

FAIRBANKS

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SEPTEMBER POKER AND RESTAURANT RUNS

Editor comment

VLNAAC members aren't giving up on our waning summer car event season. They seem to just keep on organizing one more run after another effectively extending our Summer and Fall. So far as of this writing there have been September poker and restaurant runs to the Chatanika Lodge, Salcha, two different runs to the Hilltop Café and one to the Monderosa Bar and Restaurant in Nenana. Old cars, good food and camaraderie of friends are the ingredients that keep us going.



August 18 Hilltop Poker Run: Ron Frey draws a card from dealers Julio and Marilyn as Lynn Grundy holds the umbrella.



August 18 Hilltop Poker Run: Don & Angie cashed in on a prize previously won at the Joint Meet!

TWO POKER RUNS TO HILLTOP RESTAURANT

By Scott Grundy

The first poker run was on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. Linda & I arrived 15 minutes late at Pioneer Park. I had assured her that the group would still be there socializing & drawing their first card.

Wrong - the parking lot was empty & we didn't catch the group until we saw them at the Hagelbarger Rd. scenic viewpoint! Marilyn Naquin (Merced) advised that the weather was threatening so they scooted out on time. Ten cars with 17 people attended. Additional card

draws occurred at the Pipeline public access site, Fox Spring & the restaurant. Bill Wright won the



Paul & Joyce Tekin are dining with the "short people" Roy & Brenda Wilbur. We filled the restaurant beyond their capacity of available chairs! (Someone supplied lower picnic chairs for the Wilburs)

event and celebrated eating a huge dinner plus pie alamode for dessert! He ignored my suggestion to pick up the tab for the entire group. My beautiful bride placed second & Julio Merced was third. Lotsa fun!

I love to eat & was impressed with the mega meals served. So I suggested we do another fun run on a Sat. for brunch or lunch. I was concerned that I might have to do all the organizing, but Marily showed up with all the paraphernalia & skill to do the job. Sherry Camarada also brought cards. The weather was again threatening, but we had 16 cars with 27 adults & two children attending the Aug. 29 event. The route differed a bit as we had our second draw at the dog Musher's Hall, and then proceeded up a foggy McGrath Rd. to Hagelbarger. Marshall Nimmer won the big bucks only because his wife, Kathy,

drew the winning card for him! Laural McLaughlin won second place, and Julio placed third. Julio & Marily have found that it pays to organize these events! More fun \$\$/food runs are planned.

CHATANIKA POKER RUN

by Nancy Allen

A beautiful Fall day, the leaves in their prime colors and 21 beautiful classic cars to behold; this was the setting as VLNAAC members finished the 2009 driving season with a poker run to the Chatanika Lodge. All the participants of the run gathered at Pioneer Park at 10 am on September 12. The run included card draws at Pioneer Park, the pipeline viewing area, Pedro Monument, the top of Ski-land and the Chatanika Lodge.

Ron and Shirley Franklin who are the lodge proprietors and also VLNAAC club members greeted us at the door as we arrived. As expected, the meals and company were great! The poker run winners were as follows; first place Kenny

Maxwell, second place Rochelle Larson, and third place Jerry Krier. The special prize winners were first ace Robbie Casey, 6-7-8-9 series



The splendor of Fall colors surround the Larrick's Studebaker and Ron Frey's Dodge on the way to the Chatanika Lodge.



VLNAAC Members meet at the Chatanika Lodge

Paul Tekin, four diamonds Rick Larrick, and lowest hand Paul Karpik, David's grandfather. John McCarthy won the t-shirt donated by Robbie Casey

Special thanks go to Doris Casey for providing the group with a delicious zucchini cake and Theresa Chase for helping with the waitress duties. Needless to say a good time was had by all.

CHASE'S RUN TO SALCHA RIVER LODGE

Scott Grundy reported that the BBQ'd ribs were outstanding as Will had promised. VLNAAC members filled the restaurant beyond their capacity of available chairs! Many of us visited the Wilbur's "farm" on the lower Salcha River before returning home.

