa Chase and Rochelle Larson.

Third up was the blind target, which required the driver to start at a point with a plumb bob hanging from the center of the rear bumper, then drive forward around a cone, and then back up to the start and put the plumb bob as close to the center mark as possible. This was won by Scott Culbertson with a score of 10

inches from center, 2nd place was Derik Price with 11 inches, and 3rd was Ron Allen at 15 1/2 inches, and we won't list the last place with over 73 inches.

Fourth up was the Creeper Race, where the driver had to lay on their back and push the Creeper thru the course using only their feet. This proved to be a lot of fun with some throwing shoes and wearing holes in socks, but lots of effort was given for the win. Scott Culbertson won, despite losing a shoe, with a time of 31.7 seconds. 2nd place was won by Ron Allen and 3rd place was Derik Price.

Thanks to all that came out for the games and I was happy to be able to beat the rain this time. Lots of fun and comradery for all... I wonder if the Olympic Committee would consider the Creeper Race for the next Summer Olympics... what do you think Scott?

- Willy Vinton



Scott Culbertson "blows a tire" but beats Ron Allen in the creeper race

Regular naps prevent old age, especially if you take them while driving.

Most Improved MONDO RUN ALWAYS FUN & FILLING!! Award 2016

It is that time of year when a very special committee in the club, made up of the past winners of the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club's Most Improved Vehicle Award, start to work to find a winner for 2016.

The award was started in 2005 by then Club President, Willy Vinton. When asked about his inspiration for starting the award, Willy said the goal with the award was to give folks an incentive to do some restoration work, to do more hands on, and to just generate more interest in the hobby.

In preparation for the second annual award, Ron Allen worked with Willy to formalize the eligibility and judging requirements. As a minimum for consideration, the car must be a classic or antique as permitted by the AACA for membership, it must become finished (or nearly finished) sometime in the current year (2016), and must have a significant amount of hand-on work done by the owner. Modifications from the original design for uniqueness or high performance should neither add nor deduct scoring points.

There are four Judging Criteria. Each carries approximately equal scoring weight in the collective judgment of the committee. The four criteria are:

- 1) The total improvement done to the vehicle from the time of the owner's start of restoration to the completion in 2016.
- 2) The amount of hands-on work performed by the owner.
- 3) The quality of the work done.
- 4) The reason for the owner's interest in the car, the associated story, history, or etc.

Nominations are open for cars and their owners eligible in 2016. Traditionally, the judging committee is chaired by the prior year's winner. Willy Vinton won in 2015 and is this year's chair. He will organize a judging team made up of several of the award's prior winners, and he will present the award at the annual Holiday Party and Annual Meeting on December 11th at the Westmark.

Willy and the award committee will be looking for the following information from club members who would like for their restoration work to be considered:

- 1) Year, make, and model of the car.
- 2) Before and after photos (the after photos are the most important for the judging).
- 3) A brief summary of the work done, approximately when the work was done, and what hands-on work was performed by the club-member owner. Unusual challenges, difficulties, and successes should be mentioned.
- 4) Human interest information about the car—Why or how the owner obtained it, the history of the car or history of the owner with the car, etc.

This material can be e-mailed to Willy or one of the judges, mailed, or hand delivered at one of the club meetings. Once the award committee has several nominations,

Past Winners:

Ron Allen (2005)	Marvin Wright (2011)
Kirk Larson (2006)	Charlie Jurgens (2012)
Dave Rockney (2007)	Nathan Helms (2013)
Ed McLaughlin (2008)	Mark Crook (2014)
Bret Helms (2009)	Willy Vinton (2015)
Don Oines (2010)	

By Scott Grundy

Nine rigs gathered at the Bentley Mall on Sunday morning, Aug. 21 st , under high overcast skies to draw our first poker



card and prepare for the run to the Monderosa Restaurant near Nenana. Don Oines chauffeured his wife Angie and her daughter Kim in their 1930 La Salle in style. The remainder caravanned like ducklings: Will & There-

sa Chase - 1950 GMC PU, Michael Farrell – 1962 Chevrolet HT, Ron Frey – 1996 Chev. SS, Bub Larson – 1966 F250 crew cab, Rochelle Larson and friend Cindy Blum – 1976 Ford LTD, John McDonald & Willy dog – 1932 Ford AA PU, John & Nee McCarthy in a modern vehicle & me (aka Scott Grundy) in a 1955 Plymouth.

As usual, the flowers were beautiful and the camaraderie and food were excellent. Poker Winners were: Michael Farrell with three eights, John McDonald with two queens & Ron Frey with two Jacks.



Greg Martin has completed the 2016 Club photos. There are several options for purchase:



10x30- \$55.00 (as above)

5x7- \$10.00

8x10- \$20.00

16x20- \$40.00



Photo #1



Photo #2

You can place an order for the photo and size you want by sending the following information to Rochelle. Payment must be received before the order can be sent in. You can drop payment off at Larson's Locksmith or send a check to the club address (P.O. Box 71253, Fairbanks, AK 99707-1253).

