

FAIRBANKS

Vernon L. Nash

ALASKA



Antique Automobile Club of America

Raffle Time!



Work Team Assembled



Un-Cleaned Engine



The Original Spare Tire

Raffle CAR

President's Headlights:

Momentum for this year continues! The February meeting was full of activity reports from the various committees, and the exciting suggestion about club members' car pictures for Sam's Sourdough Café.

Membership continues to grow. Rochelle signed up one new member at the meeting, and two have found us through our website email vlnaacf@gmail.com. However, we still have several members who have not renewed for 2010 – so if anyone complains of not receiving this newsletter, it may be that they haven't paid their dues.

The Communications Committee (Scott Grundy, Ron Allen, Sterling Muth, Bill Chace, and Wilma Vinton) reported on their meeting. Chairman Scott reported on coordination between newsletter, historian pictures, and website. The team also discussed new member orientation or welcoming into the club, membership directory and member pictures with their cars.

The Solstice Weekend is shaping up big. The event planned by The Fountainhead Museum keeps getting bigger. Willie Vinton reported that the key guest will be Dennis Gage of My Classic Car, who will be not only participating but filming one or more TV episodes at the car show and on our Club Tour. We are going to need lots of volunteers to help host the car show and to organize the run-around Tour!

The Program Committee (Rochelle Larson, John McCarthy, JJ and Janie Middleton, Will Chase, Willy Vinton, and Gary Nash) reported on a very full summer calendar and urged folks to keep themselves posted with the calendar on the website at <http://local/aaca.org/fairbanks>, or <http://www.oldcarsfairbanks.org>.

The Carlson Center is very enthusiastic about our being back for the Member's Car Show May 29th and 30th. They have extended the same arrangements as in the past. They are also being very supportive of the Club's Car Raffle – offering to hang posters and to make space available for us to promote the car and sell tickets at Grizzlies games and at most of the big events this spring. They will begin working on publicity soon. Julio Merced is the chair, with Dave Karpik and John McCarthy as key folks on this project.

Bill Wright had the raffle car tickets and posters at the meeting to distribute. A lot of folks took ticket books and posters, and Bill reported on a number of spots around town that have volunteered to sell them. The committee reported that the car is ready to go – only needing polishing before it's shown. They also unveiled a vinyl banner for the car to wear to help advertise itself. I expect that Bill will soon be signing up volunteers to sit with the car at various events and hawk tickets.

The exciting new news was the project that John McCarthy reported on. It seems Sam's Sourdough Café wants car pictures to redecorate their re-opened restaurant after the fire. Thanks to some spadework by several clubmembers, including Al and Sue Whitney, they are excited about the suggestion that they use pictures of our clubmember's cars. The club voted on doing it at a cost to clubmembers of \$20 per car picture. Pictures so far can be seen at

<http://picasaweb.google.com/VLNAACF/FINAL#>.

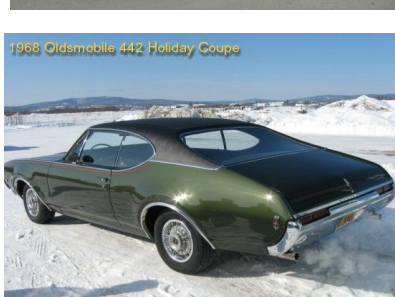
So far the response has been very supportive.

We should be able to see the first batch of framed pictures at the membership meeting on Thursday, March 11th at The Bakery.

Rick Larrick



First Batch of Submitted Pictures for Sam's Sourdough Café

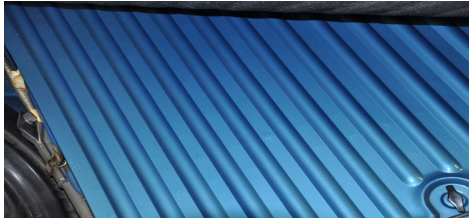


The RAFFLE CAR this year is a 1973 Opal 1900 Wagon. It has only 33,000 miles and looks like it entered a time warp back in 1973 and re-appeared here in 2010. I owned one just like this back in 1978 (mine was gray) and it was one of the best automobiles I have ever owned.

The front page shows the condition of the original spare tire and the “un-clean” engine. You also see the fix-it, polish-it, shine-it crew sitting around talking about how much there isn’t too do!

Look at the following picture ...

That is the Deck in the rear! You know ... The place we usually throw the stuff on to carry it... Do you see any scratches? This is NOT a restored vehicle this is an ORIGINAL and it is beautiful!



If I had known this was around and for sale I would have bought it! I really loved the one I had! I thought about buying all the raffle tickets so I could have the car and VLNAAC could have had the shortest raffle ever, however discretion being the better part of valor and all that and also that I probably couldn’t drive it after trying to explain to my wife why I bought all the tickets. I guess I will wait for the last day and buy one ticket. Hey, it worked last year.

Sterling

John McCarthy showed us the banner that will be used with the car to help sell tickets.



Please note—John is not what you win—he is only showing the new banner!



When It's Springtime In Alaska...

Winter's chill is still in the air, but spring is just around the corner. Soon it will be time to put the final tinker on our antique, classic, hot rod and muscle cars in preparation for a short, but busy, summer.

As a member of the VLNAACF Board and the 2010 Program Committee, I can assure you that the Vernon L. Nash Auto Club has more events packed into our short season than any other time in the history of the club. There's something happening to spark the interest of every car club member and I hope that you will take part in a number of the scheduled functions.

To ensure the success of our events, the Program Committee and Event Chairpersons need your help. Please support our club by participating with your fellow club members by volunteering to help with car shows, selling raffle car tickets, and helping with cruises or other upcoming club sponsored events. Step up and try organizing an event. An extra hand and fresh new ideas go a long way in ensuring the success of our club.

