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In memory of Gary Nash—

Our Friend Forever...

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Gary was always in the center of things when it came to Car Games at joint meets.

Nash Cabin Cruise (thar's gold in that thar creek!) and the Angel Creek Picnic and Games (remember Gary in his Tutu?). When we began our Joint meets with the Anchorage folks, Gary was right there, either as the co-leader, or activities chair, or..... The list goes on and on. Many of our members were brought into the club by Gary's invitation.

Gary was a leader in our club, but he began that role early in life. From his early

On April 13, we, and all of Alaska, lost a very dear friend. Gary, who some may think was born with a model T crank handle in his hand, was involved in the Old Car fix in'-up hobby from the time his dad drug home the first Model T, about 1966. In 1970 he formally joined the first club, which was aligned with the HCCA. When we re-organized under the AACA as the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks, he was a charter member. Many of our club traditions and activities began with Gary, such as stealing the Gavel, the Wednesday night "Terrorize the Tourists" runs (with guest riders from the Pioneers Home), the annual

childhood onward, Gary was a leader, always helping others, including teaching his friends how to ride bicycles, smoke,

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Our annual spring trip to Gary's Cabin was a club highlight.

Honk if you like peace and quiet!

SHOWTIME!

The Carlson Center Members Only Show is this month
—but the club has a long history of car displays and shows.



The Second Carlson Center Show (2004) - Every year grows and changes—get your car registered NOW!

Now is the time to be polishing up that rig for the Carlson Show! Break-up is over, and while it may still be “mud season”, it is time to roll out that classic beauty and polish it up for the annual members’ only car show on Memorial Day.

You have no excuse not to have your car pre-registered and a spot reserved—the reservation form is part of this newsletter. This year’s Chair, Charlie Bourque has a good start on arrangements and is looking for volunteers to help on many of the specifics.

The Club has been hosting car shows from nearly the beginning. The first “official” show was in 1973 and the News Miner report of that show is on Page 3. Early shows were judged (although maybe not by what is now AACA judging rules), but it appears that every show had a “Peoples Choice”. The recent run of shows has relied only on

“Peoples Choice” for choosing a winner in each of the show car categories. This always seems to come up with clear winners, and gets our spectators really involved. As you watch the crowd, some folks really get into making their selections!

The first car show that I participated in was sponsored by Arctic Wheels. I think it was in 1985, held in the blue buildings on south Cushman where Alyeska is now located. Looking back on that, they even had some semi tractors on display, along with motor cycles and race cars. There were very few antique cars that I recall, and since it was prior to digital cameras, I don’t seem to have any pictures of the early shows.

After this, there were several shows put on around town at various locations, but when the Carlson Center was completed, it created a new venue

for indoor shows. Arctic Wheels hosted the first shows in Fairbanks, and sponsored some great shows to raise money for different charities around town.

In 2003 and 2004 the show was put on by an outside company and was more of a “bring anything” type of show, including boats, and ATV’s. I believe they charged participants

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2008

Horseless Carriage Club displays old beauties in first antique show

Old cars mean nothing but trouble for some people, but for Bob Merritt of 37 Anna St., Lemeta, an old car is beautiful.

That's because his 1930 Willys Knight sedan won him first place in the spectator's choice division of the first antique auto show during Golden Days. The show was sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club of Fairbanks.

Over a 1,000 spectators attended the show and inspected the antiques. The public was treated to 23 autos which included a 1925 Chrysler Roadster, a 1928 Hupmobile Opera Coupe, a 1914 Saarer truck, a 1928 Nash Cabriolet, and a 1925 Rolls Royce.

Other entries judged as trophy winners: Model T Ford Pro 1916, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogg's 1915 "T" Touring; Model "T" Ford 1916 and Up, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nash's 1926 Model "T" Touring; Pre 1928 Antiques (other than Fords), Mr. Howard Mackey's 1925 Chrysler Touring; 1928-1942 Antiques, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Merritt's 1930 Willys Knight Sedan; and Special Addition 1942 to Present, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brannan's 1963 Studebaker Avanti.

A style show was held in which club members' costumes were judged. Costumes had to be of the same era as the members' autos. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carpenter won

the best driving division. First place in the best dress occasion was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brannan.

The co-chairmen for the first antique auto show were Robert Günther and Ralph Brannan.