STOCKSTILL'S THANK YOU NOTE

(Note: Donna and Mike Stockstill were the couple in Whitehorse that invited our club to their home in Whitehorse after the Dominion Day parade and then joined us in Skagway.)

Thank you so much for sending us the newsletter. We have forwarded it to some of our family members to enjoy also.

You are fortunate to have the club and such a nice group of members. We enjoyed spending time with all of you and going to Skagway for the parade. If you are in Whitehorse again, please come visit and if we ever do venture to Fairbanks we will be sure to let you know.

Thanks again,
Donna & Mike

MESSAGE FROM RICK LARRICK REGARDING DUES

2010 membership dues notices will be mailed in October with a due date of December 31. The mailing will also request updates to the membership information database before we publish the November membership directory. Unless changed, Individual Membership Dues are \$50 and Joint Membership is \$65 with \$35 of those totals going to the national AACA.

Rick also recommends that members consider requesting their newsletters by email to save the club money on printing and mailing costs.

ZDDP ZINC REPLACEMENT

by Bill Chace

In the June 09 newsletter I wrote a paraphrased Tech Tip about Zinc Replacement called ZDDP.

This is in part an answer for those who want to eliminate excess wear when we drive longer distances in their antique cars. I know we are not involved in racing our antiques and there is technical information available on that subject; see zddplus.com.

In early fuels lead was used to increase octane and was removed several years ago by EPA in the process of lowering fuel emissions. Many of us are already using a lead additive in our fuel to protect the valve seats and stems from wear.

The cushioning Zinc additive has now been eliminated from our oils and maybe we should consider a Zinc Replacement (ZDDP) to protect the valve stems from cam lobe impact.

After 70+ years of trouble-free, metal-to-metal engine protection, the E.P.A. is forcing the removal of ZDDP (Zinc Dialkyl Dithio Phosphate, containing both Zinc and Phosphorus) from domestic motor oil because it fouls catalytic converters and sensors in modern engines.

If your engine was designed prior to the 1990's, your non-roller lifters require something in motor oil to avoid premature deterioration.

For a short while diesel oils still contained ZDDP and were thought to be sufficient for automobile engines. However the ZDDP is now being removed from the diesel engine oil. Diesel oils in non diesel engines also can cause increased foaming.

The car is like a human who eats regularly and takes a daily vitamin dose. We really don't know if that extends our life or not but why take a chance. So why take the chance that the formula of today's manufactured oils are sufficiently lubricating our antique cars. The moral of this story, if we want to prevent excess wear in our engines, is to simply keep using our favorite engine oil and include a 4 oz bottle of ZDDP in each oil change.

Now the advertisement:

To prevent your lifters from running metal-to-metal add 4 oz. ZDDP, via ZDDPlus at every 4- to 5-quart oil change. One bottle of ZDDPlus contains more ZDDP than two bottles of GM's EOS, which is designed for break-in use only.

I have been added as Fairbanks area distributor for ZDDPlus and now have it in stock. I was able to get a good deal on freight so I will sell at \$8.00 per bottle locally. If you don't wish to take my word on this do your own inquiring. Check out zddplus.com for complete information and be sure to read the Tech notes on the studies made. I believe you'll be impressed with the names of who tested and endorses this product.

Bill Chace (907) 488-3805

2009 MOST IMPROVED VEHICLE AWARD COMING UP

A committee has been appointed to select the winner for the 2009 Most Improved Vehicle Award to be given at the annual Christmas Party. The committee includes the chairperson, EdMcLaughlin and committee members Dave Rockney, Kirk Larson and Ron Allen. Following is a guide used in the past:

Objective: Recognize VLNAAC members for outstanding hands-on car restoration work

Minimum Requirements for consideration of judging: Car must be a classic or antique as permitted by the AACA for membership, become finished or nearly finished sometime during the year, and have a significant amount of hands-on work done by the owner. Modifications from the original design for uniqueness or high performance are not part of the judging criteria and should neither add nor deduct scoring points.

