

Nash's News

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



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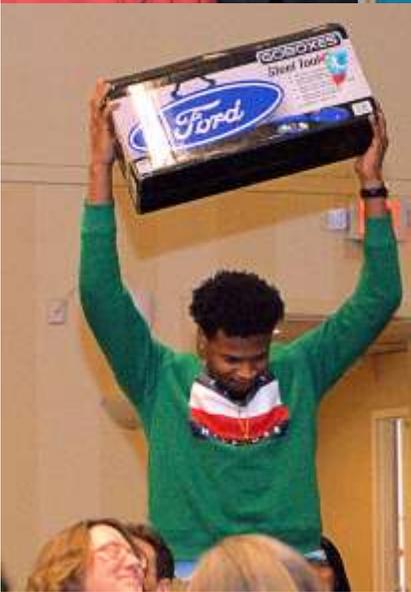
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The first forty years of your childhood are the hardest.



The Ford Oval Toolbox: Isaiah brought his grandfathers collectible Ford Oval Toolbox as his exchange gift. It was the most coveted / stolen gift of the evening! Cindy Reason was the first pick to open a gift (the Bud Beer Bottle Lamp), and thus got to steal the last, and claimed that Ford Oval Toolbox. Once Ralph Glasgow opened it, it started on a very long journey around the party room - only some of which is captured in these photos. As Tracy McLeod said, Ray should be smiling to see what became of his prize collectible toolbox. Ray passed away three years ago. Ray was a past president of our club.



Outgoing / Incoming Board of Directors

Present at the Annual Meeting, and recognized, were: Melinda Harris (outgoing Director 2017-18), John McCarthy (going off the Board as Past President Director), Mike Lecorchick (Past President / now Director), Carl Westphal (Director 2018-19), Phil Sanders (Director 2019-2020), Joe Procell (Director 2019-2020), Jeff Creamer (past Director, appointed by the Board as incoming Vice-President), Donna Wojciechowski (Secretary), and Ralph Moore (Director 2018-19). Not pictured: Wilma Vinton (Treasurer), and Scott Culbertson (outgoing Vice-President).



My three favorite things are eating my family and not using commas.

Club was Most Generous in 2018!

The club did more to support charitable organizations in 2018 than ever before in our history.



Photo: Katie Sanders

Theresa Chase packs food boxes at the Fairbanks Food Bank

Work with the Food Bank started in this summer at the suggestion of Theresa Chase. In the half year, the club:

- Donated 1267# of food
- Packed boxes one Saturday per month starting in August (every 3rd Saturday)
- Donated \$180 in cash donations
- Donated 93 turkeys for Thanksgiving

To a somewhat related charity, Meals On Wheels, the club gave our typical \$1000 check donation at the end of the year (see adjacent article).

Doris Casey suggested a new event for this year and did all the research and planning to stage the Teddy Bear Car Show, with partnership help from Lowes. Statistics there are:

- Several hundreds of Teddy Bears donated to the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
- 64 cars registered for the Car Show at Lowes

While not yet entrenched as an annual event, enough Teddy Bear sale money (\$1325) was raised that the Teddy Bear Car Show is planned again for 2019.



Doris and Robbie Casey, Rex-Ann Hall (from Lowe's), and Kelly Attlee (from Fairbanks Memorial Hospital).



Return of the Alaska Totem - that never happened...

My favorite Alaska license plate is the 66/67 Totem.

What you probably don't know is the Alaska DMV had Irwin-Hodon, the company that manufactures Alaska license plates,

make two 1978 Prototype license plates.

First Prototype: 1978 Totem #1 Blue on White. There are only 2 known, and 1 is in my collection.

Second Prototype: 1978 Totem #1 Gold on Blue.

There is only 1 known, and it is in my collection.

Needless to say the 1976 Bear license plate was a great hit, and the return of the Totem license plate never happened.

Wanted early Alaska City, and early Alaska license plates in any condition.

Bryce Crumb bttrfly123@att.net



MEALS ON WHEELS

Fairbanks Meals on Wheels was the recipient of this years \$1000 charity donation, as selected by the club membership at our November Meeting from three very worthy applicants. Darlene Supplee, the Executive Director, was presented the check at our Annual Meeting, but did not make a speech or comment on the organization.

