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# Nash's News

**Antique auto news from Alaska's largest car club and most northern region of AACA**



Carl Westphal

Carl Westphal and Ralph Moore were elected to the Board of Directors for the 2019 - 2020 two year term. Also running unopposed and re-elected were President Mike Lecorchick, Vice-President Scott Culbertson, Treasurer Wilma Vinton, and Secretary Donna Wojciechowski. They will join Past President / Director John McCarthy and 2018-2019 Directors Jeff Creamer and Melinda Harris on the Board of Directors for next year.

Carl Westphal joined the club in 2016, sponsored in, and encouraged to join by John McCarthy. He can be found most Saturday mornings at CarsNCoffee, and he and his family have become regular participants in club activities.

Carl is excited about the '75 Bronco that he tracked down this summer. Many of us saw it at a Wednesday night Run-Around shortly after he bought it. It is special in that it was Carl's neighbors when Carl was a growing up and probably was the first Bronco he ever

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Ralph Moore

Ralph Moore has been a member of the club for fifteen years. Over that time he has enjoyed meeting and talking with other like-minded people, and notes that he received a lot of help from fellow club members when building his Hot Rod, and hopes to be able to help out others the way club members helped him.

Club members are familiar with Ralphs '31 Ford Roadster Hot Rod, as it was last year's Most Improved winner, and is seen at most car club events in the summer. While Ralph has several old cars,

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I asked my North Korean friend how it was there. He said he couldn't complain.

## Classic American Cars in Iceland

By Scott Grundy

In-route to Europe we toured Iceland for three days. While sitting next to the widow in a Reykjavik restaurant I was, of course, watching the traffic pass by. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw about 15 classic fifties and sixties American vehicles parading by! It was a true version of our Wednesday evening "Terrorizing the Tourists" event. We waved and gave them all a thumbs-up. Much to our delight the vehicles paraded by on three occasions. It was a wonderful and certainly surprising event!

Later we learned the British invaded Iceland in May 1940 to establish a force to deny the potential occupation by Hitler's aggressive boys. The invasion was unexpected but was accepted. In 1946 the Americans replaced the British and established a new town (Keflavik) to host an air base that we occupied throughout the Cold War period with Russia. Our tour guide said the Icelanders loved the Americans because we introduced them to Rock and Roll music and sold them some wonderful classic cars. Indeed, we did!



Right: A car show that Grundys attended on the Bryggen Warf in Bergen, Norway

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saw.

But Carl's first car was a '57 Willys wagon. A friend's dad said he could have it, and he spent a month dragging it out of the woods and across the tundra to get it out of their homestead and to a road. Then Carl's dad found out about it, and made him take it back...

While Carl acknowledges he has a lot to learn from listening and contributing to board discussions as he comes up to speed, he also has a desire to pull other new activities and events together for the club. One of the ideas Carl would like to explore is to visit some of the private car collections down in the Healy area where he grew up. [Editor's note: maybe this can be part of a future Joint Meet?]

Carl works as a locksmith for the University of Alaska Fairbanks.



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this one is clearly his favorite; in Ralph's words, "I spent hundreds of hours building it, and it is so much fun!"

Ralph's first car was back about 1975. It belonged to his dad's best friend and had been sitting for a number of years. The car was a '55 Ford Mainliner. It was a pretty special car, as Ralph was told it was originally built as a demo for the Dallas Texas Police Dept., and acquired by he former owner when the Police Dept. decided to go with Dodges instead of Fords. The Mainliner has a 312 with an overdrive three on the tree; no trim, four doors, and very plain. As Ralph put it, "ever since I saw the movie American Graffiti, I just had to have that car!" So he worked until he saved the money, and soon it was his and had new paint and a naugahyde interior, and lots of hours of Ralph's work. Ralph fondly remembers lots of miles in that car, but after he joined the Army and was away at basic training, it was

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It takes 8,460 bolts to assemble an automobile, but only one nut to scatter it all over the road.

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parked in front of his parent's house and was hit hard in the front. Very disappointed after all his work on the car, Ralph decided to sell it, rather than start all over again.

Ralph is eager to hear member ideas and to help implement them as a member of the board. He wants the club to grow - not just in size, but in participation. Ralph is looking for the club to sponsor events and activities that bring more of the membership and their cars out, and will work to seek out and support those kinds of event.

Ralph is a diesel mechanic, working on generators, heavy and equipment and trucks. While his current old cars are Fords, he says "I found it doesn't matter if you own a Ford or a Whip-  pet, they are all fun to drive and own!"

