



VLNAAC SHOWS ALASKAN HOSPITALITY TO STUDEBAKER TRAVELERS

by Ron Allen

Rick and Jill Larrick successfully organized a VLNAAC welcoming party held at the Salmon Bake on September 1 for Ford Stoecker, John Bergh, spouses and friends. Four men in the group drove to Fairbanks from Oregon in a 1937 Studebaker President Sedan Delivery and a 1946 Studebaker Champion Business Coupe. They were joined in Fairbanks by spouses who came by air.



1937 Studebaker President Sedan Delivery and a 1946 Studebaker Champion Business Coupe

Their trip was at least partially inspired by a book published in 1946 titled "North to Alaska, a Studebaker Story," written by Rudy Merrick that John Bergh had read. John Berg visited the elderly author prior to the trip because of John's interest in making the same journey over 50 years later. John also took photos on his 2007 journey of several of the same places that the author had published in his book. The book described many mishaps along the way that the author had experienced in his then new 1946

Champion Business Coupe. The car John Bergh drove is the same year and model automobile that the author drove on his 1946 trip. Fortunately for our current visitors, they did not experience any major mishaps to write a book about. Their visit with the VLNAAC members in Fairbanks was a highlight of their trip though.



Following are excerpts from a thank you letter that the Larricks received from Ford and Lyn Stoecker:

"What a great trip!! We really have to thank you and your club for all your hospitality and comraderie. The trip would not have been the same without it. Thanks, too, for the lovely gift basket personally delivered in such a slick delivery vehicle.

We really did feel special with all the attention you gave us. Thanks so much.

Both the 1937 and the 1946 cars got home under their own power. I drove 8400 miles plus the mileage while on the Alaska Ferry, and John Burgh put something like 6400 miles on his Champion. This was a trip not to be forgotten.

Eating Salmon down here, 1,000 miles from any ocean (and not one that supports Salmon) will never be the same as the experience we had with you in the park. What a great time.

Please let me know if there is some way to reciprocate in the future if you are coming this way."



Fairbanks visitors Kellers, Burgh, Stoekers and Dormius with VLNAAC members Sam Simmons and Jill Larrick



Studebakers get lots of attention at Pioneer Park

2007 CHATANIKA POKER RUN

Story by Wilma Vinton and photos by Sherry Camarata

The day started a little cool and little wet, but the sun was up by the time we met at Pioneer Park for the day's event. Eleven cars and 15 club members revved their engines and headed for the first stop at Pipeline Turnout. The first draw at Pioneer Park netted several queens, but no Aces. Since there was a prize for the first ace drawn, all had their fingers and toes crossed for the 2nd draw. Sherry Camarata and Rochelle Larson each drew a lucky Ace at the pipeline turnout and won one of the prizes generously donated by CarQuest.

This year, CarQuest came through again with many prizes to give out for such things as the hand with the most "same family" cards (winner: Don Oines), the hand with the most face cards (winner: Ron Frey), and let's not forget the lowest total hand (winner, or should I say loser: Martin Herzog). Cards were drawn at Pioneer Park, the Pipeline turnout, Pedro Memorial, Cleary Summit, and Chatanika Lodge. Winners of the best poker hand and 50% of the entrance fee of \$5.00 each was Sherry Camarata with two pair-A's and 6's. Second place, 30% of the entrance fee, went to Kenny Maxwell with a pair of queens and third place, 20% of the entrance fee, went to me with a pair of Jacks.



Sherry Camarata was the first place poker winner. She seems very pleased.

Ron and Shirley Franklin made us all welcome at Chatanika lodge, pulling several tables together and serving us some great food. It was like one big family, everyone around the table sharing old car stories and a good, home-cooked meal. There was an Alaska Trivia game that reminded us how little we know about our great state; however, by the time all the questions were answered we were all quite the Alaskan historians. (even the ones that tried to cheat by reading off the back of the



Cleary Summit Poker Stop

menus)... (Note to self, make sure that the answers to your trivia game can't be found on the menu of the restaurant you choose to eat at!!)



“Just what I wanted!!” Many thanks to Car Quest for their generous support of VLNAAC.

Thanks again CarQuest for the great prizes, Ron and Shirley for allowing us to invade your great establishment, and the car gremlins for staying away so we had a very fun day with no breakdowns or problems. Now the cars are put away, sleeping the winter out until the spring poker run.



VLNAAC members enjoy camaraderie and a meal at the Chatanika Road House



Kenny’s winnings: “Dad, I’ll take the money!”

2008 POSSIBLE RAFFLE CAR FOUND
by Ron Allen

Willy Vinton, Ray Mcleod and Ron Allen, raffle car committee members, checked out a lead on a 1960 two-door Falcon Station Wagon for sale. It has a recent paint job, and it runs and stops well. It needs some attention for the floor pans, door jams, and interior. For the very reasonable price of \$1,500 we can afford to spend some time and money to make it an appealing raffle car. The work that needs to be done is doable in some Saturday afternoon work sessions this winter by club volunteers. We have had work sessions in the past at Willy’s garage and have had a great time doing it. It also provides some good experience for anyone wanting to learn some restoration tricks from the masters.



Recommended Raffle car: 1960 Falcon Wagon

DUES REMINDER

In order allow all members to fully enjoy the December Christmas Party we will not be accepting membership dues payments at the party. You may either contact Treasurer Don Oines or Membership/Roster Chair Marion Benham at the November general meeting or send your dues payment to the VLNAAC address at Box 71253, Fairbanks, AK 99701. The annual dues this year are \$50 per single member and \$65 for the family membership.

REMEMBERING PAUL



A donation was made by some of Paul's family members and by some VLNAAC members to the new AACA Car Museum in memory of Paul Camarata. Kristin Vinton photographed these engraved bricks in the entryway of the museum when she was in Pennsylvania visiting her parents.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

05 Jeff Stanley
 12 Saulo Angulo
 14 George Lyle
 15 Beccy Monsma
 16 Chris Gardner
 17 Michael Lam
 21 Ruth Ann Domke
 27 James Eddy
 27 Mrion Larson
 29 Penny Hauck

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

04 Bill & Samornrat Wright
 06 John & Mary Blankenship
 12 Eric & Elizabeth Molloy
 20 Rudy & Ruth Ann Domke



CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

Welding, Repair and Fabrication! Need it done? I can do it! Tom (Blue) Hinchsliff 479-0478.

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NEXT MEETINGS

The November general club meeting is **November 8** 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 November 6 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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