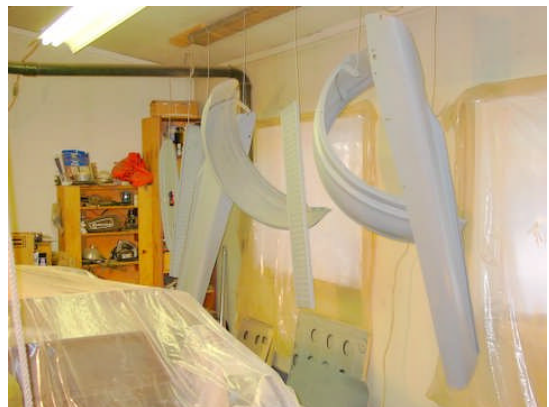




RON AND KARINE'S NEW MODEL T By Ron Dane

In January of 2003 fellow Club member George Clayton decided to sell a significant number of his lifetime collection of old cars. I heard that his collection included a 1927 Model T Ford Roadster, a car that I had always had a yearning for. So on January 23 of that year I beat a path to his door with my check book in hand. We made a deal shortly thereafter.

Just a few days later I persuaded Squeaky Benham to assist me in retrieving my new prize. Squeaky brought his snow shovel along because we had to dig a path through the big snow burm in front of the shed where the car body was stored. After shoveling snow and moving assorted car bodies and parts out of the way we had a path cleared. We tipped the T body up on its side, drug it out to my pickup truck and slid it up some planks onto the truck. We had to do more shoveling and pushing/dragging to get the engine and transmission loaded. Next were the frame, the wheels, fenders, hood and smaller parts. Like Johnny Cash I got it one piece at a time. Fortunately I didn't have to sneak it out in a lunch box over a period of



years.

I had the frame and wheels sand blasted and powder coated. I also had the body sand blasted before painting as it was rust covered where I suppose it was once shiny black color.

Willy Vinton talked me into bringing the engine to his garage for an overhaul. It didn't take very much talking though. I was the gofer/grunt and Willy was the mechanic. I installed a rebuilt transmission while the car was all apart so that I would know it was in good shape and not about to break down in the middle of Golden Days parade.





Well, after ordering many new parts and enjoying many months of putting it together it is now ready to tour and harass the tourists. I hope you other club members remember to give me lots of room when you see me coming because I'm still not sure which one of those pedals makes it stop!!

See you on the road. Ron



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



Place your ad here at no charge.

- **1953 Jeep CJ3** with insulated cab. Frame-off restoration. Call Alva Ditch at 457-4788.
- **1930 Willys Knight** 4-door restored. Call Bill at 479-6552.
- **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.
- **55 Packard.** No title. Good body. Running when parked around 1965. Radiator stolen. \$1,000. **53 Ford 2-door:** No title, hood or motor. Otherwise good. **53 GMC 5 yard Dump Truck** with A Frame. \$1,500. **57 Ford Wrecker:** \$1,000. Other cars also located on Nenana Hwy homestead. Call Phillip Kahl at Giant Tire: 456-2536

MAY BIRTHDAYS



02 Margaret Bennett
05 George Cromer
06 Nancy Allen
06 Angie Oines
01 Nannette Rouleau
06 Linda Grundy
15 Lorna Lounsbury
18 Terry Whitledge
20 John McCarthy
20 David Wareham
26 Karen Eddy
29 Greg Oslund

