



2006 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our 2006 Christmas party was held at the Westmark Hotel Gold Room. The Westmark staff provided a great meal with a delicious desert. The ballroom was roomy, smoke free, decorated, and came with an excellent PA system for conducting business and presenting awards. This created an ideal environment for our party. Many thanks to Laurel McLaughlin and others who worked to make this a successful event.



The ballroom was comfortable and roomy, which made socializing very easy.



Willy Vinton, outgoing President passes the gavel to our newly elected President, Ray McLeod. Protecting and loosing the gavel has been a long-time tradition in our club. The President is supposed to be fined each meeting when he/she cannot provide proof of the gavel. Of course there are a lot of variances in following and enforcing of this tradition.



George Clayton, shares a couple of jokes with us. George loves to entertain and has often shared his musical talents with us as well.



Ed McLaughlin entertains our club with poetry. Ed often recites from memory, a feat not many of us are willing to attempt. Thank you Ed, and please continue to entertain us with your poetry selections in the future.

WINNER OF THE 2006 MOST IMPROVED VEHICLE TROPHY

This is the second year of the Most Improved Vehicle Award. This award is given to an individual with who completes a hands-on vehicle restoration project in the current year. The criterion for selecting the winner seems simple enough with the key words "Most Improved." However, the committee appointed to select this year's winner had a difficult time. There were at least nine candidates in our club who completed significant restoration projects worthy of being winners. The difficulties resulted from having many excellent candidates each with unique features and stories that made judging them like comparing apples and oranges. It became difficult to fairly pick a winner. Following are the identified candidates. Our apologies to anyone we may have missed.

- Jim and Kaleb Gibertoni have a 1950 Chevy pickup that was a father-son project which provided not only entertainment but future memories of father-son bonding.
- Greg and Karmen Shoemaker have a meticulously restored and updated 1964 Ford Futura that we originally saw frame-

off at our car show on a rotisserie for painting.

- John McDonald restored a 1930 Ford Roadster. He obtained the roadster from George Clayton and cleverly improvised a flashy candy-stripe roadster from a car missing its fenders.
- Ron Stevenson restored a 1941 Ford Pickup with clever modifications including lowering the chassis and adding a powerful engine while creating a flashy more modern look.
- Willy Vinton completed two restoration projects in 2006 including a 1930 Ford Model A woody and a 1953 Ford Wagon. Not only are Willy's restoration projects always well done, but he manages to accomplish many projects in a short period of time. This has been done in the past while running a business. Now that he is newly retired we wonder how many more he can accomplish.
- Ron and Karine Dane completed a 1926 Ford T Roadster he purchased from George Clayton. Their car was recently featured in this newsletter.
- Bill Wright completed a 1931 Model A Coupe that was featured in a Fairbanks Daily News Miner front page article last spring. This beautiful car has a colorful mining history background.
- Kirk and Kathy Larson completed a beautiful black 1935 Ford Cabriolet convertible, a car that has been in their family since new.

The winner was selected based on a combination of themes including originality of the completed work, quality of workmanship, appeal of the car, the amount of work done by the owner, and the story appeal of restoring a car with a family history. Kirk and Kathy Larson received the 2006 Most Improved Vehicle Award.

We intend to include future articles in this newsletter about the Larson's car and other candidates' cars as well.



Kirk Larson receives the 2006 Most Improved Vehicle Award from club president Willy Vinton.



Kirk and Kathy Larson's 1935 Ford Cabriolet, the 2006 Most Improved Vehicle winner.

PLANNING FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION, CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DUES PAYMENT

By Laurel McLaughlin

Recently we combined mailings for the annual election, Christmas party and dues payment into

one mailing packet in order to save postage and addressing effort. This was the result of a decision made by the board. If you as a VLNAAC member have an opinion, negative or positive regarding this decision, please let a Board member know by the January 9th Board meeting. Hopefully, the procedure will be reviewed by the Board and reported in the February newsletter.
Laurel



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Herman Hauck
- 06 Dave Rockney
- 08 Sharon Whitledge
- 08 Patricia Cromer
- 19 Dan Gullickson
- 22 Bernie Saupe
- 31 Shirley Swaim

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Tom & Lori Hinchsliff
- 27 Randy & Shawn Rogers



CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

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NEXT MEETINGS

The next general club meeting is Thursday, January 11 at the Mayflower. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM and the meeting is at 7:00.

The Board Meeting is at 7:00 at Denny's Tuesday January 9. Everyone is also welcome to attend Board Meetings.

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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