

# Puddle Jumper

Vernon L. Nash Antique Automobile Club of America

November, 2000

## Officers for 2001 Are Announced!

November's Meeting is back to the

### **MINERS RESTAURANT**

26 N Turner, Fairbanks

down from Samson's hardware and across from the  
News Miner. 451-0374

We all had such a great time in October and our host Bill McKnight was so gracious (Bill seemed to accept us coming back without reservation -- but we made them anyway) so we are returning for our meeting on Thursday evening, November 9th.

The menu will be a specialty of Bill's, Halibut Olympia or the half of herb chicken, baked, with the usually trimmings (potatoes or rice; vegetables, soup or salad) for the special price of \$11.00 plus gratuity. Your drinks are not included in the above price.

As usual we'll gather between 6:30 and 7:00, eat dinner around 7:00 PM and our meeting usually begins about 8:00 PM.

Give Paul Camarata a call 488-4293 if you know you are coming and what you want. That way, Chef Bill has a better idea of what to have on hand. If you decide at the last minute to come, or can't decide what you want until you get there, COME anyway, there will be plenty.

It was decided at the October meeting to vote in the officers that were presented by our nominating committee. We didn't have any other nominations from the floor so everyone was running unopposed. Officers for 2001 are:

President: Squeaky (Loren) Benham  
474-4966 mbenham1@yahoo.com

Vice President: Beccy Monsma  
458-0024

Secretary: Marion Benham  
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Treasurer: Ruth Hill  
452-4510

Newsletter: Sherry Camarata  
488-4293 camarata@ak.net

Congratulations to the above and let's all support them in another successful year of the VLNAACA. Thanks to everyone, especially outgoing president, Paul Camarata, for all the hard work and participation this year.



**THANKS**  
**EVERYONE**

## New Newsletter Name????

There have been a number of people in the club that have asked that we rename the newsletter to something more reflective of our name and/or location. When coming up with a name originally, the top two choices other than Puddle Jumper were: Nash Ramblings and Arctic Tracks. Any other suggestions and is there a motion or any discussion to change the name??

### What's the Answer?

Henry Ford was interested in machinery from a very early age. What did he skip church to fix one Sunday that he also became noted for fixing among his neighbors but didn't get paid?

answer: \_\_\_\_\_

What did Henry's father bring home one day that was quite a luxury in those days, but he couldn't get it running and became quite disgusted in the process? Eight year old Henry then took up the job and got it running in no time.

answer: \_\_\_\_\_

What did Henry claim the basic aim of any manufacturer should be?

answer: \_\_\_\_\_

By what age was Henry Ford when he had sold a million cars?

answer: \_\_\_\_\_

*From the Sept/Oct. issue of "Antique Automobiles"  
The article about Henry Ford's First 50 Years.*

## Just for Laughs!

(by Bill Chace)

Super Granny: Defender of Justice (true story)

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and upon returning to her car, she found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at them at the top of her voice, "I have a gun and I know how to use it! Get out of the car, you scumbags!"

The four men didn't wait for a second invitation but scrambled around and ran like mad, whereupon the lady, somewhat shaken, proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back seat of the car. She got into the driver's seat but was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried and then it dawned on her why -- a few minutes later she found her own car parked four or five spaces further down the same row. She loaded her bags into her car and drove to the nearest police station.

At the station, the sergeant to whom she told the story nearly tore himself in two with laughter and pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale big men were reporting a car jacking by a mad elderly woman described as a senior, less than 5' tall, glasses and curly white hair carrying a large handgun!

No charges were filed.

Ah, those senior moments!

