



**GOLDEN
DAYS
PARADE
2007**

JULY ACTIVITIES GALORE

by Ruth Ann Domke and Ron Allen

VLNAAC members had a large number of activities to pick from in July as you can tell from the numerous articles in this month's newsletter. There is no time for member boredom in the VLNAAC this summer.

Ruth Ann asked that we thank some members who have given unselfishly to plan our events. She asked that we spotlight members Carrie Jergens and Roy and Brenda Wilbur for their efforts this summer, and has provided some information about their efforts.

Carrie put significant effort into calling members with details to organize several activities lately including the coordination of VLNAAC's participation in the July 4th Parade in North Pole. After calling for participants Carrie greeted members, took information about their cars, organized the line-up and made sure everyone was ready to join at the appointed time and space.

Roy and Brenda Wilbur organized Wednesday Night Run-Arounds by providing a printed sheet with time schedule and easy-to-follow route. They have taken

charge of getting us into Pioneer Park, maintained a steady doable speed for all makes of cars and ended the tour with a stop-off for at A&W/KFC for treats and camaraderie.

Ruth Ann said that even though the VLNAAC has the "just hang loose" attitude that we all enjoy most of the time, she wanted to say how much she appreciated the feeling of "someone's in charge" at these two events. Our club could not function without volunteer effort of its members. Thank you so much.

Also, thank you from Ron Allen to those members who have contributed generously to the newsletter recently. Wilma took charge of publishing June's newsletter. Scott Grundy has filled in for Marion in distributing newsletters. Bill and Joyce contributed most of the articles and photos for the current newsletter. This has gone a long way in avoiding "volunteer burn-out."

Regarding parking at Pioneer Park, the park manager has requested us to form one single line on the street facing the Palace Saloon in order to allow fire truck access. Double lane parking is permissible

by the boat and shops as long as there is fire-truck access.

If you invite a prospective member with a vehicle into the park, please let the trip leader know. Vehicle insurance is needed. The prospective member should follow their sponsor's vehicle into the park. Prospective members must become paid members if they wish to continue joining us on Wednesday evenings.

TOURING MODEL A GROUP PICNIC

by Bill and Joyce

Those that came out to meet the Model A touring group on June 23rd enjoyed the fine food and meeting Model A enthusiasts from the lower 48.



The following email from Ron and Carol says it all:

"Thank you all so much for the great time during our visit in Fairbanks. The dinner last night with all your members at Pioneer Park was great. It was nice to have some home-cooking. All the guys really enjoyed themselves today on the garage tour. I heard lots of good things. I guess we are ready for our trip up North (Prudhoe Bay). It will truly be an adventure. We will let you know how it went. Thanks again for everything. Carol, Ron and the whole group."

DOMKE PICNIC

by Bill and Joyce

This year the July picnic was scheduled at noon to beat the rain that has haunted us in the late afternoon picnics of prior years. Well, the rain came early, but the Domkes were prepared and cleared the garage for the occasion. All those hardy souls that braved the rain enjoyed great burgers and dogs barbecued by Chef Vinton under the protection of a canopy. Food was great as usual, and the sun came out in time to enjoy the beautiful flowers and peaceful surroundings of the Domke's yard.

GOLDEN DAYS PARADE

by Bill and Joyce

We were blessed with perfect weather for the Golden Days Parade on July 21 this year. About 38 cars from VLNAACA entered the parade. It was cool and cloudy in the morning turning to bright sunlight by the end of the parade.



Roby McHone in the Golden Days Parade



Don and Angie Oines in the Golden Days Parade

Roy Wilbur and Nancy Peterson entered George Clayton's Model T truck in the parade in position #16, continuing the tradition of over 50 years in Golden

Days parades. Nancy told her father that his Model T truck was entered in its traditional position earlier in the week before he passed away.

