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northern region of AACA**



JOINT MEET 2019

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Worrying works! 90% of the things I worry about never happen.

JOINT MEET 2019

Once again we met up with the Anchorage Antique Auto Musers Club for the Joint Meet, this year held in Healy. This was the 43rd year of the event, according to Scott Grundy and it was well attended by the VLNAACF members. The following folks participated with their vehicles:

VLNAACF Members:

Ron Dane, 1929 Model A Ford
Willy & Wilma Vinton, 1963 Ford Galaxy 500
Rick Larrick, 1955 Buick Century
Ed McLaughlin & daughter, Paige Vonder Haar (modern car)
Mike Lecorchick, 1946 Ford Coupe
Richard Bellows, 1972 VW
Jeff Creamer in his newer Mercedes sports car
Scott & Linda Grundy, 1955 Plymouth
Bub Larson & daughter Rochelle Larson, 1966 Ford Pickup
Bruce & Colleen Thompson, (New Members from Healy) 1956 Chevy
Jerry & Carolyn Mustard, 1983 Porsche 944
Carl, Clifford and Madrona Westphal

AAMA

Brian Anderson, 1979 Jeep
Art & Tam Isham, 1968 Volvo 1800 S
Scott & Sheryl Hulse, 1958 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud

We started the first evening in the rain. VLNAACF members experienced rain all the way from Fairbanks to Healy and we were very glad that we had the Tri-Valley Community Center reserved for the Friday meal. Carl Westphal and family kindly agreed to bring the valve cover track down in his trailer so we



Jeff Creamer gleefully calls a crushed cone penalty on Scott Hulse

were able to challenge the crew from Anchorage to a race. There were two valve cover racers from VLNAACF- Willy and Rick and two from AAMA- Brian and Art. As luck would have it (random number selection,) Brian and Art started the event. By the time all was said and done, Art took First Place, Brian took Second (skunked by AAMA again) and Willy took third. Even though it was still raining, we decided to take a short jaunt to the Glitter Gulch, specifically to the Princess Wilderness Hotel to see the restored 1925 Fageal bus. This was a project that the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum took on, they restored it for display and it is at Denali Village at the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. We also took a tour of some great signs found on the road up to the Grande Denali Bluffs Hotel.

Saturday morning found it sprinkling, however the weath-



Photo by Scott Grundy

Above: The joint group met at The Black Diamond Restaurant for a bountiful "family-style" meal and for the presentation of awards won in the competitive activities.

Cover Photo is Ron Dane going fishing in his 1929 Ford Model A.



Above: The attentive line judge / starter (Madrona Westphal) gives the final instructions to drivers Brian Anderson and Art Isham, both of the Anchorage Club.

Left: The Winners!

Ron Dane (Back Seat Driver with Brian Anderson in the back seat)

Art Isham (Blind Target, with Tam Islam giving instructions)

Mike Lecorchick (Fishing, with Jeff Creamer)

Due to rising costs, dirty deeds are no longer done dirt cheap.

Right: Friday night pot luck dinner and Saturday noon lunch were held at the Tri-Valley Community Center.



er report PROMISED sun, so the Car Games started promptly at 10 am. This year we had the 1) Blind Target- where the driver had to watch his passenger guide him from the front of the vehicle to back up into a parking spot and end as close to the target as possible. The passenger could only use hand signals.



Above: Dick Bellows goes fishing.

Points were taken away for looking away from the guide or putting the car into forward motion at any time after starting the backup procedure. 2) A-Fishing we Go - where the passenger had to pick up a plumb bob with a fishing pole, hold it while the driver moved forward a ways, then get out and give it to the driver and jump back in. The driver would then drive back to where the "fish" was picked up and put it back. The hardest part appeared to be putting it back! 3) Back Seat Driver- where the driver was blindfolded and had to drive forward, around some cones and back into a parking spot, all from verbal commands of the passenger. Carl Westphal's 9 year old daughter, Madrona, helped out the Anchorage participants that did not have a passenger along and did a great job of backing them in, despite never having driven before.

