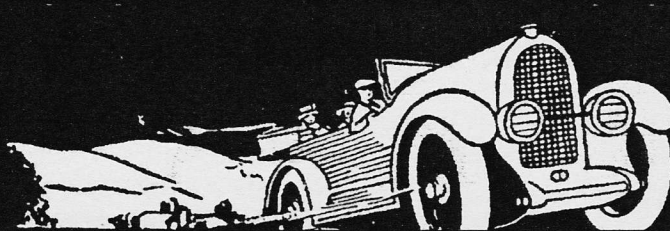


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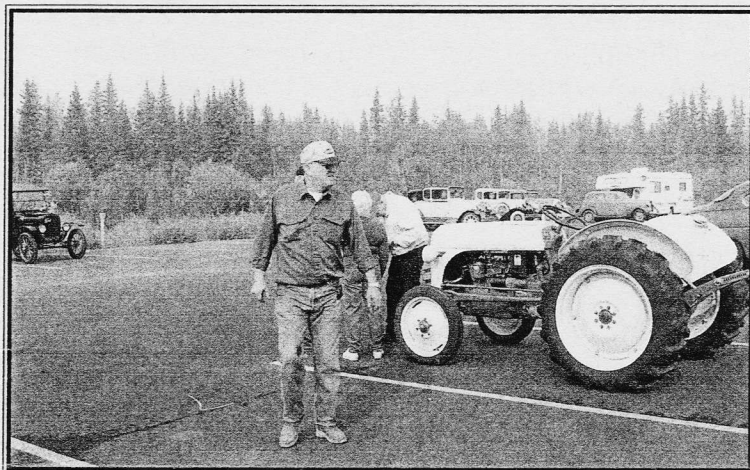


# Antique Automobile Club of Fairbanks

September/October 2004

## Special Edition: VLNAACF Car Show!

by Jean McDermott & Willy Vinton



Well here it is Tuesday the 31st of Aug and the recuperation is complete after the weekend car show. What a great time, I do not know for sure, but I believe that most people enjoyed it as much as I did.

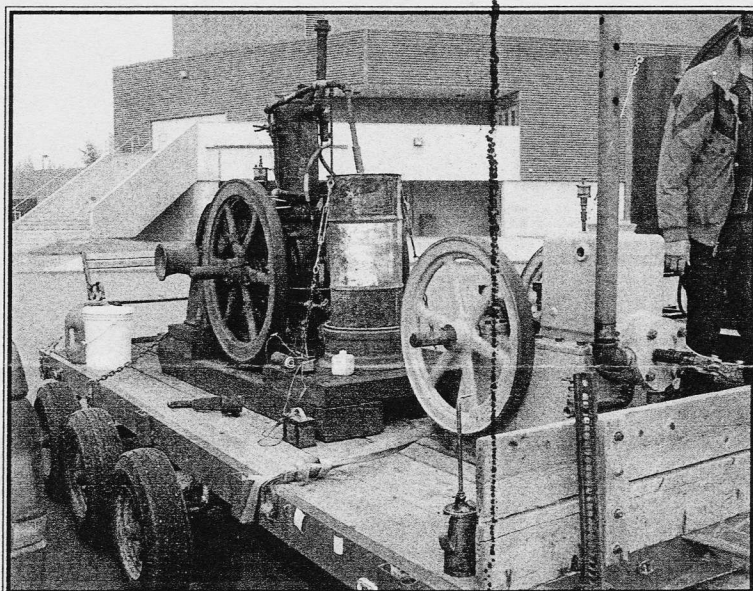
I just got off the phone with Angie from the Carlson Center, and they were ready to set up for next year. We



tentatively set the date for Aug 26, 27, and 28th, 2005. The Old Engine Club members came by today and said they are eager to do it again, and Carquest added their voice to

the praise of this year and their desire to be part of the program next year (and anything else we do).