Your participation is the key. Through your efforts and support we will continue to develop the best car club in the state of Alaska. Great cars plus great people equals a great club.

John McCarthy

The Most Improved Vehicle for the year



The Most Improved Vehicle” for the year. There were interviews with questions, a private viewing in our garage, and some stories to tell about the restoration. At the 2009 Christmas Party, our 1973 Challenger was recognized as the most improved vehicle for the year.

Thank heavens we offered the condensed version of our story or the committee would still be here! Uffda.

Bret found our car right here in Fairbanks. The visual presentation was a little shocking but with a little imagination, my husband and I decided it may just be a workable project. This preview and purchase was in August of 2006. The body was in decent shape and the interior was all there. The glass was good, as was most of the chrome so that was a plus for the purchase. The down side: there was no engine or transmission in the car.

The first step was to strip the car of all interior and exterior parts and running gear. Bret had several old file cabinets that he utilized to label, bag, and file parts and pieces. The digital camera was used constantly.

The next step was to media blast the shell with baking soda and walnut shells. The suspension components and rear differential were blasted too. We accomplished this in two twelve hour days under our carport. We must mention that the neighbors were patient with us during this process. Thank You neighbors!!! We experienced some dead grass from the soda powder, some grouse



coming around to eat the walnut chips, and a wife that didn't get anything done in the house.

We hired a local painter who was willing to work with Bret and allowed him to do a lot of the prep work. The car had experienced a side swipe down the passenger door (maybe with a mailbox) and also needed it's rear panels replaced due to rust. Bret knew he could weld in a lot of these pieces and parts and handle much of the body work. The car was painted Viper Red after considerable debate. With the assistance of our son and his friend, we managed to install the black vinyl top. The stars must have been in alignment and God was on our side because it only took 8 hours and we pulled it off!

For some engine stats: the car originally came from the factory with a 340. Bret chose to put in a big block so a 400 stroked to a 470 was chosen. The transmission is a TorqueFlite 727 with a TCI valve body for quicker shifts and a Sure Grip differential with 3.91 gears in the rear.

The interior re-assembly had it's aches and pains. One of the main pains was the head liner. Come on now.....I know some of you have been there. We are still thinking we should re-do what we did.

In closing, we would like to thank all

of you for receiving us into the club with such a warm welcome and also the honor of this award. The monthly meetings, giving to the community as the club does, and getting to know you all has been a pleasure.

Sincerely, Bret and Cindy Helms

—PLEASE PICK UP —
>>>RAFFLE TICKETS<<<
This is our fund raiser, the proceeds go to great things! If you wonder what great things ask any officer.
Please pick up several books of tickets and a poster at Larson's Locksmiths or call Rochelle Larson (907) 590-8593 or Bill Wright (907) 388-2118





Birthdays

Ness	Michael
Stevenson	Ron
Nash	Gary
Murphy	JoAnn
Larrick	Rick
Page	Merle
Chase	Will
Weber	Judy
McHone	Roby
Kirschner	Chuck
Benham	Loran
Middleton	John
Culbertson	Donna
Shoemaker	Karmen
Yamamoto	Leslie
Ness	Linda
Chace	Joyce
Brabham	Jan
Krier	Donna

Anniversaries

Jurgens	Charles and Carrie
Ninmer	Marshall and Kathryn

———FOR SALE———

Ford 8N Tractor for sale.

Good tires. Starts and runs good. Hydraulic lift good. Metal good with only minor dents, but could use paint. Smokes a little. One brake works. \$2,600. Contact Ron Allen at 488-3965

Two 1957 Chevy station wagons in Delta Junction. Use both to make one. Have rebuilt engine. Contact Bob Edwards 907-895-4038

===HELP===

howdy folks , Garry Farnham is looking for a 1961 Corvair motor and trans parts for a rampside pu. my phone 1-907-750-1468 e-mail garryfarnham@rocketmail.com and does any one have a good web. site for Ccrrvair truck parts? thanks Garry / Melanie

Newsletter Deadline for Submissions -
[email ronandnancy@gci.net](mailto:ronandnancy@gci.net)

Tuesday, March 9
6:00pm

Board Meeting at Food Factory

8-Mar
9-Mar Thursday, March 11

10-Mar 6:00pm

11-Mar Dinner at The Bakery in Fairbanks

15-Mar 7:00pm

16-Mar MEMBERSHIP MEETING at The Bakery in Fairbanks

18-Mar Saturday, March 20

20-Mar All day

21-Mar Newsletter Deadline for Submissions - email ronandnancy@gci.net

25-Mar Saturday, March 27

28-Mar 10:00am

30-Mar 6-Mar 10 Sell Raffle Tickets at IABA Home Show (?)

6-Mar Sunday, March 28

19-Mar 11:00am

21-Mar 10 Sell Raffle Tickets at IABA Home Show (?)

28-Mar Tuesday, April 6

30-Mar 6:00pm

31-Mar Board Meeting at Food Factory

Thursday, April 8

6:00pm

Dinner at The Bakery in Fairbanks

7:00pm

MEMBERSHIP MEETING at The Bakery in Fairbanks

Saturday, April 10

10:00am

Sell Raffle Tickets at Carlson Center Women's Show

Sunday, April 11

11:00am

Sell Raffle Tickets at Carlson Center Women's Show

Saturday, April 17

10:00am

10 Sell Raffle Tickets at Outdoor Show

When Sat, April 17, 10am – 5pm

Where Carlson Center ([map](#))

[more details»](#) [copy to my calendar](#)

Sunday, April 18

11:00am

10 Sell Raffle Tickets at Outdoor Show

Tuesday, April 20

All day

Newsletter Deadline for Submissions - email ronandnancy@gci.net

Saturday, April 24

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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, March 11. 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 March 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 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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