



JOINT MEET WITH ANCHORAGE AUTO MUSHERS IN DELTA

by Bill and Joyce Chace

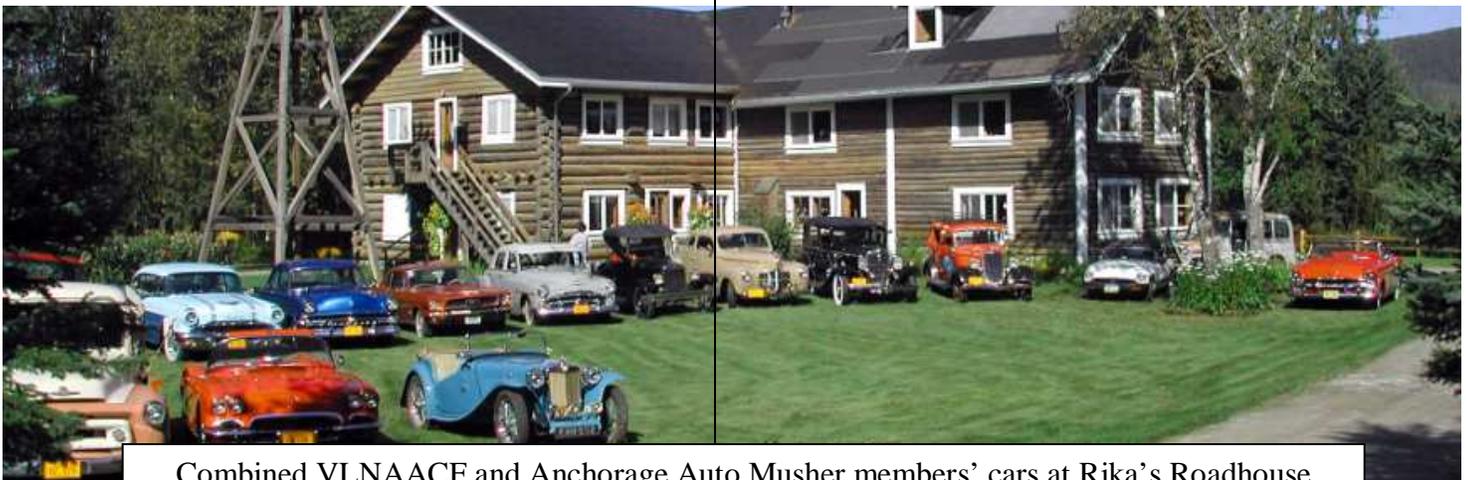
Some members trailered vehicles, some drove, but most important, fun was had by all. There were a total of 38 members and guests in attendance at the joint meet in Delta August 17-19 with 19 cars. We had a great turnout from Fairbanks including Squeaky & Marion Benham, Bill & Joyce Chace, Dennis Dussman, Garry & James Farnham & Melanie, Ron Fry, Scott & Linda Grundy, Rick & Jill Larrick, Bub & Rochelle Larson, Roby McHone, Ed & Laurel McLaughlin, Julio & Marilyn Merced, Gary & Jill Nash, Don & Angie Oines, and Gene Wescott & Caroline. Joining us from Anchorage were Dennis & Diane Allen, Jim Fredenhagen, Howard & Barb Hansen, Art & Tamea Isham, Ted & Colleen Kimzey, Kurt Rein, and Lee & Betty Westcott-Plummer.

Gary Nash and Squeaky Benham prepared tasty dogs and hamburgers for the picnic Friday evening and Saturday afternoon at the community center. We had beautiful sunny weather, mosquito free, and windless,

with good conversation, good food, and relaxation in the shade of the trees. Even the Alaska Range shined.

