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











VERNON NASH CLUB DONATES \$17,200 TO VARIOUS LOCAL CHARITIES IN 2019!

Awards were made at the 2019 Annual Meeting / Holiday Party at the Fountainhead Museum on December 8th

My garage isn't cluttered; I just have everything on display! CAR CONDOM

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No matter how hard you try, you cannot baptize cats.



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2019: A VERY BIG YEAR FOR CHARITY WORK!

December 8th at the Fountainhead cover photo). Sources for the money were:

- bers at each meeting.
- where a 2012 Ford Fusion was an equal amount. cal dealer for \$7,200.
- our treasury.

our Annual Meeting, since a repre- check in the amount of \$2,400.



President Jeff Creamer presents the \$1000 check to Brenda Riley, Director of the United Way of Tanana Valley on December 10th.

sentative could not attend the dinner.

The largest check presented ed the check. by the club was the half of the pro-

Auto Club of Fairbanks presented donated by the club to the Fairbanks charity gift checks totaling \$17,200 at Hospice. That check for \$9,000 was the Annual Meeting / Holiday Party on presented at the Annual Meeting (see

The remaining \$7,200 was distributed to charities which were selected A) Our usual \$1,000 donation, de- in the usual manner that the club choosrived primarily from the club half es where to make our annual charity of our 50/50 raffles held for mem-donation. With the generous amount this year, it was elected by the board to B) The estate of Sara Crawford, make this as three donations, each of Earlier this vear. donated to the Vernon Nash Club members were solicited for nominations and then sold by the club to a lo- for potential recipients, asking that the member write a nomination letter and C) The estate of member Larry Sulli- that the member solicit the potential van. The estate gave the Vernon charity for a letter to the club explaining Nash Club most of Sully's car col- what the potential donation would benelection, which was then sold, net- fit to the recipient. Five nominations ting the club \$18,000, of which with the required solicitation and nomihalf was used for charity dona- nation letter were received, and the tions. The other half is retained in Board elected to pass all five on to the membership for the selection of three The Sara Crawford estate had for award. That selection was made at requested that \$1,000 be donated by the October Membership Meeting, and the Vernon Nash Club to United Way. the decision was difficult, with multiple That check was presented by Presi- ballots being required to determine the dent Jeff Creamer a few days after top three, each to receive an equal

> The Friends of Creamer's Field donation was to support their education programs at the Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge. Creamer's field is on College Road within the city limits of Fairbanks, and all year long thousands of people use the Refuge, which some described as being Fairbank's "Central Park". As Scott Grundy explained in his nominating letter of support. "the Friends operate the Visitor Center, work with the school district to lead school children on field trips to view and identify migratory waterfowl, lead nature walks, help maintain trails, host events like the annual 'Sandhill Crane Festival', organized and conduct a 'Camp Habitat' each summer for children, and so much more." At the meeting, Lissa Hughes, Executive Director of the Friends of Creamer's Field, accept-

The Alaska Health Fair donation ceeds from the Larry Sullivan cars will provide much needed funding to

The Vernon L. Nash Antique which Sully's family had requested be acquire needed equipment for the screening work they do with Fairbanks populations who do not have much access to health care. They outlined a very specific needs list which totaled about \$10,000 - so our contribution will put them a big step toward their equipment funding goal. The equipment is very specific for their vision and hearing screening services. They were nominated by club member Wilma Vinton. At the meeting, Ron and Sharon Phillips, accepted the check and made a few comments about where exactly the money will go toward specific items and programs.

> Guys Read Gals Read was nominated by Katie & Phil Sanders. This program has over 80 volunteers who visit 4th grade classrooms and read. 4th grade is a key point when both boys and girls often stop reading for fun. By re-introducing them to serial novels targeted to their age, the volunteers re-kindle an interest. the end of the book being read, most classroom listeners are eager to get the sequel book in the series. If again "hooked" on reading for pleasure, many will continue the habit for the rest of their lives. At the meeting, Greg and Clare Hill accepted the check and spoke about how the program started and how the program works in the schools to benefit those who might otherwise lose their interest in reading.

> The \$17,200 in donation checks was a huge amount from the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club this year, but it was not the only focus on community giving and charity this year. Major efforts were made in support of the Food Bank and to the Pediatrics Ward at the Fairbanks Hospital.

