

# Antique Automobile Club of America

July 2004

## Notes from the President

*Larry Bennett*

My Grandfather Lee was born in 1882 in rural western New York State. He graduated from the Cornell University College of Agriculture in 1906, spent several years working in Maine and Texas for the US Soil Survey, and then returned to the family farm near Barre, Orleans County, New York. Over the course of the next fifty or so years he ran that farm successfully, taking advantage of the marvelous advances in crop science and mechanization that revolutionized American agriculture and had major impacts throughout the world. By the time of his death in 1974, Ora Lee had witnessed an amazing assortment of changes in society, politics, and family life, as well as in agriculture, and he was an articulate chronicler of his observations, for the benefit of future generations.

Soon after World War II, Grandpa and Grandma Lee purchased a brand new Buick Super (the "three-holer"), in gunmetal grey, one of the few colors available. This was at the same time that the hired man still drove a Model T Ford ("oh where is that Model T now?"). I remember International trucks and Farmall tractors. No, I don't remember the horses and buggies, although they were very much a part of rural life in the 20's and 30's during my mother's childhood and early adulthood. Probably the last car Grandpa rode in was my parent's Buick, when they took him to the hospital for the final time in 1974.

The question for the month goes like this: Grandfather Lee observed some seven decades of changes and improvements in mechanized highway and farm vehicles. Which component of those vehicles do you think he considered to have improved the most over his lifetime? The first club member to call Margaret or me (479-5118) with the correct answer wins \$10 and special recognition at our next club meeting. Only one chance per member please!

I'm writing this piece on the day after our highly successful participation in the Midnight Sun Festival. Elsewhere in this issue you will find details about the car show winners. Congratulations to all of you!

Our thanks to Wilma Vinton and Marion Benham for creating and organizing our root beer float booth. We were blessed with such hot weather that those floats were very popular. Thanks to a large number of others who helped staff that booth. And thanks to Beccy Monsma for her good work in organizing our participation in the show in coordination with the Downtown Association Main Street Fairbanks. Club member and Association Promotions Director Guy Douglas made sure we were well placed and well supported; thanks, Guy! Finally, thanks to the thirty of you who made the effort to get your vehicles downtown and enter them into the show.

Our busy summer season continues! Even if you can't make them all, try to get out for some of the weekly Wednesday evening run-arounds. We meet at the Pioneer Park car park (British term for parking lot!) at about 6:30 PM and proceed from there at 7:00 PM to the Pioneer Village inside the park and thence to River's Edge RV Park, the Princess Hotel, and Pike's Riverfront Lodge. Our record turnout so far this year is 28 vehicles, on June 16. Can we break 40 before the season is over?

I'm personally looking forward to taking part in three parades in July. July 3 in North Pole (form up at the corner of the Richardson Highway and Fifth Avenue at 11 AM for a 12 noon start; no entry fee; just show up, we're already registered); July 4 downtown Fairbanks Veteran's Parade (staging at Sadler's parking lot at 8:30 AM; some of us will be transporting visiting Navajo Code Talkers; Beccy Monsma is arranging entries); and July 24 Golden Days Parade (details elsewhere in this newsletter).

Finally, don't forget that our regular July meeting is Thursday, July 8. We are grateful to Ruth Ann and Rudy Domke for hosting this meeting and picnic at their home, 2391 Chena Hot Springs Road (watch for Domke Road). Again, see the special note about this picnic elsewhere in this newsletter.

