



Pictured is Don Oines accepting the award for the "Most Improved Vehicle Of the Year"



Don's beautiful 1930 La Salle

PRESIDENT'S HEADLIGHTS "Throttle Wide Open"

It's a new year of fun and activities for the club and the "throttle is wide open" on the planning process of what will happen for 2011. As was reported at the membership meeting, the Board of Directors spent extra time discussing the "framework" issues for this year's activities and organization. Please take a moment to thank these people for the extra hours we spent organizing the car clubs plans.

At the membership meeting, we approved the budget for the year and heard the report on the membership survey responses sent in with the dues payments. You can view the results in this news letter on page 3.

The following week, the Program and Events Committee had good attendance and we were very productive in putting together the first draft of the events calendar for the year (with repeats of the most popular events, and some great new ideas in the works). Members of the Board, Rochelle, and I are now focusing on getting a "primary person responsible" lined up for each event, and putting our major event committees together to "share the driving" for 2011. We have chairpersons for most of the major events. You will be hearing

from them in person and in our newsletter as their planning moves forward for events like the Carlson Show, the Joint Meet, Raffle Car Sales, Golden Days events, the Long Distance Tour, etc. The result of all this rushed wintertime activity will hopefully get all the hard planning work out of the way early, so we can enjoy a fun activity filled season starting with the Carlson Show in May continuing through our plans of the Chatanika Poker Run in September!

Twice last year, and again at our January meeting, we had a vendor of interest come and speak for 10 minutes at our club membership meeting. We don't want to give any kind of endorsement to these folks, but only want to provide information to our membership on expertise that is available. This program event received positive feedback from members (and has led to some follow-up, as with the planned Paint Seminar). If you want to invite a vendor or expert service person to speak at one of our meetings, please let me know and we will put it on the agenda.

The club has had positive early returns on raffle car ticket sales. If you don't have blank books to sell, please stop over to Larson's Lock-

smith and pick some up from Rochelle. The raffle car committee will be planning a work day to spiff up the bug, do a full safety check, and get it ready to show soon.

A special welcome to our new and enthusiastic newsletter editor, Cindy Helms! Please help Cindy with a steady feed of event planning news, pictures of past events, articles about your car or interests, and anything you think would add to a great newsletter product for our members. The newsletter is yours, so use it to communicate your committee's activities, ads for your interests (wanted / for sale), or to tell about your cars – the rest of the members will enjoy hearing from you!

As always, your feedback and suggestions are welcome. Positive and negative feedback help our Board and club leadership stay focused on events and programs for all of us to enjoy. Please contact me directly or through the club email at vlnaacf@gmail.com.



FYI— Things of interest

Paint Seminar

I have been working with the Martin-Senour Paints district sales manager and the staff at Hutchison High School to put together a one-evening hands-on automotive paint seminar. Target date is the first part of March and the class is expected to run about three or four hours. Class space is limited and there will be a materials and safety equipment fee associated with the class.

As soon as a date is confirmed and the fine details are worked out I will have our Program and Events Chairperson Rochelle Larson notify the membership.

John McCarthy

Dues are Due! Please pay as soon as possible. Our club offers a lot to it's members and community.

Tickets are available from Rochelle at Larson's Locksmith



Randy has 35 years experience with upholstery. He has done commercial as well as private jobs. At our last meeting, he said he does nice custom fit seats, can do headliners, and more. He is located at 2143 Van Horn Road.

Mark your Calendar with these dates

May 28th – 29th Carlson Center Member Car Show

June 17th -18th Alaska Joint Meet with Anchorage Auto Musers at River's Edge Resort

July 6th -10th Joint Tour with Anchorage AAMA Club to McCarthy-Kennicott

July 23rd Golden Days Parade / Raffle Car Drawing & Picnic At Pioneer Park

June 1st – mid September Wednesday Night Run-Arounds

Joint Tour to McCarthy/Kennicott July 8 – 10!!

The Antique Auto Musers of Alaska (AAMA) have invited our club to join them on their cruise to this historic & incredibly scenic area! We have five cars from our club already signed up to go. The plan is to drive to Glennallen on July 7 and meet most of the Anchorage crew who will be staying at the Caribou Hotel (reduced group rate of \$129). Friday morning (July 8) we will rendezvous at the Copper Center Lodge at 10:00 a.m. & drive to the charming and scenic community of McCarthy (127 miles from Glennallen).

The road from Chitina to McCarthy was upgraded in 2006, but remains gravel (60 miles). The old RR trestle bridge over the Kuskulana River is now decked and even has a railing. We will drive into McCarthy over a private bridge. All so much improved!

