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Scott and Linda Grundy, who submitted the following article, are new members to VLNAACF. I hope all of you take the time to greet them and other new club members as well. Ron

A DOUBLE LOVE STORY **By Scott and Linda Grundy**

I spotted a red and black '55 Plymouth Belvedere convertible in a used car lot in Indianapolis during the summer of 1958. It was love at first sight as I loved her lines. I purchased her in order to court a beautiful girl I had also spotted, who also had great lines and inspired love at first sight. The courting maneuver was apparently successful because we were married in 1960! Linda says in retrospect that it was the only reason she married me, but she continues to stick around anyway.

Being young and without many assets we were forced to trade our beautiful car for a truck in order to make our journey to Alaska in 1963 and attend grad school at the UAF. We've remained here ever since. I had



Per Scott, "You can see that our new "baby" still has the same effect on my lady!"

dreamt of her many times since (the car, of course). In fact, one morning I awoke with a start realizing that my parents had driven our original totally refurbished Plymouth into our driveway and thinking, "This is not a dream." How depressing it was to realize it was just another fantasy.



I saw our current beauty on eBay last summer and called my wife to the computer. She exclaimed, "Oh Scott we need to buy it!" Now you understand why I am still married to her! We won the car at great expense, and had it hauled in a new carrier to Seattle, WA --- also at great expense. We purchased a truck, drove to Seattle and towed it all to Alaska --- again at great expense.

With the meager funds we have left, I am in the process of dismantling our baby to install dual exhausts, rust proof the interior panels, repaint the dash, rechrome the grill, pot metal

parts, and etc., do some mechanical work, and put on new tires. We eagerly await summer to tour with our club and get to know all the members.

(Follow-up note: The clock located in the hub must be incredibly rare. The long-term editor of the National Plymouth Club Bulletin has never seen one before and wants photos! I just might sell this baby. Greedy Scott Grundy)

RAFFLE TICKETS

By Ron Allen

Raffle tickets are now available from Willy or Wilma. Pick them up at our next meeting, call them at home, or see them at the Northern Truck Center. We have some budget goals to consider, and some profit from the raffle would be a great help. Warm storage rental for keeping all the club's equipment in one location and building an automotive reference library are a couple of goals that would greatly benefit our club.

Willy has provided a 1949 Ford pickup formerly owned by GVEA for the raffle at his cost, which is a very good deal. Although it has been parked for many years, the truck is sound, and runs well in its unrestored condition. (Could this say anything about GVEA?) The minor surface rust and faded paint add to the truck's character. This is a highly desirable classic truck and will turn heads the way she is. Those with perfectionist goals will find her an easy restoration candidate with a solid body for repainting. Willy will attend to some minor mechanical repairs to assure the truck is safe to drive. We decided at our last meeting to have the drawing on the last day of the car show in order to maximize draw to the show.



VLNAACF CAR SHOW

Our car show at the Carlson Center will be June 3 and 4 this year. We intend to develop some staging instructions for our May newsletter to expedite entry into and parking inside of the facility. Set up will be Friday evening, which should be more convenient than prior years for those who work M-F 8-5. Please plan on having a minimal amount of fuel in the tanks and have a fire extinguisher for each car. Our first two car shows have been growing successes, and we expect this trend to continue.

CLUB EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

If you have any items that belong to the club, please call Willy so that all items can be placed on an inventory listing. Willy indicated that there were no responses to his last request for this information. It would benefit our club to maintain an official listing



1949 Ford F2 to be raffled off. See Willy for raffle tickets.

whether or not we are able to keep everything in one location.

AACA APPEAL FOR MUSEUM DONATIONS

Our national host organization, the Antique Automobile Club of America, has a new museum in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The Museum features more than 85 antique cars, trucks, cycles, and buses in a variety of themes and settings as well as special exhibits by visiting organizations. Exhibition areas occupy almost 70,000 square feet on three levels. Recently the AACA sent an appeal to member clubs requesting donations to help pay down a loan on the facility. A motion at our VLNAACF meeting to contribute our 50/50 proceeds to the museum was voted down. You are welcome to donate directly to the museum. AACA Museum, 161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA 17033 717-566-7100. Email and web site: info@aacamuseum.org. www.aacamuseum.org

If you travel anywhere near Hershey, it would be worth the extra effort to visit this fine museum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

By Sherry Camarata

The temperatures are warming up and we're headed for spring and summer, I can tell. That means lots of camaraderie, fun, food and our favorite entertainment, showing off our vehicles! YEAH.

