



# Puddle Jumper

Vernon L. Nash Antique Automobile Club of America August 2001

## AUGUST MEETING

Thursday August 9th 2001

Chef's Family Restaurant  
3340 Badger Rd.  
In the Beaver Brook Mall  
488-1463

6:30 to 7:00 gather together  
7:00 to 8:00 mealtime  
8:00 or thereabouts, meeting

We'll be ordering off the menu so there will be a wide range of dishes to choose from and at a cost to fit your pocketbook! Everything from breakfast to desserts are available. So whatever you are in the mood for they'll probably have. We have some planning to do, hope you'll come to help us out.

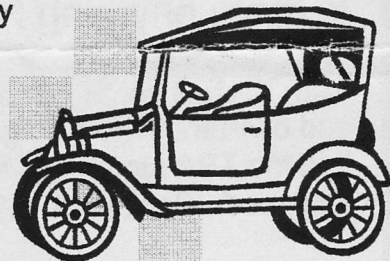
The Anchorage Auto Musher's will be tinkering up the highway and arriving Friday August 17th. We'll picnic at Alaskaland and have the Square Dance Pavilion reserved from 4:00 pm on. We'll eat at the usual time, about 6:30 or so. Bring a dish, but no desserts, the Anchorage group brings them.

Then on Saturday morning we'll trek on up to Chatinika, have car games and our banquet there Sat. night and everyone will leave for home Sunday! We're still looking for a tour of Ft. Knox or other mining interest. Any ideas call Squeaky at 474-4966.

## MODEL T TOUR

The Model T Club from Texas made its destination to Prudhoe Bay on schedule July 17th! They rolled into Fairbanks Sunday July 15th and several of us from VLNAACA were at Gold Hill store to greet them. We led them on a parade to Motel 8 where they were staying for the few days they were here.

Gary Nash provided his garage and any help they would need while staying in Fairbanks and they really appreciated the help. They were able to store a load of "stuff" to lighten their load as they went on up the haul road to their destination. They have been fraught with many repairs and only 4 of the cars started up to Prudhoe and one had to be trucked back via Willie Vinton's trucking company. The other 3 made it and everyone is glad to be on the downside of their trip and heading home. They have seen some unbelievable scenery and wildlife and met some great people, and were reacquainted with others they met on their first trip.



We hosted a picnic for them on Friday July 19th and had a great time. You can follow their progress or just read about their visit here and see some pictures of our cars and club members at [www.modelttours.com](http://www.modelttours.com).

Happy Days -- Summer is almost over!

Our August Birthdays are:

Sherry Camarata	3
Gene Hansen	4
Alan Monsma	12
Wendy Uzzell	20
Rita Gallagher	24
Gene Yurkovich	30
Bill Chase	31

and Happy Anniversary to:

Gene & Mebble Hansen	5
Randy & Georgia Paddock	29

and although he didn't report it  
Jerry Krier July 19



\*if I've missed your special day call  
Sherry Camarata at 488-4293.

Is there anything here you need . . . . .

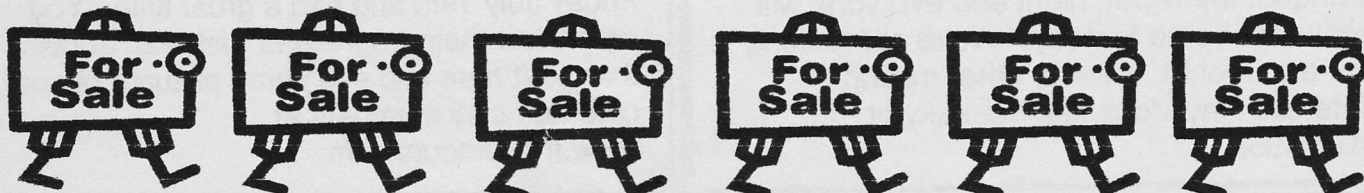
Ruth Hill has some Proto tools that she is selling at half price. And she also has gaskets, air and oil filters, halogen lights and other more modern stuff. They were left over from when she had the TBA store. Have your parts # and name when you call and she'll see if she has what you need. Call her at 452-4510.