> About two years ago, member Theresa Chase urged the Vernon Nash Club to help support the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. Solicitations which started with the simple collection of canned goods at club meetings soon expanded club members volunteering one Saturday each

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I checked myself in to the Hokey Pokey Clinic, and I turned myself around.

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month to help pack distribution boxes. On the third Saturday of every month, a rather sizable group leaves Cars'NCoffee early to go over to the Food Bank and pack boxes. Additionally, starting last year at the holidays, members Theresa Chase and Carl Westphal challenged club members to donate turkeys. Last year the club donated 93 turkeys and this year 86.

This was also the second year for Teddy Bear Car Show, initiat-



Theresa Chase packing boxes at the Fairbanks Community Food Bank

by member Doris Casey. This year nearly 1000 stuffed animals, new or clean and nearly new, were donated to the Pediatrics Ward at the Fairbanks Me-



Piles of stuffed animals delivered to the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Pediatrics Ward in 2019.

morial Hospital to help comfort children who must go there. This has developed into a really big deal for both the Vernon Nash Club and for Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, and plans are already under way for next year's show and stuffed animal collection.



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EVENT PLANNING MEETING TUES, FEB 18th

The club will have an event planning meeting at the Fountainhead Museum at 7pm on February 18th. At the meeting, specific event ideas will be brainstormed, and then key events, old and new, will be 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!



There is lots of "fun stuff" on the Internet to help us spend hours upon hours with that diversion for either fun or research on our old cars. Member David Hobson sent me a note that he has been a member of an email mailing each Saturday from The Old Motor, which he enjoys immensely. [Ed note: I have also been a recipient of this weekly email for a number of years.] Each Saturday morning, about Cars Coffee time, an email will pop up with links to featured items from the previous week on the Old Motor website. My personal favorite is the one that is usually the lead item on the list, "Four Fun Friday Kodachrome Car Photographs". As David suggests, log onto The Old Motor website (theoldmotor.com), and sign up for the weekly email subscription.

DUES

Dues are now **DUE** for the 2020 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 next club meeting. Dues are to be paid by December 31 for the following year.

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



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This is my step ladder; I never knew my real ladder.

AACA National News:



Publications Update



By Dave Anspach

AACA Vice President
Publications

With the end of the car show season in the

North, the season in the South is just beginning. Many of the southern regions just begin holding meetings in the fall and as such, their newsletters become more lively and interesting. For those that don't know, that is taken into account by the Publications Committee and they allow for scoring of those newsletters in order to take advantage of the "best" newsletters for those regions.

My pet project, "AACA TRAV-ELS WITH FRIENDS" has been officially embraced by the board of directors and assigned to me for completion. I am asking all newsletter editors to get the word out that this is something that is coming. The idea is to come up with a person to person method of communication for members that are traveling for whatever reason so that they can plan in advance with local knowledge and have that same local knowledge to use in case of an emergency. It is to be a voluntary "opt in" so anyone who doesn't want to be part of it for whatever reason does not have to sign up. We are still toying with how to get the initial "buy in" by members. That is, how do we get the initial sign up going?

The newsletter judging for 2019 will have ended for the year by the time you read this. There was a vast improvement in the quality of newsletters this year. Although I don't have any results, I am predicting an increase in the number of master editors. Everyone deserves a "pat on the back" for the hard work they have done. As I have said many times before, the newsletter is the glue that holds a region together. It is, in many cases, the only communication that many members get about their region. The hard work done by our editors to keep that communication flowing can not be praised enough!!

That being said, I want to emphasize to every member the importance of contributing to your region's newsletter. Any article you write makes

CALENDAR

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- Note: Cars'NCoffee time is 9:00 to 10:30 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall.
- <u>Jan 7th</u>: **Board of Directors Meeting**, Denny's Restaurant Miner's Room; Meeting 6:30 pm (dinner before).
- Jan 9th: Membership Meeting, Denny's Restaurant Miner's Room; Meeting 7pm (come early for dinner before)
- <u>Feb 11th</u>: **Board of Directors Meeting**, Denny's Restaurant
 Sled Dog Room; Meeting 6:30 pm (dinner before).
- <u>Feb 13th:</u> Membership Meeting, Denny's Restaurant Miner's Room; Meeting 7pm (come early for dinner before)
- Feb 18th: ANNUAL PLAN-NING MEETING; 7pm, Fountainhead Museum. PIZZA for those that notify Rochelle ahead.