This year we kick off our events with the car show Saturday June 3rd and Sunday June 4th. Ahhh, but we just may be able to get in a run around or two before that, so get your cars & trucks ready folks and we'll get rolling as soon as we can.

The runarounds are headed up by Roy & Brenda Wilbur with help from Bill, Joyce & Klinton Chase. Willie and Wilma Vinton will be back-up and if asked, and I'm sure you'll lend a hand too. Let's see what they may have in store for us. If you have any ideas, let them know.

Willie and Wilma Vinton will be organizing the 3rd Annual VLNAACA Car Show at the Carlson Center the first week-end in June. Dan Gullickson, Ron Stevenson, Kelly Howell & Julie McKowen have signed up as "official" volunteers.

And also helping will be a cast of hundreds (ok, so I'm off a little in my count) . . .

Just let Willie or Wilma know you'd like to help, and there will be something for you to do. It'll all come together smoothly just as the last two. Per everyone's request it's even earlier this year! There will also be plenty of help for you to get your vehicle(s) to the show and back home again. The more the merrier.

Now, later in June, Wednesday the 21st to be exact, it's summer solstice time. There is a new group at the downtown association and they are very happy we are coming back to show off our old cars and sell our root beer floats. We will have the same spot as we were at last year -- Lacy Street between First & Second Streets and on up to Third if we need the room. But we will not have the cotton candy sellers beside us and the other organization selling root beer floats across the street from us!!! Wilma Vinton has agreed to organize the root beer stand again this year, and Robbie & Doris Casey, Denny & Rita Gallagher and Ron Stevenson have agreed to help out there. We'll need a few more volunteers and wait by the phone for Wilma's call or give her a holler to help out.

I need a couple of volunteers for getting the cars in and parked and help with the judging and giving out awards if we decide to do that this year. (We are considering only giving a people's choice award.) It's on a Wednesday so it's a perfect fit for someone retired or someone that needs to take a day off from work. Is that YOU? Let me know or I'll be tapping you on the shoulder. One good thing is that there will be no bi-weekly meetings this year in preparation; just a meeting or two with the Downtown Association people to square up the time and place.

So runarounds, car show and summer solstice get us through to the end of June when the annual trek takes place to Dawson City for Canada Day, July 1st. Then on to Eagle for America's 4th of July celebration. Please join the hardy folks that make this trip every year and have fun camping out, joining with other old car buffs (but not in the buff I don't think!) and riding around camp grounds on

un-official runarounds. Ride the ferry over the Yukon and have a great old fashioned celebration where the whole town comes out. It's a great trip and a great time. You gotta do it at least once, so let Squeaky & Marion know you'd like to tag along this year.



Place your ad here at no charge.

