

FAIRBANKS

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Antique Automobile Club of America

FIRST RAFFLE CAR WORK PARTY

by Ron Allen

The first work party on the 1956 Porsche Speedster (replica) raffle car was held on January 17 at Charley and Carrie Jergens hangar and attended by Rick Larrick, Charley and



The Porsche Speedster's cockpit is tight, but sporty looking. New black carpeting and vinyl panels will dress it up nicely.

Carrie Jergens and Ron Allen with brief appearances by Gary Nash and Richard Gresham. The biggest task so far appears to be the restoration of the interior, which got off with a slow start. Our plans of using Willy's commercial sewing machine to sew vinyl trim onto the exposed carpet edges on the first day was mostly replaced with troubleshooting of the sewing machine. It was a new challenge for us



Charley Jergens is shown here patiently troubleshooting the sewing machine.

studying the internal workings of a sewing machine. It is a complicated machine with lots of moving levers, gears and knobs, the sort of stuff we love to play with. It is possible that operator error may have something to do with it, but of course we wouldn't admit to this if it were. We did get a good start on installing the new bucket seats, which fit the car nicely and look great. Some of the other items needing attention are installing the bumpers, doing some fiberglass work on body connections, making vinyl door panels, and checking out the mechanical components. We look forward to more work parties. The car does run, but it will take some warm weather to check out and tune the engine to perfection.

ROAD TRIP PLANNED

Scott and Lynn Grundy's solicitation in the January newsletter for participants to drive to Whitehorse and Skagway in June and July was successful. They managed to fill the maximum quota of ten participants for the trip. Ed and Laurel came up with an aptly named theme for the trip; "Adventure Before Dementia." Many thanks to Scott and Lynn for all their effort to organize the trip. It should be a lot of fun.

FOUNTAINHEAD MUSEUM UPDATE

By Nancy DeWitt

Construction of the new, 30,000 square-foot Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum in Fairbanks is progressing. We recently installed the emergency sprinkler system, framed in the shop, boiler room and storage area, and decided on our flooring and lighting systems. We have also started the process of laying out the floor plan for the cars and other exhibits. It's very exciting—and a little challenging—to design an interesting museum that avoids the "cars crammed in a warehouse" look.

Although it may take another year to complete all of the exhibits and final touches to the interior, we think we've come up with a plan that will result in an attractive and fun experience for our visitors. You'll get a chance to determine if we've met this goal when we hold our grand opening, which is targeted for May 16. Be sure to mark your calendars for this big event!

Willy Vinton, our museum manager (and VLNACC president), has been busy working his mechanical magic on the cars we have in Fairbanks. He's also made several trips to check on the cars we have in storage or undergoing restoration work Outside. I've been helping Willy track down manuals, although we're doubtful that any still exist for cars like our 1906 Compound and 1920 Argonne. As for the



Willy is posing beside the 6-cylinder T-head inline engine of the 1912 Peerless Model 36.

1921 Heine-Velox, so few of these cars were made that probably no manual was even written.

I have been busy researching the history of our cars and their marques, uncovering some very interesting facts in the process. How anyone could do this without the benefit of the Internet is beyond me. Being able to tap into the various forums and correspond with marquee experts and owners of similar models has been unbelievably helpful. At the same time, I've been tracking down books and other printed materials to build up our library for each car. I want to thank Rick Larrick for loaning me many books, including his fabulous set of Beaulieu Encyclopedias.

We'll soon be recruiting docents for the museum. If this interests you, or if you have questions about the museum, please give Willy



Mystery Photo ---- Photo Courtesy of Candy Waugaman

a call or email him at museum@fdifairbanks.com.

PHOTO QUIZ

By Nancy DeWitt

One fun aspect in helping design the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum is finding old photographs to display on the walls. We plan to enlarge well over 70 historic photos that depict some of Alaska's early automobiles and automotive pioneers. After finding a photo and securing the rights to use it, the work really begins. Cleaning up and enlarging a photo to approximately 4x7 feet takes a lot of effort, and

we owe a huge thanks to Jim DeWitt for volunteering his time and PhotoShop skills to this project

Tracking down information on each picture is the next step. While we may never know who the people are in a particular photo, hopefully we can at least identify the type of car. This hasn't been as easy as I thought it would be, with a few photos stumping every resource I've contacted. Once the museum opens, hopefully some of our visitors will be able to identify these mystery cars.

I've got a good idea what the car in the **above** photo is, but I'm throwing out a challenge to car



One of the cars acquired recently for the Fountainhead Museum is this 1932 Cadillac 452-B V16 Imperial Limousine. What a Beauty!

club members to identify it. The photo, which was probably taken between 1909 and 1914 in Fairbanks, was scanned from an old postcard in Candy Waugaman's collection. Any input regarding people in the photo would be welcome too. Send your thoughts and answers to me at projects@fdifairbanks.com or call (907) 458-6112.

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY

Per Nancy Allen, Club Recorder

Three important decisions were made at the car club general membership meeting in January that members need to be aware of. The first decision was that there will be no car show at the Carlson Center the first weekend of June this year because of a summer renovation project at the Carlson Center. The building will not be available between a date in April and the middle of September. Available dates on either end of this time period did not appear satisfactory. Carlson Center management has assured Willy that they will continue to support the car show

the following year as they have in the past. The motion that passed on this issue did include looking at other options, but no decision on other options was made at this time.

The second important decision dealt with the selling of tickets and the drawing of the raffle car. Because of no car show being scheduled at the Carlson Center this year the drawing will be held instead at 6:00 PM on July 18, the day of the Golden Days parade, at Pioneer Park. We will tentatively have a picnic at a park pavilion at the same time, subject to scheduling availability at the park.

The third decision was to donate \$600 from the 50/50 savings account to the Boys and Girls Home of America in Fairbanks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Ron Allen

Total revenue collected in 2008 was \$15,083 excluding \$1,950 of 2009 membership dues that was deferred to 2009. Expenses for 2008 totaled \$15,923 for a net loss of \$839. Had the

\$1,950 deferred revenue been included as done in the past years, the 2008 total would show a gain of \$1,111. Bank balances as of December 31 were \$1,167 in the Gaming Account, \$7,842 in the Main Bank Account, and \$692 in the 50/50 Savings Account for a cash total of \$9,702. The club financial status appears healthy.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Gresham	Richard	14-Feb
Wescott	Eugene	15-Feb
Larson	Kathy	10-Feb
Hansen	Mebble	12-Feb
Dussman	Debra	15-Feb
Franklin	Shirley	27-Feb

Anniversaries

McLaughlin	Ed and Laurel	1-Feb
Ellsworth	Dick and Joni	2-Feb
Benham	Loran and Marion	12-Feb
Stevenson	Ron	14-Feb

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) Hinchliff 479-0478.

Automotive and Diesel Machining: Serving Fairbanks since 1974. R&S Machine, Ric Smoyer, Proprietor, 515 Noyes Street in Fairbanks. 456-6496

Black vinyl covered racing bucket seats for sale: They are new and never installed in a car. They came with the donated raffle car, but were too large for the small car and

appeared incorrect for the car's vintage as well. Make offer. Contact Willy or Ron.

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NEXT MEETINGS

The general membership meeting is **Thursday February 12 at the Mayflower Restaurant**. Dinner is at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

The Board Meeting is at 6:30 PM at the **Food Factory** on **Tuesday February 10**. 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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