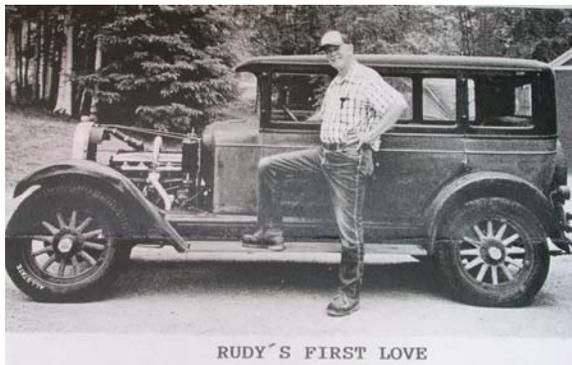


Antique Automobile Club of America

RUDY'S FIRST LOVE **Buying My First OLD Car**

By Rudy Domke

Some of you may remember the comedian, Flip Wilson. Whenever he was caught doing something wrong, he always claimed, "The devil make me do it!" Well, my story is the opposite. You see I bought that first OLD car because, "God wanted me to have it!"



One morning, way back in 1969, I noticed that a really neat antique car had a "For Sale" sign on it. I stopped to look it over and found it to be a Falcon Knight in poor condition. The rotted roof had fallen down in to the inside. The upholstery was shot. The bumpers and lights were missing etc., etc. But to me it looked beautiful... (Love at first sight.)

The the big problem - *The PRICE was \$1,000.* I couldn't afford that so I just went on my way. I should have forgotten the car right there but a second problem came up. You see the street where it was parked was the one that our church is on. So

now every Sunday morning for several months I had to drive past this car and be reminded of how much I wanted it. Then it came to me. God certainly didn't want me to give up church so he must be telling me to buy the car! Right? It made sense to me. So off to the bank for a loan so I could bring the car home with a tow chain.

We still go to the same church and the car is still in rather rough shape. Maybe it's time to see if God can tell somebody else to buy it!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Willie Vinton

Thanks to all that showed for the January meeting at China One Restaurant. Thirty-seven members were present and no one left hungry! The next meeting will be on Febraury 10th at Big Daddys BBQ in the old Wickersham building on 2nd Avenue across from the Aviators Steak House. Roy Wilbur has generously volunteered to be in charge of setting up the meeting place and negotiate a prices for the club. Thanks Roy! Please contact Roy if you'd like to suggest a restaurant. Remember that we need to have a place that has enough open space without partitions so everyone can hear and see.

We will be sending out dues notices to members who have not yet paid their 2005 dues. To remain active (cont'd n page 2)

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 in the club you must have your dues paid by February 28th. Please get those checks in so we can keep you on the active roles.

Its starting to look like a busy year with lots of activities, so if there is something special you like to see happen, let Sherry Camarata know. Sherry is the Events Committee Chairperson and will be planning club events.

If you had a project in the Carlson Center Car Show last year, it will be placed in the same location this year. Please contact me to let me know how you are coming along and any updates you might have. Pictures from last year will be displayed for reference. So we hope to see lots of progress! Also, now is the time to start thinking of any displays that you may want to do for the car show. (Rudy with the slide valve engine information?). Or anyone that would like to offer ideas.

Enough rambling thanks and will see you at the Feb meeting.

Willy

VLNAAC NEW COMMITTEES AT WORK

BYLAW COMMITTEE

By appointing members to review and amend the club bylaws, President Willie Vinton is determined to take on a task that has been sitting on the back burner for a long time. The Bylaw Committee members are Gary Nash, Paul Camarata, Larry Bennett and Ron Allen.

Bylaws are the rules that govern the internal affairs of an organization, such as how money can be spent and what issues the membership can decide by a vote. The committee will present the revised bylaws at the March meeting. All members are encouraged to attend so our club can obtain a majority consensus regarding the Bylaws. Please watch the newsletter for more information.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Sherry Camarata, Beccy Monsma, Mark Cossen, Shawn Rogers and Wilma Vinton are serving on the Events Committee. These folks will be taking care of the VLNAAC calendar of events as well as planning new and exciting things for club members to do. The committee wants to remind us of the club's mission to preserve and maintain old vehicles and unite interested persons in our organization to this end. The committee's partial, tentative calendar of events can be seen on Page 3 of this month's newsletter. All members are invited to submit any ideas about events to the committee.