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

04 Paul & Sherry Camarata
30 Nathan & Lisa Williams

EVENTS

Event/Meeting	Date/Time	Location
Raffle Ticket Sales & Old Car Display	Sat., May 6 9:30 am-3:30 pm	Sam's Club
Raffle Ticket Sales & Old Car Display	Sun, May 7 9:30 am-3:30 pm	Sam's Club
May BOD Meeting	Tues., May 9 th 7:00 pm	Willy Vinton's Residence
May Members Meeting	Thurs., May 11 th 6:00 pm	China One
Steese VFD Open House Old Car Display	Sat., May 13 th 10:00 am-3:00 pm	Steese Station 1 Farmers Loop
Wednesday Night Run Around-	Wed., May 31 6:30 PM	Pioneer Park Parking Lot
3 rd Annual VLNAAC Car Show	June 3 rd & 4 th	Carlson Center
June BOD Meeting	Tues, June 6 th 6:00 pm	Willy Vinton's Residence
June Members Meeting	Thurs., May 11 th 6:00 pm	TBA
Poker Run	Sat. June 17 th 9:00 am	Start @ Pioneer Park
Summer Solstice Car Show & Rootbeer Float Stand	June 21 st	Corner 1 st 2nd & Noble
Canada Day Parade, Dawson City Canada	Lv Fai June 29 th Parade July 1st	Dawson City
4 th of July Parade, Eagle	Tues., July 4 th	Eagle AK
4 th of July Parade, North Pole	Tues., July 4 th	North Pole AK
July BOD Meeting	Tues, July 10 th	Willy Vinton's Residence
July Members Meeting & Annual Picnic	Sat., July 15 th	Rudy & Ruth Anne Domke's
Golden Daze Show N Shine	Wed., July 19 th	Pioneer Park
Golden Daze Parade	Sat., July 22 nd	Stage @ Carlson Center
VLNAAC & AACA Annual Joint Meeting	Fri-Sun, Aug 11 th -13 th	TBA

For more information regarding the events, contact Sherry Camarata at 488-4293 or pscamarata@acsalaska.net.

CAR SHOW REGISTRATION & LINEUP

The Carlson Center VLNAAC Car show is coming up fast. Applications for signing up are available from our President, Willy Vinton, 474-0939 or stop by Northern Truck Center. There is a signup fee of \$5.00 this year to help defray the cost of 24 hr security. Lineup will start at 5:00 PM, June 2nd in the back lot of the Carlson Center. As has done in the past, we will line up outside and go into the Carlson Center arena by year.

From the President, Willy Vinton

Over the last few years there has been much discussion regarding the donation of all of the 50/50 money to local charities. At the March meeting, a motion was made to donate this year's 50/50 funds to the National AACA Museum. That motion failed. At the April meeting, Ruth Domke presented a Resolution to dedicate the 50/50 funds to local Charity, in perpetuity. Also presented at the meeting was a letter from Ron Allen regarding club finances in general. Both of these documents were provided to the members attending the April meeting. They are included in the newsletter of those that did not attend. Please review them and come to the May meeting prepared to discuss the issue of how we can best utilize the funds we have available to us, both the 50/50 funds and the general membership dues.

Our organization's mission statement is clear:

To preserve and maintain motor vehicles of ancient age and historical value and to serve as an accurate and technical source of information concerning ancient automobiles for the benefit of its members as well as the general public.

To unite in a central organization all owners of motor vehicles of ancient age and historical value who are interested in restoring and maintaining their automobiles in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community."

To achieve this mission, we need to ensure that we make sound fiscal decisions. Over the past 4 years we have spent all that we have earned, putting little into the fund balance. In 2005, if we had not had the raffle funds, we would have had to use a little over \$500.00 from our fund balance to pay for things like the newsletter, food for the picnic and misc. office supplies. This organization has grown in the last few years and costs have risen with that growth. The club needs to be able to pay its own way and not depend on its members to pay for incidental costs that come up out of pocket. Many of the officers, both past and present, have done this on a regular basis. This alone could discourage someone that does not have the extra funds from running for office

It was my recommendation at the April meeting to not use our dues for the Christmas dinner, and instead, use them to operate the club. As it stands today, the only people that pay for the club expenses via dues are the ones that do not attend the Christmas party. If everyone were to pay for their own dinner at the Christmas party it allows the future Boards the ability to present a realistic budget to the membership utilizing known funds, membership dues.

Please read and study the information provided in this newsletter and be prepared to discuss this at the May meeting (China One). I personally believe that the expenditure of the

funds from the 50/50 should be reviewed each year during the January meeting and a decision made as to when and where it would go for that year. Locking it into going to charities in perpetuity is a not a sound financial decision. There may be times in the future that the club may need those funds to operate on.

I will close with this –let's look at all of this information and do what is best for the club and leave the emotions out of it.

CLUB FINANCES

Personal opinion by Ron Allen

Our club currently assesses annual membership dues of \$45 for individuals and \$60 for couples.