I would like to thank all the folks that went above and



beyond in helping with the show, the positive support, help in moving cars to and from, stanchions, ropes and cleanup; displays, demonstrations, VLNAACF tables with pictures, books and misc, and great information and promotion. What a great club effort with excellent results! To the folks with work-in-progress projects, a special

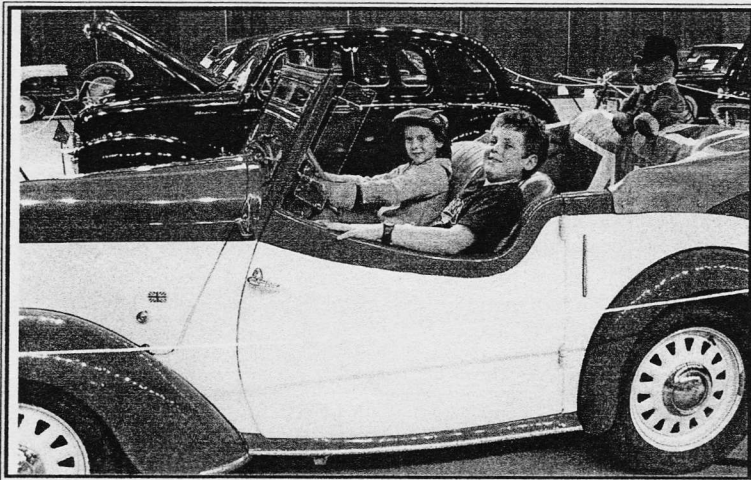


## Car Show, cont'd

thanks. These projects are difficult to move, and for incentive to get them done for next year, we will put them in the same location with pictures of this year beside them. (so don't let them see you with no progress!). Enough rambling, just a big thanks to all for a great job and a great time. The Vintons.



There were 72 vehicles, plus the old engines from the Old Engine Club. Six hundred paying visitors oohed and aahed at our cars. Rudy Domke's Willy's-Knight won the People's Choice Award. Channel 11 showed up to do a



few interviews. Five new members were signed up!

Next year we'll charge vendors for booth space and use the money raised to pay for more advertising than was done this year. It was smokey outside, and I'm sure more people will show up if summer is more "normal."

—Jean McDermott

## Sept. Notes from the President

by Larry Bennett

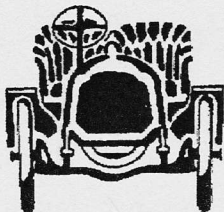
As I reflected on the most recent meeting of our Executive Committee, I realized how fortunate I am to have such a talented and dedicated group of officers to work with. Ray McLeod, our vice-president, has provided much valuable assistance despite an extremely strenuous and time-consuming summer-time work schedule under which he arises in the morning even before some of us go to bed. Laurel McLaughlin's contributions as secretary are always thorough, enlightened and done with much-appreciated attention to detail. Ruth Hill has served as treasurer longer than many of us have been members and has asked that someone else take over that job in 2005; special thanks to Ruth for both her sense of history and the professional manner in which she keeps our finances in order.

I am grateful to Squeaky Benham, past president, for his continuing interest in the work of the presidency and the encouragement and good advice he has provided to me this year. Newsletter editor and webmaster Jean McDermott does an excellent job of providing timely and important communication via both of those media. Joyce and Bill Chace contribute to the club by maintaining the club roster. Beccy Monsma manages the list of our myriad car shows and other special events. With the increase in club membership and activities, we have added two positions: Marion Benham is our membership secretary, a job that maintains contact both with the national organization and with our roster folks. And Wilma Vinton is adding her accounting expertise to the new position of assistant treasurer.

And then there the dozens of others who willingly take on the coordination of individual projects and other activities. I won't begin to name them, for fear of missing some names. It is truly a volunteer organization, whose success rests not with the president but with a large number of others who contribute unselfishly to assure that our club flourishes and its activities are well planned and well carried out. When my term as your president ends this December, I am sure we will easily "pass the torch," and the club will be in excellent hands for many years to come.

Happy Motoring,

—Larry



## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**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. George will negotiate all prices. **For all inquiries: 456-4550. Let it ring, it takes George a while to get to the phone.**

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1963 Ford Unibody Custom Cab Pickup. All original, clean, straight body with exception of one tail light piece. 292 V-8, runs great and comfortable ride. New radiator, tires, clutch, rear axle bearings. Extra parts included (not needed yet) water pump, starter, kingpins, complete overhaul gasket kit and timing chain set. 456-2518.

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1950 Ford Meteor 2/dr for sale, red in color with red&white interior, fully dressed, 350 Chev engine and transmission, CD Stereo, Am/Fm radio. asking \$20,000 serious replies only. More pictures to be seen through e-mail. 902- 562-0250 (Canada). nuckinfutts\_44@yahoo.ca

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1931 Model A Tudor, excellent condition. \$18,000 OBO

1960 MG 1600 Roadster, excellent condition, may need some engine work to get it running. \$12,000 OBO 479-2583, dwest@mosquiconet.com.