According to the letter Meals-on-Wheels (MOW) sent to the Board, the intended use of the \$1000 donation is to help back-fill the gap in their funding that happened when Sam's Club closed. That closure critically impacted the program, increasing monthly costs by between \$2,500 and \$3,000 per month.

In 2018, the MOW program will have delivered over 54,000 meals and have served 279 homebound seniors. MOW not only delivers meals, but also provides on site-meals, services such as transportation, nutrition planning, and home-chore services for needy 60+ older adults. In 2018, there were approximately 2800 transportation trips, 11,000 congregate meals, and 1800 chore services provided. Exercise classes put on by MOW at the Senior Center attracted 4000 visits in 2018.



North Star Council on Aging Meals on Wheels, Executive Director, Darlene Supplee, accepts the check at our Annual Meeting / Holiday Party





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Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- **Note:** Cars'NCoffee time is now 9:00 am each Saturday through the winter at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall.
- **Foodbank** - pack boxes each 3rd Saturday; leave Cars'NCoffee at 8:45 am
- **January 8th: Board of Directors Meeting**, Sam's Sourdough, 6:30 pm (dinner before).
- **January 10th: Membership Meeting**, AK Buffet, 7:00 pm (dinner before). Guest speaker from the Chena Tool Library!
- **February 12th: Board of Directors Meeting**, Sam's Sourdough, 6:30 pm (dinner before).
- **February 14th: Membership Meeting**, AK Buffet, 7:00 pm (dinner before).
- **February 19th: Annual Planning Meeting**, Fountainhead Museum, 7:00 pm (reservations required for pizza).
- **June 26 - July 4th, 2019: Adventure Before Dementia Tour**



• August 16th & 17th: **Joint Meet**, Healy

Antique Auto Musers

• **January 9th: Membership Meeting**, meet at Turnagain Social Club, 6:30pm

National AACA Events

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

Please note that there will be NO February Newsletter. The next newsletter will be for March, and will issue at the end of February.

DUES

Dues are now **PAST DUE** for the 2019 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 a club meeting. **Dues are to be paid each year by December 31 for the following year. Unpaid memberships will be dropped at the March Board of Directors meeting.**

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
- Thanks, Rochelle Larson

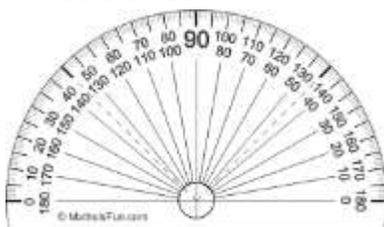
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Bruce McIntosh
- 8 - Patricia Cromer
- 10 - David Hobson
- 22 - Bernie Saupe

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 - Laura Therriault
- 8 - Vonna Husby
- 16 - Fred Husby

The Antique Engine Club Folks in our midst are:



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 - Diana & Mike Lecorchick
- 12 - Lori & Tom Hinchsliff

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Laurel & Ed McLaughlin
- 2 - Joni & Dick Ellsworth
- 12 - Ellie & Dan Tempel

SUNSHINE REPORT:

November 7 - Get Well Card for Paul Tekin for bladder surgery.
 November 21 - Get Well Card for Wilma Vinton in the hospital for injury to her back
 November 26 - Sympathy Card for Willy & Wilma Vinton for the passing or Willy's mother.
 December 5 - Get Well Card for Theresa Chase for emergency gall bladder surgery.
 December 10th - Sympathy Card for Greg & Lois Oslund for the passing of Greg's mother.
 December 19th - Sympathy Card for Beccy & Alan Monsma for the passing of Beccy's mother.
 I'm hoping this year finds all of us healthy and happy with lots of blessings... - Tracy
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.

Member Ads

FOR SALE: Early '49 Plymouth P15 body. Body Good - Engine. \$1000 OBO. Need to move it out of the yard! Gene Hansen.
mr.mebble@gci.net 457-1492

WANTED: Buying early Alaska license plates (All types) in any condition. Bryce Crumb
bttrfly123@att.net, (386)-365-7064.

FOR SALE: Flathead Ford engines and parts, some speed equipment, carburetors, and some NOS parts. Call Ralph 347-1675

Birthday not listed? Birthdays and anniversaries are only published for those members who are current on their dues. If your dues were not paid by 12/21, then your January or February birthday or anniversary is not listed.