Although this seems like a substantial amount of money, we must be aware that thirty dollars of this fee goes directly to the AACA for our AACA magazine subscriptions and probably a small amount for AACA operating expenses. This leaves \$15 per person to cover our club's operating costs. The \$15 portion of the membership fee has traditionally been collected to pay for the each member's annual Christmas party dinner. Other club operating expenses have been covered by whatever is left in our checking account after paying for the dinners, which would be zero if all members attended the Christmas party. Shortfalls at the end of the year have been met by charging a small fee for Christmas dinner. Consequently, our operating budget relies on a substantial number of members not attending the Christmas dinner. This funding method unfairly passes the operating costs on to those members who did not attend the Christmas party, provides inconsistent revenue amounts for meeting operational expenses, and often does not leave enough money for the club to meet all of its financial obligations. This situation has caused some grief for at least one member not getting reimbursed for his/her costs. Officers often must contribute their own money to promote some activities, which is not fair to them. It also prohibits people who may not have money to spare from becoming an officer or promoting a good idea to benefit the club. I think changes are needed in how we finance our club's operation.

I think a solution to our club's financial problem is to keep all of the \$15 membership fees for operational expenses and have the members purchase their own dinners at the annual Christmas party as they do for every other monthly meeting. This way, revenue available for operational expenses could be more accurately predicted and provide for more reasonable line item budget amounts that

promote club activities and even provide for some contingencies. What should we do with the end of year deficit or surplus? After major expenses are met in the fall and the designated fund balance reserve goals are met, any remaining deficit or surplus should be factored into developing the amount of annual membership dues for the coming year. The membership dues amount should be calculated based on a combination of the unreserved fund balance or deficit, the next year's operating budget and the anticipated number of dues paying members. November would be an appropriate time to present the next year's budget and membership fee amount for membership approval, which would be the same meeting as officer elections.

A motion brought forth in a recent club meeting to use some of the 50/50 money to support our national AACA car museum in Hershey, Pennsylvania was met with strongly voiced oppositions causing the motion to fail. Factions have developed within the club about how the club distributes 50/50 money, which has caused some serious conflicts and anger. One side wants the money to go strictly to charitable causes as has been the practice in the past, and the other side believes the money should support the club's mission rather than charity. Such conflicts are harmful to our club's image and may have even caused some members to drop out. The 50/50 drawing is fun, but if it causes a rift in the club, perhaps it should just be discontinued. If it is continued, I think a decision on its distribution should be made at the beginning of the year so that people can choose whether or not to participate. A good way to accomplish this is to appoint a committee to develop several potential distribution scenarios that include choices between both charity and designated club projects. The membership could then vote for their one favorite distribution out of the ones presented. Not everyone would be pleased, but the process would minimize conflict and the decision would be based on popular vote.

Letter to the President & A Resolution

Ruth Ann Domke

"After pondering the action of the March 9 meeting concerning the 50/50 drawing at our monthly meetings; I drafted the attached Resolution. In the interest of clarification and unity, and carrying on of a long-time tradition; I offer this Resolution to be considered for debate at our next regular meeting. I am concerned about the hint of a divisive attitude erupting at some meetings. I would like to see our group continue to work together to maintain a light and jovial atmosphere – it's just simply more fun for all.

Sincerely, Ruth Ann Domke

A Resolution

The VERNON L. NASH ANTIQUE CAR CLUB, when formed, chose to honor a member of this community by naming the Club for him. Mr. Nash was a respected and well known businessman who supported this community, partly by using his love for antique cars. His name and reputation are honored every time this Club is mentioned or is visible in this community. It is with this in mind that I offer the following:

WHEREAS; the Vernon L. Nash Antique Car Club (VLNACC) was established to preserve and maintain motor vehicles of ancient age and historical value and to serve as an accurate and technical source of information concerning ancient automobiles for the benefit of it's members as well as the general public. To unite in a central organization all owners of motor vehicle of ancient age and historical value who are interested in restoring and maintaining their automobiles in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community..

WHEREAS; the VLNACC has enjoyed a social fellowship of like-minded lovers of antique cars;

WHEREAS; the VLNACC has enjoyed visibility in the local community by participating in local events;

WHEREAS; the VLNACC has created an awareness of antique cars by making their cars available to the community for their events;

WHEREAS; the VLNACC has established a fellowship and comradery of collecting freewill monies via a 50/50 drawing at meetings for the sole purpose of supporting local charities without compromising the general treasury,

WHEREAS; the VLNACC wishes to continue to live up to their good name by supporting local charities; I, HEREBY RESOLVE; that the VLNACC establish a policy that freewill monies voluntarily collected by the 50/50 Drawing be disbursed at the end of the calendar year to local charities suggested by the Board and approved by the membership at the first meeting in the new year.

Signed: Ruth Ann Domke, March 24, 2006

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NEXT MEETING
May 11, 2006
China One

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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