### 1929 HUDSON Super-Six Sedan

In October, George & Pat Cromer visited the Swan House on Paces' Ferry Road in Atlanta, GA. He sent pictures, and his email asked the question "Does anyone in the club have a Hudson?"

The car in the photo (at left) which George took is a straight six - Hudson made the Super-Six until 1954, according to a plaque at the Swan house near the car. The Inman house had a large garage to accommodate the owner, Edward Inman's, car collection. Inman's collection at the time included a White Steamer, as well as Simplex, Stearns, Cadillac and a Pierce-Arrow. 



## Trollella's Boyfriend?

The Grundys were recently touring the Baltic Sea area and found trolls throughout the Scandinavian countries. When this troll learned we were from Fairbanks, we were startled when he asked about our Trollella. This photo was taken as he boasted about his "relations" with our girl. We were initially aghast, but have since adjusted to the fact that our little girl apparently has very loose morals!

While in Iceland our guide advised that the jog in the roadway we were traveling was intentionally routed to avoid a lava flow area that contained many small caverns. The area was thought to house trolls. The highway planners reportedly queried the public to see if they really believed in trolls. The response was generally no, but most respondents recommended it would be best to not take a chance and avoid the area! The recommendation was obviously heeded. (Even if the tale is not true, it sure makes an entertaining story.)

- Scott Grundy

*Editor Note: Who is she with and where is she going? President Mike - you may have the gavel secured, but you are also responsible for the care and safety of our Trollella. Nash's News needs a full report!*



# December, 2017



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 CarsNCoffee 9:00—11:00am Bentley Mall
3	4	5 Board Meeting Sam's Sourdough	6	7	8	9 CarsNCoffee 9:00—11:00am Bentley Mall
10 Annual Meeting / Holiday Party—Westmark Hotel (reservations needed)	11	12	13	14	15	16 CarsNCoffee 9:00—11:00am Bentley Mall
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 CarsNCoffee 9:00—11:00am Bentley Mall
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30 CarsNCoffee 9:00—11:00am Bentley Mall

## Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- Tuesday, December 5th: **Board Meeting**, Sourdough Sam's 6:30pm.
- Sunday, December 10th: **Annual Meeting / Holiday Party** at the Westmark Hotel. 4:00pm (dinner served 5pm)

### Antique Auto Mushers

- December 9th: **Christmas Party**, at Daybreak Center, 4:00 - 8:30pm

### National AACA Events

- February 8th—10th: **AACA National Meeting**, Philadelphia, PA



## DUES

Dues are now **DUE** for the 2018 year. They are payable by returning payment to the club post office box (preferred), dropping it off at Larson's Locksmith, or bringing payment to the November club meeting. Dues are to be paid by December 31 for the following year.—If not paid by January 1st, an additional fee is charged.

Individual dues are \$55.00

\$40.00 for National AACA (paid through our local club), and \$15.00 for local dues

Joint Membership dues are \$70.00

\$40.00 for National AACA (paid through our local club), and \$30.00 for local dues for you and your associate or spouse

Please pay promptly

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

- Mike Lecorchick

After retiring I kept busy trying out odd jobs... school bus driver, tow truck driver **and players' assistant at a golf course.** I was curious to see what other professions were like. Then one day I had a chance meeting with Willy Vinton, an acquaintance from former employment. He suggested that I stop by the Fountainhead Auto Museum.

**I guess he knew that I'd get hooked on** old cars. After hanging around the museum for a few years I started my hunt for my own old ride. I bought a 1937 Ford truck (basket case) **from Willy which I'm still working on.** I realized I needed something to drive and there seemed to be a lot of antique Fords but I wanted something different. I found such in my 1935 Chevy sedan. Owning an antique led me to join this club **and with Willy's convincing I became your president.** Not having served on the board before becoming club president made the task more challenging.

As I come to the end of my first year as president I want to thank the board and club members for their help and guidance. I want to express special thanks to Past President and current Treasurer, Wilma Vinton, for her help. There are other unelected volunteers that we all should acknowledge and thank; Rochelle Larson who wears many hats---membership chair, events coordinator, coordinator of the raffle ticket sales and logo items. Thanks to Rick Larrick who turns out our award winning newsletter each month. Then there are the PPRs, the club members who organize the club events. It takes a lot of people volunteering their time to make the club fun, exciting and successful and I think we have that here and **I'm proud to be part of it.**

I look forward to serving as your president again next year and working with the new--as well as present--board members.