Winners of this year's event were announced at the Saturday evening dinner held at Black Diamond Restaurant. The meal was served "family-style" and none of us went away hungry!! The winners were:

1) Blind Target

- 1st Place: Art & passenger Tam, Isham
- 2nd Place: Scott Hulse & passenger Brian Anderson
- 3rd Place: Jerry & passenger, Carolyn Mustard

2) A Fishing we Go

- 1st Place: Mike Lecorchick & passenger Jeff Creamer
- 2nd Place: Dick Bellows & passenger Medrona Westphal
- 3rd Place: Bub Larson & passenger Rochelle Larson

3) Back Seat Driver

- 1st Place: Ron Dane & passenger Brian Anderson (a joint club effort)
- 2nd Place: Brian Anderson & passenger Medrona Westphal (another joint club team)
- 3rd Place: Art & passenger Tam Isham

Both clubs took home some nice prizes and I believe that this year's Joint Meet can be considered a success, despite the weather. We did get sun in the afternoon on Saturday so we were able to do a short car show at the Three Bears Shopping center and the drive home on Sunday was beautiful for the Fairbanks group. It may have been a bit hair razing for the Anchorage club given that there was a fire at Talkeena and rumors that the road may be closed. We left them Sunday morning at Rosie's Café contemplating driving home by way of the Denali Highway.

A special Thank You goes out to Liz Masi for a majority of the behind the scenes' organizing. It could not have been done without her help and the help of Scott Grundy. Our appreciation for your hard work is immense!

Willy & Wilma Vinton, PPR's



Above and left: Madrona Westphal teamed up with AAMA's Brian Anderson in the car games.



Photo by Scott Grundy

Left: Group visited Bobby Sheldon's Fageal bus, which had been rescued by the Fountainhead Museum, and now resides on the Princess properties in "Glitter Gulch".



Below: Group visits Bruce Thompson's garage.





SEPTEMBER, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall
8	9	10 Board Meeting Denny's ("Sled Dog Room" in the back)	11 <i>Informal Run-around</i>	12 Membership Meeting: Denny's ("Sled Dog Room" in the back)	13	14 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall FALL COLOR RUN - leave at 11am from CnC
15	16	17	18 <i>Informal Run-around</i>	19	20	21 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall Lve for the FOOD BANK at 8:45am
22	23	24	25 <i>Informal Run-around</i>	26	27	28 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall
29	30	<div> <p>Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events, notices, and articles to vlnaacf@gmail.com</p> </div>				

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Note:** CarsNCoffee time is 8:00 to 10:00 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall.
- **Note:** Run-Arounds typically end with the closing of Pioneer Park for the season, but as long as the weather holds, you will find a group ready to go at 7pm from the front parking lot!
- **Sept 10th: Board of Directors Meeting,** Denny's Restaurant Sled Dog Room; Meeting 6:30 pm (dinner before).
- **Sept 12th: Membership Meeting,** Denny's Restaurant Sled Dog Room; Meeting 7pm (come early for dinner before)
- **Sept 14th: FALL COLOR RUN** (Paul & Joyce Tekin, PPRs)

Antique Auto Musers

- **September 11: AAMA Regular Meeting**

National AACA Events

- **October 9-12: AACA Eastern Fall Na-**



tional (HERSHEY SWAP MEET & SHOW) - Hershey Region, Hershey, PA.

- **November 6-9: AACA Western Fall Nationals,** Fallbrook CA

Paul and Joyce will host a poker run to Ivory Jacks on Sept. 14th.

We will leave from parking lot of Cars N Coffee at 11 am.

We will take the long way to Ivory Jacks for lunch.

Hope to see you there.

