



The 2011 Car Club Christmas Party



Pictured above is Marv Wright receiving the award for the "Most Improved Vehicle" of the year. To the left of Marv are past recipients and committee members that organized this event. Below is Marv's 1929 Model A Rumble Seat Roadster.



PRESIDENT'S HEADLIGHTS.....

Hello and Happy New Year fellow car club members. The elections are over and ceremonies are done and I, Scott Culbertson, lead the agenda and speak for the club for the next year. Rick Larrick officially and eagerly, I might add, handed over the gavel to me at the club's Christmas party. I think I speak for everyone when I say, "Thank you Rick for your leadership over the past two years." Rick's many years of business leadership shown through and proved most effective in developing the club into the large and very functional operation that it is today. I hope I am up to the task of keeping it in good shape and even growing it a little more. I am happy, that due to our bylaws, we will still have Rick's wisdom on hand as he takes a seat on the board as the outgoing president.

I am sure that there are a good number of our 241 members that ask, "just who the heck is Scott Culbertson"? For the most part I am a quiet person and not the biggest man in the room; so many of you may have talked with me or sat next to me at a meeting and not known who I was.

I joined the VLNAAC in the spring of 2007. My in-laws Paul and Sherry Camarata were very involved in the club for many years. Following Paul's death in August of 2006, I asked Sherry to not do anything with Paul's cars for a while. When she thought she had reached a point to make a decision, I wanted to talk to her about one in particular. In the spring of 2007 Sherry asked me if I still wanted to talk about any of Paul's cars. To which I said "you bet, "that 1935 Dodge sedan he fixed up. Sherry wasn't too sure at first and



thought it was just going to be too much work for a young family to keep up with. Since Paul was a shady tree mechanic Sherry was concerned of just what kind of condition Paul had the Dodge in. That did not concern me as much as seeing all of Paul's cars leave the family and perhaps even disappear from the area all together. While Paul may not have been an industry expert, he still put a lot of time and care into restoring and maintaining his small collection. After a few days of thinking Sherry set a purchase price and my wife and I without hesitation said yes. Sherry, some years later, told my wife that just a few weeks before Paul passed he told her that when he was gone if Scott comes around for that old Dodge, it's his. This I did not know at my first meeting in 2007. Our agreement with Sherry, and as it was Paul's one condition, was that along with purchasing the Dodge we would join the club.

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I sat through my first whole meeting and at the end, during further announcements; there were three or four old cars for sale around town. I sat there thinking to myself that Paul Camarata didn't tell me about any cars for sale. He could have put me into an old car years ago. But that was not Paul's plan. Paul didn't want my attention and our then limited garage space taken up with something else. For over two years he kept me interested and focused on that 35' Dodge, even had me drive it in the Golden Days parade of '06. Paul's health would not allow him to drive it and it was his dream and goal to get it in the parade, way up front! I remember the pride on his face when my family, Donna and the kids, waved flags from the Dodge. Paul knew that if he kept me interested in it that I would not let it go. This was only the beginning for me.

Since being in the club I have been the Vice President twice and board member for one term and I organized the joint meet for 2011. In May of 2010, I took what was for me a huge opportunity and commitment and I purchased from Ruth Ann Domke, Rudy Domke's much beloved 1930 Willy's Knight 66b. The '30 WK has been in the VLNAAC as far back as any current member can remember. I personally remember seeing that car around town when I was 16/17 years old and thinking then, what it must be to own something like that. Well now I know, and it is a real joy. Together my wife and I have had to get a larger place that had a shop on the property so that I can care for these two and perhaps someday add another car to family. In the meantime, if you see either of these cars around at club events, know that I am very nearby if you wish to stop and talk.

Scott Culbertson

A CLASSIC MUSCLE CAR THAT GETS ATTENTION



The 2011 VLNAACF Christmas Party became the starting line for the 2012 raffle car ticket distribution and sales. We are on our way to what I think will be another winning year for our club with the raffling of our 1970 Chevrolet Malibu 2 door coupe. The raffle car project has become an important lifeline of our club with the proceeds from raffle ticket sales paying for the major part of the clubs operating expenses such as newsletter printing, website fees, postage and other operational costs. Raffle ticket sales help keep our club dues low and affordable. Proceeds from ticket sales allows us to have a no-cost Christmas dinner meeting and provides the extras that we enjoy at our poker runs, outings and other events.

As we move into the New Year, we will be staging a series of ticket sales events and raffle vehicle maintenance sessions. Your participation is essential for a checkered flag finish to this project. Take part in the sale of tickets or plan to help with the maintenance and detailing of this automobile. Our goal is to sell all 3500 tickets putting us in the winner's circle on July 21, 2012 when we draw the lucky winners name and congratulate the new owner of this Classic Chevelle Muscle Car.

John McCarthy

Tidbits of upcoming events scheduled

The Board has asked Rick to contact the Off Road Lions, and offer our support if they are doing a Swap Meet. Rick contacted Cory Bellows and found that they would welcome our support and are indeed planning a 2nd annual swap meet for sometime in May. They will contact us with the details in April. Plans would be for a Club Booth and Tables where we would sell Raffle Tickets and members could display items for sales. Sold items (other than raffle tickets) would donate 10% of the sale price to the Lion's Club charity.

The date is firm with the Carlson Center for our Classic Car Show to be held on Memorial Day Weekend – Saturday, May 26th and Sunday, May 27th. The Board approved signing the contract this month if all conditions remain unchanged, otherwise it will be reviewed at our next meeting.

The Joint Meet with the Anchorage Club will be June 8th and 9th. See next page for details.

The Gazebo at Pioneer Park was reserved for the Raffle Car Give-Away Picnic on Golden Days Parade Day, July 21, 2011 from noon until six. The drawing for the raffle car is scheduled for 2pm.

