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SPRING BREAKUP ON THE YUKON RIVER MAY 2009

By John Borg

Breakup this year began on Sunday the 3rd of May. Some of the contributing factors included a higher than usual water level at freeze up in mid-November and a movement of ice lasting several hours the day after it had stopped moving. This forced ice up against the banks and the ugliest jumble I had seen in some 40 years. Also by early April the ice measured a good 5 feet thick, and by the end of the month when the temperature reached well into the 70s the ice had not deteriorated. Then the volume of water began to lift the ice, and it did not crumble as it usually does.



the bank, which caused the destruction of many buildings while pushing others back off their foundations along with tearing down trees and smashing vehicles. Up till then it had been serious water damage only, and we hoped that the river below would open up and the worst would be over.

This last push of water and ice completely cleared away all the buildings in the native village 3 miles up stream and left behind an ice field 5 to 20 feet deep



The ice jammed and flooding over the bank was the result. During the next 4 days the water level dropped and rose several times so a crew was able to relay out the back door of the grocery store into a front end loader loads of groceries. This loader was also used to meet the mail plane as the water was over the road too deep to drive anything else. On the 7th of May a push of ice and more water came from upstream and forced the jammed ice well over





along the bank for many miles up and down the river taking down trees hundreds of feet back and stripping off a number of islands above and below us. A month later in June much of this ice was still packed in place making it all but impossible to get in and see what could be salvaged.

Soon volunteers began to arrive including folks from Dawson City who had their own flood in 1979. Food and clothing and other goods followed. These volunteers and victims were fed and bedded down at the school. FEMA arranged for a contractor from Fairbanks to come in with big

equipment to clear out the road to the village and open up access to the damaged buildings to make it possible to clean out what was salvageable, and then demolish them, haul it away and bury it

FEMA brought in men from the Mennonite Disaster crew who are in the business of recovery work. Also Samaritans Purse brought work crews in to help put up the cabins and houses that replaced the ones destroyed. By mid September, 13 of these structures were enclosed and all but ready to be occupied.



That's the short version of what went on this summer. The store is now open in a different building. Fuel is available. The road has been rebuilt, electric and phone service has been restored and everyone has a roof over their heads. Winter is holding off, at least as of the 15th of Oct. We are very grateful to all who have made this possible with no one being hurt. There is no café, and I don't know when there will be. The B&B is open for business. We are looking forward to a quiet winter and hopefully a less eventful breakup in 2010. Ron will see about including in here photos of what ice can do to the cars and trucks that didn't have a chance to get out of the way. Come see us next summer.

Best regards. John Borg

CLUB CLOTHING AVAILABLE FOR YOU OR AS A GIFT TO A MEMBER

- Blue Ringed T-Shirt - Large @ \$15
- Red Ringed T-Shirt - XXL @ \$17; XL & L @ \$15
- Solid Red T-Shirt - XXL @ \$14; XL, L & M @ \$12
- Jackets embroidered with your name: XXL @ \$51; XL, L, & M @ \$48
- Ball Cap (red) @ \$7
- Ivy Style Cap (white) @ \$8
- Magnetic Sign @ \$7.50 or \$15 for a pair!!!



Pin @ \$2

Call Scott Grundy at 457-3526 ASAP if you're interested as only one shirt or jacket is available in many of the sizes listed.

JOINT MEET FOR AAMA & VLNAAC JUNE 2010

By Howard and Barb Hanson

The joint meet next summer will be June 4-6 at Sheepcreek Lodge and Giggleswood Lakeside Inn.

Sheepcreek Lodge is Mile 88 on the Parks Highway and Giggleswood 4 1/2 miles east (Hidden Hills Road, mile 87.9). The reason for the two places is that neither has enough rooms or everything we need.

Sheepcreek has a dining room for our banquet, and Giggleswood has a good spot for our cookouts. Call to make your reservations now because the area is a popular fishing area and they fill up fast!

Giggleswood phone # is: 1-800-574-2555.