- Paul & Joyce Tekin

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Pranee Nakprasit
- 3 - Aimee Hughes
- 5 - Tracy McLeod
- 7 - John Morgan
- 8 - Michael Welch
- 11 - Wally Olsen
- 13 - Marilyn Nigro
- 14 - Wyan Grant
- 14 - Al Haynes
- 17 - Carolyn Mustard
- 18 - Brent Levalley
- 21 - Karine Dane
- 21 - Don Ronken
- 26 - Maria Mingus
- 27 - Charlie Jurgens

President's Headlights

- Jeff Creamer

Greetings All!

Fall is upon us, and it is important that we squeeze the most out of our summer season. I encourage everyone to make a strong effort to join in the remaining functions left to us in the time left before the "S" word hits again!

A big thank you goes out to Wilma, Scott, and Liz for making the Joint meet a fun filled weekend in Healy! It was a bit moist to start with, but that didn't faze us too bad.... Events such as this take careful planning, and these three (and many others) put in the time to make this a memorable weekend!

Coming up in September, we will continue with Cars and Coffee, Wednesday Night Runarounds, along with a fall colors run the 14th, and the Foodbank Saturday is the 21st this month. There will be several Labor Day activities around town, and though we don't have any official activities planned, it will be an opportunity to join the community in various activities and share the history of our classic and antique vehicles.

Remember to work on getting those Charity letters to the board this by October 1st! Sooner is better for this so the board has time to discuss the merits of each organization! One other item that is time sensitive; It is time to start thinking about the leadership of the club and start networking with fellow members about taking on roles as board members or officers. The By-Laws state that a Nomination Committee is formed in September to make contact with the membership via phone calls, emails, etc., all incumbents first to determine if they wish to volunteer for another term, or for any other officer or open position. Multiple candidates should be the objective of the committee. I will be looking to have this committee formed by the end of the September membership meeting.

In closing, look forward to the September membership meeting at Denny's on Airport Way. We are going to give this venue a try, as the Buffet has lost its shine with many of us. As it is a restaurant and we will be ordering from the menu, plan on arriving early if you want to eat, as it takes a bit longer to prepare individual meals.

Safe and happy travels,

Jeff Creamer



SUNSHINE REPORT:

Cards were sent to:

Martin Herzog family for his passing
8/5/19

Tim Cerney get well card for open Heart
surgery 8/12/19

Robbie Casey get well card for surgery
8/12/19

- 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.*

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Vonna & Fred Husby
- 7 - Joyce & Paul Tekin
- 7 - Tracy & James Brand
- 18 - Tammy & Marlen Pruett
- 28 - Martha & Carl Westphal
- 29 - Lorna and James
(Clutch) Lounsbury

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

ARE WE THERE YET?

Carl Westphal reported the following conversation taking place in their car while on a driving vacation this summer:

"Dad where are we?"

"You're in Athol!"

"I'm not an asshole!"

"No your in Athol"

"Why are you calling me an asshole?"

"I'm not you're in Athol Idaho."

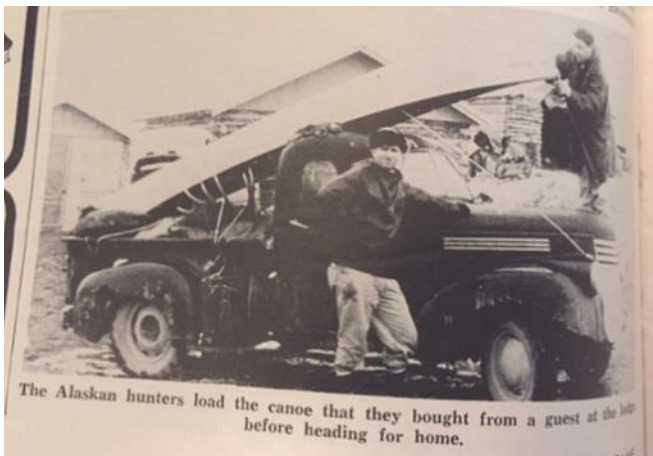
Martha and I must've been tired because we were giggling through this whole exchange. I mean what moron names a town Athol?! - Carl



WHY A CHEVY?