And yes, as you all know, I bought a 1946 Super Deluxe Ford coupe to drive also.

Mike Lecorchick

President.



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5 - Ron Dane  
6 - Ralph Moore  
John McDonald  
8 - Nancy Rivers  
9 - Brenda Wilbur  
12 - Tony Miller  
13 - Paula Beal  
14—Lori Hinchsliff  
15 - Doug Cline  
17 - Lisa Casey  
21—Karen Lane  
26 - Dan Portwine  
30 - Robert Holmes  
Cindy Helms

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

15 - Wilma & Willy Vinton  
16 - Penny & John Binder  
17 - Susan & Jeff Cook  
22 - Angie & Don Oines  
23 - Lupita & Tony Miller  
26 - Wendy & Ken Uzzell

## SUNSHINE REPORT:

This month I had three requests for cards:

10/31/17 - sympathy card for Dale Oines

11/7/17 - sympathy card for Greg & Lois Oslund

11/13/17 - a get well card for Jeff Cook

- Tracy McLeod

*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.*



I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I've been tripping all day



President Mike Lecorchick brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

There were 31 members present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOTT GRUNDY AND SECONDED BY MARILYN NIGRO TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The minutes from the November BOD meeting were read by Donna Wojciechowski.

The treasurer's report was given by Mike Lecorchick. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL LARRICK AND SECONDED BY JEFF CREAMER TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership - Rochelle gave us an update and reported that we have 242 members. 48 single and 97 joint memberships.

#### EVENTS:

Annual Meeting - Joyce and Paul Tekin gave us an update. The meet-

ing is on December 10th.. At 4:00 there will be a no host bar, the dinner will be at 5:10 with the meeting to follow. The menu is the same as last year and the Tekins will need your RSVP by the end of November. There is a \$20 limit for the gift exchange.

Raffle Car - The raffle car is stored in the K Mart building for the winter. The raffle tickets are printed and will be handed out at the annual meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Most Improved Vehicle - Ralph Moore gave us an update.

The ballot box was closed and the ballots will be counted.

501C3 - Classes should start in February as part of our educational requirements.

Charity recipient - The board voted on the charitable recipient at the last BOD meeting. The board voted for North Star Community Foundation as our 2017 recipient.

Meeting speakers - We need ideas on guest speakers for our membership meetings.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Election results - Ralph Moore and Carl Westphal will fill the directors positions that will be open at the beginning of 2018.

50/50 - The total of the 50/50 was \$115 and the lucky winner was Ralph Moore.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF CREAMER AND SECONDED BY RALPH MOORE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:25 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by: Donna Wojciechowski



"I'm sorry" and "I apologize" usually mean the same thing - except at a funeral.

## NATIONAL NEWS

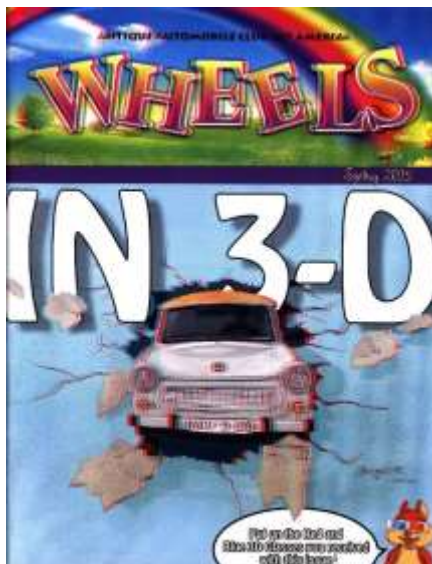
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Looking for a Christmas or other holiday gift for someone on your list who is under 10 years old? How about an AACA Junior Membership. They receive a membership card, and a newsletter four times a year (in Feb-



ruary, May, August and November). This educational program of AACA is planned to acquaint Junior of the AACA history, its structure and mission, and a general overview of vehicles and their workings, all at a level they should find interesting and entertaining!

