

Newsletter

Vernon L. Nash Antique
Automobile Club of America

Sept. 2002

Thursday, September 12th

We'll meet at El Mariachi's

Another month is here and this month we are going to El Mariachi's in the old Nerland's building, 541 3rd Avenue, Fairbanks, 457-2698. We'll meet at about 6:30 for dinner, and the meeting will begin at about 8:00 pm. We can order off the menu or do the buffet and have a little bit of everything! YUM. Good food and friends, and lots of visiting is on our agenda as always.

**Beccy's Monderosa Run
September 15, 2002**

We'll meet at Alaskaland parking lot at 9:00 am and get our doughnuts, coffee or juice first. Then we'll pick up our questionnaire sheets and head on down Nenana way. Beccy has some games to play at a few stops along the way and in the parking lot at the Monderosa. We'll then feast at the Monderosa on the largest "mondo burger" in Alaska or on whatever you choose. Prizes will be given out after lunch and we'll head on home. A good day, good eats, and good company – you can't beat that!! Call Beccy at 458-0024 so she can get a head/car count for the trip.

**September 19th 2002
Pioneers Statewide Meeting**

We'll be barbequing chicken for the Pioneers on Thursday, Sept. 19th. Bring your grill and your barbeque apron and join in for the celebration! If it's nice, or just about, bring your old vehicle and we'll

show them off, too. We'll be joined by others so it should be a great time for all.

Give Gary Nash 456-2103 or Jerry Krier 457-5889 a call to confirm your availability or if you haven't already signed up to help, let them know they can count on you.

**The Meeting With the Antique
Auto Musher's Was Fun For All**

One of the nicest parts was that the weather in Palmer which was terrific on Saturday and part of the way home on Sunday! There were six couples from the club that went down to the Rally in Palmer on the 16, 17 & 18th of August. Gary & Shirley Nash, Don & Angie Oines, Alvin Ditch & Ruth Z., Paul & Sherry Camarata, Bill & Joyce Chace and Squeaky & Marion Benham. Bill and JoAnn Yingst joined us on Saturday also.

We arrived at the Alaska Choice Inn Friday afternoon and the Anchorage club was ready for us with a great BBQ. Lots of good food and visiting. The weather was a little cool but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits.

Saturday morning we got up to a beautiful morning. After breakfast at 10 am we went down to the Business Park parking lot and had our car games. Howard Hansen was in charge of the games and he had some different and fun games this year.

We had to drive a course without using the gas or brake; we drove blindfolded, with a passenger who wasn't any help except to tell you you went the wrong way. We drove into a garage and then backed up, turned around, and backed back into it and had to do it in the fastest time we could. We drove a course trying to make it in the same time as the first car, of which we didn't know

the time! All in all the games were a great success. Howard did a great job. Thanks Howard

After the car games we toured the Pioneer Home and drove around Palmer. It was great fun and a big hit with the locals. After the tour we went back and got ready for the Banquet. This year it was held at 2:30 to accommodate the car show later on. The Banquet was held upstairs in the café' at the Inn and was catered. The food was great and plenty of it. At the end of the meal we had another game of sorts. We had a list of cars, year, make and model, to look up in the different publications that were provided and had to give the publication and page number we found them in. Once someone was done with the magazine, they'd hold it up and someone else would trade with them. I think I kept getting duplicates of the publications I'd already seen! After the meal Howard handed out the awards for the car games. Our club didn't do too bad, we brought home a few winnings.

After the banquet we toured around Palmer again and parked with the other cars at the "Hot Summers Night" Car Show. Everyone who had a car in the show received a dash plaque. There were about 200 or so cars there with about every year, make and model in varied degrees of restoration. It was a beautiful night for the Car Show and it brought out a lot of people. Along with enjoying the cars, there was music, food and vendors with car related items for sale.

Sunday we headed for home and drove back into the rain! We all had a wonderful time and many thanks to Fred Shurman, Howard Hansen and all the Anchorage Auto Musers for a wonderful weekend.

On the way home Squeaky and Marion's motor home had some problems. After several attempts at cleaning the fuel filter, which was decided wasn't the problem, the motor home quit outside of Nenana. To make a point that Fords don't rule, Bill pulled the motor home and trailer with the Model T in it, the last 3 miles into Nenana with his 52 Plymouth!! The motor home had to be left at the Chevron Station overnight and they caught a ride home with Bill and Joyce. Squeaky and Marion said "Our thanks to Paul, Sherry, Bill, Joyce, Don & Angie for all their help. We really appreciate it, even

tho we have red faces about a Plymouth pulling 2 Fords. Thanks a bunch guys!."



