

Newsletter

VL Nash Antique Automobile Club of America

April 2002

April Meeting

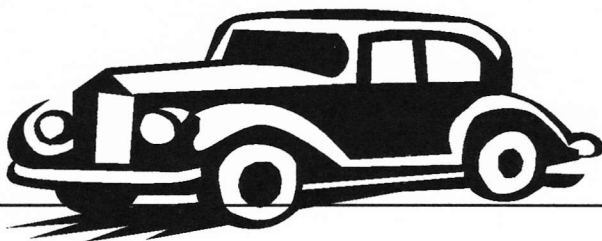
Ivory Jacks

The Permafrost Cloggers, including Marion Benham, will be there to entertain us! So come on out to Ivory Jacks, 2581 Goldstream Road, 455-6665, Thursday April 11th. We'll gather as usual at about 6:30, eat around 7:00 and have the meeting and entertainment about 8:00pm. Bring your camera it'll sure be a fun night!

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.

The accommodations are great and there is room for everyone. Come for the meeting and entertainment if you can't make the dinner, we love to see you.

There's lots to talk about with the upcoming events for this summer. Come and share your views, the forecast looks busy and fun,
fun,
fun.



Meeting Notes for March

Looks like the Pioneers of Alaska BBQ will be Thursday, Sept 19, 2002. The cooking by the VL Nash AACA club and friends for the 500 or so Pioneers will begin around 5:00 pm. We need grills and cooks and so far Willie Vinton, Larry Bennett, Roy Wilbur, Jerry Krier, Robbie Casey and Squeaky Benham have offered their excellent expertise. Anyone else willing to help is asked to contact Gary Nash 456-2103 or Squeaky 474-4966. If the day is anything like Sept. 19th last year, it'll be beautiful, but then you never know about Sept. However, rain or shine or white stuff the BBQ will go on. It's the Pioneers of Alaska statewide event!

The poker run is still on for June and more information will be forthcoming from Willie and Wilma Vinton as soon as Wilma returns from her trip back east!!

Rudy and Ruth Ann Domke have invited the club to their place for a picnic and monthly meeting on Saturday, July 13th. Bring your cars, a potluck dish, and be ready to have a great time.

Guy Douglas from Mainstreet Fairbanks, was guest speaker in March. He has invited us to bring our cars for the

Midnight Sun Solstice Festival on June 21st at downtown Fairbanks. He hopes to have an area roped off on 2nd Ave. for the Cars or the parking lot at the new courthouse. A committee of Becci, Rudy, Bill Chace and Larry Bennett was formed to discuss arrangements with Guy. We had a lot of fun last year showing off our cars to the public and had lots of wonderful comments from them.

Ed McLaughlin recited a poem that was just great I heard. Paul and I could not be at the meeting so we'll have to arrange a private meeting or publish the poem in next months newsletter. See what happens when you miss a meeting.

Bernie Sherwood was our speaker and he told about buying his 1961 Mercedes in Germany. Taking his family there to pick it up and traveling through Europe and then shopping it to the US, driving it across the US and on to Alaska! What a trip!!

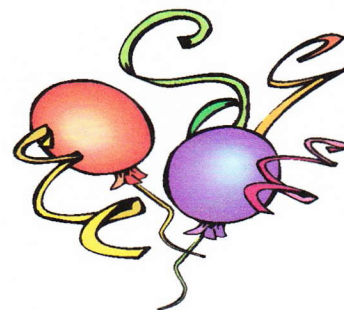
Bill Chace won the 50/50 for \$63.00 but claims he was only rich for a few minutes. It was all spent before he even got home! Bill donated 4 calendars to be given away – Dick sleep, Sharon, Gene Westfall and James Eddy won them.

There's a wedding on April 21st and a car or two are needed. For more information contact Squeaky, 474-4966.

Don't
try passing
on a slope
unless you have
a Periscope!
BURMA-SHAVE

Happy, Happy Days to

Birthdays in April



Rudy Domke	7
Wilma Vinton	15
Ken Uzzell	20
Paul Camarata	21
George Clayton	22
Don Oines	24
Betty Borg	26
Doris Casey	26
Marion Benham	27

And Anniversaries

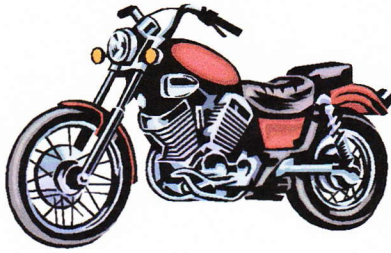


Roby and Hazel McHone	6
Herman & Penny Houck	11

If your special day or someone you know was missed, please contact Sherry Camarata at 488-4293 or camarata@ak.net.

Harley Motorcycle Show!

What are you doing Saturday April 20th? Well if you have some time members of the VLNAACA club have been asked to judge the motorcycles at the annual motorcycle



show at the Bentely Mall. We'll take a hand count (and your name and phone #) at the

meeting Thurs, April 11th, or if you'd like, contact Rich Barlow direct at 488-1728. Sounds like a varooming good time!!

Not At NAPA

By: Rudy Domke

"Where in the world can you find repair parts for a car like that?" that's a question people often ask about our old Willys Knight cars. Restoring our cars does take a lot of parts and finding them can be a challenge. Often the answer to "Where in the world?" is in fact "Everywhere in the world." And it involves lots of people from around the world. An example of this is the recent travels of a certain Willys Knight 70A radiator.

It started when one of our WOKR members from Australia was traveling way off up here in Alaska. They visited a small transportation museum in the village of Wasilla. Here they spotted a lonesome and neglected Willys Knight radiator and they thought perhaps some WOKR club member could use it. They sent an email to our

editor, Louise Pruitt. She in turn sent me a letter asking if I would look into it.

Now Wasilla is some 350 miles South of our home in Fairbanks and the museum is run part time by a few volunteers. After several tries I did contact a person there who thought the radiator was not needed by them and would be available for a \$100 donation. So now what to do? I waited a few months until some members of our local car club were going down to Wasilla for an old car meet. One member, Loran "Squeaky" Benham, went down and paid for the radiator, he in turn gave it to another member, Roby McHone, who brought it to Fairbanks in his pick up truck.

Well now I've got this Willys Knight 70A radiator. I don't need it but some WOKR member must. So I ran an ad in the WOKR Newsletter. One of our Canadian members, Al Rich, answered the ad. Now Al lives in far northern Manitoba. In fact he lives at Thompson which is several hundred miles North of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Winnipeg is some 3,000 miles from Fairbanks. So how to get the radiator to Al?

Again I waited until this winter when a good friend, Roger Moore, was driving a truck outside to the lower states. He hauled the radiator to Winnipeg and left it at Al's friend's repair shop, from there Al Rich could later pick it up.

Lots of miles, lots of people and yes lots of fun and friendships. Over the years WOKR members have been super helpful to me. It's only fair to repay them by helping others in return.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, Aprilth 6:30-9:00 pm

Meeting Ivory Jack's
2581 Goldstream Rd. 455-6665
Entertainment by the Permafrost

Cloggers!

June 5th and each Wed thereafter

Wed. Night Run Around
Meet Alaskaland parking lot
about 6:00 to 6:30 pm and
we'll go from there

June 2nd (??) 1:00 pm(??)

Poker Run (??)
Actual date & time & place TBA

June 28 thru July 4th or 5th

Dominion Day Treck to Dawson Canada
for their celebration: Contact Squeaky
at 474-4966 for information.

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