



### 2009 VLNAAC CHRISTMAS PARTY HIGHLIGHTS



Will and Theresa Chase appeared very festive.



The annual Most Approved Vehicle Award went to Bret and Cindy Helms for their restoration of a 1971 Dodge Challenger.

CHRISTMAS PARTY CHINESE GIFT EXCHANGE







Willy Vinton hands 2010 President Rick Larrick the symbolic rod and piston gavel during the installation of the new officers for 2010.

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER:**

### **From outgoing President Willy Vinton:**

Once again Laurel McLaughlin did an outstanding job of making all the arrangements for our annual meeting and Christmas party. The food was great, and everyone had a good time. We even had live music from the Fairbanks String Quartet sponsored by Lorna Lounsbury. After dinner the most improved car award was presented to Bret and Cindy Helms. Thanks were given to the outgoing officers and board members and introductions of the incoming officers and board members.

Then Jerry Krier and Gary Nash performed their Santa and Elf jobs quite well heading up the Chinese auction, which was fun as usual with barbecue grills being one of the items that seemed to travel a lot along with some of the tools.

I want to thank everyone for the privilege of serving as president of the VLNAACF. It has been challenging at times, but an enjoyable experience as well. I wish Rick Larrick the best in his term and know that we will continue to grow and prosper under his leadership. This next year looks like a very busy one again and should have lots of activities for everyone to enjoy. I want to encourage everyone to take an active role and get involved in at least one of the activities to help spread the work load around. You may even find that you can have some fun helping organize or being a part of the work crew for one of the events. Each year the club seems to get a little bigger and better, and now I think we have one of the best car clubs in the country. Thanks again, and let's have another great year.

Willy Vinton, Past President

### **From the newly elected President Rick Larrick:**

Thank you for the honor of electing me to serve as your club president for 2010. Being still a relative newcomer, I am going to be depending on all of you for your advice, suggestions, leadership, and participation. The Vernon L Nash club has grown pretty significantly in the last few years. This group has a strong core and a rich history. Now, as membership has grown to the 200 level, our group has also grown in the diversity of member

interests. This means a need not only for more club activities, but a need to make sure we have a balance of events that interest each of the various groups of our members. It also means that more club members have generously stepped forward, and will need to increasingly step forward to take responsibility for an event or activity or to help plan and coordinate activities. I see my role as President as one of getting lots of folks involved in a coordinated way to help our club be strengthened by doing more. That takes a strong, large, and organized group of people volunteering to help – please let me know where you want to be involved this year.

Immediate volunteer leadership needs are to:

1. Staff the Carlson Car Show team – we need a:
  - a. Overall Chairperson
  - b. Publicity and Vendor Sale Chair
  - c. Awards and Registration Chair
  - d. Layout / Setup / Takedown Chair
2. Raffle Car team – we need:
  - a. Overall Chairperson
  - b. Tech Chair (fixup / restore the car)
  - c. Raffle Car Care Chair (keep and ferry the car to events)
  - d. Raffle Car Ticket Chair

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## CALENDAR:

- Board Meeting: January 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30  
Food Factory
- Club Meeting: January 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00  
Dinner (The Bakery), 7:00 Meeting
- Program Committee Meeting:  
January 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 Pizza at the Auto  
Museum
- Communications Committee Meeting:  
January 26<sup>th</sup> Pizza at the Auto  
Museum
- Raffle Car Work Party / Committee  
Meeting: January 30<sup>th</sup> at Willie's

**PLEASE NOTICE that the January 14<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting is at THE BAKERY on College Road at 6:00 PM – Order Lunch or Dinner from the Menu.**

## LETTER FROM NANCY PETERSON

Editor note: Nancy responded to last month's article about the 1930 Cadillac LaSalle restoration by Don Oines with the following thoughtful comments. The LaSalle was a part of the car collection that belonged to her father, George Clayton.

