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Nashty

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Ever wonder about Gary Nash's license plate "Nashty" on his '55 Chevy? I

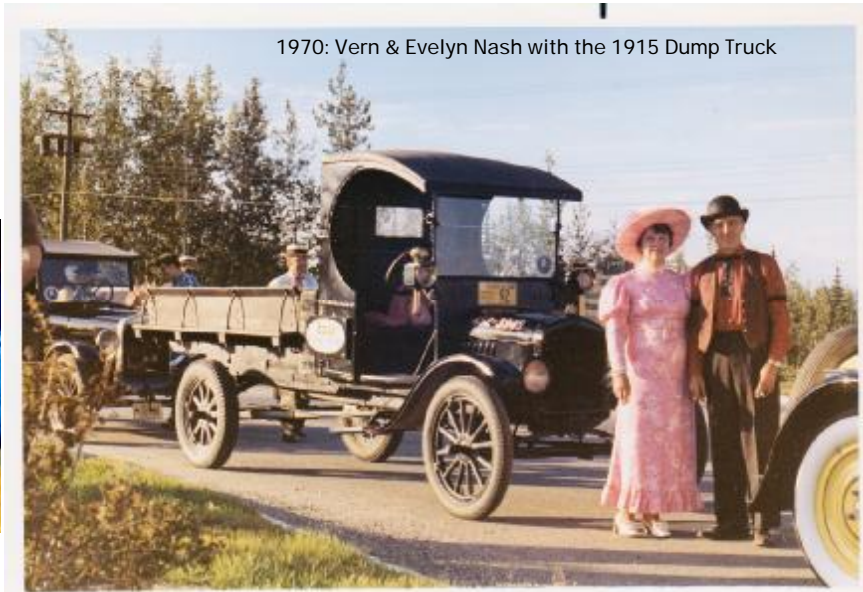


Gary Nash 1984

suspect it has something to do with all the T's that first Vernon and then Gary have restored and maintained.



Vern Nash 1984



1970: Vern & Evelyn Nash with the 1915 Dump Truck

Club of America, Vern's 1915 Model T Dumptruck was listed as one of the five 1915 vintage cars that were needed to meet the criteria for the club charter. Vern was the club's first Secretary.

There are four Nash Ts: the 1915 T Truck, and three 1926 Ts—a Touring, a Coupe and a Roadster. An article that Vern wrote about restoring the '26 Touring is reprinted on page 2.



Above: Gary with the T Roadster in 2006 at the annual Carlson Center Show.. Left: Vern with the Touring in 1972 (Gary is in back)

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RESTORING OF A 1926 MODEL T TOURING

Reprinted from the first issue of the Club newsletter, Arctic Tracks, in November, 1971

In the winter of 1966 and 1967 I was in Spokane, Wash. And found a 1926 motor for a 1926 T. I bought it and my brother-in-law moved it for me to a place called the antique Ranch that makes a business of old car parts and working on motors. They gave it a complete overhaul and it is a good thing that they are slow, because it didn't arrive up here before the flood. When it got here, I told everyone "there is my Model T Touring car".

Next, I bought a basket case from Colin McDonald to get me some parts. I had a good frame, 2 fenders, a front end, and a radiator to fix. The wheels I made 4 good ones out of 6 and needed 2 more rims. I started to order little pieces from ads I found in Hemmings News. I could find almost everything but a body and windshield frame and posts. My brother-in-law in Spokane found one in North Dakota and made a trip over and picket it up for me, but what a rusty mess and full of rust holes! One post was broken but they looked good to me anyhow. I the meantime I wrote letters for a whole winter and found two more touring bodies. One in Denver, Colorado, and one in Nebraska. They were in the same price range, but the one in Colorado said he would take the rust off and prime it for me for a price. So I sent him the money and he said it would be ready in the spring and then I worried all winter how to get it here, it ended up I had a pickup delivered in Denver and flew down, got the pickup then drove over and picked it up, plus two back fenders in good shape and my top bows that are hard to come by. There was no trouble on the trip that took me a week. Up to this time three years had passed, all the pieces were cleaned and primed and I only needed a hood. My son and I got busy and put the pieces together and had the motor running after soldering the gas tank up twice and finding out where all the wires went for sure. I had the top and upholstery ready made, and ordered from Indiana, when it arrived, Clem from Clem's Upholstery Shop helped me put it together. We then drove it over and had it painted. I found a hood that was full of holes from target shooters and a hinge gone, but it was ok.