Auto judges were William Young of Tucson, Ariz.; J.E. Tracy of Gretna, Neb.; and Mike Shields of Fairbanks. Style show judges were Bettie Harrop Clark, Olga Steger, and Alaska Linck all of Fairbanks.



1972 Car Show during GOLDEN DAYS



2003: First of the current Carlson Center Show Winners.



2008: A regular feature of many shows has been Ray McLeod explaining progress on Rochelle Larson's Mustang...



Gary Nash's collection of car shaped bottles (pictured are Gary and his sons) 2004

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around \$25.00 to show a car. VLNAACF had a booth there as well as several member cars. Gary Nash displayed his glass bottles shaped like cars. (see photo) Several members of VLNAACF won prizes in that show. When it was announced that they

would not be coming back for another show in Fairbanks, I began to think it may be time for our group to take on the job of continuing the event.

After much negotiation with the staff of the Carlson Center, an agreement was reached, and the show became a reality the fall of 2004. It was a great success, being co-sponsored by the Carlson Center and VLNAACF. Participation was limited to club members only and was not judged, except by the "people's choice" - with one winner each year. The show has continued to date with only one year being missed due to construction work on the Carlson Center.

While the

cars are always the main attraction, the shows also attract visitors for the merchant vendors who are there to demonstrate and sell everything from paint, to welders, to museum memberships, or even the newest lines of motorcycles.

Many years have featured workshop demonstrations by car club members demonstrating the "how to" of car restoration and maintenance. Most years have had one or more displays of "works in progress" that draw a lot of attention from visitors.

After the first year, the show became easier to organize and oper-

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Demonstrations were scheduled at many of the Carlson Shows—here Richard Gresham does a seminar on upholstery (2004)

Do radioactive cats have 18 half-lives?

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ate, with everyone pitching in to help bring it together. The past few years have brought a lot of new blood into the club and to the operation of the show, to help make both keep getting better. The show has grown to include several classes with judging still done by the vote of the people, and this is helping keep it interesting and growing. We have also included the Vintage Gas Engine Club in the past, with them bringing in vintage

tractors, and old engines, even having some outside of the center running for the public to enjoy. I believe that this show has been and is one of the best public relations activity that we, as a club, do for Fairbanks. I am looking forward to another great show again this year, and thank everyone past and present that have helped make it something we can all be proud of. Let's all do what we can to support our club and this years show at the Carlson Center!

- Willy Vinton



2012 Carlson Show Progress

Charlie Bourque reports that all is pretty well set for this year's show.

He and Willy Vinton are starting to solicit vendors in order to raise enough money to pay for advertising and other expenses which are shared with The Carlson Center.

Charlie has recruited a solid team to prepare registration materials, chair the registration table on Friday night, and lead the move in process—but more volunteers are need to help with the actual move in.

Volunteers are also needed to staff the club table (see picture above) during the show, MC the event on the various days, and to do the last week reminder calls to members. If you can help, please call Charlie (479-4830 or email him at cb.alaska@alaska.net) or else sign up at the May meeting at the Fountainhead Museum.



Bill Chase with George Clayton by the Gibson T in 2006 at the Carlson Center

History as the Chaces' remember (via e-mail from Joyce)

VLNAACF did not do any official shows except ones in parking lots. The first show we can remember, if you call it that, was 2 Model T trucks owned by Vernon Nash and George Clayton in the Bentley Mall in May of 1977. The Bentley Mall had just opened and they were generating interest in the car club, which at the time was called the "Fairbanks Horseless Carriage Club." That's when Bill met them. After that, Arctic Wheels Car Club held car shows every year and gave trophies. Our members put their cars in their show and we did not have any show of our own. The first Arctic Wheels Shows were at the Fair Grounds, old Alyeska Warehouse off South Cushman, Polar Roller Skating rink off Badger Rd., and Ft. Wainwright Athletic Center.

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE AWARDS

Spectators' Choice:
Style Show:

Brass Fords:

Model T 1916-27:

Model A Fords:

Antiques Pre 1920:

Antiques 1920-29:

Antiques 1930-42:

Post 1942 (no longer built)

July 22, 1973

Howard Mackey's 1925 Chrysler Touring

Stella Carpenter and Lady

Ben Carpenter's 1915 Model T Touring

Evelyn Nash's 1926 Model T Touring

Melvin Bovencamp's 1931 Model A Roadster

Jim Sears' 1912 Saurer 5T Truck

Howard Mackey's 1928 Hupmobile Opera Coupe

Robert Meritts's 1930 66B Willys Knight

Vernon Forbes' 1949 Packard Limousine



2007: Linda campaigns for the Plymouth—which won People's Choice "Best of Show" that year...

