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Antique Automobile Club of America



Cars Lined up at the “Million Dollar Bridge” while touring on the
Adventure Before Dementia Tour

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President's Headlights:

“Summer Doldrums?”

It seems most folks think we are running out of summer – in every neighborhood you can hear the whine of skill saws and the sound of hammering on projects promised complete before winter, gardens are being harvested by both man and moose, and school is back in session. Our club event participation has also dropped off, as other priorities are suddenly more urgent as the season threatens an end. Meeting attendance was down for the August meeting, and one event (the time/distance rally) was cancelled after only two participating cars showed up, despite a large show of hands promising participation at the meeting just three days prior – but it was a very nice day for yard work... We do still have a number of events planned into September, assuming the weather holds. We have two more run-arounds (8/25 and 9/1), and our annual poker run out to Chatanika Lodge on the 11th. The last car show of the season is the Lions Club Cruis'n w/Santa this last weekend in August.

The raffle car was a big success, taking in about \$600 more than budget this year. As many of you heard at the membership meeting, our finances are healthy and on budget. As we shift into fall, there are a number of key club activities coming up: A nominating committee is being formed and officer nominations (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board positions) need be closed at the October membership meeting for elections prior to the November meeting. We need to vote on the couple of by-law changes published in the last newsletter. We will do that in October.

Planning for the Christmas Party has started, and I expect that Laurel will have an update at the October meeting.

A committee to select a raffle car and begin planning for next year is being formed.

Membership renewals will come up in October.

If you want to volunteer for the nominating committee, help with the Christmas Party or the raffle car team, please call me or email.

Feedback on any issue or any event is really appreciated so that we can build on success and make improvements based on suggestions. Please e-mail your suggestions to vlnaacf@gmail.com and they will be shared with the Board and with event organizers.

- Rick Larrick



Dinner at the Double Musky at Alyeska Resort

Dinner in Cordova

Adventure Before Dementia Tour

Dementia Photos — Looks Like I for one, missed a
Great Tour! Full story on page 4.

Wanted

Interested in purchasing a Volkswagen Vanagon camper newer or old but in good shape. Syncro 4x4 or other.

Any chance one of our club members might know of one for sale?

Lily Morris 456 2427 388 0267

Samuel S. Simmons
Denali Mechanical, Inc.
995 Riley Court
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Desk 907-452-8545
Fax 907-452-8535

FOR SALE

Dick Sleep's Pick-up and his custom built Poppin' Witte vehicle are for sale, as Dick has now moved to an assisted living facility. Please contact Bettie Sleep at 479-2872.

FREE Jaguar engine:

FREE Jaguar engine: 6 cylinder, 3.5 liter, serial No. 28/1390/338, Type C on valve covers, enamel exhaust manifold, twin over-head cams, no carbs. Plus transmission with Laycock de Normanville overdrive unit. All garage stored. Contact Kathleen Kritchen in Cordova @ 907-424-3517.

Adventure Before Dementia Tour 326

By: Nancy Allen

The Adventure Before Dementia Tour 2010 began Sunday, July 25 with four cars leaving Fairbanks at 8:30 AM. We made good time going down the Richardson Highway allowing for the necessary stops and having a picnic lunch at Fielding Lake. We arrived at our first night stop at the historic Copper Center Lodge and picked up the other three cars in our group so we had a full compliment when we left Copper Center on Monday morning. While in Copper Center we were able to visit the local museum and a local establishment with a great display of model trains in a layout of the Kennicott mine site and the fictional town of Cicely, Alaska which was featured in the old TV show called Northern Exposure. The museum, train display and fictional town were great additions to our visit in Copper Center.

Monday morning, after a stop to visit friends of the Hansens to tour their Alaskan log home & beautiful B&B cabin on Willow Lake, we drove to the scenic Worthington Glacier for our picnic lunch. Then off to visit Valdez and catch the fast ferry, Chenega, to Cordova through beautiful Prince William Sound.

We spent two days in Cordova. Free times were filled with activities such as buying yarn, investigating the general store, buying Copper River fleece, walking the docks, enjoying museums, reconnecting with long lost friends, climbing to the top of Haystack Trail, visiting the Mt. Eyak Ski Area, and just enjoying the town. Tuesday afternoon the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a car show and some of the locals brought their cars to the event. It was a great opportunity to visit with the locals and show off our cars. On Wednesday, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council took us on a guided tour out to the Million Dollar Bridge and the Childs Glacier. Then they fed us a scrumptious lunch of grilled red salmon with all the trimmings! The drive to the glacier is about 50 miles through the Copper River Delta. We were very fortunate because the glacier decided to show off for us that day; the noise of the glacier and the calving were very exciting to listen to and watch.