President Larrick reported that the club had been contacted by the Fountainhead Museum and the Board authorized us again assisting with hosting the car show and sponsoring the Tour de Fairbanks. Rick Larrick has agreed to coordinate the club efforts, Ron Allen has agreed to again help with layout and cleanup teams, and Terry Whitlege has agreed to chair the Tour de Fairbanks. The Midnight Sun Cruise-In is scheduled for June 23rd.

Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum News



Three new vehicles recently arrived at the museum, including a 1932 Cadillac Series 452-B Imperial Limousine by Fleetwood. This behemoth carries a 452-cubic-inch, V-16 engine. Only 49 of these limousines were made in 1932, and just a mere handful survive.

The other two arrivals are early electric automobiles: a 1903 Columbia Surrey and a 1913 Argo Fore-drive Limousine. Like most electric cars in the early 20th Century, the Argo looks like a mobile curio cabinet with its tall, wrap-around glass carriage & luxurious interior. It is one of only two Argos still in existence. Under the right conditions, it can reach 20 mph and travel 75 miles on a charge. The 1903 Columbia Surrey was designed to serve as a taxi and resembles a wagon. It can travel 40 miles on a charge but is limited to about 12 mph. It is the only Mark XIV Surrey known to still exist. It was made by the Pope Manufacturing Company, which also manufactured the very first car to arrive in Fairbanks, a 1908 Pope-Toledo.

All three of these cars are in running condition. In fact, museum manager Willy Vinton took the Argo out for a spin around the parking lot during a recent warm spell! You can see these beauties at the museum on Sundays from noon to 6 pm. We'll be closed on Christmas but open on New Year's Day.

2012 ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA TOUR

Scott Grundy (Cat Herder Jr.)

By golly we have an outline for our fun-filled and camaraderie-building tour for next summer! We're going to terrorize Seward following the joint meet (JM) with the Antique Auto Musers that is planned for June 8-9 in Wasilla. If you aren't planning to attend the JM you may join the touring crew in Wasilla or anytime en-route on or after June 10. Here's the current skinny....

Friday, June 8: Cruise the Parks Highway to Wasilla to attend the joint meet. (320 miles)

Saturday, June 9: Have lots of fun at the joint meet.

Sunday, June 10: Depart for Seward at 9:00 A.M. Tour the wonderful Brown's collection in Anchorage before lunch and cruise on down to Seward to stay & play in the vicinity of the Exit Glacier. (169 miles)

Monday, June 11: You're on your own with much to see and do in Seward. I'll have info regarding walking tours, their museum & fantastic SeaLife Center, etc. Or you may drool over boats in their wonderful marina, or better yet charter a rig to go sailing or fishing!

Tuesday, June 12: Continue to enjoy the town or take a full-day 120-mile exploration of the Kenai Fjords NP as well as the Chiswell Islands in the adjacent NWR. I guarantee lots of beautiful scenery, wildlife, calving tidewater glaciers – plus an all-you-can-eat salmon / prime rib dinner if you wish. The cost of the narrated boat tour is \$175 each with dinner or \$157 sans dinner. We can get a 20% discount if I can get 20 of you "cats" to sign up for this wonderful cruise.

Wednesday, June 13: Drive from Seward to the beautiful Majestic Valley Wilderness Lodge at mile 115 on the Glenn Highway. (242 miles)

Thursday, June 14: Drive the highly scenic Glenn and Richardson Highways back to Fairbanks. (321 miles)

I've done pretty well with housing costs which are always terribly high in Alaska during the summer. I've reserved nine rooms at The Farm B&B Inn (www.thefarmbedandbreakfast.com) near Seward for about \$88 to \$115 per couple; some rooms can house more than two "cats". I have reserved the bunkhouse at the Majestic Valley Lodge (www.logcabinwildernesslodge.com) that has nine rooms with baths for about \$115 per couple. There's room for dry camping at both housing locations.

All I need from you is your commitment to go so we can fully secure the housing. Please call me at 457-3526 or email me at grundy@mosquionet.com.

SUNSHINE CLUB



Members circulated a card at the October Meeting for the Penny Hauck family in honor of long time member Herman Hauck who passed away in early October.

If you know of a club member or members who would appreciate being remembered due to health issues or a family loss, please let us know. Ruth Ann Domke will be the club contact with the assistance of Sherry Camarata for the next few months.

Contact : Ruth Ann by phone at: 373-6973 or e-mail: domkera54@gmail.com. or Sherry may be reached by phone at: 373-0253 or e-mail: pscamarata@gci.net.

January Birthdays

Herman	Hauck	1-Jan
Dave	Rockney	6-Jan
Patricia	Cromer, Jr.	8-Jan
Sharon	Whitledge	8-Jan
Randy	Bezdek	9-Jan
Leah	Smith	14-Jan
Marnie	Hazelaar	16-Jan
Dan	Gullickson	19-Jan
Samuel	Tovar	19-Jan
Bernie	Saupe	22-Jan
Gladys	Shaw	27-Jan

Anniversaries

Tom	Lori	Hinchliff	12-Jan
Rhonda	John	Morgan	19-Jan

Rochelle Larson is looking for people to chair some of our 2012 Program/Events. Please consider one of these positions.

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Below are some additional pictures from our Christmas Party.



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NEXT MEETINGS

The General Membership meeting is January 12th at the Bakery Restaurant. Dinner at 6 pm and the meeting at 7pm.

There will be no Board meeting for January, 2011.

Newsletter Deadline

All materials for the newsletter should be in by the 20th of the month to be considered for the next newsletter. Email

crlarrick@alaska.net or call him at 457-4344.

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



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