The purpose of the trip is to participate in the 100 year anniversary celebration of the completion of the Copper River & Northwestern Railway that hauled copper ore from the mine to tidewater in Cordova. The McCarthy Hardware Store will also be celebrating its 100th anniversary. Many nifty activities are planned and the famous "copper spike" will hopefully be on display. It is likely that there will be a parade for our vehicles and a group dinner is planned on Sunday. On Monday, July 8 at 10:00 a.m. we will depart for Glennallen and perhaps parts beyond.

The Larricks are planning a slow trip with their '32 Studebaker. They plan to stop at the new Black Rapids Lodge on Wednesday evening & then proceed to Glennallen on Thursday. On their return they are currently planning to drive back to Black Rapids for the night (about 300 miles). This is an excellent opportunity to join them with your slow-moving vehicle for a very enjoyable tour! As Rick says, "We'll be on Holiday!"

Reservations are essential immediately if you are interested in attending. Scott Grundy is acting as the liaison for our club. He has an excellent package prepared by the AAMA that has all the details regarding available housing and the plans to date. Scott may be contacted by e-mail at grundy@mosquionet.com or by phone at 457-3526.

2010 Self-Identified "Interest Categories" - small number in () is 2009

Vintage Cars <small>- the personal stuff</small>	26 (25)	9 (4)	6 (6)	2 (3)
Cruiser <small>the big & the</small>	12 (15)	15 (11)	7 (7)	2 (1)
Socialite	5 (5)	7 (10)	10 (5)	7 (11)
Craftsman	2 (2)	8 (5)	9 (7)	6 (6)
Rodder <small>Or Restorator</small>	3 (2)	5 (9)	3 (2)	4 (2)
Crusader <small>Like the</small>	4 (2)	3 (4)	5 (8)	3 (4)
Make-Specific	1 (1)	1 (3)	4 (1)	4 (3)

February Birthdays

Darnell Weaver	Feb 6
Vonna Husby	Feb 8
Claudia Hall	Feb 11
Mebble Hansen	Feb 12
Richard Gresham	Feb 14
Debra Dussman	Feb 15
Eugene Wescott	Feb 15
Fred Husby	Feb 16
John Smith	Feb 18
Betty Carlson	Feb 21
Shirley Franklin	Feb 27

February Anniversaries

Ed & Laurel MaLaughlin	Feb 1
Dick & Joni Ellsworth	Feb 2
Loran & Marion Benham	Feb 12
Dan & Ellie Tempel	Feb 12
Michael & Linda Ness	Feb 25

Favorite Activities - 5 = Highest 0 = Lowest

2010 SURVEY		2009 SURVEY	
"Show and Shine" Car Shows	4.4	• Wednesday Run-Arounds	4.0
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Club-only Carlson Center Show	4.1	• "Show and Shine" Car Shows	3.7
Weekend Activities	4.0	• Special Invite Car Display Events	3.5
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Poker-Runs and short cruises	3.7	• Holiday Party	3.4
Holiday Party	3.7	• Club-only Carlson Center Show	3.3
Monthly Membership Meeting	3.4	• Weekend Activities	3.1
Annual Joint Meet with AAMA	3.3	• Monthly Membership Meeting	2.9
Organized Tech Meets	3.3	• Weekday Activities	2.9
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Car Raffle – selling tickets	2.6	• Visits to out-of-town car events	2.7
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Big Road Trips	2.5	• Car Raffle – selling tickets	2.3
Car Raffle – working on it	2.1	• Car Raffle – working on it	2.0

4 Sale



1980 Turbo Monte Carlo Contact
ethan@acsalaska.net or 378-1987

WANTED

Power bulge hood for '71-'74
Charger 456-2349

January's Meeting at the Bakery Restaurant

Join us for the next one on February 10th



Dawson City - Here We Come!!!

The group waits for the ferry to cross the Yukon



Gold Dredge #4 Bonanza Creek



View from Midnight Dome Dawson City





Model A's in Dawson City's "Canada Day Parade"

MODEL A TOUR TO DAWSON CITY, YUKON TERRITORY

June 29 thru July 2, 2010

By John McCarthy

Part 1

The mid-winter season in Fairbanks is upon us and looking out the window at snow covered ground and gray skies, I was day dreaming of summer and the upcoming events that the car club will be sponsoring for the 2011 car club calendar. Already, Scott Grundy is well into the planning stages of the 2011 "Adventure before Dementia Tour". Contemplating the amount of work involved in planning such an adventure, I realized that I had never written a review of our club's Model A tour to Dawson City for Canada Day last summer.