Sign up on the AACA website, at [www.aaca.org/Publications/wheels.html](http://www.aaca.org/Publications/wheels.html)



## EDITOR'S LEFT BLINKER

- Rick Larrick

What is everybody working on in their garage over the winter? *Our readers want to know!*

This winter, most of my efforts are on the 1955 Buick (have to get it ready for the long A.B.D.T. to Kodiak next summer!). So far I have removed the fuel tank, bought a new one, and re-installed the refurbished fuel gauge so the new tank is ready to install. I stripped the old broken and leaking exhaust system off, and the new one arrived just last week, so it is ready to go on. After my fuel problems last summer, I have rebuilt the fuel / vacuum pump which was original on the car, and it is ready to go back in. Bub Larson had commented that I must have worn valve guides to explain the colored exhaust on startup and some of my oil use - he was very right. Nearly all



*Driving in new valve guides with the proper driver tool.*



*Using the Hall - Toledo Valve Seat Grinder to grind new seats, and trim them to proper width.*

got one head done with new guides, new valves, and newly ground valve seats. So, I have had lots to keep me busy so far this winter and probably still have work for a number of dark weeks to come. What about you?

President Mike put in his column that he drove a school bus after retirement. I'm sorry, but I have to admit that when I read it, a vision of the comic strip character Crankshaft was all that I could envision.

- Rick



*Made jigs or template gages to make sure valve guides were set at proper depth and to make sure valves were the proper length to the rocker arms after grinding the valve seats.*



At what age is it appropriate to tell my dog that he's adopted?

100 years ago this month:

Dec. 24, 1917

Articles from the pages of  
the Seattle Star:

Dec. 21, 1917

## LAST LIQUOR FOR ALASKA HAS LEFT

The last shipment of liquor that can reach Alaska before it goes dry, on the first day of the year, left Seattle Thursday on the Alaska Steamship Co.'s liner Jefferson.

Dec. 12, 1917

## COMPANY TO MINE COAL IN ALASKA

By United Press Leased Wire

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Receipt of the first government license to mine coal in the Alaska fields—marking the opening of Alaskan coal resources under the licensing plan—was followed today by the incorporation of the Chickaloon Coal Co., composed of a number of wealthy Italian-Americans. The company is licensed to mine coal in the Matanuska fields, and proposes to bring its product to San Francisco.

## MAMMOTH'S JAW BROUGHT TO S. F.

Prize Relic Is Dug From Snow by  
Natives in Alaska

Returning from "Farthest North" yesterday, the power schooner Herman, owned by H. Liebes & Co., brought in its valuable cargo from the Arctic the lower jaw of a mammoth, which is said to be the only similar relic of the extinct elephant in existence. This memento of the immense animals that roamed the northern latitudes thousands of years ago was dug out of the snow by natives while the vessel was at Point Barrow.

Ben A. Goldsmith, manager of the fur importers, said the jaw would be presented to an Eastern museum. Black fox, silver fox furs, walrus and whale oil make up the bulk of the cargo of the Herman.

A live polar bear was captured near the Point Barrow fur station, and was brought down on the schooner. One of the seamen made the mistake of fondling the little white fellow and had several fingers almost bitten off.

The Herman left here last April for its annual voyage to the north, going out in command of Captain C. T. Pedersen, who has been on the Herman for twenty-five years.

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100 years ago this month:  
Article from the pages of  
the San Francisco  
Chronicle:

Dec. 1, 1917

Dec. 15, 1917

**FIRST ALASKA GOVERNOR DIES**  
OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 15.—James Sheakley, the first governor of the territory of Alaska, and former Pennsylvania congressman, is dead in Greenville, aged 90 years. He was one of the pioneer oil men of the western Pennsylvania field.

**GARRICK—**  
Broadway  
at Eighth

**THE HELL CAT  
OF ALASKA**  
ALSO A LONESOME LUKE COMEDY.

**COMING CHARLIE CHAPLIN** In a Big  
SUNDAY Comedy Revue

100 years ago this month:

Articles from the pages of  
the LA Times:

Dec. 9, 1917

## Caribou Block Yukon Mail.

Complaint comes from the Yukon, way up in the Dominion of Canada, toward Alaska, that the mails are delayed on account of the caribou. The animals are in their annual migration, and they fill the trails and passages to such an extent the mail carrier cannot make his regular trips.

It is estimated that at least 1,000,000 of the animals are on the move southward. They drift southward every fall, to find better pasturage, and their numbers have increased until no one can make his way through the mountains until they have gotten out of the way. Of course there are not many trails through the mountains to be followed by human beings, and the mail carriers are few and their routes long. But the caribou have become so numerous dominion officers actually have filed a statement with the government giving the migration of the animals as a reason for the delay in delivering the mails.

The caribou is much larger than the American deer, but not so large as the moose. It is more nearly related to the reindeer, probably, than to any other species. It subsists on the mosses and vines and shrubs that grow in the most northern latitudes, and gets along very well in the deepest of snows. It has never been domesticated as has the reindeer, but it furnishes considerable food for the people of the Far North.—[Columbus Dispatch.]