We were in the parade in 1970.

Vernon Nash

RESTORING MY 1929 FORD ROADSTER

by Marvin Wright

After watching several of my friends rebuild old cars, I decided that I wanted to buy a project car to restore. In mid November 2007, Jerry Krier told me about a Model A Roadster that was for sale. Jerry hooked me up with the owner, John Thomas and I made arrangements to go look at the car.

The car had been purchased 27 years earlier by Thomas who brought it to his garage, disassembled it and then began to reassemble the car. The frame was painted and the engine, transmission, cowl and steering column were installed in the frame. At that point, the restoration came to a halt and the other parts were boxed up and stored in the garage. They remained in that state until I decided to buy the car.

We loaded the chassis and



Marv Wright is pictured below receiving the Club's 2011 "Most Improved Vehicle" Award at the Christmas Party. His 1929 Ford A Roadster is pictured above.

its attached parts onto a car trailer for shipment home. The rest of the car consisted of several pickup loads of parts. The rest of the body parts were very rusty and went straight into the dumpster. I learned that the car had been owned by William and Dorothy Sherman up until 1970 and was stored uncovered out by the airport for many years. I suspect that it went through the 1967 flood and filled up

like a bath tub as everything from a foot above the floor boards on down was rusted away.

When the car arrived home, the first thing we set out to do was to start the engine as it was supposed to run good. After wiring and plumbing it up, we got it started and it didn't sound too bad, ran fairly smooth and

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Okay, who stopped payment on my reality check?



Last Call -

More submissions for the newsletter name have trickled in. Submissions and recycled entries so far are: The Runaround, The Arctic Runaround, Arctic Tracks, Arctic Treks, Tundra Treads, Tundra Treks, Treads on the Tundra, Frontier Fumes, Car Chatter, Rig Rattle, Northern Notes, Alaskan Nuggets, Greasy Rag, Shop Talk, Motor Musings, Spit & Polish, Oily Rag, Car Chatter, Golden Heart Rag, and of course—Arctic Exhaust. (but the Grundy's report that should be Bo-real Exhaust since we don't really live north of the Arctic Circle...)



Nominations will be taken from the floor and the final vote will be at the April Meeting.
- Rick Larrick

Further Adventures of Willy, Wilma, Nancy & Ron.. As told by Nancy

On December 27 the Vintons and the Al-lens took the red eye flight out of Fairbanks for the second annual RV (love shack) tour of Texas and Louisiana. We flew into Austin, Texas and spent two days touring the city. We all enjoyed the Bob Bullock museum where we were introduced to the several layers of Texas history. That afternoon we took the Duck

Next we headed to Corpus Christi where we spent two nights at the Mustang State Park on Mustang Island. The day activity was a tour of the USS Lexington aircraft carrier and a visit to the Texas State Aquarium. Our campground was located by the sand dunes right next to the Gulf of Mexico. Just to add a little perspective it was about 100 degrees warmer in Texas than in Fairbanks.

empty with no other cars or trucks. A lady with some serious dental hygiene problems directed us to our camping spot. The men checked out the bathhouse that was a step below a rundown Continued from page #) outhouse, except for the running water. Needless to say only the strong willed used the bathhouse. Showers were not part of the morning abalutions.



tour (an amphibious vehicle) of the city and also enjoyed a ride on Lake Austin. Another highlight of the Austin trip was dinner with Tim Cerny's brother and sister in law, Casey and Karen.

On to San Marcos where the men especially enjoyed two car museum, Dick's Classic Cars and in Rosansky, Texas, the Central Texas Car Museum. Willy and Wilma enjoyed reminiscing next to 1950 Ford coupe which is the twin to one Willy restored in Montana over 30 years ago.