The morning tour was packed with interest and great photo shots. It began at 9:00 AM at the community center and combined the tour of roadhouses with draws for the best poker hand. The first stop was an invitation to a private homestead museum by Larry Dorshorst. His collection of antique memorabilia could have entertained some for a whole day. Unfortunately Larry was out fighting fires in the lower 48 and missed the stream of wonderful cars visiting his homestead. We motored to the second stop at the Sullivan Roadhouse which has been wonderfully restored and relocated from the Valdez Trail Route to the junction of the Richardson Hwy and the Alcan. Today's travelers can revisit the history of early transportation in Alaska. Our last stop at Rika's Roadhouse called for a great photo shot of the group.

After Saturday's 1:00 PM barbecue, the faire was, "Let the games begin!" Actually it was more like, "Oh yeah, we can't take a nap now, we still have games to play." It was just as much fun administering the



Combined VLNAACF and Anchorage Auto Musher members' cars at Rika's Roadhouse



A beautiful day the banks of the Tanana River near Delta



games as playing them. Comments made by people guessing what tools or car parts were hidden in a bag included: "This is a thing that...well its a suctiony thing on a stick, or this is the thing a ma jiggy that tightens the what sha ma call it." Recalling proper names for items was a difficult task. The ball bearing was called a marble by several people. (That's probably where the name "steely" came from)

Poker Hand-

pair of As, pair of Ks Bill Chace
 pair of Ks, pair of Qs Melanie, Garry Farnham's guest

Spear a Potatoe

Passenger in vehicle stabs a potato with a long fork, then tosses it into a bucket while giving the driver instructions. The winner is team with fastest time combined with tossing the most potatoes in 3 buckets.
 1st place- Squeaky Benham & daughter Diana
 2nd place- Scott & Linda Grundy

Wine Glass Carry

Passenger in the vehicle balances a wine glass with water on a badmitten racket without dumping the glass, while driver manuevers around several cones. This game is timed.
 1st place- Gary & Jill Nash
 2nd place- Julio and Marilyn Merced

Drive to a Line Blind Folded

Driver is blind folded and drives to what they believe to be close to a designated line without passing by the line. Driver that comes the closest without passing by the line is the winner.
 1st place- Scott Grundy
 2nd place- Kurt Rein

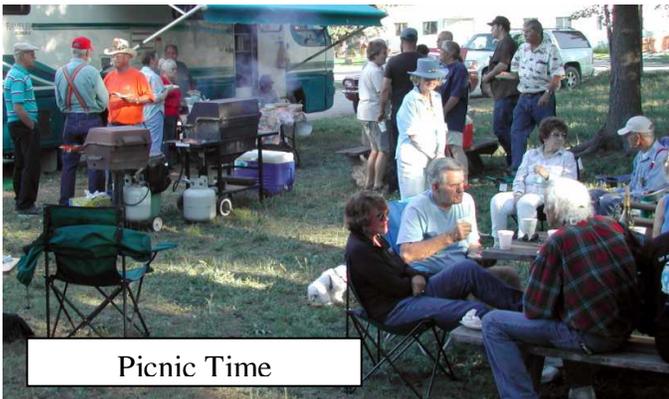
Balloon Pop

Driver pops balloons by running over them with the wheel of the vehicle. Winner is the driver that pops the most balloons.

Tie for 1st place- Howard Hansen and Gene Wescott

Best sportsmanship and biggest loser, placing last in two games was Rick Larrick for an award of duck tape & bailing wire.

Everyone pitched in to help clean up which was absolutely wonderful. Garry's assistance in the kitchen was really appreciated. We hope everyone will try to make next years meet with the Anchorage group. It will be hosted by the Antique Auto Musers and will most likely be sometime in August. There's a rumor, unoffical of course, that the location may be at Majestic Mountain Lodge again.



Picnic Time

After the catered barbecue rib dinner by The Pit, game championships were awarded. The games and awards are as follows:

Identification of tools in a bag

Without looking, you must feel tools in a bag and identify as many as you can in a two minute time frame.