## **Engine #1**

### **featured on the world-wide web**

Looks like Engine #1 will be making it big time - on the internet anyway. A National Railroad Syndicated news has picked up the Steam Engine #1 restoration story. It will be featured beginning Nov. 1st on the following web site: <http://www.rypn.org/RyPNLINKS/>

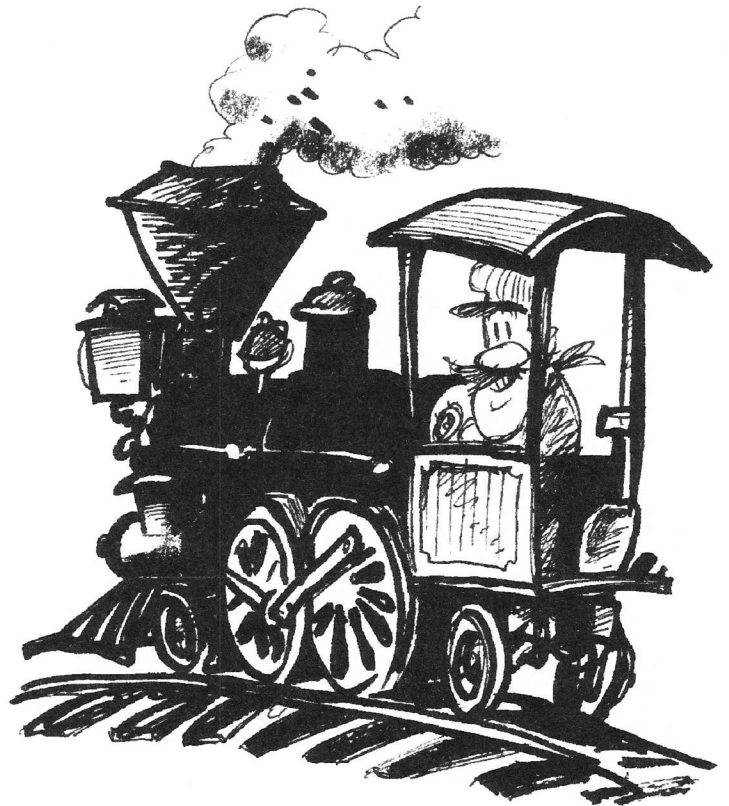
You can also look on their web page at <http://www.fairnet.org/agencies/tvrr/tvrr.html>  
There are some awesome pictures folks.

WHOO-WHOO AND CHUGA CHUGA'S for all those that participated in the restoration project. Glad you are receiving the recognition you all so rightly deserve. And thanks for putting another part of Fairbanks on the map!!

### **Merry Christmas PaRTy!**

Remember the Club's Christmas Party (fun, food, fun, auction, fun, food . . . you get the idea!). We'll see you Sunday, Dec 10th at the Eagles Hall (across the river depending on which side of the river you are on!). Bring your gift for a man or woman or doesn't matter (\$20 value) and have fun at the chinese auction. Santa may have some early surprises for a few of you too, so don't miss the party.

\$5.00 per member, \$15.00 per guest and please don't forget the gratuity. We'll be paying our club and national dues: \$39.00 for individual and \$56.00 for joint memberships.



### **For Sale**

57 Buick, 365 Automatic transmission, 6 cylinder, strong ORIGINAL, \$1750 OBO  
Contact: Will Bodle, 4524737

59 Chevrolet Belair 4 door, B\*283 engine, 2nd owner. \$7500 OBO  
Contact: Warren Tillman Sr. 474-9484

68 Camaro RS - less than 10,000 miles on rebuilt engine, 4 bolt main 350, 2 speed power glide rebuilt, 2000 stall converter, extra parts, \$9500 OBO  
Contact: Warren Tillman Jr. 488-0401

66 Chevy SS, convertible, red, limited production 396 engine, 500 miles on recent restoration, all numbers match, Contact: John Blankenship 488-9502 hm, 488-7065 wk.

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## Calendar

Thurs. Nov. 9th	Miner's Restaurant
Monthly Meeting	6:30 - 9:00 PM

Sunday Dec. 10th	Eagles Hall
Christmas Party	4:00 - ??? PM

Thurs. Jan. 11th	
Monthly Meeting	6:30 - 9:00 PM