Dear Club Members:

I want to express how wonderful I feel each time I see pictures and read stories about the successful efforts of club members who are hard at work restoring the 'treasures' my dad held so very close to his heart. I know that for so much of my dad's life, he just collected and collected, and he wouldn't let go of anything! I am sure it frustrated many a club member (and otherwise) when George just would not sell. Of course, we

cannot deny that he had a right to do whatever he wanted with the items he discovered, unburied, bought, hauled, and stored over the years. Today, as I look on as only an observer, I know he would be SO glad to see these rusted remains coming out of workshops with such pride and shine. I know I am proud, and I want to thank all of you for your interest and appreciation of the great automobiles of yesteryear. Without people like you, these 'treasures' would just sink (literally) out of sight. These beautiful show pieces could have forever been gone, for no one to enjoy. As you live each of your days to the best and to the fullest, please continue to keep yesterday alive with your love and talents applied to these great 'treasures'. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

I see his dreams rolling by, and even though he's not the driver, he just might be the 'angel on your fender'.

God Speed, God Bless, and Thanks.

North Pole Nancy



Above is Nancy Peterson's North Pole home and B&B. The 1925 Model T parked in front belonged to her Dad, George Clayton. It is an icon in the annual Fairbanks Golden Days Parade.

## JULY SHOW AND SHINE AT DELTA JUNCTION

By John McCarthy

On Friday afternoon, July 10, 2009, Will and Theresa Chase, Julio and Marily Merced, and John McCarthy cruised to Delta Junction to attend the 1st Annual Classic Car Night and Show & Shine at Buffalo Center Service Gas Station. The show and shine was open to classic (30 years +) cars, trucks and motorcycles. We were warmly greeted by the staff of the Buffalo Center and thanked for our participation in their first annual event.

Eighteen vehicles showed up along with a lot of spectators. The free root beer or Coke floats provided by the Buffalo Center were a welcome



Show and Shine at Buffalo Center in Delta Junction



treat for the hot Delta evening. The cruise to Delta gave us members of the VLNAAC an opportunity to check out some different cars and trucks and, likewise, the folks of Delta could see some vehicles from our club.

The enthusiasm displayed by the Buffalo Center staff and the show attendees make future shows at this downtown Delta service station and rest stop a sure success. I suggest that you watch the calendar for next year's show and plan on attending. Perhaps you'll be the winner of their people's choice award.

## **THE TROLL DOLL HAS RETURNED FROM BONAIRE**

By Ryan Kingry

I must say, she had a hoot of a time and quite frankly didn't want to return to this winter wonderland. She had a marvelous time and thoroughly enjoyed traveling with us. She did learn some new things that we may or may not take responsibility for: like how refreshing a good T-n-T can be, going to class and getting NITROX certified (so she could dive more often with less surface time), wasting time at the beach (though time one enjoys wasting is not time wasted, in my most humbling opinion), riding around in the truck without a seatbelt, etc etc..

After traveling as far and for as long with us, she feels comfortable enough to stay for the holidays. I am not sure if the hot egg nog toddies have anything to do with that however.....

In any case, Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

Ryan and Lisa



## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<b>January Birthdays</b>		
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
Shaw	Gladys	27-Jan
<b>January Anniversaries</b>		
Hinchsliff	Tom and Lori	14-Jan
Morgan	Rhonda and John	19-Jan

## WEBPAGE LINK

Following is the link to the VLNAACF webpage. The club calendar is located on the "Events / Meetings" tab and will be kept updated. The website is <http://local.aaca.org/fairbanks/>.

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## NEXT MEETINGS

**NOTE CHANGE:** The General Membership Meeting is at The Bakery Restaurant on College Road starting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 14. Order dinner from the menu. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

The Board Meeting is at 6:30 PM at the Food Factory on Tuesday January 12. Everyone is also welcome to attend Board Meetings.

## Newsletter Deadline

All materials for the newsletter should be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to be considered for the next newsletter. Email [ronandnancy@gci.net](mailto: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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