We spend New Years Eve at the Goliad State Park, and on New Years Day we toured the Mission Espiritu Santo (Mission of the Spirit of the Lady). This was a quiet and peaceful way to enter the new year.

grees, a light breeze and plenty of sunshine. The day began with seafood omelets made by Master Chef Willy, followed by a walk on the beach and a wonderful tour of the Offshore Energy Center, which is a display center replicating an offshore oil rig. We left Galveston late in the afternoon and headed along Highway 82, which fol

lowed the Gulf of Mexico. We did not plan very well for our camping experience that evening and with a GPS found a place in the middle of the bayous that truly reminded us of the movie Deliverance as we drove down this back road to the RV park in the dark. I use term "park" loosely. There were a couple dozen camper trailers, but all looked

An early afternoon arrival into New Orleans allowed us to take public transportation from the RV park to downtown New Orleans. The trip involved a bus ride and a then a spectacular antique electric trolley ride down St. Charles Street with a magnificent view of some of the most beautiful mansions in the city. Wilma led a self-guided walking tour through the French Quarter ending up on Bourbon Street. I thought it was interesting that neither Ron nor Willie were not interested in loud music and semi-nude women, so we made the Bourbon Street tour very short. The real issue was that the gender of the real or alleged females was not always easy to determine.

The next morning we booked a mansion tour, which took us 45 minutes out of the city along the Mississippi River. We toured two plantations, one of French descent and architecture and the other of Creole background. That evening we had dinner with our friends Max and Angie, and Nancy received a great deal of hassle about her strong dedication to the Green Bay Packers especially from the waiter who is a born New Orleans Saints

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Schedule of Events

- Tuesday, April 10th— BOARD MEETING: Meeting at 6:30pm at Sam's Sourdough with dinner before.
- Thursday, April 12th— MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Dinner at 6:00 at The Bakery Restaurant on College Rd—Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 20th — Newsletter Deadline for April Issue

LATER THIS YEAR:

- CARLSON CENTER SHOW MAY 25th & 26th (Charlie Bourque, Chairperson)
- JOINT MEET with AAMA REGION (in Cantwell) JUNE 8th & 9th
- LONG DISTANCE TOUR (ABDT) - June 10th—14th (Scott Grundy, PPR)
- FOUNTAINHEAD MIDNIGHT SUN CRUISE-IN JUNE 22nd & 23rd (Rick Larrick, PPR)

Check the club website for Events & Calendar Updates:
<http://local.aaca.org/fairbanks/events.htm>



FAIRBANKS ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB, US Holiday s							Apr 2012 (Alaska Time)	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	1	2
April Pool's Day								
Dinner		6pm- Board Meeting		7pm- MEMBERSHIP				
Yrly Dng					Newsletter Deadline			
Barth Dng								
								Cinco de Mayo

NOTICE: There are a few soon to be lonely folks who have not renewed their membership for 2012, This will be your final newsletter if you don't pay up.
 - please call Rochelle today.

President's Headlights - Scott Culbertson

Hello fellow club members. Here we are in April and it is only a matter of a few weeks and folks in town will start seeing our cars running around. We should all take the time to inspect our rides before we start the session, Terry Whitledge can attest to this. A little time spent doing a good once over will save a lot of heart ache and cash.

The raffle car has had many things done to it. Thank you to all the members who have taken the time and spent a Saturday working on the car. Ticket sales continue to surprise and impress. If you have tickets and have not been selling many, please turn them back in so we can get them sold. Remember, if we can sell all the raffle tickets we can skip the

Fred Myer's fried chicken and have a catered Bar-B-Q to celebrate Golden Days and the raffle car drawing.

Please start thinking about our Memorial Weekend car show at the Carlson Center. We want a good turnout of cars and need help getting all the details together. Charlie Bourque is this year's show chairperson. You can contact Charlie and get your name on his list of contacts, I'm sure he would appreciate the support.

Beyond the Carlson Show we have many opportunities for members to get involved. If you are unsure of just who to speak with, you can always contact a board member and any of us will be happy to help you.

See you at the meeting.



Birthdays

- 1- Joni Ellsworth
- 3- Roy Wilbur
- 4- Theresa Chase
 - Larry Bennett
- 7- Kimberly Bezdek
 - Mel Brabham
- 8- Hank Grant
- 10- Mark Cosson
- 12- Julio Merced
- 13- Greg Shoemaker
- 14- Ron Frey
 - Nancy Peterson
- 15- Wilma Vinton
- 18- Jim Cornell
- 20- Ken Uzzell
- 23- Dennis Dussman
- 24- Don Oines
- 25- Jean Middleton
- 26- Betty Borg
 - Doris Casey
 - Ross Beal
 - Loren Retroff
- 27- Marion Benham



Sunshine Club

Ruth Ann Domke reports.....

Gary Nash is still undergoing treatments, having a tough time, and could use encouragement. Give him a call (456-2103)—we're sure he'd appreciate it!