- men's 1st place - Dennis Allen
- men's 2nd place- Jim Fredenhagen
- women's 1st place- Rochelle Larson
- women's 2nd place- Colleen Kimzey

"Spear a potato"



THE GREAT OIL DEBATE BY ROB ENGLISH

Paraphrased by Bill Chace from The Antique Auto Musers News letter.

New oil formulas may be placing antique engines in jeopardy. To cut to the Chase (pun intended) **flat tappet** type engines are being affected in an unexpected way due to changes in oil composition. Manufacturers of gasoline engine oils are trying to fulfill the current modern automobile needs and at the same time assist the auto industries by meeting ever increasing fuel emission standards. All oils lubricate, true, however it's the additives in oils that really make the difference especially at speeds above idle.

The chemical Zinc Dialkyl Dithio Phosphate (**ZDDP** for short), an additive of concern in oils, has been reduced at the request of the auto manufacturers. It seems that **ZDDP** contributes to premature failure of newer engine system sensors and catalytic converters by loading them with zinc phosphates.

As a result two major changes were made to oil formulas in the 80's, both by lessening the amount of the **ZDDP** additive. The third change has just recently been made in an effort to eventually eliminate **ZDDP** altogether. **ZDDP** places an important zinc coating between the face of the tappet and the camshaft lobe. This zinc chemical absorbs the impact at the contact zone and keeps tappets and other sliding parts separated with a thin film layer thus reducing wear.

The American Petroleum Institute (API) oil formula that carries reduced **ZDDP** is API/SL and API/SM. This is acknowledged by oil companies as being manufactured for use in modern engines of non tappet type. However, for those who have **flat tappets** in their engines, such as my 52 Plymouth, and Model T and your Model A's, you should be purchasing oils which carry higher levels of **ZDDP**. These recommended brands are: Chevrons Delo, Mobil Delvac, and Shell Rotella T.

The other solution, says Rob English, is to switch to diesel engine oils, for now, realizing that emission standards are beginning to change for these engines too. These are: Castrol texion Extra 15-40, or any CI-4 Plus diesel oil. Be well advised and stay aware of oil formula changes.

The Automobile Engine Rebuilders Association (AERA) recently issued a tech bulletin on this very (Tappet) subject. Looking now at the 2007 increasing emission requirements for diesels, says the author, shows a strong potential for further reductions in **ZDDP**.

How do you know what type tappets you have? You can identify them by looking at a Motors manual cut away view or Integral parts breakdown list (IPB). Or ask a friend who knows.

In addition don't jump around with different oil brands. Find a brand and stick with it. Statistics show engines last longer if one brand is used. We don't know yet how synthetic oils respond but my guess is to watch out for the API SI and SM and avoid it.

CLASSIFIEDS

Heated and Safe Winter Storage: The Jurgens are storing cars in their heated hangar at North Pole. Carrie said they are offering very reasonable rates this year. Call Charlie or Carrie (VLNAACF members) at 488-5719.

Model "A" Repairs: Bill Wright, an active VLNAACF club member, does re-babbitt work on A's, B's, and T's, complete engine rebuilds, and carburetor, oil pump and water pump rebuilds. Call him at 479-8506 or his cell phone 388-2118.

1964 Mercedes: Friends of Ron and Karine Dane in Palmer are selling their 1964 Mercedes and wondered if anyone in the club might be interested. They said it is still in good shape and runs (it is a diesel). Ron believes it is a model 180 with four doors. They can be reached at arleta@mtaonline.net or 907-745-0426.

1937 Ford 1/2 ton flat bed truck: Located in Fairbanks. Call Marv Wright for info. 474-0360

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NEXT MEETINGS

The August general club meeting is **September 13** 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 September 11 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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Events: Sept 1: **Studebaker visitors reception** @ the Salmon Bake. Meet 5:30 in Pioneer Park parking lot.
Sept 8: **Chatnika Run**. Be at Pioneer Park at 9:30 AM.