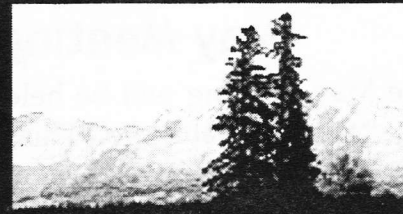
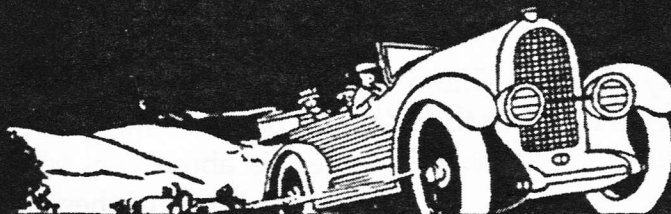


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Antique Automobile Club of America

April 2004

Notes from the President

Larry Bennett

A recent re-reading of a year-old issue of *Beaded Wheels* reminded me how universal is our interest in antique vehicles and how common are our various needs, wants and experiences. *Beaded Wheels* is the bi-monthly magazine published by the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand, which Margaret and I joined during our two years in Christchurch from 1999 to 2001. This publication is very well written, is printed in slick full colour [yes, note the British English spelling!] magazine style and contains articles of general interest from throughout New Zealand's vintage car scene as well as reports from the club's 35 regional branches.

Here are some things I found in the February/March 2003 issue:

"Bay of Plenty Branch report: November 3: Deputy Club Captain Alistair Jones had 29 cars navigating Tauranga City Roads, all having regal names. The occasion was the Tauranga Mayor's Golden Jubilee Garden Party. John Lucas with his 1951 Austin Sheerline chauffeured Mayor Jan Beange to and from the party. The rally ended at the Elms Historic Mission House, where all partook of tea and goodies. November 24: Lady Driver Trophy Rally. 17 cars started at Kilum Park, for 52 kms of city and open road driving. A technical glitch by organizer Garry Linkhorn had lady drivers confused; however, all made it to finish at the Tauranga RSA [Returned Servicemen's Association] restaurant for a superb luncheon. Jan Burt driving the 1964 Daimler won. December 15: Our Christmas Party rally, held at Branch Chairman Ray Singleton's vintage auto barn."

"NZVCC South Canterbury Branch Annual Mid Island Rally Sunday 30 March 2003. This rally will start and finish at the Richard Pearse airport at Timaru where we will join the celebrations to commemorate 100 years of flight pioneered by Richard Pearse in 1903...." [Were you aware that the kiwis claim that Richard Pearse predated the Wright brothers as the first to achieve powered flight?]

"For sale: 1916 Dodge Roadster. Well known car, good condi-

tion. This is a very reliable car. Restored for the 1992 Pan Pacific Rally. This is a very motorable Veteran. Offers to"

"Wanted: Parts for Hupmobile Tourer 1920 R12. Windshield glass surrounds, wiper and motor, hood clips, speedo cable, headlight rims, tail lights, petrol caps, oil pressure gauges, drop arm, steering wheel and petrol regulator, badges, crests. Contact"

Rallies, rides for royalty, parts needed and cars for sale It all sounds familiar!

By the way, do you know the meaning of the term "beaded wheels?" I'll share an answer next month.

April's meeting, April 8 at the Hot Tamale Grande, 1101 Noble Street, promises to be a treat. Joyce and Bill Chace have arranged to show a sampling of many video tapes from Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club events at such far away places as Eagle, Dawson City and Trapper Creek. While you are eating fajitas and enjoying videos, Margaret and I will be partway through a month-long motor trip to Montana, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. No, we're not driving the 1947 Standard 8A Tourer; the 1997 Audi A4 is the choice for this trip. We look forward to being back with you in May.

Please put Wednesday evening, June 2, on your calendar and make a special effort to take part in the club's first weekly run-around of the 2004 summer season. As in the past, we'll gather in the Pioneer Park parking lot and get underway with the run about 7:00 PM.

I hope your cars and trucks are emerging from their winter quarters and are beginning to respond to your coaxing. Maybe yours even started!

----- Larry

May Meeting Plans

The May meeting will be held May 13 at the China One International Buffet. This buffet is far more than just Chinese food, roast beef and other selections are offered and the food is GREAT.

A presentation on the Tanana Valley Railroad will be given, including a video on the history of the Porter Locomotive that now resides at Alaskaland (Pioneer Park) and is maintained by several car club members, among others. 🌲

Runaround Is Almost Here!

New, longer route proposed

The first Runaround is planned for Wednesday, June 2, so start charging up those batteries and shining up those hoods!

A new route has been proposed and would go something like this:

Meet at Alaskaland parking lot, enter the park and stay for a while, but not as long as we have been. Then off to the Pioneer Home to entertain the oldsters there, and then on to River's Edge RV Park, over to the Princess RV Park, and then end up at Cabana's at Pike's Riverfront Lodge.

We'll be discussing this during club meetings so be sure to come in and speak up if you have some good ideas about the proposed route. 🌲

The Christmas Party will be held December 12 this

December Christmas Party Date

year. Now all we need to do is find a place!

Some folks like the Elk's Club, others don't. President Larry is open to suggestions and several club members are going to look into different venues for our biggest get-together. If you have suggestions for us, please email the newsletter at jeano@celticandmore.com and your suggestions will be looked into. You may also drop a postcard to the return address on your newsletter. 🌲

Club Historical Materials Missing

Over the years the VLNAAC has been gifted with many books, binders, videotapes and other historic materials about cars, our region, and other related subjects. Many of these books and videos have been "borrowed" by club members and then never seen again. Sometimes they have been passed from club member to club member, and the last person to have the book or video just forgets to bring it back, or doesn't know who to bring it back to.