- Al Haynes

I lot of people question me as to why after 47 years at the Ford dealership I have a 46 Chevy pickup. The black and white photo at the left is my first vehicle, a 46 Chevy PU that I was really proud of at fourteen and was really upset that my dad (in the picture) took hunting down on the Denali Hwy and had the audacity to treat it the way it was in this picture. I believe the picture dates to 1963, I sold the truck when I was about seventeen. I learned how to drive in that truck, first dates in it and never really forgot it and never had the money (or skills) to make it what I dreamed of. So almost fifty years later I was playing on the computer and just for kicks started looking at 46 Chevy pickups and the rest as they say is history. I really am a Ford guy but if it's got wheels and runs on gasoline I can like it. So that's the story on the little red truck. The color photo that is above was at Chatanika on August 10, 2019



The Alaskan hunters load the canoe that they bought from a guest at the lake before heading for home.



Above, 1937 - by the 50's it was "I'm Earl Scheib, and I'll paint any car, any color for \$89.95. No ups, no extras."



Sneak Peek: 2020 RAFFLE CAR: 1997 BMW Z3

I thought growing old would take longer...

VNAACF Monthly Membership Meeting **Chena Wayside Park** **August 8, 2019**



President Jeff Creamer brought the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. There were 36 members present.

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

Secretary Donna Wojciechowski read the BOD meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Wilma Vinton gave the treasurer's report.

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson gave us an update. The club has 234 members. 96 joint and 44 single memberships.

EVENTS/COMMITTEES:

Joint Meet - Wilma Vinton gave us an update.

Teddy Bear Car Show - Doris Casey gave us an update. The club will be delivering the teddy bears to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital on August 22nd. We will have 900 teddy bears to deliver. We will meet in the Shopper's Forum parking lot at 2:30 and will deliver the teddy bears at 3:00.

August 10th is the slow poke run. We will leave at 10:00 after cars and coffee. Willy Vinton is the PPR.

August 10th there will be a car show in the Walmart parking lot from 10:00-2:00. This is a Walmart sponsored show and not a club sponsored show.

August 17th is the club's Saturday to pack boxes at the food bank. We will leave cars & coffee at 8:45 and will

arrive at the food bank at 9:00.

August 17th is the Stand Down at Alaskaland. The hours are 8:00-3:00.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting - The meeting will be at the Fountainhead Car Museum. They have agreed to waive their fee and the cost of dinner per plate will be

between \$42-\$45.

Charity Letters - The BOD will need the charity letters before the October BOD meeting.

Open Forum - Willy Vinton gave us an update on Sully's cars. 50% will go to hospice and 50% will go to the club of whatever the cars are sold for.

NEW BUSINESS:

Website - Wilma gave us an update on the website and including an instagram account so there will be pictures uploaded to the website and the website will be updated with more current information and events.

Winter Membership Meetings - The membership meeting in September, October and November will be held at Denny's Restaurant.

BOD Meetings - The BOD meetings for September thru December will be held at Denny's Restaurant.

The total for the 50/50 was \$126 and the lucky winner was Jerry Mustard.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY THERESA CHASE AND SECONDED BY DONNA WOJCIECHOWSKI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Submitted by
Donna Wojciechowski



Even with a sexy raffle car like the Z3, these guys still can't get it up (the bonnet, that is...)

Please don't feed the wild animals. They will become reliant and will soon want cell phones.

Member Ads

ACCEPTING REASONABLE OFFERS ON THESE CLUB CARS

As most of you know, the family of Larry Sullivan has given several of Larry's cars to the club. They will be sold at the listed price or for the best offer, with half of the sale price being donated to Hospice in Larry's name; the remaining being used by the club as the club sees fit. Contact Willy Vinton (388-8252 or email him at wvinton@gci.com) to see the cars and make an offer.