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park cars in interesting places, work on cars, and some other stuff that probably shouldn't be mentioned! Neighborhood kids in Slaterville considered him a "man of the world". His school chums and band-mates (remember the 3 musketeers) from Nordale Elementary through Main Jr/Sr High School, and the National Guard, say he was a friend forever. Even in the last few months, as his health was

At the April meeting, the club voted overwhelmingly for the new newsletter name to be "Nash's News" in honor of both our club namesake and first Secretary, Vernon L. Nash, and especially of his son, Gary Nash, who was just taken home from the hospital and put under hospice care in his losing battle with cancer. Gary had a rough year, with a heart attack, stroke, and then multiple cancer tumors, all of

And the winner is -- see page 1...



which he battled with outward optimism and good spirits. Our club owes a lot to Gary and his father, Vern—and Dan Gullickson's suggestion of "Nash's News" as a newsletter title was well received, and seems very appropriate.

- Rick Larrick 4/12



Gary at Christmas Parties over the years

failing, he still helped where and when he could, including repairing equipment for the re-located Ice Park this past February. He was never a "me", but always a "we" person.

A picture is worth a thousand words, and the images that have been assembled for this tribute show how much Gary, and his family, was devoted to our hobby. Over the years he toiled with vehicles of every vintage and style, but his heart beat fastest with



Gary headed up our picture project at Sam's Sourdough in 2010

his 55 Chevy, and the multiple T's that he worked on and assisted other folks with. He cast a giant shadow that is impossible to measure. Truly, he was, and will continue to be, a friend forever.

Compiled by Dan Gullickson, with help from lots of Gary's friends.



Ice Cream Cronies at Pioneer Park in 2006



Gary Nash and Jerry Krier look at photo albums at the Carlson Center in 2006

Schedule of Events

Check the club website for Events & Calendar Updates:



- **Tuesday, May 8th**— BOARD MEETING: Meeting at 6:30pm at Sam's Sourdough, with dinner before.
 - **Thursday, May 10th**— MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Dinner at 6:00 at The Bakery Restaurant on College Rd—Meeting is **TOUR OF FOUNTAINHEAD MUSEUM** 7pm
 - **Sunday, May 20th**— Newsletter Deadline for June Issue
 - **CARLSON CENTER SHOW** MAY 26th & 27th (Charlie Bourque, Chairperson)
 - 1st Wednesday Night **Run-Around** May 30th—7pm at Pioneer Park
- NEXT MONTH:**
- **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)

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May 2012 (Alaska Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Cinco de Mayo
5	6	7	8 Apr - Board Meeting	9	10 7pm - Meeting at	11 Hearts & Hands
12	13 Hearts & Hands Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Newsletter Deadline	27	28	29	30	31	1 Carlson Center Car Carlson Center Car
2 Carlson Center	3 Memorial Day	4 John F. Kennedy's	5 6:30pm - 1st Run	6	7	8 Mondreaux

President's Headlights - Scott Culbertson

Well the driving session has arrived. Please don't forget to register your car(s) for the VLNAACF Car Show at the Carlson Center. We will have a table setup at the May membership meeting to accept registrations and allow for folks to sign up of jobs at the show. The board recommended and the membership approved the suspension of the \$5.00 per car entry fee. This May 2012 will be a no fee year for the Carlson Center Show. Space is still restricted and we can only fit up to 90 cars. Please review the registration form for rules on the number of cars one member can enter.

On April 18th we had the chance to say goodbye to a larger than life figure in our club, Mr. Gary Nash. If you did not make it to the celebration of life for Gary at the Elks, I can tell you it was standing room only.

Gary would have been deeply moved by the level of support offered to his family. Gary will be deeply missed.

Monroe is having a large reunion celebration, involving several local schools. As part of that they would like to do a show-n-shine on June 16th from 11am-5pm in the school parking lot. They will have a band out of Seattle performing as well as other activities (away from the cars). Following the day's events they will be having a "60's style sock hop" in the gym at Monroe. They would like to have a 50's or 60's era car in the gym during the dance.

If anyone is interested in having their car at the dance please contact me.

