



VLNAACF CAR SHOW FOLLOW-UP **By Willy Vinton**

The VLNAACF Car Show was a great success. Paid attendance rose 41% from 579 gate tickets sold in 2005 to 815 sold in 2006. We believe this gain can be attributed partly to increased advertising for the event including some enthusiastic live promotions by KUAC Radio. Our agreement with the Carlson Center is that as the primary sponsor of this event their responsibility is to fund the difference between the cost of operating the facility for the show and the actual proceeds collected at the gate. This is a great deal for VLNAACF.

Vendor fees paid to VLNAACF totaled \$750.00. This will likely be reduced to \$600 since NAPA paid \$150 up front and was unable to participate as planned. We believe that refunding their prepayment will more likely entice them to return next year.

Raffle ticket income totaled \$7,710. Ron Allen audited the ticket records and the unsold ticket stock and reported that the \$7,710 collected is properly supported by documents and was deposited in the VLNAACF bank account. Raffle expenses totaled \$1300.92 for truck related costs and \$425.00 for ticket stock, so the net income from the raffle totaled \$5,983.08.

At least 5 new memberships were gained as a result of the show.

The car show and the associated raffle has had multiple benefits. Our members had a great time showing off our cars to the public in a controlled environment and social setting, we gained new members to our club to share our friendship and our beloved hobby with, we provided a great community service to the public, and we added substantial revenue to our club's bank account to help fund future club activities and needs consistent with our mission. That is quite an accomplishment.

I do want to thank all the members who helped and participated in the show, all those who provided food and drinks, and all those who helped with the staging of cars. It seems that everyone liked the layout of the show this year. There was plenty of positive feed back and some good suggestions for next year. I also want to thank the folks at the Carlson Center for their tally on the People's Choice, which came out a tie this year. Congratulations to Ron Stevenson and Gregg and Karmen Shoemaker for winning the People's Choice award. Both winners had great looking vehicles in the show.

The runarounds have been great with good attendance, although the tourist numbers seem down a little. The Solstice had a good turnout of cars and help for the root beer float stand. Kudos to all that helped with that. I think the crowd was bigger than ever this year. Willy

Editor note: This month Marion Benham presented an article about the 2006 Dawson and

Eagle trip. Next month Willy Vinton will present an article about the 2006 Skagway and Whitehorse trip. These are such great places to visit as tourists, and to participate with an antique car in the local celebrations makes for a memorable vacation. We hope even more members join in the fun for next year's trips to these remote and picturesque places.

DAWSON-EAGLE TRIP

By Marion Benham

On June 29, 2006 three couples, Ron & Karine Dane with their 1924 Model A Ford Coupe, Bill & Joyce Chace with their 1928 Buick McLaughlin, and Squeaky & I with our 1926 Model T Ford Touring Car started out for Dawson City. We met at Fast Eddies in Tok for dinner. Then we proceeded on up the Taylor Hwy and camped overnight at 55 Mile.

We awoke to a beautiful day, broke camp and were on our way to Customs and Dawson City. We checked into the RV Park and spent the rest of the afternoon driving our cars around town visiting with the Locals and tourists.

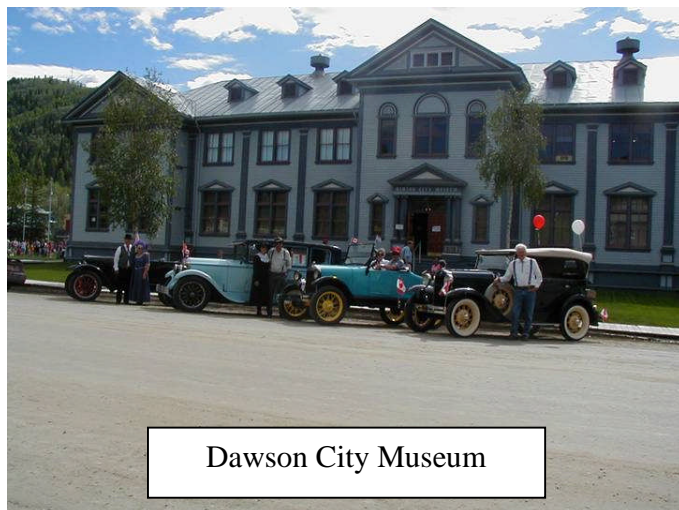
July 1, is Canada's Dominion Day. We prepared for the Parade in our Period Clothes, and our cars were all decked out with Canada Flags. Everyone was very glad to see us this year. Bob Cartwright of Dawson came with his 1931 Model A Phaeton to be in the Parade with us. It's always a pleasure to visit with him and see his beautiful car. The Parade went well with many viewers this year. After the Parade we went to the Museum for Cake



Dawson City Post Office

and punch. We had our pictures taken many times, even with the Mounties....

We enjoyed the rest of our afternoon visiting around town. We took a late ferry back across the Yukon River and camped up on top the hills on the way to Eagle.



Dawson City Museum

On July 2 we drove into Eagle and got settled in. We visited with friends and tourists with our cars for the rest of the afternoon.

On July 3rd Eagle had a community Potluck. We attended that and had a great time visiting, eating and bidding on baked goods.

We got all dressed in our Period Clothes for the 4th of July Parade. Squeaky & Bill raised the flag during opening ceremonies. Ron & Karine drove their 1924 Model A. Bill was asked to drive one of the trucks owned by EHS. Squeaky drove the Jefferies. Joyce, after having a driving lesson, drove their 1928, and I drove our 1926 Model T in the Parade. The cars are always a



Eagle, Alaska

big hit in Eagle. After the Parade we all



4WD Jefferies in Eagle, Alaska

gathered at the old School for refreshments and various activities. Then we were all invited to a potluck at a friend's home.

