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KIRK LARSON'S LATEST PROJECT

Submitted by Kirk Larson

This Volkswagen project is what has been keeping me busy lately. This is the car I drove in



high school. It was a hand-me-down through three siblings to me...then to my mom. She blew the engine up and the car sat for about 15 years.



(Editor Note: We love these old family car stories and restoration photos. Kirk submitted this in December, so it is a bit late in printing. The VW looks old and tired in the first photo, but is looking brilliant in the next photos with fresh paint. We don't know the current status of the project is, but maybe we'll see it soon. Ron)

THE VINTON BOYS' VICKY PROJECT

by Ron Allen – photos by Willy

Willy has this Ford Model A Victoria project that is reserved for his grandsons. Under Willy's guidance they get to dismantle the mechanical components, perform troubleshooting, make repairs, and put it back together again. They also get experience at cleaning and painting as well. What a great way to get youth interested in our hobbies.



Jake Vinton works on a small automotive part.



Curtis Vinton is all grins and is giving thumbs up with the first start-up of the running chassis.

CAR MUSEUM UPDATE

by Nancy DeWitt

We're still in the permitting process for the structure, but our goal is to break ground in May. We need a name for the museum and welcome any suggestions from club members (keep in mind that we want people to be able to find us easily on the Internet using a search engine).

New acquisitions: 1918 Biddle Limousine, 3 midjet racers (1935 Offenhauser, 1937 Ford and 1938 Elto), 1909 International Harvester Highwheeler Truck, 1905 Oldsmobile Runabout and 1908 Cadillac Touring. This brings us up to 44 cars. We are still looking for a few pre-1940 cars with Alaska provenance to buy or display. We are starting to purchase clothing

representative of our collection's time span (1898-1938) to display. If anyone has old photographs showing Fairbanks attire from this period or has something to sell (including coats, boots, hats, ice-skates, etc), we'd love to view these. I've started to acquire recordings of music from this time period too, as we plan to play old-time music over the museum's sound nice sound system.

Other items we are looking for: an original Valdez stage sleigh, old lap quilts and/or fur blankets used for motoring, photos of cars in early Alaska, and Alaska automobilia such as an old gas pump, signs, foot warmers, tire skis and chains. Also, we would like one or two "rust bucket" autos to have sitting outside the museum to fill with flowers in the summer.

Many thanks to club members who are assisting Jerry Krier identify cars in the old photos we've collected so far.

PANAMA TO ALASKA RALLY

By Ron Allen

Charlie Laurance of the British Sports Club of Alaska in Anchorage advised us about a group from the British Isles that is shipping their mostly British cars to Panama and driving from the Panama Canal to Alaska via Whitehorse, Dawson City, Tok, Fairbanks and Anchorage. They will ship their cars back home from Anchorage. They plan on driving from Tok to Fairbanks on Thursday May 26 and staying at the Best Western on Cushman Street that night only. We hope to welcome them with a group of VLNAAC folks in their old cars at the Best Western or other to-be-determined location.

You can check out their trip at www.globalrally.org.uk. The web site was down just recently, but hopefully that was just temporary.

CAR SHOW STAGING AND ENTRANCE by Ron Allen

We are hoping for another great turnout at this year's Carlson Center Car Show on May 31 and June 1. A list will be passed around at the May meeting for members to sign up the cars they want to enter. As an alternative you may contact Willy Vinton or another to-be-determined

individual who will coordinate the entry list. The member fee is \$5 per car.

Reminders: The gasoline level should be below 1/8. Each car must have a fire extinguisher. Batteries will have to be disconnected once parked inside. It would be helpful if some volunteers brought siphon hoses and empty gas tanks to help relieve those who have too much gasoline in their cars. There will be drip cloths provided to place under vehicles that tend to leak. No gasoline leakers – Please!

Following is the tentative line-up and entry plan for Friday evening, May 30. Cars should arrive at least thirty minutes before the designated entry time and preferably earlier if possible to allow time for numbering and organizing the entry order prior to driving in. Cars can be parked in any order within these rows. Have a driver at the car at the designated entry time, and please be sure designated drivers have car keys. Let the coordinator know who the designated driver is.

- Row 1 1929 and prior 5:00 pm
- Row 2 1930 to 1945 5:15 pm
- Row 3 1946 to 1959 5:30 pm
- Row 4 1960 to 1969 5:45 pm
- Row 5 1970 plus 6:00 pm

BYLAWS CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON

Included with this newsletter are the current bylaws and proposed changes that will be voted on at the May membership meeting. Thanks to Scott Grundy and other committee and board members who worked hard for these updates.

MEMBERSHIP LISTING

Also included with this newsletter is the current membership listing with an updated listing of members cars.

PARTS AND SERVICE VENDORS

Gary Farnham suggested we prepare a listing of parts and service vendors for distribution to members with member experiences. The British Sports Car Club of Alaska has done this for their membership. If we get enough support for this we could go forward with it too. If you have ideas on this, please share them.

RAFFLE CAR

The 1960 Falcon Wagon is looking pretty good now with bright new interior, red pin striping on the sides, and fresh red wheel paint and white wall tires. It has been a fun camaraderie building project for those who enjoy restoration work. We sold about \$600 in tickets at the Sports Show this past weekend, so we are on our way. Any help in selling tickets is appreciated. See Ron or Willy for tickets.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Nancy Allen	May/06
Margaret Bennett	May/02
Karen Eddy	May/26
Linda Grundy	May/06
Lorna Lounsbury	May/15
Angie Oines	May/06
George Cromer	May/05
John McCarthy	May/20
Greg Oslund	May/29
Terry Whitlege	May/18

Anniversaries

Saulo and Bryana Angulo	May/03
Mel and Jan Brabham	May/29
Julio and Marily	
Merced/Naquin	May/19
Marvin and Tas Wright	May/04

CLASSIFIED ADS

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 next general club meeting is Thursday, May 8 at the **Mayflower**. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM and the meeting is at 7:00.

The Board Meeting is at 6:30 PM at the **Siam Square** at 59 College across from Sam's Club on Tuesday May 6. 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!