See you at the meeting!
(Dinner at The Bakery at 6pm—then Meeting is at the Fountainhead Museum at 7pm)



Birthdays



- 1- Linda Kirschner
- 2- Margaret Bennett
- 5- Katy Rice
George Cromer
- 6- Nancy Allen
Linda Grundy
- 15- Lorna Lounsbury
- 18- Terry Whitledge
- 20- John McCarthy
- 25- Amy Weaver
- 28- Flor Stidham
- 29- Greg Oslund

Sunshine Club



Please call Linda Grundy at 457-3526 if you know of someone needing a little sunshine!

HEARTS ON HANDLEBARS
A Fundraiser for the Heart Walk.
My Heart. My Life.

Over 30 Motorcycles and Cars on display
Vote for your favorite Car or Bike!!!
Bike Show at the FMH Imaging Center hallway
Friday May 11: 9am to 8pm
Saturday May 12: 9am to 8pm
Sunday May 13: 9am to 4pm
Car Show at the Denali Center Chiefs parking lot
Saturday May 12: 9am to 5pm
Sunday May 13: 9am to 4pm

Voting Tickets \$1 each, \$5 for 7, or \$10 for 15
Voting for your favorite bike qualifies you to win fabulous prizes.

If you have a bike or car you would like to enter, or would like more information, please call Eric Colwell at 478-1337

Note: The proposed Manley Tour for July 28-29 is cancelled as not enough folks committed for us to reserve the Roadhouse. - Scott Grundy

Member Advertisements

FOR SALE: 1964 Falcon Tudor Low Mileage original car. New paint, very clean. Needs only minor cosmetics to be excellent throughout. Asking \$7500. Call John McCarthy at 347-5056.

WANTED TO BUY: Transmission for 48-52 Chevy. Call Rochelle at 590-8593

FOR SALE: Early 1925 Franklin 11-A 5p Sedan. All there—runs and drives. Early 60's museum restoration of this "full classic" air-cooled car with Raulang (Rauch & Lang) body. New frame rails in 2005. This is the 2nd oldest Franklin 11-A known to exist and only one of two Franklins in AK. Books & Lit. Asking \$14,500. Call Rick Larrick at 457-4344 if interested.

Anniversaries



- Marily Naquin / Julio Merced—May 19th
- Mel & Jan Brabham—May 22nd
- Glen & Gladys Shaw—May 25th
- Ted & Colleen Kimzey—May 28th



Fun Options To Exercise Your Vehicle



Joint Meet - June 8pm, 9 & 10am in Cantwell, Alaska

Since the 1970's we have been meeting once a year with our Anchorage counterparts the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska (AAMA) to share our love of old vehicles and have a great time. This year it's the AAMA's turn to host the event. They are celebrating their 50th anniversary as a club and promise this event to be special (like steaks Fri. evening instead of burgers!) and the car games to be challenging - or at least confusing. I suggest you seize the opportunity to attend this celebratory event. A caravan is planned to and from for those who wish a little added security and camaraderie.

Adventure Before Dementia Tour - June 10-14

Our long-distance driving tour to Seward this year will involve the highly scenic (and paved) Parks, Seward, Glenn & Richardson Highways. Lots to see and do in Seward including an optional boat cruise into the Kenai Fjords Nat. Park & adjacent areas. We will visit the fantastic Brown's vehicle and automobelia collection (private) on our return thru Anchorage. After overnighing at the fabulous Majestic Valley Lodge on the Glenn Hwy., we will do a short (and optional) hike to view a mud volcano which occurs in only one other location in North America (Yellowstone NP).



At Browns'

This driving tour is separate from the joint meet but the dates are contiguous. You do not have to participate in the joint meet to participate in this nifty tour.

Contact Scott Grundy to sign-up for or obtain detailed information about these events at 457-3526 at grundy@mosquitonet.com. Some details are also provided in our recent newsletters.



Midnight Sun Cruise-In

There will be more information in next month's newsletter, including an entry sheet like we did this month for the Carlson Center Show. (see pg 9)

Plans are firming up and we will need lots of Club help to stage the car show and get the Tour de Fairbanks ready. Fountainhead and the Wedge-

First Wednesday Night Run-Around of the Season

May 30th

Meet in the front lot of Pioneer Park at 6:45pm

Parade into the Park (oldest cars first) and park in the village area

Depart at 8:00 pm to cruise Fairbanks and then display the cars at Rivers' Edge Resort.

Ice Cream, after?