A great time was had by all

reliving the events of the day.

Ron & Karine and Bill & Joyce left Eagle and headed home on the 5th. We stayed on in Eagle and enjoyed a few days of relaxation and visiting with friends before we left for Fairbanks.

SELECTED JULY PHOTOS



Kenny and Tammy Maxwell and daughter Kelsey with their 1968 Olds 98



Paul and Sherry Camarata and their 1935 Dodge Sedan



Ron and Squeeky in era clothes for the Golden Days Parade

Hmmm. Is this Vinton Ford being pushed? This is getting to be a habit.



Second Avenue Judging Area as seen from the Driver's Seat



Jim Eddy and Unidentified Person talking to Elvis in Ron Franklin's T-Bird



New Member John Schaaake and daughter in his 1960 Austin Healey Bug Eye Sprite

GOLDEN DAYS REPORT

By Sherry Camarata

We had a few more cars at the Golden Days Parade than had signed up, but it was such a nice morning and it was good to see you all. Although a "few" cars overheated, the event went great. Next year however, let us know ahead of time so we can plan arrange cars by year of car beforehand and so that there can be a write up announcement about your vehicle that the TV announcer can read off to the crowd. Everyone liked the ones that were done, especially the announcers so that they didn't have to guess and get your Chevys mixed up with Fords or vice versa! Let us know what you think we can do to improve next year's parade event.

Jim Eddy was the person who brought the doughnuts and just asked to put them on our car. Thanks again Jim, they were great. You get several OOOGA's for that. Jim also put me in charge of port-a-potty's for next year! I know it's kind of hard to eat doughnuts, drink coffee or water or juice, wait for an hour at least in the line up and then driving for an hour or more thru the parade! Yikes! BUT, I don't know a thing about port-a-potty's, Jim. I'll pass it along to the Golden Days Committee though!

OOOGA / OOOGA / OOOGA / OOOGA / OOOGA / OOOGA / OOOGA / OOOGA and a thousand more go out to Ray and Squeaky for their help in lining us all up and keeping track of all of us in setting up the Golden Days Parade for the club.

Good Job guys! Also thanks to Wilma for pitching in when they asked her to.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

03 Sherry Camarata
04 Gene Hansen
06 Eloise Oslund
08 Jean McDermott
12 Alan Monsma
20 Wendy Uzzell
22 Jeanne Hume
01 Daniel Long
24 Rita Gallagher
25 Scott Grundy
30 Gene Yurkovich
31 Bill Chace

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

03 Jason & Tawni Holtzman
05 Gene & Mebble Hansen
09 Alan & Beccy Monsma
14 Greg & Karmen Shoemaker
25 Hal & Jeanne Hume
25 Larry & Margaret Bennett



CLASSIFIED ADS

Fairbanks Self Storage: New unheated storage units in various sizes near Hamilton Acres large enough for autos. Special rates may be available for club members, i.e. \$90/mo lease for 10x20. Call Don Woodke at 590-9624.

1929 (or 1930?) Chevy 6-cyl engine with starter & generator, transmission, and frame with brakes. Engine and transmission turn. Engine has compression. Low negotiable price. Dave Anderson 452-4227.

1982 two door hatchback Mustang, 44,000 miles, automatic, and runs great. Needs carpet. Call Ray Cain at 479-4798.

George Clayton's vehicles are for sale @ the house and on the Ranch: It is George's desire that the Nash Car Club members get first choice. There will be a Ford T & A & GM parts sale at a later date. Call Bill Chace 488-3805 if interested.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

By Sherry Camarata

WEDNESDAY Night Runarounds; August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30th Don't forget we'll still meet at Pioneer Park around 6:30 and cruise around Pioneer Park and the RV Park and whatever else we can get into.

Monthly Meeting Thursday August 10 Our next meeting is at the Salmon Bake in Pioneer Park. Jim Eddy negotiated a good price for our meals at \$15 per person. You are encouraged to bring your old vehicle and park it near the Salmon Bake for all to enjoy. Eat around 6:00 PM or just come for the meeting that starts around 7:00 PM in one of the tents.

Friday August 11 – Sunday August 13th
JOINT MEET WITH Anchorage Auto Musher's

Sheep Mountain – Located midway between Palmer and Glennallen.

Majestic Valley Lodge has rooms and cabins still available. 907-746-2930. Link to www.majesticvalleylodge.com A nearby RV campground is Grand View Café RV Park. Phone 907-746-4480. Link to <http://www.grandviewrv.com>.

We're the guests this year, so we bring desert for the Friday night bar-b-que! Some will go early by a day or two and others will meet and caravan down together. Sign up to go and we'll get coordinated on who's doing what and when – and then will let you know. Call me at 488-4293. The Anchorage Musher's have a lot of fun in store for us so let's go share it!!!

Other Events I don't know of any more scheduled August events after our trip to Sheep Mountain & meet with the Anchorage Auto Musers except for the weekly runarounds. In September we will have the Saturday or Sunday Drive, the date and place TBA. Some possibilities are Chatanika again or now that the road is ok, the Moderosa near Nenana is a possible trip as we have done in other past years.



July 4th North Pole Parade
Richard (Rudolph) Gresham substituted his red Camaro for Santa's sleigh and reindeer for Santa and Mrs. Claus' ride in the parade

Photo by Sherry Camarata

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NEXT MEETING

August 10 at the Salmon Bake in Pioneer Park:
Special price of \$15 per person for members. Old
cars can be parked inside next to the Salmon
Bake. Meeting will be indoors. Eat around 6:00
PM or just come to the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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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