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VLNAAC

FAIRBANKS

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Antique Automobile Club of America



2008 CHRISTMAS PARTY

by Ron Allen

VLNAAC members were once again treated to a great dinner and festive activities at the Westmark Gold Room on December 14. A hearty thank you goes to Ed and Laurel for their organization efforts for this successful event.

After dinner activities started with the recognition of the 2008 officers for their efforts and the installation of new officers for 2009. We especially thank outgoing officers Don Oines and Bill Wright for their years of service to the organization. Thank you to the continuing and new officers for their past and future contributions of their time and effort.

Ed and Laurel McLaughlin received the 2008 "Most Improved Vehicle" award.



The next event was the 2008 presentation of the "Most Improved Vehicle" trophy, which was presented to Ed and Laurel McLaughlin for restoration efforts on their beautiful 1962 yellow Volkswagen Beetle. This award is presented annually to a member completing a car project during the year and who has done much of the restoration work him/herself. A committee consisting of Kirk Larson, Dave Rockney and Ron Allen reviewed the possible projects and selected the winner. Ed and Laurel both performed hands-on dismantling and reassembling efforts on the whole car, and occasionally had to reassemble some parts more than once. Ed has promised us a newsletter article on their car sometime later this year. Ed and Laurel will keep the original trophy for a year and will then return it for presentation to next year's recipient, at which time they will receive a permanent award plaque.

Receiving permanent plaques this year for their prior year awards were Dave Rockney and Ron Allen.



A sense of excitement and anticipation spiced up the evening with door prizes of \$50 each being given to eight lucky members with ticket drawings at various times throughout the evening. Joshua Oslund holds



his \$50 winnings from the door prize drawing.

Gary Nash presented awards for the hilarious car rally held on June 29 this past summer that he and Jill had organized. The June rally started with the distribution to each team a set of written point-to-point driving instructions using land marks and hints along with a written 30 question test to be completed during the rally based on driver-passenger observations. As those who participated in the event can attest to, the rally proved to be especially interesting because a critical landmark (detour sign) had been removed by construction employees after the rally directions had been developed. This resulted in an interesting challenge for the participants early in the rally as one could not logically progress to the next location without successfully completing each step along the way. The hints and landmarks were pretty vaguely stated to prevent jumping ahead. This resulted in a sort of conundrum, but somehow all participants did eventually made it to the



picnic. Gary collected the quiz results and had withheld the results until the Christmas party when he could properly make the awards. The first place prize went to Bub and Rochelle Larson, which was a nice golden trophy accompanied by certificates for brunch at Pikes Restaurant. Bub and Rochelle managed to get almost all the questions right, which Bub claims was because he has lived in Fairbanks all of his life. A last place prize was awarded to Ron and Nancy Allen for getting only 16 questions right, a rather embarrassing score.

The last place prize was a beat-up toy car screwed to



an unpainted rough-cut 2x3 board with a crudely written "Last Place" inscription along with two McDonald's certificates. Well done Gary and Jill! Congratulations Bub and Rochelle. Better luck next time, Ron and Nancy.

Tim Cerney gave a great presentation and update on the new Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum that is currently under construction and a description of some of the cars in the collection. Jerry Krier added that he was so in awe with his first visit to see the collection that he had to ask for a second tour a couple of days later to make sure he wasn't dreaming. Our club members are very fortunate to be given an opportunity to participate in this museum as docents.

Jerry Krier and Gary Nash did an outstanding job of



managing the Chinese gift exchange. It was a fun evening watching the usually hidden grinch side of our personalities come to light during the gift exchange as gift stealing became the norm. Thank you to Jerry and Gary for making it fun and for keeping the mayhem under control.

PROPOSED VLNAAC LONG -DISTANCE CRUISE

by Scott Grundy

When? Sat. June 20 through Sun. June 28, 2009

Where to? Whitehorse - Atlin Lake - Skagway - Haines & all sights en route! A 1500 mile round trip.

Why? To have lots of fun, build camaraderie & exercise our vehicles!!!! "Linda / Lynn" & I had so much fun on our trip with the Anchorage club to Inuvik last summer, we feel this is just a must for our club to do. Hopefully, it will become an annual tradition!

Proposed Itinerary:

Sat. June 20: Fairbanks to Beaver Creek (313 miles - 7 hrs. driving)

Sun. June 21: Beaver Creek to Whitehorse (283 miles - 6 hrs. driving)

Mon. June 22: Enjoy the Whitehorse area

Tue. June 23: Whitehorse to Atlin Lake (135 miles - 3 hours driving)

Wed. June 24: Atlin Lake to Skagway (135 miles - 3 hours driving)

Thurs. June 25: Skagway to Haines via Ferry (1 hour voyage)

Fri. June 26: Haines to Haines Jct. (146 miles - 3 hours driving)

Sat. June 27: Haines Jct. to Tok (297 miles - 6 hours driving)

Sun. June 28: Tok to Fairbanks (200 miles - 4 hours driving)

Although it will be a bit of a grunt coming

and going, doing so will provide lots of time at our stops & to sightsee along the way. We may have to carry picnic lunches en route as it's hard for a restaurant to feed a large group of rowdy folks in a timely manner. However, I'll try to arrange mass feeds at Tok and Beaver Creek as such would provide a relaxing & timely break.

You must have a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, **passport & proof of valid insurance in Canada** to cross into Canada.

It may already be too late for me to make some reservations so please **call me ASAP (457-3526) or e-mail me at grundy@mosquitonet.com** if you are interested in participating in this fun event. To hopefully keep the group manageable, we also plan to limit participation to a maximum of twenty people. Please feel free to offer suggestions & assistance too.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Hauck	Herman	1-Jan
Rockney	Dave	6-Jan
Gullickson	Dan	19-Jan
Tovar	Samuel	19-Jan
Saupe	Bernie	22-Jan
Cromer, Jr.	Patricia	8-Jan
Whitledge	Sharon	8-Jan

Anniversaries

McPherson	Don	1-Jan
Tom and Lori	Hinchliff	14-Jan

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!

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Bits And Pieces

This well decorated house that appeared on the News Miner front page recently belongs to our own Bub and Rochelle Larson. Note the decorated antique tractor.



John McDonald models his skunk hat at the Christmas party. He said the hat is missing a tail, so if anyone sees a skunk, please grab its tail for him

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NEXT MEETINGS

The next general membership meeting will be at the **Mayflower Restaurant** on **January 8**. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM, and the meeting is at 7:00. The Board Meeting is at 6:30 PM at the **Food Factory** on **Tuesday January 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!



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