**1928
Chevrolet 2-Door**
Runs / Original Car; needs
some TLC

\$5,000 OBO

1924 Ford T Pick-Up

Was always a good driver;
nice rig with good wood

\$7500 OBO



1950 Austin of England



Model
40 with
sunroof
Nice car,
with
spare
engine.

\$6500
OBO

**1951 Crosley
Super Wagon**
(Red/White)
Runs, comes with
rebuilt engine...

\$4500 OBO



1950 Crosley Super Wagon

Runs great!

\$4500 OBO



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

Almost time to start getting cars ready for winter. Studded snow tires can go on your winter driver on September 15th. At least it is the time to start making your list of winter old car projects.

A number of folks are getting ready to go Outside for various meets and tours. The International Studebaker / Antique Studebaker Club meet is this month in Ohio, and of course, The Eastern Fall AACA Meet is at Hershey in October.

With events tapering off for our club, I really need articles (short or long) for the newsletter this winter. Hopefully we will not again have to resort to bi-monthly issues in November - December and then January - February as we did last year. The only way to avoid that is if members write articles. They can be about your car, some automotive history you have researched, an Outside car meet you attended, or maybe a car museum you visited.

- Rick Larrick

TEDDY BEAR DELIVERY Aug. 22nd



For a second year Doris Casey (photo right) led our Teddy Bear Car Show (see Aug newsletter) and the collection and distribution of teddy bears to the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Pediatric Ward of about 1000 stuffed animals, a number of which were purchased with 50-50 proceeds and other income from the show - these special bears have a t-shirt with the VLNAACF region logo. The hospital ran out of bears about a month ago, so these additional should hold them until our show next year! Thanks to all who participated. Mark your calendar for next July 11th for another fantastic Teddy Bear Benefit - next year at Pioneer Park.

Member Ads



FOR SALE: 1972 Triumph Daytona 500.
Restored and not ridden asking \$6750.00 have had a couple people say they are trying to get funding together, at this time I just want to sell it and would entertain realistic offers. Contact Al Haynes at 907 388 9621

Paying \$1,000 for Fairbanks, and \$750 for Anchorage Alaska City license plates. Offering license plate finder fees. Buying all Alaska City license plates. Bryce Crumb bttrfly123@att.net. (386)-365-7064.



AK License Plates

By Bryce Crumb

Wil Courtney wrote "I have known Leslie and her late husband Bill for over 40 years." Wil gave Leslie my name and contact information concerning Bill's birth year 1933 Fairbanks license plate which I acquired. I mailed Wil a mint 1966 Alaska Historic Vehicle first issue license plate #153 as a finders fee. Only two hundred 1966 Alaska Historic Vehicle license plates were issued.

1966 Alaska Historic first issue license plates in my collection. #2, #56 pair, #58 pair, #65 pair, #89 pair, #92 pair, and #123. I know who has #1, and he will never part with it. A friend of mine has #66. Next issue will write about fake 1923 Alaska listed on Ebay. Would love hearing from anyone owning a 1966 Alaska Historic Vehicle license plate.

Bryce Crumb bttrfly123@att.net 

CHENA HOT SPRINGS PICNIC RUN July 27th



All photos by Cindy Helms



A group of over 20 members drove out to Chena Hot Springs on the 27th of July for a fun day to include a poker run, laughs and good food. The top winner with the best card hand was our secretary, Donna.