Name: _____

Picture # 1 or #2 (if 10x30 will be only as top photo)

Picture Size: _____

45 YEARS AGO

Was the first summer of activities for the newly formed Antique Car Club in Fairbanks

The club had a very active first year. Membership grew from the initial seven founding members to forty-six by the end of the summer!

The officers and many of the members are featured with their cars, and all of those first year activities are captured in a photo album that then club secretary, Vern Nash, kept. That photo album has now been digitally restored, and is on the club website filed with the newsletter archives. Also in those archives is the first issue of the club newsletter "Arctic Tracks" in which newsletter editor, Ralph Brannan (Merle Page's husband) documents those activities.

As you look through the album, you will recognize many of the cars. It also seems to me that the membership was younger then than is our club population now—which means we need to start recruiting some of those young folks—so then we can be as active and have as much fun as is pictured in the album. While the cars seem older, they were not — a 1926 car in 1971 was only 45 years old, just like a '71 would be today! You will recognize many familiar places, and will see that many of the activities which the club started 45 years ago continue as regular club functions today.

MEMBERS

Ralph and Merle Brannan
Ben and Stella Carpenter
Ed. H. Carroway
Wally Cathcart
Don Chandler
George Clayton
Donald Creamer
Edward and Eileen Dean
Carl Edgerton
Phil Gardner
Robert Ginther
Russell and Jeanne Green
Robert and Anna Groff
Jerry Hassel
Bud Hilton
Fred Hupprich
Jerry and Donna Krier
Dr. James Lundquist, Dana & Jon Thomas
Colin MacDonald
Howard Mackey
James Nesser
Bob and Darrelyn Merritt
Vern and Evelyn Nash
W. D. Price
Don Pruhs
Norman and Joan Rockney
James D. Sears
William Sherman
Bert Stimple
Albert Swanson
Alice P. Thompson
Andrew Twogood
Paul Wagner
Charles Willis, Jr.
Bill Wilson



Cars gather in the JC Penney parking lot on June 8, 1971 for the first organized tour of the spring. Seventeen cars drove around Farmer's Loop to the Switzerland Restaurant for the club meeting, dinner, and a visit from two members of the Seattle-Tacoma Region of HCCA.



On July 7, 1971, the group had a picnic tour to Chena Ridge Campground. "Twelve cars, lots of people, great food and fine beer."



The club led the Golden Days Parade that first year, just as we have every year since. Above Charlie Creamer drives Governor Bill Egan at the start of the 1971 parade.

45 YEARS AGO

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NATIONAL NEWS

This month from
"The Rummage Box"
Used with permission



After the 1971 Golden Days parade, the group made a run to the North Pole Speedway, where they were given the track at half time to "show the crowd our prizes". In addition to having the fun of the tour and of showing the cars, the club was paid \$5.00 for each car that was shown, pumping \$50 into the club bank account.



Marque, Mark, Marquee, or Marquis?

By Lars Anderson
VP Membership

I recently used the word *marque* in a survey questionnaire. I had a person experienced in the Ford hobby review the survey. He asked me what the word *marque* meant. It was used in the question "how many *marque* clubs do you belong to?" It reminded me of the experiences I've had with this word. It's pronounced 'mark' and when I first encountered it, it was verbal. At that time in history there was a Lincoln Mark II automobile and the owner, knowing I was interested in cars asked me what *marque* club I belonged to. It was made even more perplexing because I was driving a Mercury Marquis. Did that have something to do with the term? How do the dots connect between all these spellings and pronunciations?

There are new comers and old timers who may not know that the word spelled *marque* is pronounced mark, not "mar-key". It means brand, such as Chevrolet, Harley Davidson, Chris Craft. At times *marque* is confused with other word spellings such as *marquis* which is an important French society term and sometimes used as an actual title, *marquee*, which is the bill board sign advertising an event such as a movie, and *marquise* which is a woman of rank.

It would be remiss to not also report that the word *marque* is used in the US Constitution Article 1 section 8 wherein the congress is empowered to "declare war, grant letters of *Marque* and Reprisal". As such it was "a license granted to a private party to fit out an armed ship to plunder the enemy".



The club toured Fort Wainwright in July, 1971, and the group "was certainly well received by the military people". Once we arrived at the display area, the crowd gathered and showed loads of enthusiasm for our fine line up of "Prize Cars".

Other events that first year: the group provided transportation for the State Convention of the Pioneers of Alaska, they held a Progressive Dinner in September where the members drove from house to house for each course, and of course, the now annual Holiday Party.

All of the events are documented in the Arctic Tracks newsletter and in the restored digital photo album in the archives section of the club website. The website is: fairbanksaaca.org, and webmaster Michael Farrell has it formatted so it can be viewed on any browser from your smart phone to your desktop.

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NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is the Second Thursday: **September 8th. Meeting is at the AK Buffet**
Meeting starts at 7:00pm; dinner before.

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, September 6th**
— at Sam's Sourdough . Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.

Jeff and Christol Craemer with their 1910 Chalmers



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