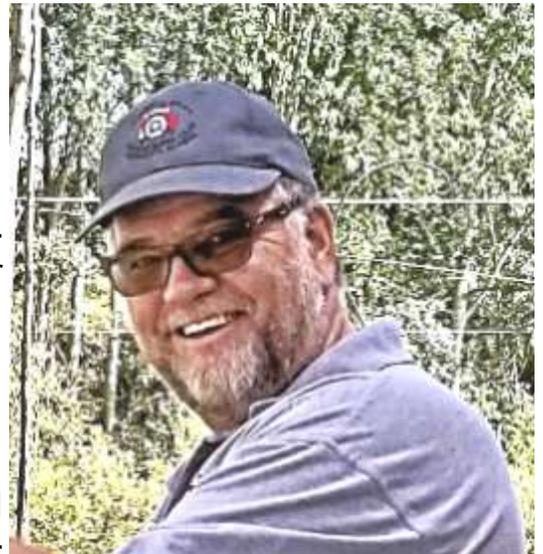
Vice - **President's** Headlights

- Jeff Creamer

Greetings Club Members! Welcome to the new year! Looking back at 2018, I saw growth in our club as we added new activities while still maintaining traditional things. I was very pleased at the interest in becoming more active in community service as a club this past year, evidenced by the 1st Annual Teddy Bear Show that benefited the pediatric group of FMH; and the response for the Food Bank Volunteers and donations was also very impressive. I believe there are many other ways to get involved with service organizations with the community that can be explored as well, so please bring forth any ideas that would have us out on the town sharing our love of historic cars with other groups! Anyplace where people gather for fun or fellowship is a potential spot for us to show people our interest in the history of automobiles and the way they have transformed over time.

We also have an elephant in the middle of the club we are doing our best to ignore, but it can't be avoided any longer: We need a president! My original plan was to retire from the board, though I wasn't comfortable leaving our club missing the leadership positions needed to meet the requirements of membership in AACA. The other board of directors members have placed their confidence in me to lead the task of searching for a new club president, but what we really need is candidates! The position isn't so much of doing as it is of directing and utilizing the talent that lies within the board and the membership to organize the events, contact venues, and basically keep the kittens in the corral! Looking around the holiday party last month, I saw a

lot of potential for leadership within the membership, so I am asking



for your help in taking the club into the next level and helping us become a more visible part of Fairbanks and the surrounding communities. Please drop an email to myself or any Board members if you would be interested in helping steer the club forward. We would like to have nominees by the January membership meeting, with an election scheduled for the February meeting. In February, we will also be holding our planning meeting for the year's activities, so please attend and help us come up with some additional ideas!

The retiring Board Members deserve a note of thanks:

Melinda Harris, thank you for giving of your time as a board member, your help has been appreciated and will be missed!

John McCarthy, for your years of service to the club as president and board member, and for all your volunteering and coordinating events for the club!

And special thanks to outgoing President and incoming board member Mike Lecorchick; We all appreciate your leadership for the last two years, and we look forward to your continued mentoring for myself and the incoming President in the new year.

Cheers,
Jeff



The past tense of Fit is Fat.



President Mike Lecorchick brought the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. There were 37 members present.

Donna Wojciehowski read the BOD minutes from the November meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOTT GRUNDY AND SECONDED BY THERESA CHASE TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Lecorchick gave the treasurer's report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARILYN NIGRO AND SECONDED BY RALPH MOORE TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership Dues are due by December 31, 2018.

EVENTS:

Annual Meeting - The annual meeting is on December 9th at the WestMark. There will be an open bar from 4-5 and the meal will start at 5:10 p.m. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. The Tekins need a head count ASAP because the Westmark needs a headcount by December 1. There will be a white elephant gift exchange with a suggested gift value of \$20-\$30.

The PPR for the 2019 annual meeting will be Ralph Moore.

Update on Raffle Car - Carl Westphal gave us an update. Tickets will be ready to be checked out at the annual meeting.

Fairbanks Food Bank - Theresa Chase gave us an update. The food bank will need our Thanksgiving donations by November 16th. Our volunteer day is November 17th..

