

Puddle Jumper

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Antique Automobile Club of America

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February Meeting

Our February meeting will be **Thursday** evening, **February 8th at El Sombrero** beginning at 6:30 pm with the meeting around 8:00 pm. We'll be ordering off the menu as usual. We always have good food and a great time there so come on out and enjoy!

A big thanks to Rudy Domke and his presentation on his Willy's and Falcon Knights and the history of his Knights. The information on the flat head engines and sleeves and heads and the actual hands on experience was fun as well as informative. We'll be having more of these presentations from the vast knowledge of our members. Don't miss a meeting, there's lots of sharing and information out there!

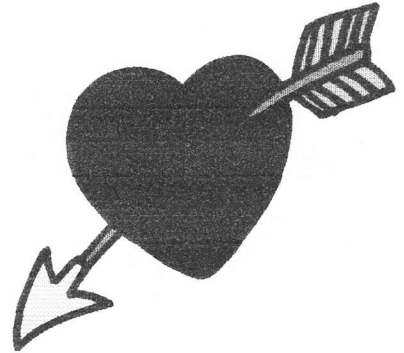
At the February meeting Don Ronkken will be talking about the Alaska Road Commissions' "A Path in the Wilderness." We'll learn about the trails that turned into roads that crossed our great state that we travel on today.

Ken Uzzel will be giving us some information on the Austin "Mini's" — a vehicle he is very familiar with. May-be we'll even get a demonstration of how he gets into the car!

Community Service Projects

We have two Community Service Projects that the club has been asked to help with. The first is the Saw Truck at Alaskaland. Donna Krier has asked someone in the club to look at the truck

Happy Valentines Day



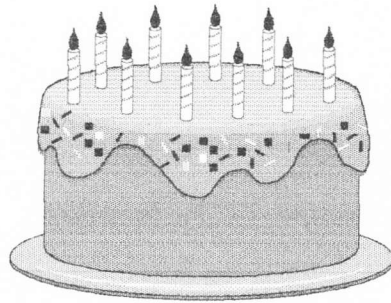
at Alaskaland and advise the park Board what our recommendations would be for getting tires on it and some clean up done. The Park Board wants it to be able to "roll" it out in the summer for display and roll it back to a more covered space in the fall and winter months. Gary Nash volunteered to look at it and talk to the head of the park Board, Jerry Boehms. If you would like to help put the wheels on and/or clean it up a bit, — give Gary a call at 456-2103.

The second project involves the Antique Engine Club. Allen James came to our club meeting to ask if there was anyone interested in helping to get Creamer's 1904 Chalmers ready for the Golden Days Parade. It was last in the 1969 Parade. It now needs a new clutch lining and they are unsure if it needs anything else. The vehicle was being moved to Creamers Field garage on Saturday January 13th and anyone interested in helping with the project would be greatly appreciated.

We'll look for an update on both projects at our next meeting. Anyone out there can still get in on the helping. It would be a good way to get our club's name out there as a service organization

Happy Days

*Happy
Birthday
and
Anniversary
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In January:

1st	Herman Houck
19	Bonnie Scott
19	Dan Gullickson
26	Hazel McHone

no reported Anniversaries

In February we have:

3	Shirley Nash
13	Trevor Oester

and

1	Ed & Laurel McLaughlin
12	Squeaky & Marion Benham

The Special Day List is coming together, thanks to everyone who signed up on the list. If you didn't get to do so and we missed your special day, I'm sorry. Please let us know and we'll make your day known to everyone via the newsletter.

Also if you have any news of members or previous members let me know and I'll be glad to let everyone know. The Jeglums are in Yuma, and report that it's so cool there that their tomato plants are looking a bit sad. You can email them at: C2jeglum@digitaldune.net.

The Fairbanks & Anchorage Annual Meet

Plans are firming up so mark your calendars. The date has been set for **Friday June 15th through Sunday June 17th**. We'll start the week-end off with a BBQ at the Square Dance Pavilion at Alaskaland. It's booked from Noon to 7:00 PM. We'll gather together then for those that can be there as the Anchorage group comes rolling in. After the BBQ we'll talk, go to the Alaskaland show, or whatever we choose to do. We may even do a Friday night run around! The group will settle down for the night in their campers (\$10 per night at Alaskaland parking lot) or the near by places to stay for Friday night. So if you'd like to join them you're certainly welcome to do so!

On Saturday morning we'll all get rolling together for a cruise up to Chatanika Lodge for our car games, banquet and overnight stay there. However, Loren talked with the Ft. Knox mine people and they only do tours on Tues., Wed., and Thursdays for a maximum group of 14!! Anyone know how to get in to tour the mine another way??

The Anchorage group was disappointed with the rates at Chena Hot Springs as we were, but some of them may come up early or stay a day or so later to make the trip up there.

The above plans do not have their tires cemented in stone so if you have any ideas for entertainment, let us know and we'll put you on the planning committee (just kidding). Let's have those ideas though. We'll also need to plan the car games, and prizes to award at the banquet.

Let's hear your ideas -- the more the merrier and let's have us some fun.

Upcoming Events

Feb 10,11 (Anchorage) - **2001 Fur Rendezvous Parade and Show**, contact Bruce Campbell 345-3129.

May 5 (Anchorage) **Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet** (MSSRA event) contact Victor Knott 349-7228

June 15, 16, & 17 (Fairbanks) **Joint Meet with the Anchorage Club**. Alaskaland to Chatinika Contact Squeaky or Marion Benham 474-4966

June 30, July 5 or 6 (Fairbanks) **Dawson City Dominion Day Parade** (July 1) to **Eagle** for the 4th of July Parade. Contact Benhams 474-4966.

Anchorage Regular Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Robinson's 333-0693) We'll also be passing around the current issue of the *Tinkering Times* at our meetings each month.

Fairbanks Regular Meetings are the second Thursday of each month. Contact Camarata's 488-4293.

Ode To The Missing Gavels

from 1973 *Arctic Tracks* (VLNAACA)

1 Missing gavel -- 2 Missing gavels --
3 Missing gavels -- 4

Replacements came in from all o'er and still the gavels disappeared

Said Pres, This is really getting weird

I'll put a stop to this by heck

& put a rope on one as big as your neck

Then tied it to his hand, this worked out just

grand. Now no more fines will I have to pay.

I think at last I got it made!!

Ah the Good Old Days!

Here are some actual quotes from people in the US during the 1950's.

I'll tell you one thing if things keep going the way they are it's going to be impossible to buy a weeks groceries for \$20.

Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long when \$5,000 will only buy a used one.

If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous.

Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging dime just to mail a letter.

I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

Old Cars Technician Tips

from *Old Cars Weekly* Jan. 16, 2001 edition

Six-volt solution: Six-volt starting problems can easily be helped by welding a short 3/8ths inch SAE bolt head onto the head of the top 7/16ths inch NC starter mounting bolt. A deepwell socket can then be used to re-install the modified starter bolt. Then re route the ground cable to it instead of to the frame or engine block. This will ensure maximum current flow directly to the starter.

If a longer cable is needed, get a diesel truck cable. These are the heavier gauge wire that six volts require.

The Old Cars Technician badge goes to Lee Hurry of Minnetonka, Minnesota.

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CALENDAR

Thurs., February 8, 2001

Regular Meeting

6:30 - 9:00 pm

El Sombrero .

1420 Cushman St.

Fairbanks, Ak

Thurs., March 8, 2001

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