



FAREWELL TO PAUL



Paul Camarata, our beloved friend and active member of VLNAACF went to be with the Lord on August 9th, 2006 following heart surgery in Texas. Paul was never slow to offer a hand, a word of advice or a hard-

to-find part to his friends or even to strangers, although strangers seldom remained strangers for long because of Paul's charming personality. Paul had a sense of humor and a gift of gab, which we all appreciated. Paul's community service included serving as president of VLNAACF for a number of years.

Paul's greatest joy in life was his wife Sherry, his



companion for the past 25 years. His favorite activities included card games of Pinochle and Hand and Foot, and tinkering with his old cars. He took pride in his hands-on restoration projects. Paul would smile as he declared he had created a "perfect 20/20," a car that looked pretty good from about 20 feet away at 20 miles an hour. As a





father and husband Paul was the consummate provider, homebuilder, chief mechanic, chef and personal advisor. As a grandfather Paul could play "slap-hands" and "beard-tickle" as only a loving grandpa could. His presence and many talents will be greatly missed. The knowledge he gave his children will be passed on to his grandchildren.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents James and Antoinette and children, Paul, Alexandra, and Susan. He is survived by his loving wife Sherry, daughters and spouses, Christine and Jules Ferraro, Linda Camarata, Denise and Peter Stoltenberg, Janet and JR Harrison, and Donna and Scott Culbertson, sons and spouses Lee and Cindy Camarata and Stephen and Maria Helms-Leslie and their families including 19 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Paul is also survived by his sister Nina and aunts, uncles and cousins.



ANCHORAGE AUTO MUSHERS AND VLNAACF JOINT MEET AT SHEEP MOUNTAIN

by Bill Chace

Dateline yesterday- as I am calculating the 804 miles traveled from the seat of our Plymouth ship, the Mayflower, I reflect back over the log entry's of our recent trip. Squalls and rough water setting in. Set sail at 7:30 AM on Aug 11. Proceeding Westerly toward Fairbanks to successful meeting with Gene Westcott at 8 AM. Comparing cargo quantities. We change course Southerly together to rendezvous with Ron Dane just past McKinley at 11:05 AM. Missed rendezvous and proceeded Southerly in his wake. Wind increasing. Setting sail from North Pole we encountered squalls and soon after departing Ester heavy weather. One lane construction on every bridge to Wasilla caused us to tack many times and back sail as winds increased. This was the norm for the entire voyage South. Our 7PM arrival at final destination was just in time to devour a fine Bar-be-que. The remainder of the voyage to Majestic Valley at Sheep Mountain was smooth and wet. We arrived ready to eat and begin our annual Joint Meet with other Alaskan Antique Auto enthusiasts.

This year's meet, August 11-13, was hosted by the Antique Auto Musers of Anchorage. There was a great turnout with 26 attending. The Fairbanks Car



Joint Meet group photo

club participants provided the desserts for Friday evenings bar-be-que and lunch on Saturday. Much enjoyment was had by one and all. Competition day Saturday dawned a cool gray but dry 55 degrees as Gary Nash, with Jill's assistance, donned his famous lucky old fedora to take first prize in "Match the times - mini rally." Representing the Fairbanks Club in this heated

competition were Gary Nash and Jill in their 26 Model T, Ron and Karine Dane in their 27 Model T, Bill and Joyce Chace in their 52 Plymouth, and Gene Wescott and Caroline in their 47 MG. Scott and Lynn Grundy, sensing high squalls, smartly decided it was too chancy to tour el fresco in their 55 Plymouth with no porthole covers. However, even with no car, Scott managed to pull off a flashing third place victory in the "tire roll" competition, none the less. Joyce won the best time for the women in the tire race. She ran the tire race twice to give the guys some incentive. Jill took second place in the "match the bolts with nuts", with an amazing score. Bill and Joyce took first prize for the fastest timed lap in combined three circle loops race: Bill working the brakes and accelerator while Joyce steered. And NO, we were NOT sitting on each others lap, but that would be an item of interest in future games. Bill officially claimed the fastest time driving the length of a 30 foot rail and not falling off. Gene Wescott won the 3rd. place prize for "ride the rail." This was just our clubs take. There were many other hard won prizes by the Anchorage group, some taken in very stiff competition. Young Max took first place three times. All things considered, a fine excursion was had by one and all. A special afternoon tour to the Matanuska Glacier was arranged by leader Howard Hansen. Many photo ops were encountered, and skillful maneuvering by Ron Dane and Bill Chace presented even better photo opportunities of their cars perched atop the moraine with the Matanuska Glacier in the near background. A walk across the ice for a true ice drink was worth the trip. No one had any major mishaps and repairs were handled in record time. The typical tweaking of wet charging systems, repairing of frayed wires and tightening loose bolts were the only obstacles encountered. Catching up with old friends and sharing information at this joint meet was enjoyable as well as profitable as we exchanged ideas, bartered and traded for the best parts, and pondered where the Fairbanks Club would host the meet next year. Both clubs mingled at the Saturday evening banquet enjoying the lodge and the view. The evening rainbows made for a setting that was perfect. Just eating the fabulous



Scott Grundy in the "Tire Roll" event.



Ron and Karine Dane in the combined race. Note Karine is steering and Ron is operating the clutch, gears and brakes.



Gary Nash and Jill in the 30-foot rail event.



