

Puddle Jumper

Vernon L. Nash Antique Automobile Club of America

May 2001

Thursday evening, May 10th we're off to Ivory Jacks for our monthly dinner and meeting. Ivory Jacks is located at 2581 Goldstream Road, 455-6665. For those of us that live in and around the other side of Fairbanks, or for those that want to, we'll meet at the Alaskaland parking lot at 6:15 and cruise on up there.

The menu consists of sandwiches. burgers, and salads from \$6 to \$12; great pizza's \$7 to \$10 (small 6") and \$16 to \$20 (large 12"); to full course meals from grilled chicken breasts \$13, with all the trimmings to New York steak and prawns \$20 or New York Strip \$23. They also have a children's menu ranging from \$4 burger and chicken strips to \$8 for the Kiddie Kow 8 oz. NY steak.

The accommodations are great and there is room for everyone. So get your vehicles out, washed and ready to roll -see ya' all at Ivory Jack's May 10th -same time, gathering around 6:30, eat your vittles about 7:00 and meeting 7:45 or soon thereafter.

Come for the meeting if you can't make the dinner. We'd love to see you there.

There's some increased interest in rallying around this year. Willie Vinton and others are meeting to come up with some neat traveling ideas to do this summer. Get in on the fun and contact Willie 456-2261 if you'd like to help or have an idea or two.

Don't forget, even though the Anchorage Auto Musher's are not coming to Fairbanks June 15th, we'll still be having our picnic pot luck and gathering (for our June meeting) at Alaskaland that evening along with our mini show 'n shine. Would anyone still like to plan to see the Gold Mine that week-end. they seem to be accommodating more tours now that tourist season has begun!

The Benhams and others will be trekking down the highway and over to Dawson for Dominion Day, July 1st, and then on to Eagle for the 4th of July. Anyone is invited to come along for the festivities, contact Squeaky 474-4966 for more plans and join in the fun.

Engine #1 will be up and steaming the week-end of the 4th of July at Alaskaland, also. Contact Bill Chace 488-3805 for more information on Engine #1 (he's now an engineer!) There will be lots of festivity there to celebrate our nation's birth. May-be even a VLNAACA picnic and show 'n shine then, too.

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## Farewell News . .

It's going to be a Farewell party "roast" for Dan Gullickson, Saturday May 12th, 5:00 pm at the Chena Pump House. The Car Club, Tanana Valley Railroad Association, and family and friends will "sock it to him" so bring your stories and join in the fun. Or just stop by to say farewell to a good friend. Dan will be joining his wife, LaVonne in Germany for a one of those grand adventures of life.

## Lost and then Found

Remember Joe Lenear? I'm sure we all have very fond memories of 'ol Joe. If you joined the club in recent years and haven't heard of Joe, ask any old timer and we'd be glad to tell you about our friend.

After Joe passed on, several of his vehicles could not be found. Well, in the past couple of weeks Joe's 65 Chrysler 300L Convertible surfaced. Mr. Malateck rescued the vehicle from his father's storage by old Ladd Field, reportedly there since 1992. Joe had paid the first months storage up front and then never paid another month on it. The storage fees were pretty high. Several club members saw the vehicle and it is still in good condition but needing some restoration work — new paint, carpet, upholstery and a few minor repairs.

New member, Ned Provan, hearing about the Chrysler and then seeing it, promptly purchased it, liking it better than the 1967 Buick LeSabre he had purchased from the used car lot in town. Thus the Buick is for sale!! Ned's a new comer and just loves old cars.

## The Wise Indian Chief

The Indians came and asked their Chief in the autumn if this winter was going to be cold or not.

Not really knowing the answer, the chief wisely replied that the winter would be cold and that the members of the village should collect lots of wood to be prepared. Being a good leader, he slipped out of the village within the next couple of days to a phone booth and called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is this winter to be really cold or a mild one?"

The man on the phone said, "This winter is going to be quite cold indeed."

So the Chief went back to speed up his people to collect even more wood so they would be prepared for a cold winter.

A week later he slipped out of the village again and called the National Weather Service to double check, "Is it going to be a very cold winter this year?"

"Yes," the man replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter."

So the Chief goes back to his people and orders them to go and find every scrap of wood they can find.

Two weeks later the Chief calls the National Weather Service again and says "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be real cold?"

"Oh yes, absolutely," the weather man replies, "we have been watching the Indians and they are collecting wood like crazy, so we know its going to be cold!"

| OFFICERS                                     |          | CALENDAR  |
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| President: Squeaky Benham mbenham1@yahoo.com | 474-4966 | Saturday May 5, 2001  Anchorage Spring Auto Parts  Swap Meet (MSSRA event)  Contact Victor Knott 907-349-7228 |
| Vice President:  Beccy Monsma                | 458-0024 | Thurs., May 10, 2001 6:30 - 9:00 pm  Regular Meeting Night  Ivory Jacks, 2581 Goldstream Rd.                  |
| Treasurer Ruth Hill                          | 452-4510 | Thurs., June 14, 2001  Regular Meeting 6:30 - 9:00 pm  Place to be announced                                  |
| Newsletter: Sherry Camarata camarat@ak.net   | 488-4293 | Thurs., June 21, 2001  Summer Solstice Noon - 9:00 pm  2nd Avenue in Downtown Fairbanks.                      |

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