- **1930 Willys Knight** 4-door restored. Call Bill at 479-6552.
- **1953 Jeep CJ3** with insulated cab. Frame-off restoration. Call Alva Ditch at 457-4788.
- **Looking for 1965 or so Corvair body.** Email Gene in Wasilla at lhoffner@mtaonline.net.
- **Model "A" Repairs.** Bill Wright, an active VLNAACF club member, does re-babbitt work on A's, B's, and T's. Call him at 479-8506.
- **Truck tires.** 6:00x20" 6 ply tire, very good. Three each 20" H.D. Tubes, very good. Four each 20" tire flaps new. Call Rudy Domke at 488-6970.
- **1931 Model A Phaeton.** Here is a rare opportunity to own a piece of Dawson history. Bob Cartwright of Dawson City is selling this prize possession. The car has been in the Dawson area since new and was owned by some prominent miners in the area during its past life. Contact Loren Benham at 474-4966.
- **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 Chace at 488-3805.
- **Club Jackets** Marion Benham is putting together an order of Club Jackets. If you want a Jacket please call her at 474-4966. We need to get an order for 20 jackets to get a price break. She will re-confirm your order and give you a price when she has received gotten enough orders.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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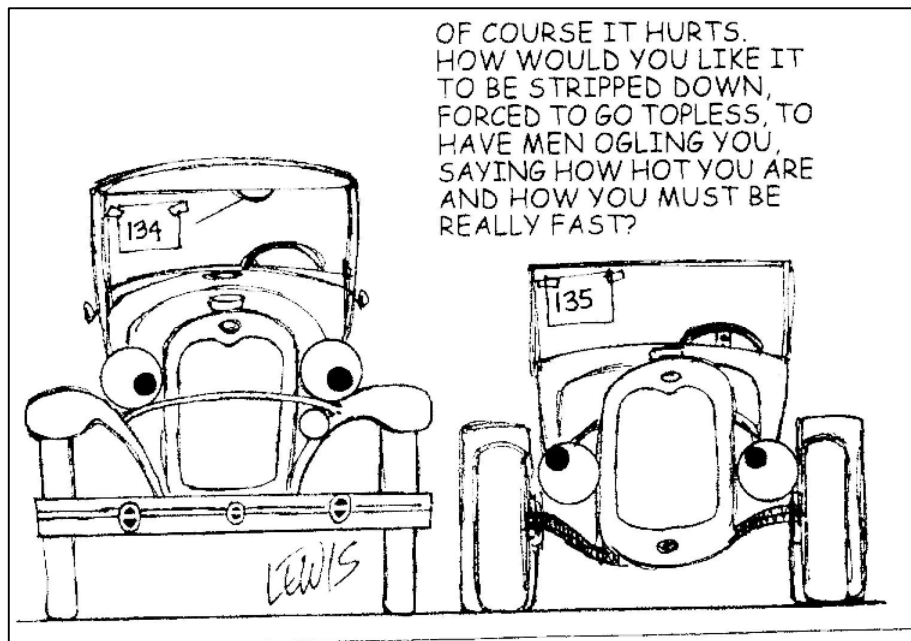
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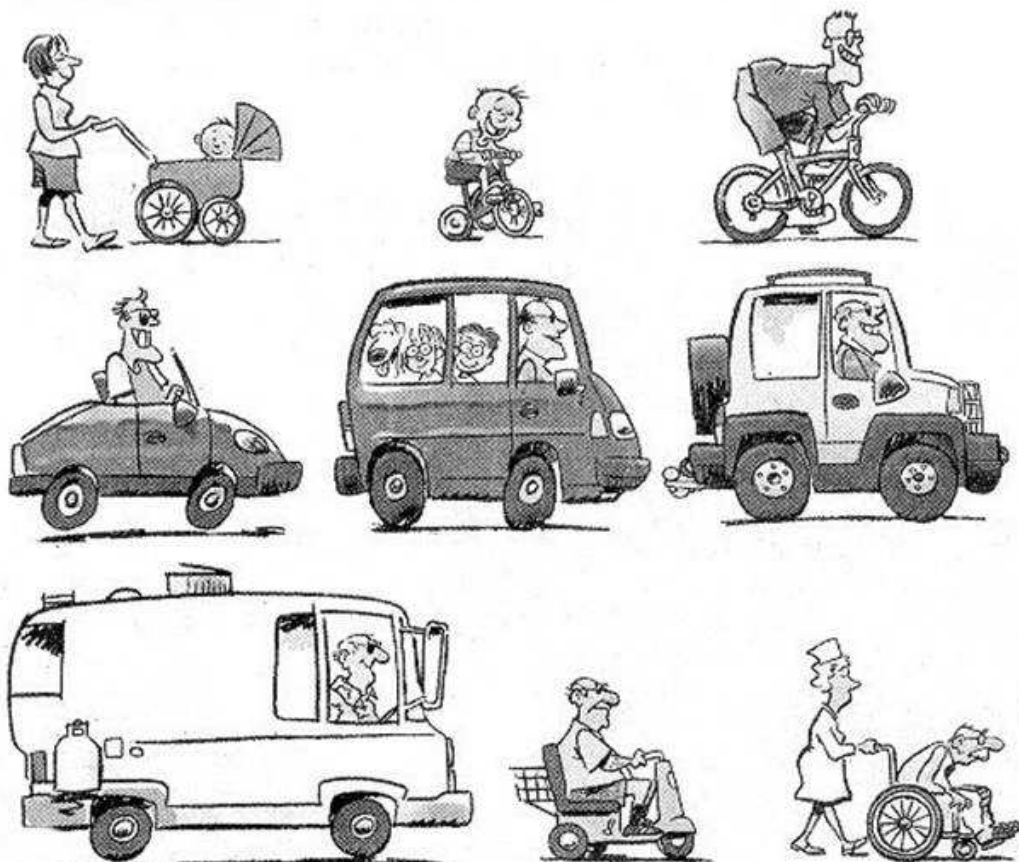
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Summer is coming soon!
Runaround photo is at Pioneer Park



The Wheels of Life



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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 13, 6:00 PM at Trios.

Trios is a restaurant featuring Hawaiian and American cuisine and is located in the Shoppers Forum Mall Annex next to Linens and Lace.

Newsletter Deadline

All materials for the newsletter should be in by the 20th of the month to be considered for the next newsletter. Email ronandnancy@gci.net or call 907-488-3965. Items can be mailed to Ron at his home address; 1288 Rangeview Dr, North Pole, AK 99705.

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

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