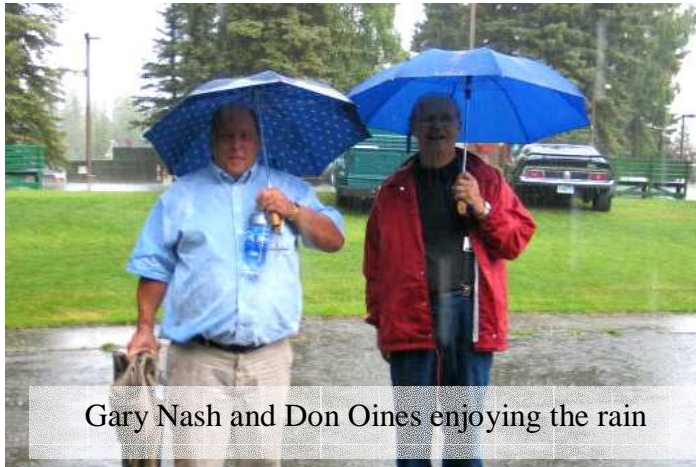
George would have been pleased with the tourists' reactions at Pioneer Park as they took turns taking pictures in front of Old Number 16 during the opening festivities of the Golden Day's kickoff party Wednesday evening July, 19th. Many locals recalled their enjoyment seeing George's comical act when the truck would stall and he'd kick the tire to start it. Golden Days parades of earlier years are contrasted with current policies of not leaving, or throwing candy from any vehicle.

MODEL A PICNIC ON JULY 22ND

by Bill and Joyce

You can't say that Fairbanks folks let a little rain or thunder spoil their fun. The Model A Tour group arriving on July 22nd were greeted with a wonderful picnic at Pioneer Park.

Dressed out in rain gear, umbrellas, and entertained with the clash of thunder, the picnic pavilion was teaming with car enthusiasts from all over the lower



Gary Nash and Don Oines enjoying the rain



48 states sporting 15 Model A vehicles which unloaded from the boat in Skagway to tour Alaska.

GOLDEN DAYS SHOW AND SHINE AT PIONEER PARK

VLNAAC was invited to Pioneer Park for a Show and Shine for a Wednesday afternoon and evening Golden Days event. Many members showed up to share our cars and stories with a large number of visitors at the park.

MODEL A TRAVELING CLUB MEETS V. L. NASH CAR CLUB IN DAWSON FOR CANADA DAY

by Bill and Joyce Chace

Canada Day in Dawson was grand. The weather was perfect, warm and the evening rain showers in the surrounding hills made for fabulous rainbows. Our club was represented by Bill and Joyce Chace in the 1928 McLaughlin Buick. The 7 Model A's on tour, Dawsons own Bob Cartwright in his 1931 Ford A Phaeton, and Glen and Edna Wasmuth from Saskatchewan in their 1931 Dodge Bros sedan (who heard about the parade while in Tok) joined us in the parade on July 1st for Dominion Day celebrations. Squeaky and Marion Benham were to join us in Dawson, but their plans changed with the news of Marion's father.



EAGLE FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

by Bill and Joyce Chace

The roads to Eagle were smooth and in the best condition yet, and traffic delays by equipment widening the road were at a minimum. We were invited to a potlatch in the village in honor of Betty White who was returning vintage photographs to the elders, which she obtained when she purchased a trunk at an auction in Sitka. The 4th of July celebration in Eagle was well attended, warm and sunny as we pulled out the museum vehicles for the parade. John Borg drove the 1914 Jeffreys in the parade, which received a total restoration by



Squeaky Benham for the Historical Society of Eagle. Several years ago, Squeaky overhauled the engine, rebuilt all the seats and located the original canvas top which had been tucked away in Eagle all these years. Bill drove the Eagle Historical Society's Model T Ford pickup, and friend John Neagle drove Bill's 28 Buick. We were accompanied by long time friends who filmed the festival, rode in the parade, and assisted with festivities. Mel and Jan Brabham cheered us on from the sidelines.

COMING UP JULY 28: PARADE AT THE DELTA FAIR

Join the Jurgens and others in a parade at the Delta Fair in Delta Junction on Saturday July 28. Leave for Delta at 8:00 AM. Line-up in Delta is at 10:00 AM. Call Carrie Jurgens at 488-5719 for more information.

COMING UP AUGUST 11: EIELSON AFB AUTO AND BIKE SHOW

Eielson Air Force Base's Yukon Club is holding their first Auto and Bike Show on Saturday, August 11 from 1 to 7 p.m. They will be having BBQ, music and prizes. They would like to invite the general public to this event. There is no fee for showing your car. They want this to be a community event allowing Air Force folks a chance to see some great cars and bikes. The music will be a mix of older rock, country and some of today's music mix. They are planning on burgers and dogs and will have sodas and "adult beverages" on hand for purchase. They hope to make this an annual event and on a bigger scale each year. For information you can contact Loran Farrow, Assistant Director of Marketing at 377-1075.