From the San Bernardino News

From the L.A. Times

Dec. 22, 1917



We Can Repair Anything (Please knock hard on the door - bell doesn't work)



Scott Grundy sent a copy of our last newsletter to Carl Jeglum, after the above photo appeared in the November issue of Nash's News. The Jeglum's responded by email:

The picture at the bottom of me as President, made me wonder if that piston gavel chained to a wheel is still in use. It was ritually presented to the president, who had to lug the damn thing to and from the meetings. Sometimes it was stolen, and later reappeared in very odd places to be ransomed off! I know it was around for a number of years. More good fun.

Stay in touch and keep having fun, C2



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## 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*

## Removing Bodies (No. 511)

A diagram showing a pulley system. A rope is fixed to a ceiling on the left, passes over a pulley, then down to a second pulley attached to a box, and finally up to a second fixed pulley on the ceiling. A person is shown pulling the rope down on the left. The box is being lifted.

(No. 511)

**Hoist for removing closed bodies**

prevent the chains from pressing against the body, distance pieces are provided, as illustrated.—George W. Short, Winton Motor Co., New York.

People are just like blisters; they show up after the work is done...

## Annual Meeting / Holiday Party

Mark your calendar for the annual business meeting to be held on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at the Westmark Hotel. RESERVATIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY LAST FRIDAY 11/24!

There will be a cash bar starting at 4pm with music provided by the North Star Strings. A meal provided at 5:10pm. The meal will be buffet style including the following:

- Plated salad
- Prime Rib
- Dijon Chicken
- Chef choice of 2 vegetables
- Parsley Potato
- Rice Pilaf
- Coffee

There is a \$10.00 reservation fee for members so please make them as early as possible. Money can be given to Rochelle Larson, Paul or Joyce Tekin. Guests pay \$32.00 and children under 13 years are free, over 13 years pay \$16.00.

After the business meeting a Chinese auction gift exchange will be held. If you would like to exchange a gift we have set a \$20.00 dollar limit but you may spend more if you like.

Your hosts for this event are Paul and Joyce Tekin please contact them if you have any questions.

Hope to see everyone there for a fun evening and the last meeting of the year.

Paul & Joyce Tekin

## Member Ads

*Seems that everyone is being a SCROOGE - nothing wanted to buy, and nothing for sale in our Member Ads this month...*



## HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE

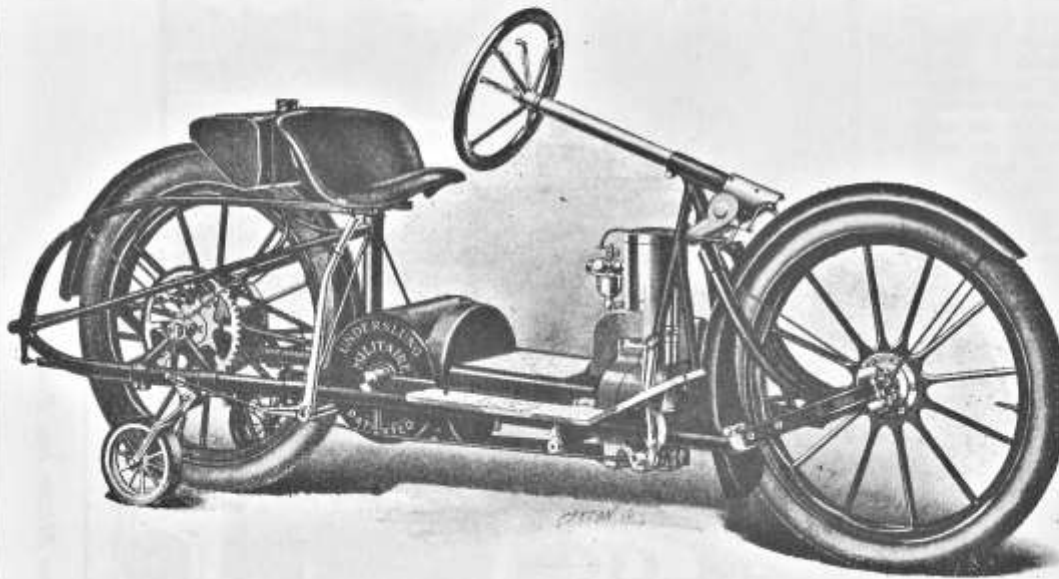
If you wish to participate in the "Chinese Auction" type Gift Exchange at the Holiday Party Dinner, don't forget to bring a gift. One gift per person participating—can be marked for "Man", "Woman" or non-gender. Cost should be about \$20. Bring a gift and then choose a gift (and try to keep it).