Please call Ruth Ann at 374-6973 (if you know of someone needing a little sunshine!



Anniversaries

Ben & Stella Carpenter April 6th



Congratulations:

- To Dan Domke on his promotion to Principal at Hutch!

Member Advertisements

HELP WANTED: The Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum is in need of volunteers for the summer season. Our museum ambassadors share information about the collection with visitors, help protect exhibits during museum events, move and clean displays, and help maintain the automobiles. Day and evening shifts available. This year's volunteer training session will take place the evenings of April 3 and April 10. Contact Nancy DeWitt at 458-6112 or projects@fdifairbanks.com to register.

WANTED TO BUY:

Transmission for 48-52 Chevy. Call Rochelle at 590-8593

GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT:

Last of the car club panoramic pictures are in. If you have one ordered, please pick it up at Larson's Locksmith. If you want one, see Ronn Murray Photography.

ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA TOUR (June 10 – 14)

This driving tour to Seward and other special places is separate from the joint meet but the dates are contiguous. You do not have to participate in the joint meet to join this nifty tour. I anticipate a group will either depart Fairbanks on Saturday, June 9 to drive part way to Seward and/or a group will drive the entire 489 miles on Sunday, June 10.

The tour itinerary printed in our January newsletter has two minor changes. Our visit to the incredible Brown's vehicle and automobelia collection will occur on our return through Anchorage. And secondly, for those interested, I have added the option of an approximate one hour round-trip hike to view a unique geological phenomena that occurs in only one other location in North America!

Contact Scott Grundy for information or to join the always-fun cast of characters on these trips at 457-3526 or grundy@mosquitonet.com.



AAMA and VLNAAC

2012 Joint Meeting

June 8-9-10, 2012



Please plan on attending the annual Antique Auto Musers of Alaska and the Vern L Nash Antique Auto Club – Fairbanks joint meet in Cantwell.

Base of operations: Backwoods Lodge, Cantwell. (www.backwoodslodge.com).

The host club is the Anchorage Club—so we bring deserts for the Friday evening feed. The Auto Musers have lots of activities planned for Saturday, ending with the Annual Joint Meet Banquet and Awards Ceremony. See the February newsletter for more details, and please contact Scott Grundy of our club if you intend to participate (457-3526, grundy@mosquitonet.com). Scott Hulse's excellent flyer that addresses all aspects of the event will be forwarded to you.



Board Meetings are open to all who wish to participate. Here are the bored at our March 6th Meeting. Note the pictures on the wall at Sam's Sourdough...

Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.

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didn't smoke. We were delighted in thinking that we didn't need an engine overhaul.

I spent a lot of time cleaning and applying POR-15 to the inside and underside of the car. I bought new fenders for it and started on the body work. It took me months to get all the missing parts. Even though all the parts I bought for the car were new, we had to assemble and disassemble them several times to get the wood, fenders, running boards, doors, etc to fit right. This is not an easy job after eighty years of car use and abuse and buying parts that are no longer pro-



duced in Henry Ford's foundry. The new rear fenders were so different that I ended up buying a third rear fender to cut up for parts so I could match the different curves, length, and side-to-side roll that allowed the fenders to match.

After more assembly and reassem-

bly and hours of sanding, grinding and fitting we had the body ready for paint. We primed it and applied base coat /



clear coat paint to the car. We no sooner than finished the painting, opened the garage door to get some air and here came the neighborhood squirrel. He jumped on the car and left fresh track across the cowl and fuel tank to christen the new paint. After some choice words about squirrels, I decided that we would have to do lots more sanding and repainting to make it right. Thinking back on it, for the amount of work it took to fix, I should have gold leafed the tracks for that one-of-a-kind custom look.

Our squirrel repair was completed after lots of hours of sanding, reassembly and repainting. This led us to final car assembly and mechanical checks. This time when we started the car, everything didn't go as well as planned. After starting the engine, the transmission locked up. We drained the transmission oil and several gear teeth fell out of the drain hole so a new clutch

and tranny were installed.

With the car finally finished, it was time to drive the car from my brother Bill's shop to my house. The car started smoking a lot on the way. The next day, I pulled the head to check out the problem and there was a puddle of oil on the top of each piston. I could put a 45 thousands feeler gage between the pistons and cylinder walls. To check further, I dropped the oil pan to see nails in rod cap bolts instead of cotter pins. Total engine rebuild was in order.