Thursday morning we were off again on the fast ferry to Whittier and our lodging in Girdwood. There is a very nice museum in Whittier with a great display of

early history, WWI and WWII, and a very nice dedication to the now late Senator Ted Stevens. The exciting part of a trip to Whittier is the drive through the two and half mile long RR tunnel. Activities in Girdwood included resting, riding to the top of Mt. Alyeska on the tram and having a fun group dinner at the Double Musky with its fine food, service and memorabilia.

The events for Friday were organized by Anchorage members Howard and Barb Hansen. We started with a tour of their terrific car collection. Next we visited the incredible Brown Family collection in Anchorage of antique trucks, cars, tractors, machinery, license plates and much more. After lunch we stopped at the Boot Hill salvage yard near Palmer. At the yard, Ron Allen and Howard Hansen "drove" the self-propelled vintage Ferris Wheel to the delight of the group. We thank the Hansens for making all of these arrangements.

Friday night was spent in cabins at Hatcher Pass. Ed McLaughlin recited poetry in the lodge at dinner to the delight of all patrons! If you have not been to Hatcher Pass, it is a beautiful place and many members of the group plan to return to both tour the Independence Mine and hike. On Saturday morning most of the Dementia Crew had breakfast together before cruising back to Fairbanks.

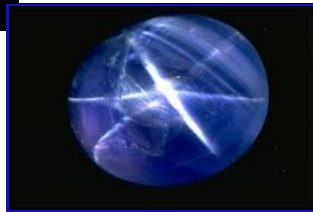
If you noticed in the title there is the number 326 – this is a very significant number because when the group began to share information we found out that the total years of marriage for our group was 326 years; Howard and Barb Hansen -56, Ed and Laurel McLaughlin – 53, Loren and Marion Benham – 50, Scott and Lynn Grundy – 50, Hank and Wyan Grant – 43 (We celebrated their anniversary while in Cordova!), Rick and Jill Larrick – 39 soon to be 40, and Ron and Nancy Allen – 35. The group toured for a week, enjoyed each others friendship, and kept all of the cars and marriages in proper running order. Special thanks to the Cat Herder, Scott Grundy, for doing such a wonderful job of organizing the Adventure Before Dementia Tour 2010. Please consider joining us next year!

Birthdays



The *September Birth Flower* is the Aster

The September Birth Stone is the Sapphire



McCarthy Pranee Nakprasit	2-Sep
Larrick Jill	3-Sep
Long Wayne	4-Sep
Ronken Connie	5-Sep
Morgan John	7-Sep
Grant Wyan	14-Sep
Ditch Alva	18-Sep
Levalley Brent	18-Sep
Ronken Don	21-Sep
Dane Karine	21-Sep
Wright Bill	22-Sep
Weber James Anderson	22-Sep
Graham Laura	23-Sep
Hume Hal	24-Sep
Jurgens Charles	27-Sep
Franklin Ron	28-Sep
Sullivan Larry	28-Sep
Peterson Nancy	30-Sep

Anniversaries

Tekin Paul & Joyce	7-Sep
Middleton John & Jean	19-Sep
Gile Jack & Nancy	24-Sep
Lounsbury James & Lorna	29-Sep



**OUR
CALENDAR**

Please go to this web page <http://local.aaca.org/fairbanks/events.htm>

For a full calendar, description, and the months ahead!

"Run around" September 1, 6:45pm – 9:45pm, Pioneer Park-- Board Meeting at Sam's Sourdough Tue, September 7, 6pm – 7pm-- Dinner at The Bakery in Fairbanks Thu, September 9, 6pm – 7pm. 7pm MEMBERSHIP MEETING at The Bakery in Fairbanks. -- Chatanika Lodge poker Run Saturday, Sep 11, 2010 -- Saturday, Sep 11, 2010 Patriot Day -- PUT YOUR SNOW TIRES ON... Wednesday, Sep 15, 2010 -- Newsletter Deadline for Submissions and Articles - email Sterling at sterlingmuth@hotmail.com Monday, Sep 20, 2010

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NEXT MEETINGS

NOTE CHANGE: The General Membership Meeting is at The Bakery Restaurant on College Road. Dinner starting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, Sep. 9th. Order dinner from the menu. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

The Board Meeting is at 6:30 PM at Sams Sourdough café on Tuesday Sep. 7th. 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 Sterlingmuth@hotmail.com or call 907-488-5859. Items can be mailed to Sterling at his home address; 912 N STOL 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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