OLD BUSINESS:

Logo Items - Mike Lecorchick gave us an update.

Charity Letters - Charity letters were read from Fairbanks Community Food Bank, Friends of Creamers Field and North Star Council on Aging Meals on

Wheels. The letters were read at the membership meeting so the membership could vote on who is to receive our donation this year. The results from the vote were as follows: Fairbanks Community Food Bank - 10, Friends of Creamers Field - 8 and North Star Council on Aging Meals on Wheels - 16.

Election Results - After the election results were in the club's two new directors will be Joe Procell and Phil Sanders.

50/50 - The total for the 50/50 was \$126 and the lucky winner was Elizabeth Masi.

Rick Larrick gave us his newsletter needs.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF CREAMER AND SECONDED BY CARL WESTPHAL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:36 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VLNAACF Annual Meeting Minutes December 9th, 2018 Location - Westmark

President Mike Lecorchick brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There were 97 people who attended the meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLY VINTON AND SECONDED BY SCOTT GRUNDY TO ACCEPT THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Donna Wojciehowski read the minutes from the December BOD meeting.

Treasurer's Report - No report was given.

EVENTS:

Planning Meeting - The event planning committee meeting will be on February 19th, 2019 at the Fountainhead Car Museum at 7:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided.

Fairbanks Community Food Bank - Theresa Chase gave us an update. There

were 1200 lbs. of food donated by club members. 93 turkeys and \$180 was donated by club members. Every third Saturday is our day to donate time to pack boxes.

OLD BUSINESS:

2019 Raffle Car - Carl Westphal gave us an update.

Most Improved Vehicle - Dale Oines presented this years award to Greg Helms for his 1939 Ford Sedan.

New board members for 2019 are Joe Procell and Phil Sanders.

Charity Donation - The director of the North Star Council on Aging was present to accept our charity donation check.

Mike Lecorchick thanked members for all their time that was volunteered over this past year. There were many mentioned which included John McCarthy, Joe Procell, Willy & Wilma Vinton, Charlie Bourque, Doris Casey, Ralph Glasgow and Melinda Harris.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MELINDA HARRIS AND SECONDED BY JEFF CREAMER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:23 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

Everyone must have had a good time at the holiday party because I didn't see anyone sitting at the table scrolling their iPhone or cell phone - even during the meeting part!

This month is a second two-month issue, this one covering January and February. The next newsletter will publish on February 26th for March. Hopefully, by then we will have more member submitted content to go with the activities calendar which comes out in either March or the March - April issue, depending on how much material is submitted between now and then.

Once again, the "Nash's News" newsletter has won an AACA Master Editor Award - the sixth consecutive. That award happens because of the input and content provided by a diverse selection of our members who contribute material so that we can provide not only news but information and articles of interest to our membership. The 2018 Master Editor Awards will be presented at the February National AACA Meeting in Philadelphia.

- Rick Larrick, Editor



NATIONAL NEWS

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The Cars on My Block

John McCarthy
Vice President-Endowments

The Block was the 600 block of 74th Street in Bay Ridge Brooklyn near Fort Hamilton and the Verrazano Bridge. The Block was very middle-class, fireman, policeman, teachers, government and factory workers, with about forty houses on each side of the street. The houses were one-family and two-family, most attached on both sides, and built around 1910. There were only twelve shared driveways on the block with two car garages in the back. Being built in 1910, the garages were too small to fit the cars of the 1950s.

About one-third of the families had cars in the 1950's. Often it was the tenant that owned a car and not the homeowner. Whenever anyone got a new or "new" used car it was a big event, especially for me who knew all the makes and models. Neighbors would come out to see the car - they were exciting times. People kept cars a long time. In 1954 half the cars were pre-war and mostly black.

The first new cars on the block after WWII were two 1948 Fords and two Studebakers. 1949 brought a Ford, 1950 another Ford, two Chevrolets, a Pontiac, a Buick, and a Dodge. There was never a Cadillac or Chrysler, only one Packard, a used 1947 Clipper Limo owned by a chauffeur who replaced his 1942 Chrysler Limo, and a 1941 Lincoln Zephyr that badly needed a clutch - the whole car would shake when releasing the clutch pedal. There was one other Lincoln, a 1956 Capri purchased in 1960 for \$1500, many thought it was a new car as Lincolns were rare in our neighborhood, and that Mr. A had gotten rich - it was long. People began to upgrade in 1952 to 1954 with Mercurys replacing Fords. In 1953 a two-tone green Buick Super Rivera arrived which was one of the best-looking cars in the neighborhood.