Along the highway coming into Nenana.



Turning into the Chevron Station at Nenana.

For Sale / For Sale / For Sale

1955 Chevy Pick-up. No engine or tranny. \$1,500-2,000

1958 Izetta, good condition and runs. \$5,000.

Call Mary Gatzkiewicz at home 456-2450 or work 459-6708. She's open to negotiations also.

NEWS FLASH: Guy Douglas would like us to participate in the opening of the downtown garage sometime around the 1st of October!!

Floating Down the River

Isn't that a phrase in a song or two?? Anyway, 79 VLNAAC members and guests were delighted to take part in floating down the river on the dinner cruise. We gathered at Alaskaland parking lot at between 6:00 and 6:30 and then paraded over to the Tanana Chief boat dock down by the Chena River Wed. Aug. 28th. We boarded the boat about 7:30 and were on the top deck for appetizers, drinks, visiting and the view! However, a wind came up and the rain came down, but it didn't dampen our spirits.

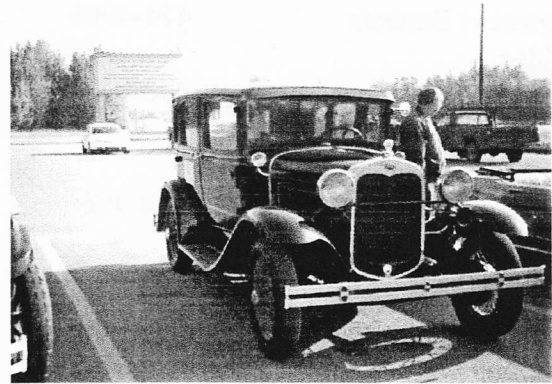
We proceeded downstairs to the bottom enclosed (warmer) deck for dinner. We had a great meal of BBQ Chicken, and Chicken in mushroom sauce, with mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, potato salad, coffee, tea (hot or iced) or the drink of your choice at the cash bar. There seemed to be plenty of food although I heard 4 people did not get served their chicken, but they did get a coupon for a free meal.

Willie and Wilma Vinton asked their friend, Dave Fike and his father, Fred to come and entertain us. It was lots of fun to hear Dave sing as Elvis! Dave does have the Elvis costume but the cape needed pressing and he just couldn't get it done in time for the cruise. His voice was just like the King's – if you closed your eyes, you'd swear Elvis was alive. Dad was great with his "older" tunes and yodeling. Thank you, Willie and Wilma and especially Dave and Fred Fike!

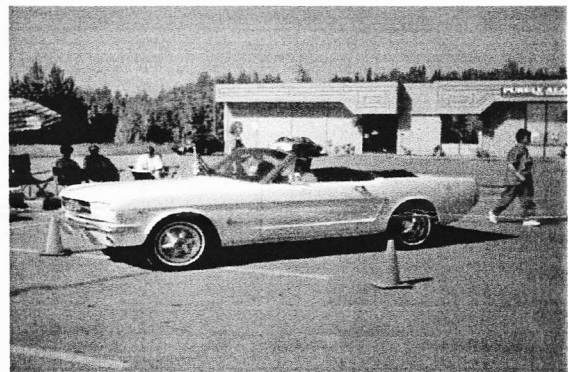
After the scrumptious dinner we had rhubarb crisp for desert and sat downstairs and visited around with our friends. Some went upstairs again as the weather had cleared somewhat and we all finished the boat ride with full tummies and good feelings.

A real nice relaxing evening. Thanks to Paul Camarata for arranging the special price and Squeaky for his phone calls for reservations and to tell us of the plans. It was a great evening and I think we'll go back next year – we've been invited!

Here's a Few More Pictures of Hot Summers Night in Palmer



Don waiting for the next game to start



Sherry driving blindfolded with a passenger that was no help – DUH, drove right over the cone!



Fords really did rule – here are the 3 Mustangs that came – 1 from Fairbanks & 2 from Anchorage.

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Calendar

Thursday, Sept 12th

Meeting at El Mariachi, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
457-2698

Sunday, Sept. 15th

Monderosa Run 9:00 am - 3:00(?)
Meet at Alaskaland
Parking lot

Thursday, Sept. 19th

4:00 (I think!)
Cooking for Pioneer's Statewide Annual Meeting
also a car show if weather is nice!
Pioneer Park Square Dance Pavilion
Call Gary Nash 456-2103 or Jerry Krier 457-5889
for more information

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