Antique Auto Mushers

- Jan 8th: AAMA Installation of Officers and meeting at Turnagain Social Club. Guest Speaker.
- Feb 11th: Regular Meeting
- Feb 22nd: Fur Rendezvous Parade
- Feb 22-23rd: Fur Rendezvous

National AACA Events

• Feb 6-8: AACA 84th Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA

your editor's job easier and the region stronger. Stories about your car, auto history, travels, tours, shows, restorations, etc., are of interest to the members of your region and make for a better newsletter. Don't worry if you aren't a good writer! Your editor will, with your permission, fill in the story, correct grammar etc., to make it a thing of beauty. DON'T FORGET PICTURES, they make a story more complete. Please don't hesitate to chip in, your editor and your fellow members will thank you!!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bruce McIntosh
- 6 Dave Rockney
- 8 Patricia Cromer
- 10 David Hobson
- 16 Marnie Hazelaar
- 19 Dan Gullickson
- 22 Bernie Saupe

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Diana & Michael Lecorchick 12 - Lori & Tom Hinchsliff
- 19 Rhonda & John Morgan

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Darnel Weaver
 - Laura Therriault
- 8 Vonna Husby
- 12 Mebble Hansen
- 13 Brier McLeod
- 14 Richard Gresham
- 16 Fred Husby
- 23 James Clough
 - Anio Welch
- 27 Shirley Franklin

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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



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President's Headlights

- Jeff Creamer

Fellow Members,

Welcome to the new year! It was great to see so many of us at the Annual Meeting/Party at the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum for the event. We installed the new officers for the year, said farewell to a departing board member, dined on some sumptuous fare, and had our holiday gift exchange. Look for more details in this newsletter!



It was very satisfying to be the benefactor of multiple charities this year, which is something I hope we can continue in the years to follow. As of now, we have one event dedicated to a specific group annually, and I would like to hear from you on how we can expand on this to benefit other programs in our community. Ideas that have come to my mind are just about anything to benefit the children in our community; fundraising for the preservation of the Riverboat Nenana; maybe a "Dog Days" for the animal shelter; or just about anything along those lines. In February, our event planning meeting would be a great time to share new ideas, and something else we could do is reach out to some of the other car, truck, and motorcycle clubs in the community and see about setting up some local events. The possibilities are endless! If you have ideas or suggestions and are unable to attend the planning meeting, please email me or any of the Board with your input and we will be sure to share it!

In the year ahead we will need folks to head up our regular activities. PPR's will be needed for the Wednesday night runarounds, poker runs, garage tours, etc. Our larger events like the Carlson Center car show, Golden Days parade and annual picnic are a joint effort with <u>lots</u> of volunteers needed! Information will be forthcoming on the ABDT and our joint meet with the Anchorage club, which will be needing support as well. Please let me or any board member know if you are willing to help with these activities.

I hope all of you are having a productive "off season" and are able to get to the usually long list of items needed to prepare or maintain your classic or antique cars. I have large plans of my own that need to be addressed in the few months of winter left. It's kind of funny, winters used to seem so long......

Safe Travels, Jeff Creamer President VLNAACF



Amazon now has a thought controlled air freshener; it make scents when you think about it.



President Jeff Creamer brought the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

There were 96 members and guests present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLY VINTON AND SECONDED BY MIKE LECORCHICK TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Secretary Donna Wojciechowski read the BOD minutes from the December meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Wilma Vinton gave the treasurer's report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK LARRICK AND SE-CONDED BY SCOTT GRUNDY TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S RE-PORT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jeff Creamer gave an overview of the past year and thanked everyone in club for their participation. Jeff thanked Willy & Wilma Vinton, Scott Grundy for heading up the ABDT, Doris Casey for the Teddy Bear Car Show, Theresa

Chase for the Food Bank and Ralph Moore for this year's annual meeting.

Charity Donations:

This year's donations are made possible by the Sarah Crawford Estate. The amount of each donation was \$2400. At the request of Sarah Crawford \$1000 will be donated to the United Way. Jeff will deliver the check personally.

The recipients are:

Guys Read Gals Read -The club sponsor for this donation is Phil & Katie Sanders and Greg and Claire Hill accepted the check. Guys Read Gals Read have been providing free books to 4th grade boys & girls for 14 years. This donation will be used to buy more books for the boys and girls.