Sheep Creek phone # is: 495-6227

There is also a B&B in the area – Big Su B&B: phone # is 495-6324.

When you call- be sure to mention you are with the antique auto clubs.

For you RVers: Sheep Creek has an unfinished RV Park where you can stay if you don't need hook-ups. There is also a nice RV park about 2 miles north of Sheep creek.

Any other questions, call Howard at 907-345-1268.



WELCOME HOME: Our club Troll Doll returned home after a relaxing vacation in Hawaii with Nancy Allen in time to attend our November General Membership Meeting. Note her beautiful traditional grass skirt, flower lei and the flower in her hair. She will be wearing this attire at the meeting, so be sure to compliment her. She is wondering what excitement her next sponsor will provide for her.

PROPOSED 2010 ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA TOUR

By Scott Grundy 457-3526

Following are my preliminary thoughts regarding a VLNAAC tour to Cordova, Whittier, etc. I've proposed our tour to occur in late July to avoid conflicts with other events. Ferry costs for two adults & a vehicle less than 19 feet are \$511. Deduct about \$24 if your vehicle is 15 feet or less in total length.

Sun. July 25: Drive 266 miles to the historic Copper Center Lodge or stop in Glennallen.

Mon. July 26: Drive 100 miles to Valdez & catch the fast ferry (3:30 p.m. check in) to Cordova & arrive at 7:15 p.m. Stay at the Reluctant Fisherman Inn overlooking the harbor.

Tue. July 27: Tour Cordova area (harbor, walking tour, art tour, museum, USCG vessel, PWS Science Center, Mt. Eyak Ski Area, etc.).

Wed. July 28: Drive 100 miles round trip on the scenic Copper River Highway to the Child's Glacier. Have a picnic lunch & drive across the historic Million Dollar Bridge for a group photo.

Thurs. July 29: Depart at 8:30 a.m. for Whittier again on the fast ferry & arrive at 11:45 a.m. Tour Whittier Museum, drive through the RR tunnel to the Portage Glacier Visitor Center & then on to Girdwood & the Alyeska Ski Resort (about 26 miles driving). Stay at the Hotel. Ride the chairlift up the mountain & walk/drive the resort area. Dine at the Double Musky Restaurant that evening & have breakfast at the Bakery as they are both outstanding.

Fri. July 30: Tour Howard & Barb Hansen's car collection & possibly visit the Brown's Car & Transportation Museum in Anchorage before driving the Glenn Highway to the foot of the Matanuska Glacier & then on to the wonderful Majestic Valley Lodge for the night. Total driving is about 220 miles.

Sat. July 31: Drive the return 317 miles to Fairbanks as a group.

I tried to keep the tour as short as possible & to occur within the same week. I chose to return via the highly scenic Glenn Hwy. to allow those interested to drop a trailer in the Glennallen or Copper Center Area & continue on with their elder vehicles. An alternative would be to take the incredibly scenic Hatcher Pass Road north of Palmer, stay overnight at the lodge & return via the Parks Highway. Your input, even if you don't plan to participate in this fun trip, would be appreciated. We'll discuss this proposed event at our next membership meeting.

Get your cruiser ready this winter! Looking forward to next summer already!

CLASSIFIED ADS

Looking for a hood for 1951 Ford. Contact Bear (Dennis Schmit) at 457-2338.

Looking for a hood for a 1970 to 1974 Dodge Challenger (RT hood with two scoops). Alan Monsma, cell 460-0173

Very nice low mileage 1961 T-Bird with a rebuilt 390 V8 engine. Priced below low book value for a quick sale at



\$11,000! Call Burnie Hall: 322-2488 (cell), 479-6120 (home)

I'm selling my **1946 Packard clipper, 1947 Studebaker Commander, 1948 Packard** (forgot if it's a wasp or hornet) push button start dual carbs original 499-3211 Christine Galloway, Ultrasound 361-5240.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

