

# Muddle Jumper Gazette



Vernon L. Nash Antique Automobile Club of America

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## Wrapping up the old year

Long time car club member Icele Ditch passed away Monday, December 22, 1997, and she'll be missed by everyone that came in touch with her. Icele was a generous and warmhearted person, who always had a kind word and big smile. She was a true pioneer woman and the only person I knew of that actually cooked bear!! Icele was famous for her banana nut bread and tooting her special horn on our Wednesday night "terrorize the tourist" runarounds. The last year and a half was not kind to Icele health wise but husband Alva was always at her side. Icele loved Alva and her family deeply. Often she teasingly said "I went from the Street (her maiden name) to the Ditch!" She loved the play on words. We were blessed to know this wonderful woman and she will be missed by us all. Life is precious, tell those you love how you feel everyday. God Bless you and remember Icele in peace and grace.

Also remember to keep in touch with Alva now. He's a true example of what it takes to give of yourself for the one you love. Some would call that a sacrifice, but Alva says it was just simply part of his life. He and Icele shared a love & closeness we could all learn from.

December's Christmas party was also a working meeting and we finally disbursed the two year's worth of 50/50 money to several charities! We begin with a clean slate for the savings fund and a call to set up a committee to look into the various entities that are out there that we would be willing to give to. That way members could suggest who or whatever charity, project, or agency they thought worthwhile and the committee would present an organized short list for member voting in December. The committee would be open to all members and would also look into the club or AACA's by-laws to see if there are any rules on the subject.

This year the monies went to:

\$ 600.00	Tanana Valley Rail Road Restoration
\$ 300.00	Hospice of Tanana Valley
\$ 100.00	Burned out family in North Pole Area
\$ 300.00	Santa's Clearing House

## First Meeting of 1998 . . .

We'll be meeting Thursday, January 8, 1998 at El Sombrero, 1420 Cushman St. As usual the conversation & gathering begins at about 6:30 pm with dinner at approximately 7:00. You order your choice from their menu and they (of course) specialize in good ole Mexican style eats. The meeting usually begins at 8:00 pm, so if you can't make it for dinner come on out for the meeting! Hope to see you there.

We'll have some old business to take care of, one of which is forming a committee to look into the best place for the 50/50 monies to go to. Under new business, our Prez, Bill Chace, would like to reinstate a Board of Directors -- or is that Bored of Directors -- for the upcoming year. We'll be looking for a few volunteers for that, too, so you better show up if you **don't** (or if you do) want to help on either of the above!!

We'll be looking at the 1998 calendar and talking about our meet with the Anchorage club and all sorts of other events that'll be happening this year. Some, the good old stand-by's and then what new things do you have on your mind that the club can do? Bring your ideas and lets have some fun, fun, fun.

Included with this newsletter is a current roster of members. We're having new ones call or come to the meetings every month now. Is there someone you know who would be interested to join us. Membership is \$39 for an individual and \$56 for a couple, and that includes membership to both AACA and the Vernon Nash Club.

## The Thanks. . .

Several big OOGHA, OOGHA's go out to Jerry Roehm for his excellent leadership as our Prez last year. Jerry has done a wonderful job and has steered us through a great year. We even had our own "show-n-shine" thanks to Jerry. The Wednesday night terrorize the tourist nights were great, and the parade was as much fun as it always is. The Wasilla trip was a huge success and we're looking for other ideas and opportunities to show our cars at other places, too. Thanks, Jerry for being our Prez, and we look forward to working with you on more show n shines and car shows.

The Gavel has been  
stolen already!!



The new president already lost his gavel as it was stolen by a bloody thief -- no I wasn't in England too long -- the thief in his earnest effort to thwart the new president in his efforts to keep the gavel, injured his hand in the scuffle with the Prez. The Prez, generous, forgiving, and empathetic as he is, gave first aid to the bloody thief and applied the bandage to cover up the terrible deed. But alas the Prez had an ulterior motive -- he believes the bloody thief should pay his fine for losing the gavel and that said thief should guard the gavel from other thieves that might be running amuck amongst the club. And if the bloody thief loses the gavel he should be made to wear his wife's clothing again at the next meeting -- or was it **HIS** boa he wore?!?

# The Shotgun Rules (version 1.1)

The rules listed below apply to the calling of Shotgun (the passenger seat) in an automobile. These rules are definitive and binding.

## Section I

### The Basic Rules

1. In order to call Shotgun, the caller must pronounce the word "Shotgun" in a clear voice. This call must be heard and acknowledged by the driver. The other occupants of the vehicle need not hear the call as long as the driver verifies the call.
2. Shotgun may only be called if all occupants of the vehicle are outside and on the way to said vehicle.
3. Early calls are strictly prohibited. Shotgun may only be called while walking toward the vehicle and only applies to the drive immediately forthcoming. Shotgun can never be called while inside a vehicle or still technically on the way to the first location. For example, one can not get out of a vehicle and call Shotgun for the return journey.
4. The driver has final say in all ties and disputes. The driver has the right to suspend or remove all shotgun privileges from one or more persons.

## Section II

### Special Cases

These special exceptions to the rules above should be considered in the order presented; the case listed first will take precedence over any of the cases beneath it, when applicable.

1. In the instance that the normal driver of a vehicle is drunk or otherwise unable to perform their duties as driver, then he/she is automatically given Shotgun.
2. In the instance that the person who actually owns the vehicle is not driving, then he/she is automatically given Shotgun, unless they decline.
3. In the instance that the driver's spouse, lover, partner, or hired prostitute for the evening is going to accompany the group, he/she is automatically given Shotgun, unless they decline.
4. In the instance that one of the passengers may become so ill during the course of the journey that the other occupants feel he/she will toss their cookies, then the ill person should be given Shotgun to make appropriate use of the window.
5. In the instance that only one person knows how to get to a given location and this person is not the driver, then as the designated navigator for the group they automatically get Shotgun, unless they decline.
6. In the instance that one of the occupants is too wide or tall to fit comfortably in the back seat, then the driver may show mercy and award Shotgun to the genetic misfit. Alternatively, the driver and other passengers may continually taunt the poor fellow as they make a three hour trip with him crammed in the back.

## Section III

### \*The Survival of the Fittest Rules \*

1. If the driver so wishes, he/she may institute the Survival of the Fittest Rules on the process of calling Shotgun. In this case all rules, excepting I-4, are suspended and the passenger seat is occupied by whoever can take it by force.
2. The driver must announce the institution of the Survival of the Fittest Rules with reasonable warning to all passengers. This clause reduces the amount of blood lost by passengers and the damage done to the vehicle.

Please follow the above rules to the best of your ability. If there are any arguments or exceptions not covered in these rules, please refer to rule I-4.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8, 1998

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
8:00 pm

Dinner at El Sombrero's  
VLNAACA Meeting

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