SEMINARS AND CLINCIS ANYONE?

Before the spring thaw, VLNAAC will host a Saturday morning "how-to/how-not-to" seminar on restoring a Model A or T engine. Ron Dane (T) and Mark Crosson (A) will provide demonstration vehicles. Willy Vinton will lead the seminar. A potluck to be held in Vinton's garage is being considered after the seminar. If anyone has any other ideas for seminars, please give the Event Committee or Willy Vinton a call.

2005 DUES
Due 2/15/05 for active members
 Make check payable to : VLNAACF

	VLNAAC	Nat'l Dues	
Single	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$45.00
Couple	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$60.00



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1936 FORD Station Wagon floor pan and cowl with miscellaneous body parts.

Steve Hormann
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MEET A MEMBER:**Steve Hormann – Radioman!**

Although all of us share an interest in antique vehicles, many VLNAAC members pursue other interesting hobbies as well. Such a person is Steve Hormann, volunteer radio host on KUAC FM radio, who hosts a Swing Era program once each month on Saturday night.

Steve says his interest in Swing, Big Bands, early Rock & Roll and Nashville music dates back to when he lived with his family in Chicago during the 50's. Living in such a large city gave Steve access to radio stations of every ilk. Just get Steve started and he will amaze you with his knowledge of music genres, artists, recording history and famous DJ's. As a related interest, Steve also restores old radios.

Currently, he has four 1946 projects - a Philco AM/SW, a Philco AM radio with a record player, an RCA and a Zenith Transoceanic short wave. Working on these in his basement next to a warm furnace is one of Steve's favorite winter pass times - something for all you garage monkeys to think about!

To enjoy Steve's show dial into KAUC, 89.9 FM, one Saturday each month, at 7 p.m. after the Prairie Home Companion. Steve is likely to be spotlighting a talented Big Band sideman like Lionel Hampton or Gene Kruppa, artists such as Benny Goodman or Glenn Miller or featuring some long lost interview or rare recording. The KUAC broadcast schedule can be found on the web at <http://www.kuac.org>.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**When - What - Where

February Meeting -Big Daddy's BBQ

2/10/05 - Add address.....

Dinner from 6 pm. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE TENTATIVE
SCHEDULE**

Feb 19th & 20th , Saturday & Sunday - Anchorage

The Antique Auto Musers of Alaska (AAMA) Fur Rendezvous Parade and Car Show

Sat, 11-6 pm: Parade on 5th Ave. to AK Sales and Service. Dinner tentatively at TGI Fridays.

Sun, 10-2:00 pm: Car Show. For more information,

contact Fred Schurman, 907-276-2278, or fschurman@gci.net .

June 1st - Begin Wednesday Night Run at Pioneer Park. If there is enough interest, the run will be extended to include going to North Pole . Time and additional information will be announced later.

June 4th - Sat: Poker Run. Time and additional information will be announced later.

June 10th, 11th, & 12th - Fri, Sat & Sun (tentative dates):
Joint meet with the AAMA in Fairbanks

June 21st Tues: Summer Solstice Car Show and Root Beer Floats, Downtown Fairbanks 2nd Street

June 29th to July 4th: Dawson Tour for Canada Day
Going to Skagway or Eagle for the 4th of July.

July 4th Mon: North Pole Parade!

July ?? Picnic meeting at Domke's

July 20th Wed: Golden Days Show-N-Shine Pioneer Park

July 23rd Sat: Golden Days Parade!

August ?? Sat: Delta Parade and Fair

August 26th to 28th Fri, Sat & Sun:
2nd Annual VLNAAC Car Show Carlson Center

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Newsletter Deadline

All materials for the newsletter must be in by the 25th of the month for the following month.

Email 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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