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1931 Model A Ford Tudor--runs fine, a fun car, but probably will never win a show. I've enjoyed ol' "Henry" for 25 years now, and will let someone else have some fun with him. Call Carl at 455-8948. If we are in Central, leave a message on the machine, and I'll get back to you. This has been a VLNAAC car, and I would like to see it stay in the club if possible.

Jim Worley (457-6414) has four 6.00 x 16 six ply mud and snow tires mounted on 1953 Willys Jeep wheels. They are low mileage tires. They are available at a real good price. He has the Jeep firetruck which I think was for the Hamilton Acres FD. He replaced them with Ford wheels.

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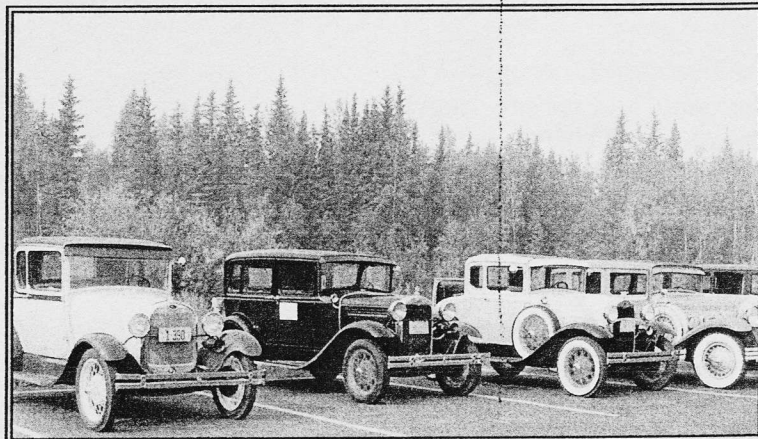
**If you have sold your vehicle, please let us know so we can remove your ad!**



## Deltana Fair Trip

by Marion Benham

The trip to Delta and the Deltana Fair & Parade was a success Saturday, 21 August. We had eleven cars go down. We met at the Safeway Store in North Pole at 8am and had a good trip down without any car problems. It was smokey all the way, but cleared up while we were in Delta. We arrived about 10 am and had time to clean our cars from the trip and were ready for the Parade at 11am. Those who braved the smoke and made the trip were: Roby & Hazel McHone, Don & Angie Oines, John & Mary Blankenship, Paul & Sherry Camarata, George & Cindy Johnson, Larry Sullivan, Mark Cosson, Wilma Vinton, Ron Frey and Squeaky & Marion Benham. After the Parade we parked inside the Fair Grounds, had lunch and took in the Fair for a couple of hours before people started heading back to Fairbanks. A good time was had by everyone. George & Cindy had their Japanese exchange student with them. She is from a large city in Japan and so Delta was an experience for her. 🌲