Four Judging Criteria with approximate equal scoring weight:

- Total improvement to the vehicle from the time of owner's start of restoration work to completion in the current year.
- Amount of hands-on work performed by the owner
- Quality of work done
- Reason for owner's interest in the car, associated story, history, or etc.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

by Laurel McLaughlin

We have the election of club officers coming up in November. All members are eligible and encouraged to run for office, so think seriously about doing so. Competition is welcome. Do not assume that the incumbents will run again. The current president has reached his term limit. All offices are open:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Director (two)

Please contact Laurel McLaughlin or Theresa Chase if you are interested in a position.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays

McPherson	Don	3-Oct
Karpik	David Karpik	5-Oct
Markey	Dennis	7-Oct

Borg	John	8-Oct
Herzog	Martin	8-Oct
Casey	Robbie	17-Oct
Maxwell	Kenny	18-Oct
Farnham	Garry	21-Oct
Cameron	Don	31-Oct
Whitney	Sue	4-Oct
Hinchliff	Lori	12-Oct
Rockney	Deborah	19-Oct
Gullickson	LaVonne	21-Oct

October Anniversaries

	George and Patricia	1-Oct
Cromer		
Allen	Ron and Nancy	5-Oct
Ronken	Don and Connie	8-Oct
Markey	Dennis and Rielle	11-Oct
Graham	David and Laura	23-Oct
Reed	Eugene and Terry	31-Oct

CLASSIFIED ADS

News and a classified ad from members John and Betty Borg in Eagle, Alaska: Hello folks. Again a great job on the newsletter. We sure missed out on some fun events. Again!!!!.

I have **4 wheels that fit a 92 Camry**. Perhaps I could run an ad next month and see if anyone is interested. I recently read that the **hubcaps off the 63 Mercedes** are going for 200.00 I have 3. Any old Mercedes owners in the club?

Rebuilding in Eagle is going well and clean up is progressing very well. LOTS of volunteer help here since right after the 4th of July. All but one dwelling out of 13 have doors and windows and roofing installed. Some wiring is done. Never thought we would see all this happen this summer. Later, John.

MURPHY'S LAW FOR CAR RESTORERS

(Note: This article was shared with us by Ed Mclaughlin. Ed said he has had it for many years and that he had copied it from a publication in the library. The author is unknown.)

Those of us who have spent many years in restoration work understand only too well that "Murphy's Law" is usually in full operation. "Murphy's Law" is simply that "If anything can go wrong, it will."

Ken Painter of the Maserati Club has stated the case very well and I can do no better than to quote him:

“I list below some of the grim facts about restoration work that I have learned the hard way over the years. These gems contain no mechanical secrets, no short cuts to success; on the contrary, they go a long way towards explaining why you will never succeed in completing your restoration as quickly or as economically as you had expected:”

1. If anything can go wrong, it will.
2. Interchangeable parts won't.
3. Any wire or tube cut to length will be too short.
4. Availability of a part is inversely proportional to your need for it.
5. Tolerances will accumulate unidirectionally towards maximum difficulty of assembly.
6. After a part has been fully assembled, extra components will be found on the bench.
7. A dropped tool will land where it can do most damage, or where it will be most inaccessible. Sometimes it will do both. (This is known as the law of selective gravitation.)
8. Components that must not and cannot be assembled incorrectly, will be.
9. Any error that can creep in, will. It will be in the direction that will do most damage.
10. All constants are variable.
11. The most logical way to assemble a part will be the wrong way.
12. Dimensions will always be expressed in the least usable terms.
13. If a part can be installed incorrectly, that is what you will do.
14. An adjustable spanner used to remove a component will either be too tight or too slack to replace the same part, even if you try to replace it immediately.
15. Hermetic seals will leak.
16. After the last 16 screws are removed from a component, you will find that you are dismantling the wrong part.
17. To estimate the time a restoration will take, carefully work out how long you expect the job to take, then triple it. To estimate the cost, carefully work out all known expenditure, then quadruple it. You will still be wrong, but not as wrong as you would have been if you had believed your first estimates.

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NEXT MEETINGS

The general membership meeting is **Thursday October 8 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 October 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!