Repeat every Wednesday, all summer.

Gary Nash suggested it—from the August 8, 1989 Treads on the Tundra newsletter: "We decided that each Wednesday evening during the summer we would gather (as many as could come) at Fairbanks Clinic for a run through the hotels and campgrounds parading our cars. Gary Nash suggested it, and has headed up the processions so far. If you feel like some fun one Wednesday, just turn up with your antique car!"

wood Resort expects a large crowd. They will have food vendors and have a great program planned starting on Thursday evening (cruise to the Midnight Sun Ballgame) through the dinner cruise on Friday, show and Tour de Fairbanks on Saturday, and then even a breakfast on

Sunday to get everyone back to the museum for a number of special events there.

I will be posting sign-up sheets for help at the May meeting (at the Fountainhead Museum)

- Rick Larrick

Raffle Car News.... From Terry



TIGHT QUARTERS—but Charlie proves that at least one body will fit in the trunk



LAYING DOWN ON THE JOB—Rick polishes stainless trim

Hello Everyone: We had another good work day with six people showing up. We were able to finish all the items on our task list (polishing bumpers and side trim, installed rear view mirror, installed speakers and grills, cleaned the windows, applied a soft coat of wax and vacuumed). We ended the day declaring victory since no more work sessions will be required. The very few detailing items that remain (e.g. shine the tires) can be handled by an individual or two when they take the car to club events and other venues. The car still needs the following items: chrome lock pulls for both doors, rim with spare tire, jack, lug wrench and under-hood vent intake cover. If anyone in the club has any of those items we would appreciate a donation. Cheers, Terry Whittlege



FINAL CONFERENCE—and the judgement that "it is ready for the show"...



QUICK SHINE—Rick and John team up to put a quick coat of Carnuba Wax down on the cured paint



CLEANING VISORS—John does detail repair and cleanup before re-coloring visors.

If the early bird gets the worm, look what happens to the early worm.

Please register in advance! Send the information requested below to Charlie Bourque by email cb.alaska@alaska.net or cut it out and mail it to the club post office address so Charlie has your form NEXT WEEK.

Carlson Center Car Show

2012 Show REGISTRATION

Member Name: _____

Vehicle 1 Year: _____

Vehicle 1 Make: _____

Vehicle 1 Model: _____

Vehicle 2 Year: _____

Vehicle 2 Make: _____

Vehicle 2 Model: _____

If there is room (space is limited to about 90 cars), will you show a 3rd car? If so,

Vehicle 3 Year: _____

Vehicle 3 Make: _____

Vehicle 3 Model: _____

Please arrive at the back lot of the Carlson Center by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 25th to register your car and spot it in the proper space by "class" and model year. Cars must not be removed from the Carlson Center until Sunday, May 30th after show end at 4 pm and before 6 pm. You must be a paid up member of the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club to put a vehicle in this show. You will need to sign a form for the Carlson Center *at the time of show registration* for each vehicle stating:

1. There is less than 1/8 tank of fuel in the vehicle
2. I have current liability insurance on the vehicle
3. I have a working fire extinguisher in or around my vehicle / display

Signed: _____

Date: _____

\$5 Security Fee per vehicle has been waived this year by vote of the membership.
There is no fee per car for member entries— car entry fee is free this year.

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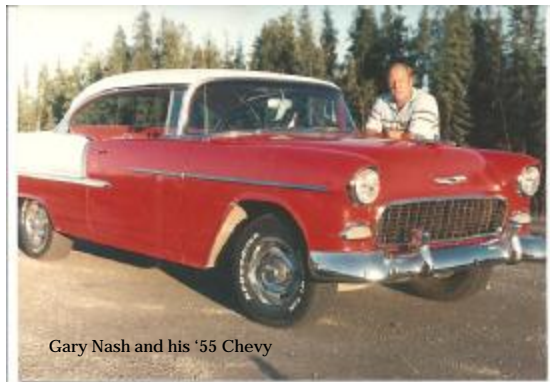
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NEXT MEETINGS

The General Membership Meeting is always the second Thursday of the month. This month the membership meeting is on **Thursday, MAY 10th**. Those eating dinner will meet at The Bakery Restaurant on College Road. about 6:00 pm—the meeting is at the **FOUNTAINHEAD MUSEUM** 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 May 8th. / Dinner is B4. Everyone is also welcome to attend.



Gary Nash and his '55 Chevy



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