



### TRAF SECURITY SAVES GAVEL!!

The annual Christmas Party at the Elks Club was a great success. In attendance were 108 people! The most to ever attend this yearly festivity.

Officers were installed under auspices of the Solemn Service Oath. Just in case some couldn't hear, here it is. Here hear!

Solemn Service of Investiture  
Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club  
December 12, 2004

I (state your full name) do hereby solemnly promise under the provisions of the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks constitution and bylaws, whether or not such documents really do exist, to guard, defend and protect the **sacred gavels** representing the office of the club president from the likes of Beccy Monsma and other would be gavel nappers utilizing whatever security services may be needed in protecting the club's property and honor. So help me God! Amen.

The seriousness of the oath's promise to protect the gavel without regard to expense or effort was underscored by outgoing president, Larry Bennett, who



hired TRAF Security Services – staffed by the Fraternal Association of Retired Teachers. Officers Wendell and Judy Friday (aka Shiffler) protected the gavel from the likes of would be gavel nappers such as Gene Hansen, Bill

Chase and Wilma Vinton! At this reporting, the gavel is safely in the hands of new president, Willy Vinton, who has a 24 hour watch on Wilma to guarantee its safety!

Dinner was served after the induction of new officers and a Christmas gift exchange followed.

A large amount of gift stealing occurred involving two tool chests. TRAF was too engaged in gavel security to stop the thefts which carried on throughout the evening. Just goes to show you that this crowd can't be trusted!



*Gavel nappers!!*

## Eddy's Kick Off Retirement in Malaysia

By Karen Eddy

Jim and Karen Eddy have been fortunate enough to begin their first year of retirement together traveling to far away places. In September they flew by way of Los Angeles to Kuala Lumpur (KL),



Malaysia to visit friends who used to be stationed at Ft. Wainwright.

They saw many tourist sites,

including a trip up the stainless steel clad Petronas Towers Sky Bridge, feeding monkeys in the wild, floating down a river after dark to see fireflies, tours of palaces and temples, a side trip to Thailand to shop and see the sights, and (Jim's personal favorite) checking out some of the many local food stands. It was wonderful and we would be glad to bore you with photos, if asked.

Of course, Jim was always on the look out for an interesting car and his first



chance was a trip with a friend to the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles, where he saw many unusual and one-of-a-kind cars. Check out the museum's link at [www.petersen.org](http://www.petersen.org) to see some of these beauties.

In KL he was fascinated with the right hand drive cars, some of which were

certainly classics. We did have some trouble getting used to the "wrong" side

of the road, and we're glad to leave the driving to others.

Near the end of our visit Jim was able to make contact with members of the All Motors Classic (AML) Club, which had a clubhouse only a couple of blocks from where we were staying. The club made him an honorary member, and invited him to come back for one of their road trips or the annual Formula One races, which occur every March. For more, check their website: [www.amcmotorsasia.com](http://www.amcmotorsasia.com).

Even on the way home we saw cars. There was a beautiful Formula One car on display in the Hong Kong airport!. We had a great time and hope we will be able to return to Southeast Asia sometime in the next few years. By the time we got home we had only three days to get ready for a trip Outside for business and pleasure, so we did a quick turn around. And now we are off again! So see you in February and ask us about our road trip Outside, or our visit to Mexico!

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

*When - What - Where*

#### **January 13, 2005 – The January Meeting.**

China One International Buffet  
Steese and Fairbanks Street

Dinner at 6 p.m.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Herman Hauck .....Jan 1st  
 Roger Smith..... Jan 6th  
 Sharon Whitledge..... Jan 8th  
 Lori Simpson..... Jan 11th  
 Jim Stagdon..... Jan 14th  
 Dan Gullickson ..... Jan 19th  
 Bonnie Scott ..... Jan 19th  
 Bernie Saupe ..... Jan 22nd  
 Hazel McHone ..... Jan 26th

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Starting this month, anniversaries will be listed in the newsletter. Please make sure Marion Benham has the date of your anniversary if you would like it listed.

Jim & Beth Stagdon..... Jan 12th  
 Randy & Shawn Rogers ..... Jan 27th

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

By Willie Vinton

Well the New Year is beginning and I look ahead with anticipation. I am eager to get my new project out of the garage and take it for a test drive. Should have that done by the end of January at the latest. But, I have to admit that I am chicken to take it down the hill with snow still on the road. Its a little steep with a stop sign at the bottom. Those street tires might make

the ride more exciting than this old man can take!

The Christmas party was a great success as usual, with wonderful food and friends. And, exercise was available to anyone who wanted to play "Push the Tool Box". I think even Bill Chace got his heart rate up!

I want to thank Larry Bennett for his fine service this past year. There were lots of club activities that the membership always enjoyed. This year we will be having another car show in August and the Wednesday night run around will continue.

I have heard rumors that there may be some interest in starting a Saturday afternoon run around. Some of you want to do a little more driving to include North Pole and a couple of the RV parks out in that area. I am open to suggestions. So let me know what you think. Perhaps the Saturday run around could happen twice a month?

Please feel free to call me anytime at work or home and discuss any ideas that you have or things you would like to do. See you all on the 13th of January at the China One Buffet.

In 1972 cars traveled along the LA Freeway at an average speed of 60 MPH. By 1982, the **average** was only 17 MPH!

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***NEXT MEETING***  
***January 13, 2005***  
**CHINA ONE INT'L BUFET**  
**Steese and Fairbanks St.**

**Dinner at 6 pm Meeting at 7 pm**

### Newsletter Deadline

All materials for the newsletter must be in by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month.

Email [chisana@yahoo.com](mailto:chisana@yahoo.com) OR  
 Mail to return address on this newsletter

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

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