Gene Wescott and Caroline in the 30-foot rail event.



Ron and Karine with Matanuska Glacier in the background.



Joyce and Bill Chace's Plymouth with glacier background.

dinner and enjoying the atmosphere was enough, but finding the food to be delectably enticing was a treat. Merriment and laughter was in great abundance as stories were swapped.

We set sail Sunday morning saying so long. By returning in an Easterly then Northerly route via the Glenn and Richardson corridor we knocked off another 300 miles. This is 100 miles shorter than the Parks Highway. As I continue to reflect on the trip, I remember that Paul Camarata was with us in spirit, and many of the Auto Musers shared related fond memories of him. Many Anchorage club members plan to attend Paul's memorial at Pioneer Park Square Dance Hall on August 30. We hope to see everyone there.

LOOKING FOR NEXT YEAR'S RAFFLE VEHICLE

Charlie Jurgens, Richard Gresham and Ron Allen were appointed to a committee to search for a vehicle for next year's raffle. Our club has an estimated \$2,500 of unexpended raffle income that will be subject to unrelated business income tax (UBIT) for 2006 unless we use it for current year expenses. It makes sense to expend this amount toward next year's raffle project before the end of this year to avoid paying UBIT taxes.

If anyone in the club is aware of a classic or antique vehicle in this price range that has a high level of appeal and doesn't require an extensive amount of repair work to make it road worthy, please contact one of the committee members. Some repairs could be accomplished in club workshops by members over the winter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARGARET BENNETT

Congratulations to Margaret Bennett for getting her three page article about the Bennett's 1947 Standard 8A Tourer published in the July-August 2006 issue of the AACA Antique Automobile magazine that AACA members receive nationwide. Margaret mentioned good things about our club too, so thank you Margaret. If you missed reading this particular article, it would be worth your time to fish this issue out of your piles of magazines and read this one. Margaret's success is inspiring me to submit our recent VLNAACF Newsletter article about Merle

Page's racing endeavors and her Avanti to AACA for possible publication.

CLAYTON AUCTION SEPTEMBER 9 by Bill Chace

As most of you know Joyce and I, at special request, have been working toward the granddaddy auction for George and Virginia Claytons collection at the Trainer Gate Road property. This is the "sneak peek and purchase" notice you requested. The auction will commence Sat. Sept. 9 at 10:00 AM. The date for previewing items is Friday Sept. 8 from noon to 5 PM.

This auction will include many Model T and model A Ford parts, 50's General Motors parts, and 60's and early 70's cars and trucks, including a 1966 Ford Tow truck. There are many other interesting miscellaneous items including tires, ramps, jack stands, wheels, hub caps, air compressor, Buick radios, trailers, car dolly, car seats for 20's cars as well as more modern cars.

For you to have first pick of these items prior to the auction you must see me prior to Sept. 1st. Per agreement with Claytons and the Auctioneer, the last day we will be selling Claytons' items will be August 31st. Call me to arrange a time to view and purchase before the auction at 488-3805 or cell phone 322-0512. All items must have payment arranged and be removed from the property by August 31st.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday September 10: Chatanika Poker Run. Meet at Pioneer Park at 10:00 AM. You can purchase lunch at the Chatanika Roadhouse. Wilma Vinton – coordinator.
- Wednesday September 13 (Not Thursday please note): Finger food pot Luck and brief meeting on the Tanana Chief riverboat. Meet at 6:00 PM. Boat leaves at 6:30. \$25/person for the boat ride. Open bar available. Willy will bring small paper plates, forks and napkins.
- December 10: Christmas Party at the Westmark. It will be a sit down dinner. More news will follow in later issues.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

05 Connie Ronken
 06 Randall LaSalle
 06 Tanna Yarnell
 09 Norman Rockney
 12 Ruth Hill
 17 Dennis Gallagher
 18 Alva Ditch
 18 Brent Lavalley
 21 Karine Dane
 21 Don Ronken
 22 Bill Wright
 24 Hal Hume
 27 Beth Stagdon
 27 Charlie Jurgens
 28 Ron Franklin
 28 Larry Sullivan

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

23 Milnor & Mrion Larson
 26 George & Virginia Clayton
 29 James & Lorna Lounsbury



CLASSIFIED ADS

Heated and Safe Winter Storage \$10 per linear foot per month in the Jurgens' hangar at North Pole. Available Sept-May. Call Charlie or Carrie Jurgens (VLNAACF members) C & C Enterprises 590-2716

1951 Buick, 2-door hard-top, deep maroon w/white top. 88,000 miles. New interior, good tires, fender

skirts and more. Cruises at 80 easily. Original body in good solid shape, needs minor cosmetics. Located in Anchorage. Contact Bernie in Fbks. 457-3302, Dick in Anch. 272-5696, or Dell in Anch. 562-4088.



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 or his cell phone 388-2118.

1931 Model A Phaeton. Here is an 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.

1953 Jeep CJ3 with insulated cab. Frame-off restoration. Call Alva Ditch at 457-4788.

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.

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday September 13 on the Tanana Chief Riverboat. (Not Thursday please note): Meet at 6:00 PM. Boat leaves at 6:30. \$25/person for the boat ride. An open bar available for drinks. This is a finger food pot luck. (ie. meat balls, small sausages, chips, dips) The club will provide small paper plates, forks and napkins.

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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