November Birthdays		
McLeod	Ray	6-Nov
Morgan	Rhonda	8-Nov
Carpenter	Benjamin	10-Nov
Angulo	Saulo	12-Nov
Lyle	George	14-Nov
Reed	Eugene	19-Nov
Hall	Burnie	19-Nov
Cook	Jeffry	25-Nov
Eddy	James	27-Nov
Tekin	Joyce	2-Nov
Monsma	Beccy	15-Nov
Domke	Ruth Ann	21-Nov
Ninmer	Kathryn	22-Nov
Larson	Rochelle	27-Nov
Hauck	Penny	29-Nov
November Anniversaries		
Domke	Rudy and Ruth Ann	20-Nov



Summer 2009 is now history. This photo was taken by Rochelle Larson at Gary and Jill Nash's cabin during a summer picnic, which was a lovely time. I can't wait until Summer 2010. Ron

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Rick has provided the following membership directory for distribution as of October 2009. He is currently updating the master file with a recent information request sent out with the 2010 dues invoices. A more complete and updated directory with owner's automobiles and other information will be sent by email in January. A hard copy will be distributed at the January membership meeting.

Allen, Ron & Nancy	488-3965	388-8231	Boschert, Ken & Sandy	452-8882	
Angulo, Saulo & Bryana	457-2280	978-8372	Brabham, Mel & Jan	488-0755	
Beal, Ross & Paula		451-8749	Camerata, Sherry	374-0253	590-0236
Benham, Loran & Marion	474-4966	388-0456	Cameron, Don & Ray	479-2507	388-2507
Bennett, Larry & Margaret	479-5118	347-5384	Carlson, Betty		452-2518
Blankenship, John & Mary	488-9502		Carpenter, Benjamin & Stella	488-4251	
Borg, John & Betty		547-2280	Casey, Robbie & Doris	488-3321	
			Cerny, Timothy		456-7143
			Chace, Bill & Joyce	488-3805	

Chace, Klinton		456-3805	Hinchsliff, Tom & Lori	479-0478	
Chase, Will & Theresa	488-4973		Holmes, Robert	488-7591	322-8045
Cook, Jeffry & Susan	488-5104		Holt, Rob & Carla		490-6769
Cornell, Jim & Barb	479-7399	388-1421	Hume, Hal & Jeanne	479-6724	
Cosson, Mark	458-0257	460-9049	Jurgens, Charles & Carrie	590-2716	
Cromer, Jr., George & Patricia	488-2284		Karpik, David Karpik & Katy Rice	614-214-5289	
Culbertson, Scott & Donna	451-7911	978-0061		477-0742	
Dane, Ron & Karine	683-2360	354-0368	Kingry, Ryan		
DeWitt, Nancy	457-1420	322-5537	Kirschner, Chuck & Linda	388-6785	
Ditch, Alva		457-4788	Krier, Jerry & Donna	457-5889	
Domke, Rudy & Ruth Ann	488-6970		Larranga, Ruben & Larrick, Rick & Jill and Jill	474-2735	687-2036
Dussman, Dennis	455-6471	978-2248		457-4344	
Eddy, James & Karen	452-6060		Larson, Bub & Rochelle	456-6736	590-8591
Ellsworth, Dick & Joni	451-9401				
Elmer, Tom			and Rochelle is	590-8593	
Farnham, Garry		457-4883	Larson, Kirk & Kathy	457-8662	
Foster, Kevin		378-7385	Leaming, Gary		457-1833
Franklin, Ron & Shirley	389-2164	389-2164	Levalley, Brent		389-2194
Frey, Ron	457-2401	322-8070	Long, Daniel & Linda	457-2929	388-9585
Fuller, Joe	479-6612		Lounsbury, James & Lorna	479-3213	
Gile, Jack & Nancy	452-3155		Lundquist, Peter		456-4595
Graham, David & Laura	322-5919	452-7251	Lyle, George & Nila	488-4136	
Grant, Hank & Wyan	479-2623	978-6154	Markey, Dennis & Rielle	479-0316	
Gresham, Richard & Grundy, Scott & Linda	488-3534	699-9285	Maxwell, Kenny & Tammy	488-9229	
	457-3526		McCarthy, John & Pranee Naksprit	347-5056	
Grundy, Lynn	322-9284			452-8805	
Gullickson, Dan & LaVonne	479-3270	388-8193	McDonald, John	488-1843	
Guthrie, Dale			McHone, Roby	488-2344	
Hall, Burnie & Claudia	479-6120		McLaughlin, Ed & Laurel	452-5234	
Hansen, Howard & Barbara	345-1268	440-1002	McLeod, Ray	456-7877	347-4070
Hansen, Gene & Mebble	457-1492		McPherson, Don	488-6032	388-5009
Hauck, Herman & Penny	457-6100		Merced, Julio & Marilyn Naquin	903-806-5369	
Helms, Bret & Cindy	456-2349		Middleton, John & Jean	451-8818	322-5550
Herzog, Martin		458-9468	Monsma, Alan & Beccy	458-0024	