Everything from the head to the pan is now all new including new Babbitt bearings poured and machined by my brother Bill Wright. The engine was started in a test stand upon completion of the rebuild and run several times before reinstallation in the car. The car took three and one half years to complete and runs and drives beautifully.

Thanks to: Bill Wright, "Blue" Hinchsliff, Don Oines, John McCarthy, Dave Wareham, Darryl McCollough and all the others that made this restoration project a success.



Raffle Car

As of this newsletter publication, Rochelle has only 12 books of tickets left—please turn in your unsold books or turn in your money.

We had several good work sessions in March over at Rick's garage. Ralph put new jets in the carburetor and fixed the automatic choke. He also did a grand job on polishing up all four of the aluminum mag wheels! Terry cleaned out the trunk and Willy brought splatter trunk paint and clear coat and it now looks 100% better. Blue had the tedious job of masking all the dashboard trim, we painted it, and (after reading directions) John installed the new dash cover. Blue did a great job on window seals. Terry and John put the new trunk seal in. All it needs is a bit of final cleaning and polish and it will be ready to show!



It's not an optical illusion. It just looks like one.



TROLLELLA TROLL TESTS TROPICAL TUB

Tupperware has always been known as an innovator of kitchen and household storage containers. Their latest invention should prove to be a big hit to Tupperware and Troll lovers everywhere. The Troll Hot Tub is the latest item in the Tupperware line and is available exclusively through the Vernon L. Nash Car Club.

Pictured is Trollella enjoying the latest Tupperware tub called President's Predicament and is available only in one size and allows you to be in hot water without getting your feet wet.

To claim your exclusive VLNAACF Tupperware Troll Tub, see Scott Culbertson at your first convenience. Supply is very limited. Trollella not included.

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fan. Needless to say the food in New Orleans was excellent and included coffee and beignets at Café Du Maude.

It was a long but fast trip from New Orleans to our final destination, San Antonio, Texas. The Vintons and the Allens spent one day touring the Alamo and the Riverwalk and taking a boat tour around the city on the San Antonio River. The highlight of this part of the visit was meeting two other Vinton brothers and their families, Chuck and Judy Vinton and Paul and Laurie Vinton. You have one Vinton and you have jokes and sometimes raw humor. Put three Vinton brothers together plus their wives and you have humor and chaos. The family also loves to play cards with a vengeance, and needless to say I lost every round of cards I played with the Vinton family.

Again the trip was a huge success due to compatibility and division of labor. Wilma planned and cooked the meals with a small amount help from Willy, Nancy did the dishes and the laundry, Ron cleaned the bathroom, and Willy swept the floor. The men handled the entire hook up and outside duties. One of the rules of the road on this trip was as few interstates as possible, and we succeeded at that goal. We truly enjoyed the countryside and the different types of vegetation.

Good friends, planning with flexibility and beautiful weather made the trip a great success and something we may do again in future years.



Adventures of the Club Troll Doll...

TROLL CRUISES TO HAWAII
Via the GOLDEN PRINCESS

Troll accompanied Ruth Ann Donke on her cruise to Hawaii aboard the Golden Princess. They flew to Los Angeles on February 14 and prepared to leave, Troll put on her sunglasses and was ready to go!

After winding her way through the boarding process, it took time for 2,600 other folks to get on board, she donned her grass skirt and checked out her cabin and balcony.

She went to the movies and shows, she shopped in a variety of boutiques with her Princess Shopping Bag. She enjoyed fine dining in the elegant dining rooms and relaxed during the days at sea. All in all, it was a fabulous trip!

Now she's ready for her next adventure!

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NEXT MEETINGS

The General Membership Meeting is always the second Thursday of the month. This month the membership meeting is on **Thursday, April 12th** at The Bakery Restaurant on College Road. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm—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 the Tuesday before the membership meeting. This month it is on Tuesday April 10th. / Dinner is B4. Everyone is also welcome to attend.

I am your Newsletter EDITOR

—not the newsletter WRITER.

Please submit tips, ideas, ARTICLES, notes, pictures, or thoughts you would like published in YOUR newsletter. Thanks for all the help with this issue! I appreciate the article on Marv's roadster, The Vinton / Allen trip, the adventures of Trollella, the unclaimed Tupperware, etc. It is a lot more fun having to find space for stuff than it is to try and fill up empty paper...
Thanks Again, Your Editor, Rick Larrick



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