

FAIRBANKS

Vernon L. Nash

ALASKA



Antique Automobile Club of America

VLNAAC member, Richard Gresham, selected Alaska State Music Educator of the Year



The VLNAAC would like to congratulate member, Richard Gresham, for being selected by the Alaska Music Educators Association as the Alaska State Music Educator of the Year for 2009. Richard has taught music for 30 years beginning his career in his home state of Kentucky and now teaching in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. Richard teaches instrumental music at both the senior and middle school level in North Pole. Richard is very proud of the performances of all his bands and he has had several students over his many years of teaching that have won awards at the district and state level. Richard has proven his dedication to his students, to music and to his profession and we are very proud to have Richard as part of our car club.

By Nancy Allen

The Alaska Model A Registry started with a group of people in Anchorage talking about their Model A's. Under the leadership of Jim Fredenhagen, they decided to put together an email roster of other Model A owners and their cars from around the state.



Since the beginning of the Registry in 2008, the roster of Alaskan Model A's has grown to 100 owners and 150 cars and trucks with more people participating in the roster every day.



The hobby of collecting these cars has become a great way for Alaskans to share, via email, Model A pictures, tour and show information, parts and social events with fellow Model A'ers. There are no dues or meetings to attend when your name is entered on the owners' roster.

All correspondence is by email or by telephone. Events for 2010, as of this date, include luncheons and picnics hosted out of the Anchorage area. Each of the past two years, there has been a calendar printed featuring Model A cars and trucks from across the state. It's fondly called the Alaskan A's and for 2010 features several women A owners.



In early January, I had the opportunity to talk to Jim Fredenhagen and he said that he would like to plan a road trip to Fairbanks in the summer of 2010 possibly around Solstice. I mentioned the proposed Solstice events that were being discussed in Fairbanks between the Vernon Nash Car Club and the Fountainhead/Wedgewood group.

These comments started the wheels rolling, and they're rolling in the direction of Fairbanks!

In a recent email to me concerning a trip to Fairbanks, Jim wrote: "My goal is to have 20 A's come to the Solstice meet in Fairbanks to join the prominent A group already there. A group of 30 Alaskan A's would be quite a newsworthy sight. It was just a thought over coffee for a few of us A'ers. Now we're jazzed to make it happen."

By John McCarthy

Fountainhead Museum News

Nancy DeWitt

The Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum is open this winter on Sundays from noon to 6 PM. We've moved some great new cars onto the floor in the past few months, including an 1898 Hay & Hotchkiss, 1899 Hertel and 1907 Cartercar. Willy also found a 1915 Mack truck, 1918 Duplex truck and a huge 1905 Advance steam traction engine for the collection, but those aren't at the museum yet. Drop by and see what else is new!

crew this summer, we'll be starting a new series of classes soon. If you are interested, call 458-6112 or visit our website for a docent application.

This winter we've delved into the geeky world of "social media," meaning that we're now on Facebook and Twitter (@AKcarmuseum). We also maintain a fun blog (web journal) that features news and stories about our cars, so be sure to check that out on our website at www.fountainheadhotels.com/auto.



1899 Hertel



1898 Hay and Hotchkiss



1898 Hay and Hotchkiss

Right now we're actively seeking "parents" for our Adopt-A-Car program. There's no money involved. Rather, a car's sponsor comes in a regular basis (monthly in the summer and a few times in the winter) to dust and polish his or her car. Very few cars have been adopted so far, so the selection is good! To see the current list of orphans, go to our website, click on the Automobiles link, and then the Adoption link at the top of the list. Once you're a sponsor, we'll add your name to the car's sign and our website.

We are also looking for volunteers to lead school classes through the museum this spring. We'll provide the training and an outline for these tours--you provide the enthusiasm! As for docent training for those who would like to help in the museum and be on our road

Did you see the picture of Willie with Jay Leno? – Check out the museum blog at <http://fountainheadauto.blogspot.com/2010/01/day-with-jay-leno.html>



President Rick Larrick presents \$1000.00 Check to Drenda Tigner Executive Director of the Presbyterian Hospital House

President's Headlights:

We are off to a great start on an event-filled year, thanks to the leadership of a lot of club-members in helping us to get organized early! I sat in on last Tuesday's Program / Event planning meeting (Rochelle Larson is chair, with Will Chase, Scott Grundy, John McCarthy, JJ Middleton, Gary Nash and Willie Vinton) and listened as they penciled in events for nearly every weekend this summer. Many of the dates are firm with named leadership (what I call the "primary person responsible") for the event, and the committee is working to firm up and name leadership for the other events before their February meeting. I'm sure Rochelle will have a full interim report at the next meeting! After dates are firmly committed, Rochelle will be adding them to the calendar on the website.