Happy Motoring!  
—Larry

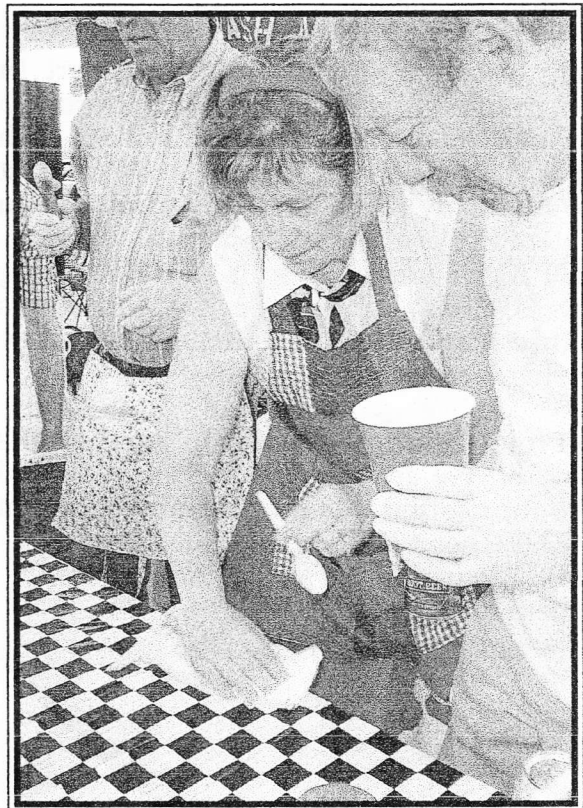
## Midnight Sun Festival Car Show

Results from Midnight Sun Festival Car Show 2004

Entries		Categories	
Ford	11	Classic Car/Truck	9
Chevrolet	8	Custom Car/Truck	2
Dodge	3	Vintage Car/Truck	13
Buick	2	Project Vehicle	6
Mercury	2		
MG	1		
Nash	1		
Sunbeam	1		
Standard	1		
Total	30		

### WINNERS

Best Classic Car	1965 Sunbeam Tiger	Marty Herzog
Best Classic Truck	1962 Ford Ranchero	Greg Shoemaker
Best Vintage Car	1947 MGTC	Gene Wescott
Best Vintage Truck	1924 Ford T	Larry Sullivan
Best Custom Car	1972 Chevrolet Vega	Rod Harken
Best Custom Truck	1942 Dodge CarryAll	Gary Meier
Best Project Vehicle	1950 Mercury Sedan	Alan Monsma
People's Choice	1924 Ford T	Furman Dotson



Paul Camarata "supervises" as Willie and Wilma clean up at the root beer float booth during Midnight Sun Festival

## Picnic on CHSR Next Meeting

This month the meeting will be a picnic at Ruth Ann and Rudy Domke's, 2391 Chena Hot Springs Road (watch for Domke Road!). The date is Thursday, July 8.

The club will furnish grilled hot dogs, hot links, hamburgers, buns, condiments, plates, cups, plasticware, and soft drinks. Club members are asked to bring a dish for the buffet table using this scheme: those with last names from A-L bring salad or a side dish, those with last names M-Z bring dessert.

Bring a lawn chair, and a musical instrument if you wish, and show up at or about 5:00 PM (or later if that's more convenient). We'll start the meeting around 6:30 or 7.

## Calendar

July 3 North Pole Parade. Meet at the old gas station on Santa Claus Lane. \$15 entry fee.

July 4 – Fairbanks Veteran's Parade

July 8 – Monthly Meeting—Domke's picnic

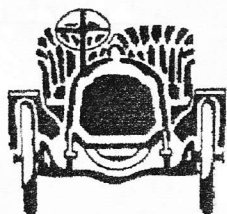
July 21(Wednesday) – Golden Days Show N Shine

July 24 – Golden Days Parade

August 27-29 VLNAAC Car Show at Carlson Center



Car club members display their awards at the Midnight Sun Festival.



## 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 inquires: 456-4550. Let it ring, it takes George a while to get to the phone.**

**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.

**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.

**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. Ron Bateman, Anchorage, Ak 99515. 345-8915

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1966 Oldsmobile Tornado Showroom Car. No Rust. Undercoated 350 engine. Two Door, Lime green. Original papers when purchase. Car has under ten thousand miles on it. Has original tires, spare never been used. Been stored in barn. Asking \$12,500 firm. Email me at afishnhook@chartermi.net.

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1959 Feet Side Chevrolet body only, all straight and little rust. \$1500.00 or best offer. Jack Carlson, 425-435-5854, Maple Valley, Washington. jcsafety@comcast.net

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**If you have sold your vehicle, please let us know so we can remove your ad!**





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## NEXT MEETING

July 8, 6pm, (can arrive at 5)

Domke Place, Potluck Picnic

2391 Chena Hot Springs Road

Watch for Domke Rd. on the right

## BIRTHDAYS

Judy Saupe 7/27

Lisa Williams 7/3

Isa Smith 7/7

Ron Allen 7/1

James Lounsbury 7/11

Dick Ellsworth 7/13

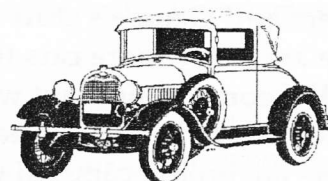
Jerry Krier 7/20

Ed McLaughlin 7/21

Steve Hormann 7/24

George Johnson 7/27

Nathan Williams 7/5



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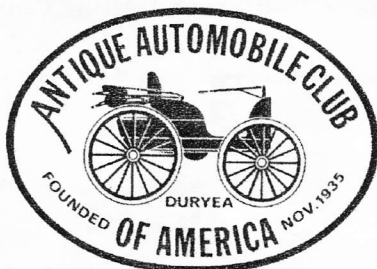
Mail to the return address on the newsletter.

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