You can contact Vince Howard at 488-2314 if you are interested in any of the following items:

- '59 Austin Healy Bug Eye Sprite. Mechanically sound. New imron paint. \$8,000
- '57 Chevy Window Van. Needs restoration. \$1,500
- '56 Chevy Sedan. Parts car. \$ 500
- '51 Ford Flatbed Truck. Runs clean. \$ 1,500
- Young Iron works dump box. For a Model T or an old truck 20's or 30's. \$ 500  
(One and a half yard box)

Joe Ford at 488-2140 has a 1950 Plymouth deluxe coupe, 2 door fastback. 95% complete but rough -- engine turns over and may run! All original.

If you have anything to sell contact Sherry Camarata at 488-4293 or email to [camarata@ak.net](mailto:camarata@ak.net) and I'll be glad to put it in the next newsletter.





## John and Betty Borg, Eagle Alaska share their story:

As relatively new members of the VLNAACA Betty and I are enjoying many new friends and viewing the various vehicles that show up at club events. Our car may not show up for sometime so I'll tell you about it and its history.

Our car is a 1935 Ford Tudor Sedan. It came into the family in the fall of 1951 when my father bought it from a lady school teacher for \$75.00 and drove it home. At 14 I got a restricted permit so my mother could be driven to town. I drove it all through high school. The car was stored from the fall of 1956 to 1989 when a local garage nearby where I grew up in Wisconsin began its upgrade and we had to move the car out of there. So we trailored it to Alaska in the Spring of 1992. New brakes, glass, upholstery, paint and a 1950 flathead engine are some of the improvements we made. When the weather co-operates we cruise the streets of Eagle. This fall the '35 will have been a member of the family for 50 years. That calls for cake and ice cream right? Come join us!

## Parade Update

We had a wonderful showing for the parade this year and going first meant most of the cars made it all the way through without overheating or stalling out!

Although many of us did not know about the tragedy that took the life of David Truex until after the parade it brought to mind the safety issues that we need to face. I must confess at this point that I was one of the main people that brought candy to the parade to throw out to the children along the route. I even gave a bag away to one of the new members. As I look back on it now, it was not the right thing to do.

When I used to take my kids to parades long ago they would bring bags and it would be like Halloween with all the candy they collected. But it is a different world out there today and the club could have been put in a very serious situation if someone had been hurt going after the candy. I apologize to all the members of the club and it will not happen again. Every July newsletter should carry the rules of the Parade that each member will follow. And not throwing candy will be at the top.

Carl Jeglum did talk to the new member that I gave a bag of candy to and they stopped their throwing of candy immediately. They could also see the danger in the situation as well as the liability it could have caused the club. I'm sure the Chamber will take a long look at their safety rules and have a new list out next year.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends of David Truex.

## "Those Were the Days!"

What car was mentioned in the Song sung at the opening of their TV show by Archie and Edith Bunker? The song was "Those Were the Days" and the car was a \_\_\_\_\_?

## Rosters

Bill and Joyce Chase have been keeping very busy updating the roster with all the new members we have had in the past few weeks! If you haven't received yours in this newsletter or at the previous meeting, please contact them at 488-3805 and they will be glad to see that you get one.

Also members take a look at your rooster and make sure they have the name, model, and correct information on your car. You can add your email address, too.

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## CALENDAR

Don't forget our Wednesday night run-a-round's  
through August 6:30 - ???

Meet at Alaskaland front parking lot  
to begin our tour of Alaskaland and the  
RV parks.

Thursday, August 9th 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Regular Meeting at Chef's Family  
Restaurant Beaver Brook Mall in  
North Pole 488-1463

Friday, August 17th 4:00 - 9:00 PM

Anchorage Club arrives in Fairbanks  
Picnic at Alaskaland Square Dance Pavilion  
We'll eat at regular time 6:30 or so. Bring a  
dish to share, but no desserts!

Saturday, August 18th 8:00 am???

We'll cruise on up to Chatinika and play  
car games and have our banquet and  
may-be a tour of Ft. Knox in the am ??

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