- Cincy Helms, PPR 

SLO-POKE RUN August 10th



All photos by Willy Vinton

Well, after cars and coffee, a few of us hearty(?) souls decided that the western sky didn't look that bad, so we set of on a tour around Fairbanks. We had a great time for the first hour, then these little tiny things started stinging our face, and we discovered it was actually rain.... My self and Jeff Creamer were the only ones with no top, and I had no windshield either to help keep us dry. We stopped at the old Pikes ice cream shop for this pics and were rather wet by this time. Jeff decided to put his windshield up for a little comfort, but alas,,, I cant do that. Now I can tell you that riding in the rain with a 20mph wind blowing on your hands is darn cold. I found that if I sat on one hand and drove with the other it was ok, then just switch hands, and try not to put them both under you at the same time. The rain didn't let up, so we stopped at one of my hangers and got out of the rain for a spell, then said what the heck, lets just go ahead and go, ending up at the Bakery for lunch. A great time with great people, and thanks to all who came out with a total of 10 cars.

- Willy Vinton, PPR





They're Only Original Once

Fred Trusty

HPOF Chairman



This is the 4th in a series of articles about original vehicles; Historical Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) class. The 1st article was an overview of the HPOF class, the 2nd opened the doors and looked inside, and the 3rd started the exterior series with paint. This time we'll look at tops, trim, glass, wheels, and tires. Convertible tops are another item that if not properly cared for can contribute to the deterioration of other areas. A leaky top can cause rust in the fender wells, floor boards, and other areas. The sun can take its toll on fabric so if it's dry rotted it needs to be replaced. If it's done so in a professional manner and with period correct materials, there should be no deductions.

What about chrome and stainless trim items? If the part serves the purpose for which it was intended, then it's ok to an extent. But, if that chrome bumper has holes rusted through and almost no chrome is left, then it's time for trip to the salvage yard. The same goes for badly damaged trim items.

If the windshield and/or glass is damaged or starting to have that foggy appearance, then it's time to replace it. If possible, use the correct glass for the era of the vehicle. Either way, there should be no deductions because glass is considered a safety issue.

And last but certainly not least is the controversial area of wheels and tires. The vehicle has to have the correct wheels and covers. Even though those nice Cragar mags on your '69 Chevelle SS are period correct, they aren't what the factory installed so there would be a deduction. And then there is the area of tires. If radial tires weren't available for the year of the vehicle, then that would also be a deduction. One sometimes confusing area is the 1972 to 1978 alpha numeric radials on American cars and light trucks. Most of these size tires are not available and using a bias ply tire would definitely be incorrect so a P-metric radial can be substituted in most cases by making a written request for exemption to the VP of Class Judging. Please keep in mind that proof of authenticity is the responsibility of the vehicle owner. When in doubt, remember these three things: documentation, documentation, documentation.

Remember, they're only original once.



Broken bolts, taps, easy-outs, drill bits

- Dan Brotzman

Editor note: This article originally appeared in the March 2019 issue of Green Magazine, written by Dan Brotzman, for his column "Tip of the Month". A new Vernon Nash club member, Richard Meiners, read it and thought it would be good to share in our newsletter. Richard did all the "legwork" of contacting Green Magazine's, Carol Hain, and she granted permission for us to publish it here. This article is printed by permission from Green Magazine, PH 402-643-6269, web greenmagazine@gmail.com.

In the September 2004 issue of Green Magazine, we covered removing a broken off bolt. Since then, a great friend of mine tipped me off to a product that not only works on twisted off bolts, but also works when the unspeakable happens, twisting off a thread tap, easy-out or breaking off a drill bit while drilling a hole. If this has never happened to you, you are extremely lucky and should probably buy a lottery ticket! The product is a welding rod known as X-Tractalloy (Photo 1). If you do an internet



search for X-Tractalloy, you can find this product available through eBay, Amazon, and many welding supply distributors. You will need to plan on spending about \$25 per pound for these welding rods, but one pound of welding rod will get you multiple rods, depending on the diameter of the rod. On the flip side of the upfront cost, spending \$3, or even \$10, to get a broken tap out, or a bolt broken off several threads into a hole, the price of these rods will be a welcome expense when it works.

