

Newsletter

Vernon L. Nash Antique Automobile Club of America

December 2002

Christmas Party Time



It's time for our annual gathering to celebrate the holidays together. Come Join us:

Sunday
December 8th
Elks Club

4:00 pm to around 9:30 or ??

We're having Prime Rib and Prawns with all the trimmings and coffee, tea or water and there will be a cash bar. It's \$8.00 apiece for members and \$20.00 for each guest. Plus your dues for 2003. \$56.00 a couple and \$41.00 for an individual.

We have 82 coming so far and the club does have to pay for each meal so if you've forgotten or have a guest to bring call Squeaky at 474-4966. If you don't show you will be expected to pay if you've already made that reservation!



Chinese Auction Fun

As part of the celebration each year we'll be having the Chinese Auction. If you'd like to take part, bring a gift (at least \$15 to \$20) for a boy, girl or either. Everyone that brings one will take a number and when it's your turn you'll either take a gift and open it or take someone else's. The gift exchange is lots of fun even to watch so stick around for the festivities.

Notes From the Nov. Meeting

New Officers are:

President: Squeaky Benham
Vice President: Larry Bennett
Secretary: Marion Benham
Treasurer: Ruth Hill

Not office positions but those helping:

Sargent at Arms: Beccy Monsma
Newsletter: Sherry Camarata
Roster & Labels: Bill & Joyce Chase

Add to the above list every member not mentioned above who will be helping with run around's, car meets, shows, rally's, picnic's, special events and the like. It's been a terrific year with all the help and we look forward to another year doing what we like best, having fun with our vehicles, showing them off, talking with everyone in the club and outside of it who have a same common interest.

This year we'll be doing some of our favorite things such as the Wednesday night run around and we'd like to add a night for a North Pole run around too. There just doesn't seem to be enough time to do both in one night.

We'll have the annual trip to Dawson for the July 1st "Dominion Day" parade and celebration. Everyone is welcome to join in for the whole trip or part of it. Come on up and ride with one of those that are driving or trailering their vehicle and join in on all the fun. There are hotels/motels, bed and breakfasts, as well as campgrounds and we'll all welcome you to join us for the whole trip or just a few days.

We're also kicking around the idea of coordinating the Dawson trip with going to Whitehorse and doing a parade there too. Come and be part of the planning, or if there is a place you'd think would be neat to take our old cars and old selves to, speak up and get in on the planning.

Beccy is the coordinator for a car show to be held at the Tanana Valley Fair next year. The club has been invited to bring their cars and join in with the other vehicle clubs in town for the first annual ever event. Beccy will let us know of the

shown 'n shine's and other car shows in town and will be heading the annual Monderosa Run in Sept. of course. Looks like she'll be a very busy lady and counting on us for help and support --- we'll be there!

Thanks to Gary Nash as he gave the club \$100 for helping with the dinner for the Pioneers Convention. Squeaky gave Beccy, Marion and Sherry roses and Paul a Mustang sign for helping him all year. Thank you Squeaky! Willie Vinton won the 50/50 for \$62.00 and bought Wilma's dinner that evening.

Special Days in November and December

Birthday's:

Beccy Monsma	Nov. 15
Ruth Ann Domke	21
Penny Houck	29
Ron Dane	Dec. 5
Carl Jeglum	8
Laurel McLaughlin	30

Anniversary's:

Rudy & Ruth Ann Domke	Nov. 20
Gene & Tena Yurkovich	Dec. 3
Willie & Wilma Vinton	15
Don & Angie Oines	22
Carl & Connie Jeglum	26
Ken & Wendy Uzzell	26
Sam & Bonnie Scott	29

New Historic License Plate Law

By Bruce Campbell

From Nov.
Tinkering Times

The historic license plate legislation passed this last session of the Alaska State Legislature and is now law. Typical of legislative drafters, they made the wording and the chase through existing laws as complex as possible. It seems to be a game with them. In any event, I have spent a few hours decoding the gobbledygook and finally got it down to basic English. The law as now written provides four options for owners of autos 30 years or older.

1. You may apply for an historic license which will cost \$10 and will be a permanent registration. You will never have to renew it. The State provides the Historic plates.
2. You may apply for historic registration using Alaska license plates for the same year as the vehicle's manufacture. Under this provision, you must provide the license plates subject to approval by the Division of Motor Vehicles. Two plates are required. The \$10 fee still applies plus an additional one time fee of \$30.

Under options (1) and (2), you are limited to "driving on a highway for the primary purpose of historical exhibition or similar activity". This requirement is pretty open in that if there is a primary purpose, there is by reference a secondary purpose which is undefined and pretty open. Also what constitutes a "similar activity" is also not defined and is hence pretty open.

3. If you wish to drive your 30 year old car for other than "historical exhibition or similar activity", you may again apply for an historic registration and pay \$10 but you also must renew the registration every two years just as a regular car registration and pay the appropriate fee. The \$10 fee is a one-time charge and the State furnishes historical plates. If you wish to furnish Alaska plates for the year of manufacture you may, subject to approval, for an additional one time fee of \$30.

The above is the simple version. If you wish to refer to the actual law, it's in AS28.10. I suggest you have a couple of stiff drinks first.

If you furnish your own plates, you have to furnish two (front and back). Since generally you can find only one plate, you will have to have a second one made. There are three outfits that do this:

Darryl's

226 Main Street, Duryea, PA 18642
(570) 451-1600

Paul Rawden

217 Alden Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515
e-mail: paulrawden@aol.com

Both make non-metal duplicates of an existing plate and they work fine, especially if you make a metal backing plate the same size as the plastic duplicate. The cost is about \$40.

In addition, there is a metal manufacturing plant in Portland which will make you a set of plates as per originals.

Irwin Hodson Metal Manufacturing

2808 SE 9th, Portland, OR 97202 (503) 234-6513

The cost for new plates will be substantial, probably \$100 - \$300, depending on the year. Hodson has made the Alaska plates for many years and have many of the dies required.

I have now registered my 1948 Ford under option (2) and I have 1948 plates on it, one original metal and one a plastic reproduction from Darryl's with a metal backing plate.

I suggest if you want to do any of the options that you go to the DMV office at 3300B Fairbanks Street (behind McDonald's on 36th just off the Old Seward Highway) as they have been involved from day one and this is a new procedure.

Questions? Give me a call and I'll try to help. Bruce Campbell - 345-3129

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Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 8th 4:00 pm to ???
VLNAACA Christmas Party
Elks Club 1003 Pioneer Rd 456-1551

Wednesday, Jan 9th 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Regular Meeting Night
Place to be announced.

Feb. 15 & 16 2003 Fur Rendezvous
this year's theme "Rocky Rony"
Antique Auto Mushers / Anchorage
Parade 11:30 am Feb. 15th
Car Show Feb. 15th * 16th
AK Sales & Service 11:00 am 5:00 pm
both days

Paul & Sherry Camarata
3427 Jeremy Lane
North Pole, Alaska 99705