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Preparing your rig for long-distance driving.

By Scott Grundy

I've been doing long distance tours for our club for a decade and we have never had a major breakdown. Rick & Jill Larrick have attended all the tours, and Rick has said, "If you have a vehicle that will make it dependably to the Monderosa Restaurant and back, it will make it on a long-distance tour." I agree.

The key to a trouble-free tour is obviously preventative maintenance and preparation. Just address all known weaknesses prior to the tour. Dependable brakes are obviously a must, as is a clean fuel tank. Fuel problems are often an issue because our rough roads will always stir up any debris present in your fuel tank and plug your fuel filter or worse - your carburetor. An inline gas filter with spares is a must in my mind. Also, if a parade is planned during a tour (two this year), it's obviously prudent to be certain your cooling system will

come have fun!

Also understand that parts unique to your vehicle will rarely be in stock at parts stores. So, to avoid a long delay waiting for parts, it's prudent to carry replacement electrical parts (including a spare coil), a fuel pump (or at least a rebuild kit), inline gas filters, fan belt(s), and a good spare tire. Carrying towing and safety items is always prudent.

Most importantly, be assured we would NEVER abandon you along a roadside with your disabled vehicle. We caravan in a group as we travel and I assure you that should you encounter any difficulty, you will have more expertise, advice and assistance than you need or desire! Even with this assurance, it's prudent to have insurance coverage that will cover towing/hauling over a substantial distance; some find it comforting to have additional coverage with AAA.

If the vehicle is new to you and hasn't been well maintained, or if you just drug it out of the bush - your task is, of course, much more substantial. You'll need to go through everything and change all fluids.

I LOVE driving vintage vehicles. It's fun to drive a piece of history, plus the recognition we receive while underway and when we arrive at our destinations is truly rewarding. Please consider joining our tour next summer (June 26-July 4) for the fun and camaraderie! Lots of excellent stuff to see

and do in and along the way to Whitehorse, Dawson City & Tok!



Rick Larrick had to install an electric fuel pump and filter in the middle of the road on the Dalton Highway in 2017, but as you can see, no-one left him and he had lots of "help".

perform well on a hot day without overheating. Again, preventative maintenance melded with some significant local runs will give you confidence in your ol' girl - your car that is! But also understand that you may never have to utilize any parts or specialty tools you carry, nor will your vintage rig ever be perfect. Just do your best and



My mood ring is missing and I don't know how I feel about that.

Autotourism: The Henry Ford



While Outside for Thanksgiving, Jill and I visited the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. We had not been there in over 30 years. Some displays hadn't changed at all, and it was fun to walk again through Driving America and the Railroads exhibits. But much had been updated. I found myself a bit uncomfortable with this "updating" of recent history. When in the "With Liberty and Justice For All" new exhibit, there were teachers with school children touring. The teachers were younger than my children, and listening to them tell their elementary school students about what "they

however, and Jill was pleased with me...). The Made in America power exhibit was also interesting – it was exactly the same as 30 years ago, except for the signage. Now the signage was about "The Age of Electricity: 1910 to 1990", going on to say it ended in the



The Railroad Hall still has the really big stuff (like my grandfather worked on as brakeman)...

(meaning my generation) used to say and think" way back then in the 60's and early 70's was disturbing in her use of past tense and third person. (I restrained myself from telling her and them what I did think and do think,

90's with the end of new coal fired electrical plants and with power utilities urging conservation instead of consumption. Much of that may be true, but it seems to me that we are more dependent now on electricity than we were then. The tractor exhibits and the Heroes of the Sky were the same, and, like the Railroad exhibit, were comforting. There was a really interesting new limited-engagement exhibit called "Rockwell, Roosevelt & The Four Freedoms" – maybe that was so interesting because it was my parents generation and not mine that was being labeled as "history"...



Henry's old "999" 1902 Ford Racer was still there...