What's the secret to these specialty rods working so well? The outside flux forms a ceramic coating around the welding

arc to protect existing threads in steel, cast iron, aluminum, brass, etc. To top it off, these rods are an all position rod for AC and DC welding machines (Photo 2). The minimum bolt size is listed as 5/16" and the maximum bolt size is 4" diameter. The chart in Photo 2 also lists the amperage settings to use for the different diameter welding rods. Humm, is this starting to sound like a commercial instead of a tip article? That's not the intent, and once a person tries these special welding rods, I can assure you that you will be happy and impressed. You can even use your computer or cell phone to watch an instructional video on YouTube before you decide to try these welding rods. It will be well worth a couple minutes out of your busy day to watch one of these videos.

Let's take a quick look at this John Deere 4850 that ended up with both bolts breaking off that hold a hydraulic valve to the side of the transmission housing (Photo 3). The center hole is an oil passage with a broken bolt on each side. Obviously we will be welding in the horizontal position to verify these welding rods do work in any position.



Before we start, though, let's disconnect the tractor's battery cables. The instructions say to strike an arc directly in the center of the bolt, tap, E-Z Out or drill bit and keep the arc in the center. Continue welding until the weld is built up just above the surface of the hole, then let it cool and chip the slag from the weld and wire brush the area clean. The next step in the instructions is to weld the center of a washer to the weld column you built up in the hole. With the washer welded in place, chip off the slag again and wire brush the area clean. Finally, weld the outside of a nut to the washer, let the weld cool to solidify, then back out the twisted off bolt, tap, or whatever, while the weld is still warm (Photo 4).

Obviously, I didn't follow the in-



July Random Run-Around

Once again Charley Bourque did a great job of taking us somewhere many of us have not taken the time to go. This time we headed to North Pole and the North Pole Memorial Park. This park commemorates our Fallen Heros and was started initially to honor Trooper Gabe Rich and Trooper Scott Johnson, thus its official name "Trooper Gabe Rich and Trooper Scott Johnson Memorial Park".

As we all know, heading to North Pole from Pioneer Park involves many lights and the opportunity to get left behind. We manage that trap, however two of our members, Ron Allen and Melinda Harris, had to make a short stop when Melinda experienced car trouble. Once in North Pole they were not sure where the rest had headed, but they remember that during the location discussion we had considered going to Santa Claus House for ice cream after viewing the Memorial. So they headed right there. Unfortunately, no other VLNAACF member could be found. After a few phone calls, they discovered where the rest had gotten to and came to join us. By that time, however, we had decided it was time to go for that ice cream and was pondering heading to Santa Claus House when we discovered it had just closed. So we all rendezvoused at Sourdough Fuel to top the evening off with a treat. Thanks Charley for an enjoyable evening.

- written by Wilma Vinton



This month (and every month for the past six years) thanks to John McCarthy and Scott Grundy for early review and checking of the newsletter before publication.—
Rick Larrick, Editor

ready to rock and roll again (Photo 8).

Looking at Photo 9, we can see examples of broken bolts removed using the method outlined in the X-Tractalloy instructions with a washer and a nut welded to the bolt. Interestingly, the tensile strength of the X-Tractalloy welding rod is more than grade 2, 5, 8 8.8, 10.9 and stainless steel bolt. Normally, if you are welding with a weld rod and the arc stops, the welding rod will stick and you can bend the welding rod back and forth until it breaks free. With the X-Tractalloy rod, if the arc stops and the rod sticks to your work, the rod will not break free by bending it back and forth. The tensile strength is that strong. Unlike regular welding rods, the X-Tractalloy has a specially designed tip that easily starts and keeps an arc, making it very easy to use. As you weld, just keep the arc centered in the hold and let the special ceramic coating of the rod protect the threads of the housing in any welding position. If you take a short cut like I did and skip welding a washer on to get the arc to stick to the sacrificial nut, just tilt the welding rod at about a 45 degree angle once the arc reaches the top of the nut.