If you have any books, videos or other materials that belong to the club please bring them back to Bill Chace, who is trying to re-collect our club items for a library.

You can reach him at 488-3805, or email him at chace@acsalaska.net. 🌲

VLNAAC INVITED TO SEWARD

We recently received this email from Dorene Lorenz of the Historical Preservation Commission in Seward:

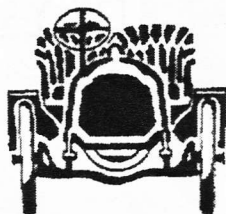
Dear Vernon Nash Antique Auto Club Members:

On behalf of the City of Seward, the Seward Historical Preservation Commission respectfully requests your club's presence at a celebration beginning noon Saturday, May 8, 2004. As our contribution to National Historical Preservation Week, we are organizing a Blast from the Past Period Street Party on Fourth Avenue downtown.

This weekend event will be advertised throughout Southcentral Alaska and will feature historically significant themes. An Armed Forces band will be playing on the balcony of just-restored Brown & Hawkins Building—circa President Harding's visit, to live radio-plays dinner theatre circa 1940s. The Jesse Lee Home, where Alaska's state flag was designed, sewn and flown, will be a highlighted point of interest with an Alaska State Flag Contest Entries exhibit displayed in the Alaska Sealife Center.

The great-great grandson of Secretary of State William H. Seward is scheduled as a special guest. We would be honored if your club members would join us by participating in the parade. Please advise at your earliest convenience of your interest and availability.

Commissioner Dorene M. Lorenz,



CLASSIFIED ADS

Legendary Car Collector George Clayton of Fairbanks is selling all of his vehicles.

Most of the vehicles listed here are all located indoors at present, but there are many, many vehicles and parts available for sale for those willing to work to get them out of the snow. This includes lots of Model A and Model T parts. All of his cars are project cars. All will require transportation. No prices are listed as George will negotiate all prices. **For all inquires: 456-4550. Let it ring, it takes George a while to get to the phone.**

1962 Gran Turismo

1931 Ford Victoria

1930 Ford Phaeton

1978 Cadillac Sedan deVille, maroon, velour upholstery.

1920 Fordson Tractor: in pieces, nearly all the required parts are there. The engine is free and has good compression. The drive wheels have never been worn down, and were always driven on tundra.

1955 Chrysler New Yorker Deluxe 2-Door, with parts car.

1941 Chrysler 4-Door Sedan. Includes factory-new 6-cylinder engine.

1917 Model T Ford Touring. This was the Valdez Trail car last driven by Ben Eielson.

1917 Dodge Touring Car. Includes parts car and many new parts. This was formerly the Thomas Gibson Valdez Trail car.

1926 Ford Model T Pickup

1930 Ford Model A Dump truck with most of the parts.

Several 69 Cadillacs

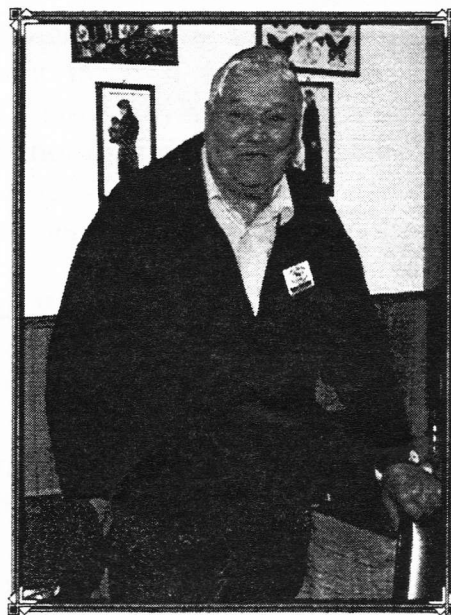
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Two Vehicles for restoration: 66 Toyota Stout Pickup. Needs motor crank. \$800.00. 77 Mustang II Coupe. Needs motor crank. \$1200.00. 457-4883, 456-2518, 388-5832, Ask for Gary.

1964 Dodge Dart GT convertible. Runs and drives ok. New seats, top, and paint. 6cyl with juke box trans. Comes with parts car with v8 4sp. Call 474-0939 or 456-2261.

1965 Olds Vista Cruiser \$700.00. 1976 GMC Pickup, \$1500.00. Both need batteries. Toby Talbot, 456-1860.

1963 Thunderbird. Nice car needs some work but drives great. 452-1472 or 378-7550



George Clayton at the March 11 meeting

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**Next Meeting: April 8, 6pm,
 Hot Tamale Buffet (more than Mexican)
 1101 Noble Street, Fairbanks
 Program: Videos of VLNAAC in Eagle,
 Dawson and Trapper Creek!**

BIRTHDAYS

Joni Ellsworth	4/1
Roy Wilbur	4/3
Dick Sleep	4/4
Larry Bennett	4/4
Rudy Domke	4/7
Mark Cosson	4/10
Ron Frey	4/14
Nancy Peterson	4/14
Wilma Vinton	4/18
Paul Camarata	4/20
Ken Uzzell	4/20
George Clayton	4/22
Don Oines	4/24
Doris Casey	4/26
Betty Borg	4/26
Marion Benham	4/27

Newsletter Deadline

**All materials for the newsletter must be in by the 25th of
 the month for the following month. Email to
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OR

Mail to the return address on the newsletter.

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