Alaska Health Fair - The club sponsor for this donation is Wilma Vinton and Ron and Sharon accepted the check. The donation will be used to buy a cataract and glaucoma machine. There will be free screenings at the health fair.

Friends of Creamer's Field - The club

sponsor for this donation was Scott Grundy and Lisa Hughes, Executive Director accepted the check. This donation will be used to continue to offer free programs to the community.

Hospice of Fairbanks - This donation is sponsored by Willy Vinton. When club member Larry Sullivan (Sully) passed away he asked the club to sell his 4 cars. His request was to donate 1/2 of the proceeds to Hospice.

Willy Vinton accepted a plaque for Barb & Tim Cerney in appreciation for all their support they have given to the club.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE LECORCHICK AND SECONDED BY MELINDA HARRIS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:37 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary



This old car is all that I could a Gord





Vice President Mike Lecorchick brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were 27 members present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILMA VINTON AND SECONDED BY PHIL SANDERS TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MINUTES. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Membership Report - Rochelle Larson reported that we have 237 members. 45 single and 96 joint memberships/

EVENTS/COMMITTEES:

Annual Meeting - Ralph Moore gave us an update. The meeting is at the Fountainhead Antique Car Museum on December 8th. Social hour will be from 4:00-5:00, dinner will be from 5:00-6:00 with the meeting to follow. After the meeting there will be a Chinese auction. Gifts will be exchanged with a \$25 suggested limit. Ralph went to the museum to take a look at where the meeting will be. Cars will be moved around to make room for tables. No outside alcohol will be permitted.

Raffle Car - Willy Vinton gave us an update. The car is in warm storage. The raffle

tickets will be done before the annual meeting.

Food Bank - November 16th is the Saturday for the club to help pack boxes. We will meet at the food bank at 9:00 a.m. So far, members have donated 28 turkeys for Thanksgiving.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grip & Grin Check - Willy Vinton checked into the price for a 36 X 16 check. The cost will be \$147.50 and will be done in time for the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Event Planning Meeting - The planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 18th, 2020.

50/50 - The total was \$101 and the lucky winner was Kelly Temple.

The next newsletter will be a combined January/February newsletter. Rick will need articles for the newsletter by December 20th.

The next BOD meeting will be December 3 at 6:30 at Denny's Restaurant.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILMA VIN-TON AND SECONDED BY PAUL TEKIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:26 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

- Rick Larrick

Well, my 8th year of newsletters I have edited is now "in the book". I think it is mandatory that an editor cannot serve more than a single decade, so if you are interested in being my understudy, I am taking applications. Tutelage and support (other than moral) expires with my editorship. Requirements are loose and flexible...

Once you have been an editor too long. National starts to give you work. I have scored a number of other Regional newsletters this past year for the Publications Committee (see the National column by Dave Anspach on page 6), and it has been interesting to see how varied in format and how rich in content a lot of the regional newsletters are. You can read the newsletters (and websites) of other AACA regions by going to their website area for Regions and Chapters on the AACA.com webpage. If you click on the region, you get linked to the website (ours links to a message from President Jeff), and though most of the websites, you can get to the newsletters, as can anyone else in the world... It is interesting that sometimes material from our newsletter will get used in other publications (Clifford Westphal is notorious through being quoted by his father and reprinted at least in the December issue of The Broken Axle, the newsletter of the Golden Crescent Region in Victoria, Texas).

The amount of community work and charitable donations by our club to the Fairbanks community is something we should all be proud of this year!

As many of you know, 2019 has been a difficult year for me. What do I see for the next year? I don't know. I don't have 2020 vision...



SUNSHINE REPORT:

November 28, sympathy card sent to Wilma and Willy Vinton for the passing of Wilma's sister.

- 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.



When I go to work, I first hide—because a good worker is hard to find!



NEW BOARD MEMBER JERRY MUSTARD

Jerry recently took early-retirement from Holaday Parks (the big sheet metal contractor here in Fairbanks) after working there for 29 years. He and wife, Carolyn, have been spending most of his time in the two years since retirement working on remodeling their home.

Jerry considers car nuts as "my people", and it didn't take Willy Vinton too much arm twisting to get Jerry to join our club after he won the 1950 Ford Tudor Sedan which was auctioned off by the club a few years ago.