- Rick Larrick 

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

SAYS GERMANS PLAN TO SEIZE ALASKA-HAWAII

BY L. C. MARTIN

United Press Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Predicting that America will soon be forced to fight for Alaska and Hawaii, Senator Lewis, of Illinois, today demanded government ownership of railroads as a preparedness measure.

"If private ownership of the roads continues," he said, "we will have no adequate means of rushing troops to points needing defense."

He declared German intrigue will incite Russia to seize Alaska, so as to force the United States to divide its fighting power and minimize her assistance to the allies on the western front.

Lewis' address was the call for a general advance of government ownership advocates in the closing hours of debate on the railroad control bill.

He reviewed the breakdown of privately managed roads, predicting that the "day is just ahead of us when the United States will have to fight to stop Alaska and Hawaii from being wrested from us."

He predicted a calamity if an enemy ever appears at our gates while the railroads are privately owned.

SAYS ALASKA OIL WILL LAST FOR 100 YEARS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Alaska's oil resources, if developed to the fullest extent, will last for 100 years, because of the peculiar formation of the soil, H. R. Harriman, representing Alaska oil men, told the house public lands committee today.

The oil of the North is particularly valuable for gasoline, Harriman said. He urged that the house modify the Pittmann-Ferris bill, which, he said, would put the Alaska operators at a great disadvantage because of climatic conditions and long distance to transport supplies.

FORD PRICES BOOSTED

DETROIT, Feb. 23.—The Ford Motor Co. today announced an advance of \$90 on both runabouts and touring cars, effective at once.

I'm friends with 25 letters of the alphabet; I don't know Y.

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In 1954 a Pontiac Chieftain Stick Six two-door replaced a 1937 Pontiac, and a Dodge Coronet Six Stick replaced a like-new 1937 Dodge. All were black.

1955 was a record year for the auto industry with all new models, V-8's and bright colors, and many new cars on the block. Mr. M who was a conservative school teacher traded in his 1950 Pontiac for an orange and white Oldsmobile Super 88 hardtop that was the fastest car on the block and every time he used the car, he had to show the neighbors how fast it accelerated.

Mr. F bought a new Buick Roadmaster every three years and wanting to relive his youth bought a 1960 maroon Thunderbird and later a 1966 Thunderbird.

Replacing a car didn't always mean buying a newer one. Mrs. G who did most of the driving in their 1940 Ford until it gave out about 1951 was given \$50 by Mr. G to buy another car and came back from the local used car lot with a 1933 Dodge and had money left over- it was only \$15. The Dodge had a huge back seat area and lasted several years. Another step-backwards was a 1942 DeSoto with hidden headlights being replaced by a late 1930's Pontiac.

A new cream and green 1954 Willys Aero hardtop arrived which was a nice-looking car. It was replaced by a 1960 Ford Falcon which the owner didn't like as it never really warmed up and would not run smoothly in cold weather. It was replaced after a year by a Studebaker Lark which was still around in 1970. There was one Crosley, a blue station wagon. The first foreign car was a 1952 or so green VW, and in 1960 the first Japanese car, a tiny Datsun. It was kind of laughed at and was kept only a few years.

Two cars were around for a very long time--- both garaged and well cared for--- a 1938 black Oldsmobile until at least 1965 and a 1939 gray Ford until the late 1960s. I don't know what ever happened to them.

In May 1967 the best car ever arrived on the block, a 1967 Pontiac Bonneville hardtop. I had just gotten out of the Army and it was my first new car. I wish I still had it.



EVENT PLANNING MEETING

TUES, FEB 19th

The club will have an event planning meeting at the Fountainhead Museum at 7pm on February 19th. At the meeting, specific event ideas will be brainstormed, and then key events, old and new, planned for specific dates on our summer calendar.

From there, the Board will solicit leadership (individual or committee) for each event. The final calendar will be published in March.

Come join us for pizza and share your event ideas for this summer!