Often times we see ads for products that make some pretty tall claims, but in this case, it's great using a product that actually works like it's supposed to. To purchase these specialty welding rods, you can find them at some welding supply distributors, or for the technical folks, just do an internet search using the word X-Tractalloy and several choices will come up. Besides working great for twisted off bolts, being able to successfully weld to a broken tap, E-Z Out, or drill bit opens up a world of possibilities that previously meant a significant amount of time and frustration was required to clear these broken items.

Hopefully this information will help you solve your next broken bolt, tap, E-Z Out, or drill bit challenge. For those who have been turning wrenches for several years, you undoubtedly have already encountered the challenges we have talked about this month; if you haven't encountered these problems yet while working on old iron, it's just a matter of time and you will. Until next month, keep turning those wrenches.

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structions completely because I didn't weld a washer on and I welded to the center of the nut as seen in Photo 5. Looking back at Photo 3, we can see that these bolts are broken off just two or three threads below the housing surface, which brings up the question - just how well does the ceramic coating on the welding rod work for bolts broken off farther down in a hole? Photo 6 shows the results of some



Photo 5



Photo 6

bolts that were broken off quite deep in a treaded hole. While the results of Photo 6 aren't pretty, the outcome made someone mighty happy!

With the broken off bolts successfully removed from the transmission housing of this 4850, a quick cleanup of the threads and this tractor is ready to be



Photo 7

put back together (Photo 7). All that came out of the holes with the thread tap was dirt and some rust particles; the threads were in great condition after welding to the twisted off bolts. After reconnecting the batteries



Photo 8

and new bolts holding the hydraulic valve to the transmission housing, this tractor is

X-Tractalloy™

Photo 9

X-Tractalloy is a special application welding electrode designed for extracting broken bolts, studs and taps from threaded holes.

- Saves time and money — reduces downtime and labor by getting parts back into service quickly
- Variable — X-Tractalloy will also remove broken screw extractors, taps and broken drill bits
- Strong — tensile strength exceeds that of Grades 2, 5, 8, 8.8 and 10.9 bolts and stainless steel
- IGNITOR TIP™ — for instant strike
- Nonconductive flux — ceramic-like coating insulates threads to prevent damage from welding
- All-position

SPECIFICATIONS

Tensile strength	123,000 psi (848 MPa)
as deposited	150,000 psi (1034 MPa)
work hardened	21 Rc
Hardness	27%
Elongation	100 ft lbs/135 Joules
Impact strength (Charpy, V-notch)	Cool
room temperature	AC or DC+
Machineability	
Current	

PROCEDURE

See X-Tractalloy instructions shipped with product.

Scan to see application video!

APPLICATIONS

- Removes
- Broken bolts, studs and screws (5/16" and up)
- Broken taps and drills (5/16" and up)
- Broken screw extractors like E-Z Out®
- Works on any ferrous alloy including stainless, tool steel and nickel alloys
- Will remove iron or nickel based components from any metallic block or housing, including aluminum, brass and bronze

Code #	Size	Amps/Range	Bolt Size
004-2-0000	3/16"	130-300	3/16" - 4"
004-3-0000	5/32"	100-160	1" - 2-1/2"
004-4-0000	1/8"	75-105	3/8" - 1"
004-5-0000	3/32"	50-75	1/2" - 3/4"
004-6-0000	5/64"	25-50	5/16" - 1/2"

For kits see page 6

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NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **Thursday, Sept 12th - at Denny's Restaurant on Airport - we will meet in the back room (The Sled Dog Room)**. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.; Come early in time to be served and finish dinner by meeting time!

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, September 10th — at Denny's Restaurant**. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



Teddy Bear Delivery Caravan, August 22nd to FMH. Jeff Creamer, Robbie and Doris Casey, John McCarthy, Charlie Bourque, Paul & Joyce Tekin, Theresa and Will Chase, Mike Lecorchick, Willy Vinton, Scott Grundy, and Rick Larrick



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