

# Antique Automobile Club of America

June 2004

## Notes from the President

Larry Bennett

In a recent newsletter I asked whether you knew the meaning of the term "beaded wheels," the name used by the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand for its bi-monthly magazine. Here is what that club writes about the term:

"Beaded Wheels – It is a very apt and well-known title; however, readers may wonder at the origin of the name. By way of explanation, beaded edge wheels use beaded edge tyres [note the British spelling!] that are kept in place by reinforced rubber beads, which fit into the rolled edges of the wheel rim. This style of wheel was a distinctive feature of early motoring, being used on early bicycles, many pre-1924 cars and most motorbikes until 1927. The VCCNZ adopted the title Beaded Wheels for their quarterly club magazine in March 1955; this was the successor to the monthly Guff Sheet."

Recently I also remarked about the common interests and experiences of antique vehicle owners and fans around the world, and I cited what I thought were some interesting quotations from the Vintage Car Club of New Zealand. Let me continue on that theme by sharing some information from the Standard Motor Club of the UK.

"Cars for Sale: 1931 Standard 'Little Nine'. Original registration NG 1963. Dark blue body, black wings. Very good condition, 12 months MOT [Do you know this British term 'MOT?']. Rebuilt engine, original leather hide upholstery. Probably best example of a 'Little Nine' in the UK. Offers around £5450. Telephone Toni ....."

"Spares for Sale: 1955 Standard Vanguard Phase 2. This car has been stripped for restoration but the project was going to be too expensive. A lot of money has been spent on the front suspension. New king pins and all new bushes....."

"Spares Wanted: 1939 Standard 10. Front and rear bumpers. These are the flat ended type as fitted to the 1946/47 Flying 8. The postwar Flying 8 bumpers would probably do the job." [In a box in a shed in Fairbanks Alaska there is a single spare bumper fitting this description, but the owner is not at all interested in helping this guy out!]

"Dear Bob: [editor of Standard Car Review]: I am the owner of a 1939 Standards Flying 12 Deluxe. I joined the club after buying the car over 20 years ago. For most of that marriage

the car has been having a long rest, but last year I made a determined effort to get it back on the road (successfully!). However, there were one or two problems (aren't there always?!), and so during the winter I removed the engine only to find out that they are REALLY HEAVY. The engine toppled slightly and leant against the oil filter assembly and cracked the top of the housing where the filter bowl locates (the monkey metal stuff). Therein lies my problem. The metal cannot be properly repaired and so I obviously need to look for another solution. So – does anyone have for sale a spare assembly which fits? ..... Can an adaptor be made/fitted? ....."

And so it goes! "Can I buy a spare, or can I cobble up something that works?" Whether at Stourport on Severn in England, where that writer resides, or in Fairbanks Alaska, we do have common concerns and challenges!

As you can see from the rest of this newsletter, the month of June will be packed with a multitude of club activities, starting with our first weekly run-around on June 2. The Poker Run on June 5, the Corvette group on June 9, the Trapper Creek run on June 11-13, the Sourdough Fuel Car Show on June 20, the Summer Solstice Car Show on June 21, and the Dawson City – Eagle run that starts June 29 all provide great opportunities to meet and greet and to showcase our cars. There was a strong consensus that the China One International Buffet treated us very well at our May meeting, so the June meeting will be held there as well, on June 10.

Happy motoring!  
—Larry

## Tanana Valley Railroad Schedule

*Bill Chace*

The Porter Locomotive at Alaskaland (Pioneer Park) is the oldest running steam locomotive in Alaska and is a wonderful bit of living history. The Friends of the Tanana Valley Railroad run it all as a volunteer community service, and put the locomotive into operation every summer. Rides are by donation on the days the locomotive is steamed-up. Volunteers are welcome to get involved!