COMING UP AUGUST 17-19: JOINT MEET WITH ANCHORAGE CLUB IN DELTA JUNCTION

by Bill and Joyce

Plans have been laid for the annual gathering of antique vehicles in Delta August 17th-19th. This year V. L. Nash Club is hosting, so our club will provide the meat, and our club members will bring salads or a main dish to share. The Anchorage club will bring deserts. Activities begin with a Barbecue at 6PM Friday evening at the Community Center in Delta. It is located on the Richardson Hwy right across from the store. Special Tours of interest have been arranged for Saturday AM, and car games will be in the afternoon. Sat. evening there will be a catered awards banquet at the community center at 6PM. The traditional jacket tour patch will be available for purchase from Chaces or Benhams. We'll meet Friday at the Safeway parking lot in North Pole at 2:30 PM to convoy down to Delta and prepare for the barbecue, or you can join us later. We will return to Fairbanks Sunday morning. Contact the Chaces 488-3805 or Benhams 479-4966 for information about campgrounds, motels or bed and breakfasts.

Here is some vendor information regarding accommodations:

Morgan Bed & Breakfast
907-895-5096

Alaska 7 Motel
907-895-4848

Kelly's Alaska Country Inn
907-895-4667

Delta State Recreation Site
Mile 267 Richardson Hwy.
RV parking, they do not take reservations.

COMING UP AUGUST 24-25: CRUIS'N WITH SANTA

The North Pole Lions Club is coordinating a "Cruis'n with Santa" benefit event that includes a classic car show, a cruise around North Pole, three poker runs, a burn out demonstration, street dances and a kid's fest. Check www.CruisnwithSanta.com for information and advance registration form if you are interested in participating.

COMING UP SEPTEMBER 1: STUDEBAKER CLUB VISIT and DINNER

Studebaker Club members John Burgh, Ford Stoeker and family/friends are Leaving Mt. Vernon, Washington on August 25th and coming up via the Fraser River Canyon and the Alcan. They expect to arrive Fairbanks on evening of August 31st from Destruction Bay. John Burgh is driving a 1946 Champion Business Coupe (as in the book "North to Alaska" by Rudy Marek) and Ford Stoeker is driving a 1937 President Sedan Delivery.

Rick and Jill Larrick are coordinating a VLNAAC welcome dinner for these folks at the Salmon Bake on Saturday September 1 at 6:00 PM. We will receive the special dinner rates of \$15 per person and are invited to park our vehicles in Pioneer Park in the area next to the Salmon Bake. You are welcome to contact Rick or Jill at 457-4344 with any additional activity suggestions regarding the visitors. Meet the Larricks at the Pioneer Park front parking lot at 5:45 PM. Someone will coordinate entry into the park at 6:00 PM.

CONDOLENCES:

Long time VLNAAC member, George Clayton, passed away July 19. Virginia Clayton indicated that

services for George will be held at the Kingdom Hall Sunday, July 29 at 5:00 PM.

Marion and Squeaky received notification in late June while on their way to join the tour in Dawson that Marion's father passed away. They returned to Fairbanks and made a quick turn around to drive back to Washington. We look forward to their return home in early August.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01 Daniel Long
03 Sherry Camarata
04 Gene Hansen
04 Tom Hinchsliff
06 Eloise Oslund
20 Wendy Uzzell
20 George Barbour
22 Jeanne Hume
25 Scott Grundy
26 Scott Culbertson
26 Stuart Yamamoto
30 Gene Yurkovich
31 Bill Chace

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

05 Gene & Mebble Hansen
11 Brian & Leslie Yamamoto
14 Greg & Karmen Shoemaker
15 Rick & Jill Larrick
25 Hal & Jeanne Hume
25 Larry & Margaret Bennett

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NEXT MEETINGS

The August general club meeting is **Thursday, August 9** at the **Mayflower Restaurant**. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM, and the meeting is at 7:00 PM.

The Board Meeting is at 7:00 PM Tuesday August 7 at the Felix Cookhouse Restaurant in the Best Western Hotel. 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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