



Carlson Center Car Show

By Ron Allen

The second annual VLNAACF Car Show at the Carlson Center was a huge success with 65 entries from VLNAACF members and the Vintage Power Old Engine Club. Over 600 visitors came through the gate. This provided a great time for all getting acquainted with both club members and visitors at the show. In addition to our members' car entries we also had interesting displays of antique radios from member Steve Hormann, a display of vintage car whiskey bottles, and a number of antique engines and tractors from our car show partner, the Vintage Power Old Engine Club. We owe our sponsors, the Carlson Center management, CarQuest and NAPA for their essential support in making the show a success. We gained 4 new members as a result of interest shown at the show and plenty of appreciation from those who attended. I think the show is a great community event that both fulfills our club mission and provides great entertainment for our members. Please personally thank Willy and Wilma for their seemingly tireless devotion to organizing and seeing this event through to the end. They need to be properly rewarded for their efforts.

Here are some VLNAACF members chewing the fat and enjoying camaraderie at the car show



Peoples Choice Winners

The following photo is of Charlie and Carrie Jurgens with their daughter and their 1943 Ford Jeep. The Jeep is an immaculately restored WW2 military jeep complete with authentic 50 caliber machine gun (Yikes!) and original restored military vehicle ID number on the hood. The Jurgens Jeep was received the most votes by car show visitors as their favorite entry. Congratulations Jurgens!



Raffle Winner

The winner of the raffle was Fred Knutson. Congratulations Fred, and thank you for joining our club. You are the envy of many folks who loved that car. We hope you enjoy your classic Thunderbird and that you join us in the club's future activities.

Raffle revenues totaled \$7,710.00 and raffle expenses totaled \$6,182.19 for a net of \$1,527.81. The raffle was fun and the earnings will help with other club expenses.



Fred Knutson receiving keys to his new 1966 Thunderbird from Willy

Of Chetwynd, New Houses and Car Shows!

A letter from George and Cindy Johnson

The Johnson's '52 International rolled out of Fairbanks in early July, along with Cindy's Caravan and the Ford F150 headed for our new life in the Lower 48. With many of our possessions in tow, the trip was "almost" uneventful.

The road and weather were great and the food is vastly improved over that offered 20 years ago. We actually didn't eat ONE cheeseburger! We enjoyed views of Lake Kluane despite the road work, languished for a half day at Liard Hot Springs and stayed in a beautiful lodge at Muncho Lake. Our luck ran out, however, after taking the Hope Bypass around Fort Nelson, B.C. The Cutoff

supposedly saved 26 miles according to the Milepost and it was a really beautiful route. But those 10%- 6 mile grades were a bit tough on the old International. When we headed out the next morning from Chetwynd, B.C., the old truck had a bad rattle. George checked it out as well as he could and determined that it could only be a problem with the transmission. We had to leave the International in the care of a car dealer in Chetwynd and five days later we were back, tow bar in hand. Fortunately, when we got back to Spokane we were able to find an International specialty shop, Outback Parts and swapped out the transmission for a rebuilt one. So, we saved 26 miles on the Hope Cutoff, but then added 4 more days of round trip travel back to Chetwynd! We are grateful that we broke down in Chetwynd though because it is a rather large town for B.C. It could have been a lot worse!

Other news - We have purchased and moved into a house in Spokane. The home is in the South Hill area and was built in 1940. The last owner upgraded and remodeled the main floor with high quality work and amenities and it has a brand new huge 2 car garage in the yard. The home also has a full basement that we will remodel, wonderful landscaping with perennials, trees and wild grasses. We loved this little house as soon as we saw it, as well as the neighborhood, so we bought it right on the spot! I hope you enjoy the pictures and watch the roster for our new address and phone number. Please give us a call if you are in town - we'd love to catch up.

Since arriving in Spokane, we have been able to attend the annual "Goodguys Car Show", and George has seen a private collection of hot rods and auto memorabilia. The car show had about 1800 cars - mostly beautiful hot rods and a sprinkling of topnotch restorations. The private collection belonged to a friend of his Mom's and included 30 hot rods in pristine condition as well as memorabilia such as old gas pumps, signs and car parts. Although we appreciate original restorations the most, George said the hotrods were a very impressive sight!

We are really enjoying Spokane and being near our family, but miss everyone in

VLNAAC. What a great and friendly club!

George and Cindy Johnson

Chatnika Run by Ron Allen

Mother Nature shined on VLNAACF for the Chatnika run on Sunday September 11. It was a beautiful fall day for a drive in the country. Participants played poker with scenic stops at the Steese Pipeline, Pedro's Monument, Cleary Summit, and our final destination the Chatnika Roadhouse. Poker winners were first place Marion Benham, second place Daniel, and third place Robie McHone. Ron Franklin, club member and Chatnika Lodge proprietor, shared an interesting tale with our group about shooting his bull moose early one morning while still in his skivvies from inside the dining area of the lodge. Overnight guests were reportedly quite taken with the calamity while Ron was a little short on hearing for a while from the percussion inside the building. He highly recommends putting the muzzle outside the window next time.

Photo of Chatnika Run Pipeline Stop



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13, 2005 Regular meeting at 6:00 PM at China One International Buffet located at 414 3rd St.



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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays

08 John Borg
08 Martin Herzog
13 Opel Sleep
14 Roy Harding-Katairoak
17 Robbie Casey
18 Kenny Maxwell
19 Christine Upton
21 LaVonne Gullickson
21 Garry Farnham

October Anniversaries

01 George & Patricia Cromer
05 Ron & Nancy Allen
06 Dennis & Rita Gallagher
08 Don & Connie Ronken
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Next Meeting-Thursday

October 13th 6pm-Dinner
7pm-Meeting
China One International Buffet

Newsletter Deadline

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

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