### Summer 2004 Operations schedule

May 31	Mon. Memorial Day-Steam up
June 16	Wed. Rail Fan Adventure steam up 10:00 am.
June 19	Sat. Afternoon Midnight Sun Party Steam up
July 4	Sunday Independence Day Steam Up
July 21	Wed. Golden Days kickoff Party PM Steam Up
July 25	Sunday Governors Picnic Steam up
July 31	Sat. Steam up
August 14	Sat. Training Steam Up Tentative
August 15	Sun. Training Steam Up Tentative
Sept. 5	Sun. Training day/Steam Day Steam up
Sept. 6	Mon. Labor day-Steam up
Sept. 18	Sat. Training Day or Lay up (weather dictates)

## May Meeting Notes

*Laurel McLaughlin*

The May meeting at China One International Buffet attracted 50 people, and the facility was large enough for everyone to be comfortable. The recent auto show was a success for VLNAAC; we displayed 23 cars and took 16 awards. The display of Gary Nash's decanter collection was a hit, and he donated a decanter for the drawing. There was a vote to set aside a fund of \$100 for expenses for the poker run with entry fees to replenish the fund.

A budget committee (Wilma Vinton and Bernie Saupe with Ruth Hill as consultant) to investigate funding activities was formed.

A program about the Tanana Valley Railroad was presented by Bill Chace and Mark Cosson.

Terry Whitledge won the 50/50.

## Don't Forget the Poker Run!

*Wilma Vinton*

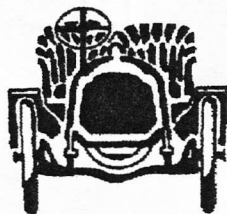
Just a reminder of the June 5th, Saturday Poker Run. We will meet at the "Best Shot Express" on Van Horn Road (corner of Van Horn Road North and Van Horn) at 9:30 AM. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee that will be used to reimburse the club for the \$100.00 provided for prizes. The rules are the same, we will draw a card at each of the 5 stops we make, starting with the gather point and ending at Chena Hot Springs. There will be a potluck picnic at the Hot Springs. We should arrive there by around 1:00 PM. The club is providing the meat (fried Chicken) and those that attend should plan to bring salads or/and desserts and your own drinks. Willy and I will provide the plates, utensils and table covers. It would be really helpful if you could call or email me with what you plan to bring so that if asked, I can let people know what is still needed to make it a well rounded picnic! My email is [wvinton@gci.net](mailto:wvinton@gci.net) or you can call me at 474-0939 days, 456-2261 evenings.

## Calendar

June 5	Poker Run	see above article
June 9	Runaround, Alaskaland parking lot, 6:30	
June 9	Meet visiting Corvette group at Alaska Salmon Bake (optional)	
June 11-13	Trapper Creek Meet with Anchorage club	
June 12	GT Automotive Car Show. Off S. Cushman, 11-4	
June 20	Sourdough Fuel Car Show. 11 am at the Van Horn Sourdough Fuel	
June 21	Midnight Sun Festival Car Show. Cars will be in a new spot this year, on LACEY between 1st & 2nd.	
June 29	Take off for Dawson! Call 474-4966 for more info.	
July 3	North Pole Parade. Meet at the old gas station on Santa Claus Lane. \$15 entry fee.	

## CLUB MEMBER ENTERTAINS

You've heard Jean McDermott play the fiddle at club functions, and now you'll hear her at the Midnight Sun Festival June 21 on stage! She will also be part of the Live After Five program during the summer in downtown. Jean and guitar player Brock Sommer will be strolling through various downtown restaurants to make your summer evenings more pleasant. Look for them as the TANANA HIGHLANDERS! She can be reached at 978-5879.



## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**Spring is here and George's stuff can now be seen!. There are many more cars than we have listed here. Call George to find out what's available. 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 inquiries: 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

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1964 shortbed 1/2 ton chev pickup chassis that needs a good home. It's completely original. 6 cylinder, 4 speed, timken rockwell 221 T case, dana 44 axles front and rear. All are in working order. Former Ak highway dept truck. Have photos. Ideal for spares, or a stock conversion.  
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REMINDERS

**Bring proof of insurance to all club functions if you are driving during those functions!**

**Last call** for registration for the Midnight Sun Festival (solstice) Car show is JUNE 11: day of the Trapper Creek trip! Get your applications in NOW!

**Next Meeting: June 10, 6pm,  
 China One International Buffet  
 (Where the old Royal Fork used to be)**

Newsletter Deadline

**All materials for the newsletter must be in by the 25th of the month for the following month. Email to**  
**jeano@celticandmore.com**

**OR**

**Mail to the return address on the newsletter.**

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