



Anchorage & Fairbanks Car Clubs Meet for Annual Event

By Ron Allen



The joint meet of the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska and VLNAACF members in Fairbanks was a great time starting with a picnic at Pioneer Park on Friday August 12, continuing with car games on Saturday morning, a post-game picnic at River's Edge RV Park and a trip to North Pole, and concluding with a Banquet at Big Daddy's Saturday night.

Following are the car game results: First place in the mechanic's creeper race was Ron Allen with 17.2 seconds closely followed by Brian Vinton and Johnathan Broline. The red lantern award went to Colleen Kimsey at 50.1 seconds. The most entertaining entrant was Barbara Hansen who experienced navigational and mechanical difficulties. Her gallant husband, Howard, saved the day for her by holding her by the ankles and

and pulling her correctly through the course to the finish line.

The water carry was a timed game involving a number of two member teams with the objective of filling a tray of wine glasses with water, getting in a car, driving a course with the tray held outside the car, and on completion of the course emptying the glasses back into the pitcher without spilling the water. First place went to Brian Vinton and his partner at 1.47 minutes. Last place was Sara Stoops at 3.3 minutes. It was particularly funny to watch those who got doused with water from the spilled trays of glasses they were carrying when the errant car doors bumped them while exiting the cars.

The target game involved drivers stopping a car with a goal of positioning a pendulum attached to the front bumper next to a target on the ground. First place went to Scott Hulse at 4 1/8 inches.

The next game involved driving a car blindfolded from a dead start (Please don't try this anywhere else!!!) and attempting to stop on a line roughly fifty feet away. Bob Shoemaker stopped right on the line. Sherry Camarata came in second at 47 inches. There was a six-way tie for last place, which suggested that the blind were leading the blind in this contest.

Another game was to guess what the items were in a garbage bag by feeling the items without being able to actually see them. The items were of a nature that one might find left in a used car, and one that had not been cleaned out very well. It was a game for the brave as some items caused people to squirm a bit while guessing that they were. The winner was Dennis Allen with 15 items identified.

The last game was a word hunt that involved identifying words matching places seen during the drive to North Pole. It was a very tricky game with cleverly designed clues, but Bill and Joyce Chace managed to identify all twelve words and places.

We look forward to next year's event in Anchorage that will be hosted by the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska.

ALL THE WAY FROM FLORIDA

By Ron Allen



Don Higgs of Jacksonville Florida joined our July 27th runaround as a special guest. Don drove his spiffy 1929 Model A open Roadster from Florida to Fairbanks in a three-week span towing a homemade camping trailer. Don, obviously an adventurous person, made the trip by himself. One of the biggest difficulties was enduring the sun, not to mention the rain and bugs in his teeth. He said his wife wisely stayed at home. Don participated in the 2004 "Great Race," a largely publicized coast-to-coast race, so he had excellent experience for this trip. What inspired him to drive to Fairbanks? He wanted to meet the members of VLNAAC. Thank you Don, for sharing your adventure with us.

CARavan Visits Fairbanks

We will have a report from Willy on this event in next month's newsletter. In the meantime here is a letter of thanks we received from a Colorado participant. VLNAACF really came through to show Alaskan hospitality:

Hi Willy,

Thanks to you and all of your great group in Fairbanks. We have all heard of Southern Hospitality. Well I'm here to tell you that it doesn't hold a candle to Northern (and I really mean

Northern) Hospitality. Some of the nicest people Betty and I met in 34 Classic Car Club CARavans were your club in Fairbanks.

Betty and I had 1700 trouble free miles in our Packard. There were a few mechanical problems among our members, but not many. All but one got their car back on the road.

Everyone said that it was a tour they will never forget. You live in a beautiful state filled with friendly people.

As a small token of our appreciation, I have purchased you a year's membership in the Classic Car Club of America. If you ever get in our area, please look us up.

All the best,
Jim Hull
Estes Park, CO

Henry Moves On

By Carl and Connie Jeglum



It's sad, but true. Henry is no longer a Jeglum. After 24 years in the Jeglum family, he was adopted by Gerald DeBerry, a local gent from Fox. Henry and the Jeglums had a lot of fun and he is looking forward to different adventures with his new family.

Above is a photo of Carl and the new owner shaking hands on the "adoption."



UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER: *This year you will be asked to initial an attendance sheet when you participate in VLNAAC's outings. At the end of the year, we will be giving out prizes for your participation. So, come out and enjoy your cars, your friends and a beautiful summer!*

Thursday Sept. 8th, 6:00 PM

Regular meeting night -- Dinner Cruise on the Tanana Chief. 6:00 pm. \$45 per person, includes gratuity. Prime Rib and Chicken with salad, veggies, etc. No host bar. Ice tea, coffee, hot tea, water included.

Sunday, Sept 11th 12:30 pm - Meet at Pioneer Park for a Sunday Afternoon drive to Chatanika for early afternoon dinner. Stops and fun along the way!

Reminder: The last run-around is Wednesday night August 31. Also, please turn in your raffle tickets to Willy or Ruth by Friday August 26th and volunteer to sell tickets at the car show.



Classified Ads

(No ads submitted this month)

The Club needs your pictures!! If you have pictures from events in 2001-2004, please share them with the club. We do not have photos albums from these years. For more information, please contact Bill Chase 488-3805

Runaround Spotlight: Ken Uzzell and his 1955 Willys



**BIRTHDAYS
AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

September Birthdays

Sam Scott	3 rd
Connie Ronken	5 th
Ruth Hill	12 th
Dennis Gallagher	17 th
Alva Ditch	18 th
Brent Lavalley	18 th
Karine Dane	21 th
Don Ronken	21 th
Bill Wright	22 nd
Hal Hume	24 th
Beth Stagdon	27 th
Ron Franklin	29 th
Larry Sullivan	28 th

September Anniversaries

George and Virginia Clayton	26 th
James and Lorna Lounsbury	29 th

Runaround Spotlight: Alva Ditch and his 1955 jeep CJ5



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Next Meeting-Thursday

September 8th Dinner Cruise
Tanana Chief Riverboat
 \$45 per person
 See upcoming events schedule

Newsletter Deadline

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

Email ronandnancy@gci.net 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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