## 1912 Motorcycle Ad

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**North Star Community Foundation** is the beneficiary of this year major charity donation from the Vernon Nash Antique Auto Club, and the award will take place at the Annual Meeting / Holiday Party

**The Best Drink in Fox Flows Freely,**

**Thanks to North Star Community Foundation**

- Melinda Harris

One of the highlights of Vernon L. Nash Antique Automobile Club of Fairbanks' Annual Membership Meeting (aka The Christmas Party) is presentation of our club's annual charitable gift. This year, of the five 501(c)(3) non-profits who submitted interest letters, one stood out for its impact in 2017, and won the majority vote: North Star Community Foundation.

Selecting just one charity is challenging. Each contributes to better quality of life in Fairbanks and Interior Alaska, enhancing our community by their respective missions of comfort during difficult times; wellness and health preservation; good stewardship for our natural resources; outdoor recreation, fun and competition; and lifelong learning opportunities for all ages.

At the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, Board Members were asked, "have any of these candidates touched your life in a significant way this year?" I offered my commendation for North Star Community Foundation, who provides each of their sponsored groups with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, and access to online tools for fundraising. A small non-profit can then focus on their mission, make best use of volunteers and resources, and realize their goals.

Long before meeting North Star Community Foundation's Executive Director Pete Pinney, I was concerned about the fate of our local, drinking water source, Fox Spring. The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT/PF) in 2015 announced their intention to vacate the old rest area site commonly called Fox Spring. It's on property that was purchased by the State in 1966, and operated and maintained by ADOT&PF for the past 50 years as part of Mile 0.25 Elliott Highway Wayside. Its best feature, beloved by residents and travelers, before and since, is Fox Spring water.

In recent years, ADOT&PF continued to assert transportation their core mission, which didn't include operating a defunct wayside, even if it did provide the best-tasting water in the Interior. By summer 2016, the only party both interested in Fox Spring and eligible to purchase the property was the adjoining private land owner. Future public access to Fox Spring water, also called Fox Watering Point by ADOT&PF, was uncertain.

A grass-roots group was formed in Fairbanks in Au-



*Photo from the day Fox Spring MDA documents signed with North Star. L to R: Ryan Anderson, Northern Region Director and decision-maker regarding the SOA ADOT&PF owned and operated Fox Spring Watering Point; Pete Pinney, Executive Director of North Star Community Foundation, (NSCF); Melinda Harris, President Friends of Fox Spring, one of the groups of NSCF. Photo by Ralph Glasgow*

gust 2016, to transform public opinion into action. In February 2017 Fox Spring Task Force was reorganized as Friends of Fox Spring. To seek major funding sources, and have clout to negotiate with ADOT&PF, Friends of Fox Spring wanted to become a bona-fide non-profit. Time was critical. The Northern Region Director, Ryan Anderson, was listening but had also stated the current fiscal year, 2017, would be their last for operation and maintenance expense of Fox Spring.

Friends of Fox Spring sought a fiscal sponsor, an "umbrella", to quickly provide the fledgling non-profit IRS tax-exempt status. A supporter suggested Pete Pinney, Executive Director of North Star Community Foundation. Not only could the Foundation assist with IRS filings, they would provide Friends of Fox Spring a page on their website with donation capability that would allow supporters to easily give online. All at little or no cost to the group, just recognition for the Foundation. The offer was perfect.

In four quick months, and with the help of North Star Community Foundation, Friends of Fox Spring was able to raise funds and persuade DOT&PF to keep Fox Spring site public, and Fox Watering Point flowing:

<http://www.dot.alaska.gov/nreg/foxspring/> .

The fact that Fox Spring water is flowing touches my life and many others, every day!

*From NSCF.org website:*

The North Star Community Foundation (NSCF) operates exclusively for charitable purposes as a 501(c) (3) designed to aid and assist the general welfare of the citizens of Fairbanks and the North Star Borough; to support the development, growth and preservation of the community; to benefit, provide funds for, and improve the quality of life for all citizens especially those in need; to improve the standards and potentialities of Interior Alaska and more specifically the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

<http://www.nscfundalaska.org>

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### NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **the Annual Meeting & Holiday Party at the Westmark—RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, Dec. 5th** — at Sam's Sourdough . Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



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