Originally, we had planned on driving the Model A's from Fairbanks to Dawson City and back to Fairbanks but decided to trailer our cars to Tok and start the old car portion of our trip in Tok. This allowed us to cut off 200 one-way miles on the Model A's. As none of the four Model A's had been on a tour of this distance, this still afforded us a 185 mile drive to Dawson City from our starting point in Tok.

We downloaded the cars and toured the back streets of Tok spending the first evening at Young's Motel and Campground. After breakfast the following morning, we were ready to start our road trip.

Don Oines in his '31 Coupe, Bill and Ou Wright in their '31 Coupe, Bub Larson in his '30 Tudor, and Nee and John McCarthy in their '31 Fordor followed by Rochelle Larson, Aunt Edna and Robbie Casey in Bub's motor home headed down the Alaska Highway to Tetlin Junction and the Taylor Highway. The highway was in good condition and winds up and down fairly steep hills offering lots of opportunities for picture taking and providing many convenient roadside pull-offs and rest areas. Our next stop was in the town of Chicken about 66 miles up the Taylor Highway. This was our first gas stop and was important because of the probability of limited or non-existent gas stops from here to Dawson. This was also an opportunity to buy snacks, stretch our legs and check out what the tourists were up to in this historic mining community.

The Taylor Highway is gravel road from this point and joins into the Top of the World Highway. This part of the road also lends nicely to photo opportunities and we were able to stop at a very nice wayside and have an excellent picnic lunch compliments of Bub and Rochelle and their motor home amenities. The U.S. and Canada Customs' border crossing into Yukon Territory was no problem and we traveled on to the Yukon River and its unique free ferry crossing into Dawson City.

Model A Tour Article Continued

Dawson City...We Discover Gold

Having reached our destination, we settled into our accommodations at the Bonanza Gold Motel and RV Park about 2km south of the city center. This would be our home for two nights and give us an opportunity to clean the cars for the parade the next day, tour the city and check out all the gold rush era attractions. It was still early afternoon and we were able to take time to visit the historic Gold Dredge #4 on Bonanza Creek. This is the largest wooden hulled dredge in North America and has been restored at the gravel tailings near the famous Discovery Claim that played a major part in the gold rush in 1896.

One of the nicest sights in the Dawson area is the view from the top of Midnight Dome. We decided to venture to the top with the cars. Having driven up this mountain in modern cars during past trips to Dawson, its hard to believe what a different perspective you have of uphill roads when you're in a Model A. This road winds up above the city and for the complete distance to the top, the road has no level or down grades- only up. This made for some very warm Model A radiators, but we made it to the top with little to no problem. The view truly is spectacular and worth the drive. From here, you can see the entire city of Dawson, the gold fields and the confluence of the Klondike and Yukon Rivers. Descending the Dome is another adventure and is a slow trip down insuring that you don't overheat Henry's less-than-wonderful mechanical brakes. We all made it safely to the bottom and went on to Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Hall to reminisce the day's accomplishments and, perhaps partake in a beverage or two.

July 1st is Canada Day and the Canadians enjoy their celebration as much as Americans enjoy the 4th of July. The parade in Dawson took about a ½ hour and the whole city showed up to watch. I think that the addition of four Alaska Model A cars really added to the event's success as their parade consisted of their city ambulance, a historic Dawson fire truck, the RCMP, lots of kids and the dance hall girls from Diamond Tooth Gerties. The parade was fun and was followed by a picnic and dance at the Dawson City Museum. Having fulfilled our parade obligations, we were now free to continue touring the Dawson City area. Visiting one of the richest gold claim areas in the world, we now had to satisfy our quest to discover gold.

Part 2 of this article (along with some more beautiful pictures) will be featured in the February newsletter.



1931 Victoria
John McCarthy
Fairbanks, Alaska

Photo taken 12/15 at noon - temperature a brisk -31 F - Vicky ran great!

Featured to the left is John McCarthy's 1931 Victoria which was recognized as the "model A for a day" in the MAFCA newsletter. MAFCA is the Model A Ford Club of America. It is a national historical society dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Model A Ford vehicles manufactured from 1928 through 1931.

Congratulations

John!!

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NEXT MEETINGS

The General Membership meeting is on February 10th at the Bakery in Fairbanks. Dinner at 6 PM and meeting at 7PM.

The Board Meeting is at 6:30 PM at Sam's Sourdough Café on February 8th. Everyone is 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 Cindy at chelms@ptialaska.net or call 907-456-2349. Items can also be mailed to 770 Bennett Rd., Fairbanks, AK 99712.

Have a story about how you got your car? A favorite trip? A real repair hassle? Send it in.