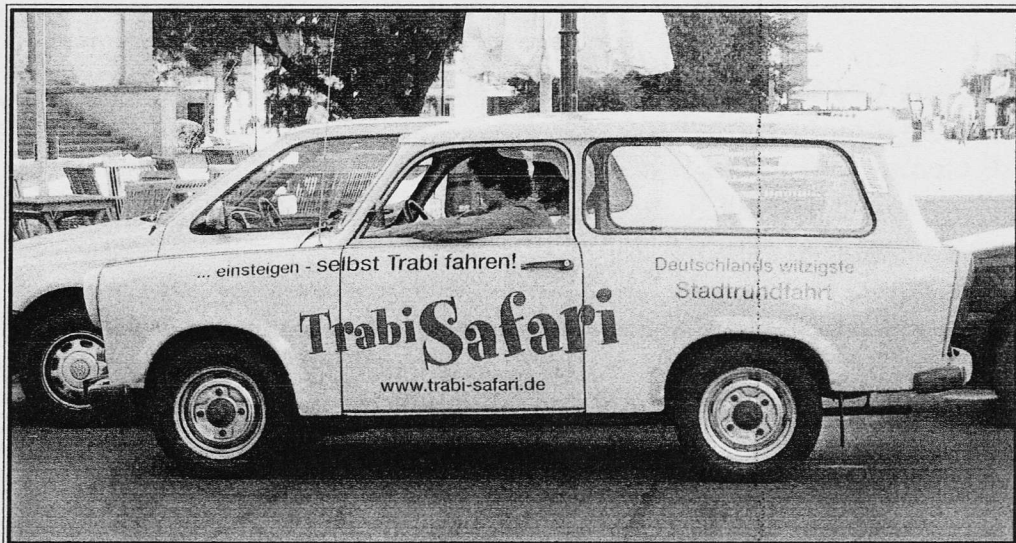


## October Notes from the President

by Larry Bennett

On Margaret's and my recent visit to German, most of the highlights centered around such things as castles, vineyards, half-timbered houses, quiet waterways, and ratskellers featuring truly authentic foods. But it is always interesting to keep an eye out for old cars, and this trip was no exception.

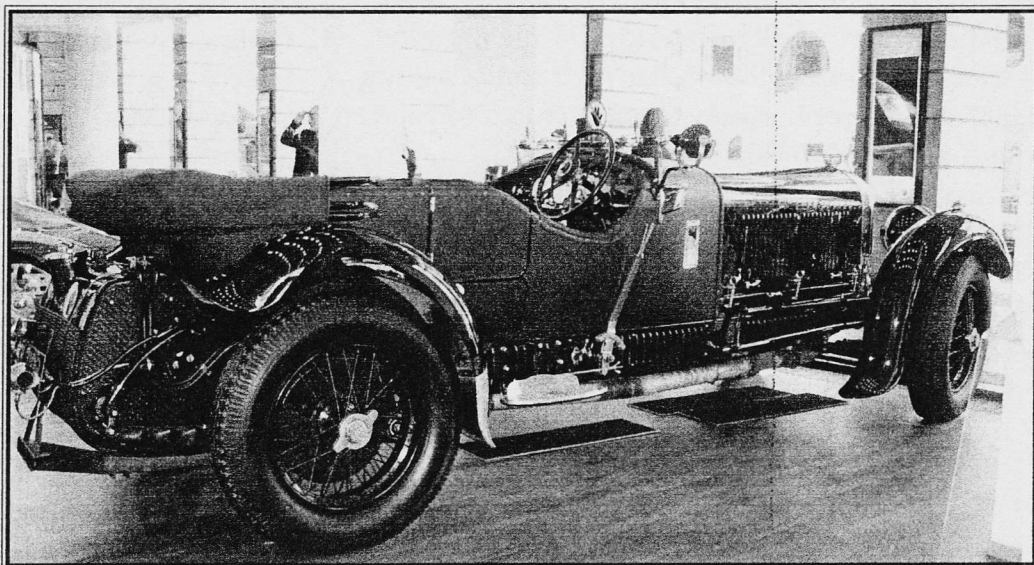
During our time in Berlin, we found a striking contrast between crude functionality and well-designed elegance. An example of the first was a Trabant, built in the former East Germany between the 50's and the 80's and called by one writer "one of the biggest mistakes in automobile history." We found several Trabants lined up on a street in early morning, awaiting their use as a means of tour transportation for wary tourists.



These are three-cylinder, two-cycle cars that use a mixture of gas and oil,

just like your chain saw. We were amused that they were very noisy when being started and even noisier while running. Some of them could not even be started, despite much grinding of starters, opening and closing of hoods, and gnashing of teeth (similar, of course, to a few VLNAAC vehicles!). And each made a substantial contribution to Berlin's air pollution.

In contrast, we found a beautiful 1927 Bentley "Speed Six" on display in a showroom near some new vehicles in one of the city's up-scale neighborhoods. This classic British car claims 6 1/2 liters, 6 cylinders, and 180 BHP. It was in pristine condition, was presided-over by a Bentley representative, and reminded us of some of the vehicles seen in museums in New Zealand and England.



Audis abound throughout Germany, and we saw many examples of several 2005 models (only some of which will be available in the United States). And one of our travel companions, after seeing a very fancy 2005 Volkswagen camper on display, has almost decided to acquire one for his use in the eastern US. But these last two marques will have to wait until 2030 before they deserve further mention in on old car rag.

Many thanks to those who coordinated the club's September activities during our absence.

Happy motoring!

