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FAIRBANKS

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Antique Automobile Club of America

# Elections Results!

President: Rick Larrick  
Vice-President: Scott Culbertson  
Secretary: Scott Grundy  
Treasurer: Ron Allen  
Director: John McCarthy  
Director: Terry Whitledge  
Director: Willy Vinton

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## President's Headlights:

### **“No chance for a write-in”**

Not sure about Lisa, but folks at the October meeting nipped any chance of a write-in candidacy for our car club offices. At the October meeting the Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers, and then in quick succession a motion to close nominations was passed unanimously, a motion to suspend rules was passed unanimously, and then Dan Gullickson made a motion to unanimously declare the nominated slate elected by declaration – and that motion passed unanimously. Thus there will be no ballots sent out, and no paper ballot election at the November meeting. Officers for 2011 are:

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The October meeting had a very good turn-out, and as is obvious from above, a lively meeting. Also discussed and passed were the by-law changes as had been previously published. In general they were just clean-up items.

Circle the date for the Christmas Party – again it is the second Sunday in December – this year December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Westmark. Laurel McLaughlin has arrangements all in progress, and a few other folks need some input:

Dave Karpik is putting together a video presentation projecting digital pictures of this year's club activities and needs those of you with pictures to bring them to the November meeting on a CD for him.

Bret Helms is chairing the committee to decide the winner of this year's Most Improved Award and needs nominations and pictures of cars completed in the last year (or so).

Theresa Chase is putting together a picture book album of 2010 Troll Travels and Adventures and can use pictures and stories.

We also need suggestions for the December Bored meeting of charities worthy of our donating the retained half of our 50/50 drawing funds and half of the Christmas Party reservation fees. Those request or nomination letters should be brought to the November meeting or sent to the club post office mailbox.

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- Who was the first woman licensed to drive in America?
- Who made the first cross country trip in an automobile?

## ANSWERS ON PAGE 4

### **America's First Automobile Race, 1895**

Henry Ford receives most of the credit for the development of the car in the, however, he did not produce the first American automobile. This distinction goes to the Duryea brothers - Charles and Frank - who created their first gasoline-powered "horseless-carriage" in 1893. Like the Wright brothers, the Duryeas were bicycle mechanics with a passion for innovation.

The brothers built their first car in a workshop located in a building in downtown Springfield, MA. Their new invention was rolled onto the city streets for testing in September 1893. It sported a one-cylinder, gasoline engine and a three-speed transmission mounted on a used horse carriage. It could hit a stop speed of 7.5 mph.

The following year, Frank developed a second car with a more powerful two-cylinder engine. It was this car that he drove in America's first automobile race on **Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1895**. The race was sponsored by the *Chicago Times-Herald* and ran a 54-mile course from down-town Chicago to Evanston, Il and back.

There were five entrants in addition to Duryea: 2 electric cars and 3 gasoline-powered Benz machines imported from Germany. The race started in the early morning in snowy conditions. A little over 10 hours later, Frank Duryea was the first to cross the finish line having survived a journey punctured by numerous breakdowns and repairs. He had averaged 7.3 miles per hour and took home a prize of \$2,000 (\$49,500 in today's money).

**Wanted**

Martin Sobers 895-1040 is looking for a moonlight mechanic and body person to work on a 1970 MGB with a rotary engine including installing custom exhausts.

**FOR SALE**

### **1979 Lincoln Town Coupe**

**(2-door) \$1800**

400 CID, Nice interior, faded paint – needs vinyl roof repair. Brought up from Wa by George Wise years ago. For sale by

Jack Gerke 457-6406.

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## FIRST - Woman Licensed to Drive in America



The Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord, Massachusetts is widely known as the final resting place for such famous individuals as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Louisa May Alcott, and Henry David Thoreau. But located nearby in the same cemetery is the grave of Anne Rainsford French Bush - believed to be the first woman in the United States to be issued a driver's license.

## First Automobile Cross Country Trip

Before Horatio Nelson Jackson and his mechanic Sewall Crocker embarked on their trip no one had driven an automobile across the United States. The pair left San Francisco on May 23, 1903 on a U.S. \$50 bet that a car could handle a cross-country drive—despite the fact that there were no gas stations at the time and less than 150 miles (240 kilometers) of paved roads between coasts.

On the supply list for the long-distance journey were sleeping bags, pistols, ammunition, and rubber mackintoshes used as rain gear. To make room for their luggage, Jackson and Crocker disassembled their 1903 Winton's cloth roof. They stopped at general stores for gas.

We should have about \$1100 to give away to one (or two) deserving charities.

We are still working on the paint seminar for sometime this winter, and it would be great if one or two folks stepped up and volunteered to host a tech meeting at their garage or shop this winter on the subject of their choice. Pictures continue to go up at Sam's Sourdough – and there is still room for more!

Rochelle will be sending out dues invoices about now. With them is a survey, much like last year. Your input should again be very helpful in planning next year's program and calendar. Send me (or the club address) an email if you would like to work on next year's program committee, or want to host a specific event – and please fill out the survey. Dues for 2011 and the survey are both due by the end of this year. We will share survey results at the January and February membership meetings, and the Program Committee will start work in January.

As always, feedback on any issue or 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](mailto:vlnaacf@gmail.com) and they will be shared with the Board and with event organizers.

- Rick Larrick

# Birthdays



The November Birth Flower is the Chrysanthemum



The November Birth Stone is the Topaz

Hall	Burnie	19-Nov
Gitschel	Paul	20-Nov
Domke	Ruth Ann	21-Nov
Ninmer	Kathryn	22-Nov
Cook	Jeffry	25-Nov
Eddy	James	27-Nov
Larson	Rochelle	27-Nov
Hauck	Penny	29-Nov

# Anniversaries

Blankenship John & Mary  
6-Nov  
Rivers Kelley & Nancy  
26 Nov



Stidham Stephen	1-Nov
Bourque Charlie	1-Nov
Tekin Joyce	2-Nov
Oines Dale	4-Nov
Simmons Melody	5-Nov
Rivers Kelley	5-Nov
McLeod Ray	6-Nov
Tempel Dan	7-Nov
Morgan Rhonda	8-Nov
Muth Sterling	8-Nov
Carpenter Benjamin	10-Nov
Angulo Saulo	12-Nov
Blankenship Mary	14-Nov
Lyle George	14-Nov
Monsma Beccy	15-Nov
Reed Eugene	19-Nov

## OUR CALENDAR

*Please go to this web page <http://local.aaca.org/fairbanks/events.htm>  
For a full calendar, description, and the months ahead!*

**Election Day** Tuesday, Nov 2

**Daylight Saving Time Ends** Sunday, Nov 7

**Board Meeting** Tue, November 9, 6pm – 7pm Sam's Sourdough

**Veterans Day** Thursday, Nov 11

**Dinner at The Bakery in Fairbanks** Thu, November 11, 6pm – 7pm

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING at The Bakery in Fairbanks**

Thu, November 11, 7pm – 8pm The Bakery in Fairbanks

**Newsletter Deadline for Submissions and Articles**

- email Sterling at [sterlingmuth@hotmail.com](mailto:sterlingmuth@hotmail.com) Saturday, Nov 20

**Thanksgiving** Thursday, Nov 25

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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, Nov 11th. 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 Nov 9th. 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 [Sterlingmuth@hotmail.com](mailto: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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