Morgan, Rhonda & John	456-4121	
Murphy, JoAnn	479-2179	
Muth, Sterling	488-5859	
Nash, Gary & Jill	456-2103	388-2640
Nelson, Cliff &	374-3410	
Ness, Michael & Linda	451-0632	
Newman, Johnie	488-8695	
Ninmer, Marshall & Kathryn	456-1320	378-8222
and Kathy	378-8630	
O'Brien, Jack & Tanya	479-0554	
Oines, Don & Angie	452-4601	378-2501
Oslund, Greg & Lois	488-1354	322-1350
Palmer, Tim & Debbie	457-6716	
Page, Merle		457-8806
Peterson, Doug & Nancy	490-6400	
Price, Derik		590-0664
Reed, Eugene & Terry	479-5305	
Richards, Jerod	488-3967	
Rixie, Howard	488-6797	378-7797
Rockney, Dave & Deborah	457-8029	460-6308
Ronken, Don & Connie	457-4188	
Rotroff, Loren		488-9157
Salmon, Frank & Brenda	452-6546	
Saupe, Bernie & Judy	457-3302	
Schmit, Dennis ("Bear")	457-2338	
Shaw, Glenn & Gladys	479-5589	
Shoemaker, Greg & Karmen	479-6193	
Simmons, Samuel & Melody	488-9066	388-1516
Stevenson, Ron		452-7728
Stone, David		479-2941
Sullivan, Larry		490-6801
Tekin, Paul & Joyce	488-2992	
Tovar, Samuel		490-6482
Uzzell, Ken & Wendy	488-2997	

Vinton, Willy & Wilma	456-2261	388-8252
Walton, Charley		457-6566
Warwick, Andy		456-1566
Weber, Judy & James Anderson	479-8007	
Wescott, Eugene	479-6746	310-913-9819
Whitledge, Terry & Sharon	479-6814	460-2356
Whitney, Al & Sue		474-4793
Wilbur, Roy & Brenda	456-4284	347-4860
Wright, Marvin	474-0360	978-9252
Wright, Bill	388-2118	388-2118
Yamamoto, Stuart & Leslie	479-0187	
Yurkovich, Tena		474-0396



X-8 ENGINE BUILT BY HENRY FORD IN 1925

This engine is documented as the final design of the experimental air-cooled prototype radial X-8 engine conceived by Henry Ford in 1918. He built the first X-8 in 1919 and built a special car, named the X-Car, to road test it in. After many design changes, he then built the second and final X-8 engine in 1925, which is the one pictured here. It was secretly tested in an Oldsmobile and driven around Detroit. This X-8 had the greatest appeal to Mr. Ford of both his air-cooled and water-cooled designs which he considered in the 1920s to replace the four cylinder engine in his popular Model T. After test driving this exact X-8 engine in an Oldsmobile for nearly a year, Henry Ford decided his engine needed more power and eventually developed the flathead V-8 design which he introduced in 1932 and used through 1953.

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NEXT MEETINGS

The general membership meeting is **Thursday November 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 November 10**. Everyone is also welcome to attend Board Meetings.

The Christmas Party will be on Sunday December 13. More information will be available later.

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!