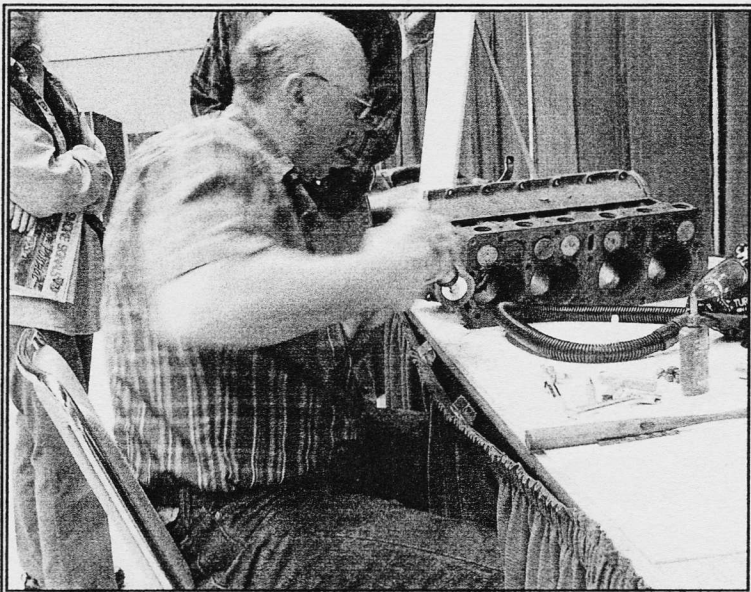
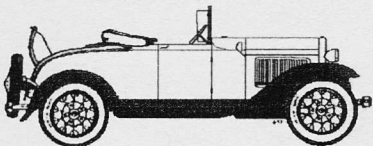
Larry

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gary Falls	9/2
Sam Scott	9/3
Brent LeValley	9/18
Dennis Gallagher	9/17
Alva Ditch	9/18
Don Ronken	9/21
Ron Franklin	9/28
Larry Sullivan	9/28
Patty Conkle	9/1
Ruth Hill	9/12
Joan Yingst	9/25
Karine Dane	9/21
Beth Stagdon	9/27
Connie Ronken	9/5

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Lavonne Gullickson	10/21
Christine Upton	10/19
Opel Sleep	10/13
Bill Yingst	10/13
Robbie Casey	10/17
Colin Conkel	10/22
Martin Herzog	10/8
John Borg	10/8



Willy Vinton at one of the workshops at the August Car Show

## **Elections to be held in November**

The bylaws state elections must be held in October, but this year we will be holding elections in November due to the somewhat remote location of the October meeting.

Know someone who would make a great president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer? Got some extra time to help us VROOOM down the road into 2005? Nominate someone! Nominate yourself!

Send your nominations to our new newsletter editor (see article below!) either by snail mail or email, and she will publish them in the November newsletter. See the article below for mailing address, or check the return address on the newsletter.

## **New Newsletter Editor!**

I've enjoyed being the newsletter editor/layout artist, but it is time for me to pass the computer over to someone who has more time. That particular nice someone has been helping with the newsletter for the past months, by folding, stapling and mailing. She will now take over all the tasks. Meet Cindy Johnson, your new newsletter person! (George helps a lot, too, don't forget George!)

**Cindy and George can be reached at 479-5032.**

Email: [chisana@hotmail.com](mailto:chisana@hotmail.com)

Snail mail: 4712 Glasgow, Fairbanks, 99709

Please help Cindy out by sending her updates on your projects, pictures of you and your cars at events or odd places, stories about the "good old days" and so on. This is your newsletter, and we want to hear from you!

Don't forget that we also carry classified ads free for car club members for antique car-related items.

I will continue to assist Cindy and George, and will maintain the website as well. I'm not going anywhere, you'll see me around, don't worry! I have to work hard to save up for my own antique car!

—Jean McDermott

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→ **NEXT MEETING** ←

**October 14, 6pm**

**Ivory Jacks**

**2581 Goldstream Rd. 455-6665**

Marion & Wilma will clog dance for us!

**Newsletter Deadline**

All materials for the newsletter must be in by the 25th of the month for the following month. Email to **chisana@hotmail.com** OR Mail to the return address on the newsletter.

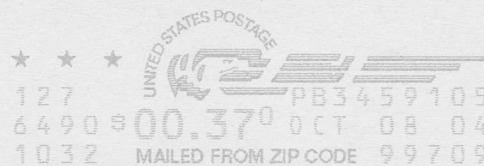
**Have a story about how you got your car, a favorite trip you made, a real hassle of a repair? Send it in!**

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