In February of 1980 gasoline prices were high and going higher. We had a 1975 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight 4-door hardtop and it was a gas guzzler. So we purchased the 1980 Oldsmobile pictured above. It had a diesel engine. It was a beautiful car with silver exterior and the silver vinyl top. The interior was a burgundy colored leather. General Motors did not put much thought into offering a diesel engine in their passenger cars. They tried to modify a gasoline engine to a diesel engine without very good results and that offering did not last long. The car was in the Aurora Motors shop more than we were actually able to drive it during the two plus years we owned the car. Fortunately my younger sister was off in college and we were able to use the extra car my folks had. In the Fall of 1982 we traded the Diesel Olds for a 1983 gasoline model. The diesel Olds sold to a mechanic who was not bothered by the diesel engine issues and drove the car for years. The 1975 gas guzzler was sold to Vern Stoner with Goldpanner Service and I am sure he got a better price on then we did! In the background of the photo is the 1973 GMC pickup that we purchased new in the Fall of 1972. It was a great workhorse that served us well until a 1991 upgrade.

Jeff Cook



Automobile Repairshop Short Cuts

Rather than the usual 100 year-old items normally populating this column, several tips were suggested by members.

David Hobson read a piece in Rock Auto News that reminded him of some good battery advice, especially for those of us here in Fairbanks who store our cars outside or in un-heated spaces. Batteries can freeze, break, and do lots of damage! Always make sure the battery is fully charged and disconnected when you store your car - or better yet, remove it and store you battery in a heated indoor space, stored on a non-conductive (wood) surface. While a fully charged battery won't freeze until -70F, in a discharged or partially charged battery (anything below 12 volts - 6 volts if a 6V battery), the water separates out of the acid / water mixture and the temperature only has to drop to 32F to freeze the battery. Some new batteries use a gel to prevent this issue, but conventional batteries can and will freeze. Be warned.

Don Oines is always looking for mechanic's tips, and sent me information on why you should always keep some cotton rope in your shop or garage. To help remove a stubborn cylinder head, remove a spark plug and insert a length of soft cotton rope into the cylinder; now crank the engine by hand (either hand crank or by moving the flywheel). When the rope compresses against the head, it should force it loose. If needed, repeat with the rope in another cylinder. A second "rope trick" is to thread rope into a cylinder in order to hold an overhead valve in position so to enable replacement of the valve spring - here thread a long length of cotton rope in with the cylinder at bottom dead center, then rotate the engine to compress the rope, holding the valve in position while you remove the spring.

- Rick Larrick



At the Annual Meeting / Holiday Party, Greg Helms was presented with the traveling Most Improved Vehicle Award Trophy and with a personalized Most Improved Award plaque. Above, Dale Oines makes the presentation to Greg. Right, the MIV committee admires Greg's 1939 Ford Custom. We will ask Greg to write an article for an upcoming newsletter.



MOST IMPROVED VEHICLE AWARD 2018 Greg Helms



2019 ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA TOUR ANNOUNCED!

By Scott Grundy

Don't miss this fun tour to WHITEHORSE, DAWSON CITY AND DOWNTOWN TOK! We will depart Fairbanks on Wednesday, June 26 and return after the Independence Day parade in Tok (July 4-**if you're confused**). **We'll spend two nights in Whitehorse and three in Dawson City. So many fun things to see and do in-route and at our destinations!** You will have the opportunity to visit junk yards (Shall I stop the excitement here?), soak in the Takhini Hot Springs, tour top-rated museums, tour historic riverboats, attend hilarious follies, eat the largest hot-cross bun in the Yukon, view wonderful scenery and the famous Five-Finger Rapids, attend historic walking tours, **see Robert Service's cabin & listen to his poetry, tour the largest gold dredge in the Yukon, participate in two parades (Canada Day & our Independence Day), and so much more!** Contact your Cat Herder (Jr.) for tour details and hotel reservation information at sgrundy55ply@gmail.com or 907-322-9283. **I may be traveling so if I don't respond quickly, please feel free to impose on our editor larrickrick@gmail.com, 457-4344. Seriously, please join us on this dandy tour!**



Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks Annual Antique Car Raffle

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See any car club member for tickets or buy them at Larson's Locksmith, 1249 Noble St., Fairbanks



1973 VW Superbeetle Convertible

49,000 miles / 1600 cc engine / 4-spd manual transmission

Drawing: July 20th, 2019 at 2:00pm

Pioneer Park Square Dance Pavilion
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NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **Thursday, Jan 10th** at the AK BUFFET Meeting starts at 7:00pm; come dine at 6pm before the meeting starts.

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, Jan 8th** — at Sam's Sourdough . Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



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