Jerry's favorite antique car is his 1970 Kaiser Jeep CJ5, having spent many hours working on it to do the wiring, transmission swap, transfer case rebuild, suspension, and almost everything else. 1970 was the last year of the early CJ5's - with the model being almost exactly the same as every one since 1955. Jerry says "it's a great trail rig - just like a four-wheeler, but you can drive it on the road!"

Jerry's summer driver is also a classic - his 1983 Porsche 944, and he still has to restore that 1950 Ford.

Jerry and Carolyn are regulars at most club events, and Jerry can usually be found most Saturday mornings at Cars'NCoffee. As a new member of the Board, Jerry is "just looking to help out where I can!".

100 YEARS AGO

From the Los Angeles Times, January 28, 1920:

BARNETTES ARE DIVORCED.

First White Woman in Tanana Wins Decree from Los Angeles Captain.

[EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Isabelle Barnette, 247 Twenty-eighth avenue, first white woman to penetrate the Tanana district of Alaska in the gold rush days, was granted a final decree of divorce today by Superior Judge E. P. McGan, from Capt. E. T. Barnette, founder of Fairbanks, organizer of the First Alaskan Bank at Fairbanks, millionaire mine owner and Alaskan pioneer.

With her final decree Mrs. Barnette was given the custody of her daughters, Virginia, aged 14, and Phyllis, 8 years of age. She sued on statutory grounds, but the other woman's name was not revealed. Capt. Barnette resides in Los Appendix.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—Mrs. les. His wife said the act occurred in November, 1911, but she did not discover her husband's infidelity until 1918.

The court retained jurisdiction over the husband in order that he might order Capt. Barnette to contribute to his family's support should it become necessary. There has been a property settlement, however, and Mrs. Barnette is said to be worth more than \$500,000 in her own right.

In the early 90's Mrs. Barnette accompanied her husband to Alaska, with a load of merchandise on a scow. They proceeded up the Yukon to establish a trading post, then turned into the Tanana River. The scow was wrecked and the goods taken ashore. From this small be-

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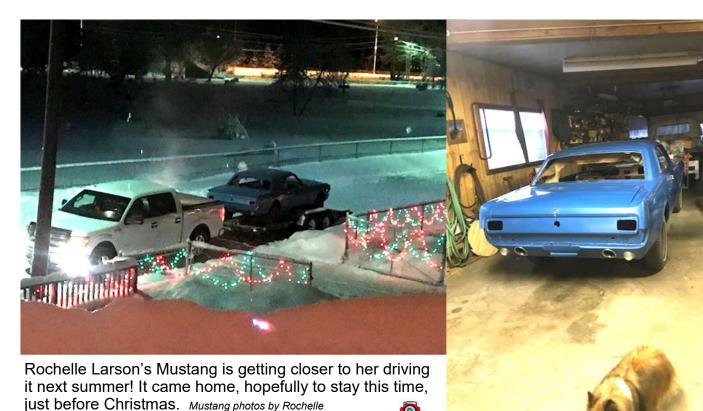
Jeff & Sue Cook were on vacation last May on a Baltic Cruise, and were walking in Gdansk, Poland and came across this 1953 Cadillac.





WORKS IN PROGRESS







Left: progress has been made since this photo was taken on October 29th. Ed McLaughlin has been working on restoration of this 1958 BMW Isetta acquired in 2012. A number of club members have been stopping by Ed's garage once or twice a week to give him a hand with finishing it up.

Short Cuts These short cuts and repairshop kinks are taken from the 1918 book of the above title as published by the U.P.C. Book Company (No. 982)

Automobile Repairshop

CLEANING BRASS PARTS

Small brass parts, such as pet cocks, carbureter parts, etc., may be made to look like new by dipping them in the following bath:
Nitric Acid, 75 parts; sulphuric acid, 100 parts; lampblack, 2 parts; and salt, 1 part. This solution should be mixed and kept in an earthenware or glass jar, and the parts should be thoroughly rinsed and dried after dipping. - M. R. Potter, Wilkes-Barre, PA

ACID BATH

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NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **Thursday**, **January 9th - at Denny's Restaurant on Airport - we will meet in the Miner's 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**, **January 7th** - at **Denny's Restaurant Miner's Room**. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



See Page 11: Works in Progress