Plans are moving forward for the Carlson Center members' car show on May 29th and 30th. Julio Merced will be the Event Chairman, while Dave Karpik has volunteered to head up publicity and vendor sales and John McCarthy will take care of set-up and marshalling of the cars.

The membership approved our helping with the Fountainhead Museum's big car show on June 18th and 19th, and our hosting a run around for the club and car show registrants on the Saturday afternoon after the car show. Additionally,

John McCarthy has been talking with the Model A folks in Anchorage and they have arranged a trip to Fairbanks for that show and the solstice weekend. We will need to be putting together a committee to plan and help with this show and for hosting the Model A's in the near future.

Work on the raffle car is progressing. Tickets are approved and ordered with a limit of 2500 entries. Again tickets will be \$5 each or \$20 for five. We still need a chairperson, but Bill Wright is already organizing the ticket sales and working with John McCarthy on events where we want to show the car and sell tickets. That team (Bill, John, Willie Vinton) and others will meet on Saturday the 30th to work on their planning. This raffle is critical to the club's finances. Selling the 2500 tickets will raise just over \$10,000. Of that money, at least \$6,000 is needed to finance the club, with the rest being money to cover raffle expenses. Without that \$6,000 we would have to raise our dues from our token club contribution of \$15 per person to something like \$45 per person (taking joint dues for 2011 from \$65 to \$125). We need every member to help sell a couple books of tickets, and a good team of folks to help the club sell tickets at the various events and venues this year.

As you can see by the picture, I presented our 50/50 charity check to the Presbyterian Hospital House last week. I spent some time learning about their mission, and was very impressed with their work. I'm looking forward to our seeing many of their kids at our car events this year.

- Rick Larrick

"Rudy Domke has been struggling with leukemia for some time now. For the last several weeks he has required blood &/or platelet transfusions at least twice per week. Recent analysis of his bone marrow indicates that he is not producing any red blood cells. His doctors have advised that he consider applying to the University of Washington Hospital for advanced treatment. However, he may not be a candidate for treatment because of his age. Rudy said the prognosis does not look encouraging and would appreciate us keeping him and Ruth Ann in our thoughts and prayers."

By [SCOTT & LYNN GRUNDY](#)

BIRTHDAYS



and ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

Gresham	Richard	14-Feb
Wescott	Eugene	15-Feb
Carlson	Betty	21-Feb
Larson	Kathy	10-Feb
Hall	Claudia	11-Feb
Hansen	Mebble	12-Feb
Dussman	Debra	15-Feb
Franklin	Shirley	27-Feb

February Anniversaries

McLaughlin	Ed and Laurel	1-Feb
Ellsworth	Dick and Joni	2-Feb
Benham	Loran and Marion	12-Feb
Ness	Michael and Linda	25-Feb

CALANDER

FEBUARY and MARCH

Tuesday, February 9 6:00pm
Board Meeting at Food Factory

Thursday, February 11 6:00pm
Dinner at The Bakery in Fairbanks
7:00pm MEMBERSHIP MEETING at The Bakery in Fairbanks

Tuesday, February 16 6:00pm
Program Committee Meeting at Fountainhead Auto Museum

Saturday, February 20 All day
Newsletter Deadline for Submissions - email ronandnancy@gci.net

Tuesday, February 23 6:00pm
Communications Committee Meeting at Fountainhead Auto Museum

Tuesday, March 9 6:00pm
Board Meeting at Food Factory

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PARTS WANTED

Looking for 1939 to 1948 Ford transmission or parts for the transmission. Need all internal parts and rear output mounts. Call Dave at 274-9046 in Anchorage.

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/>



Speaking of donations, money, membership, and such, we still have members delinquent with their dues payment. If you are delinquent, please pay dues as soon as possible or please contact Rochelle Larson at (Rochelle1987@hotmail.com) or 907-458-0024 and let her know if you are dropping your membership. Not knowing causes stress and additional work for Rochelle and hey, she gets enough of that from the board already. Besides, this is your last newsletter if dues are not paid.

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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, February 11. Order dinner from the menu. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

The Board Meeting is at 6:00 PM at the Food Factory on Tuesday February 9. 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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