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### The 2012 JOINT MEET between the Anchorage Auto Mushers and the Vernon L Nash Regions of AACA was held in Cantwell on June 8 & 9

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wonderful steaks as promised. After dinner we were given the challenge to build a car to race the following day. We were taken back to our vouth as we constructed our wooden race cars from materials provided. What a hoot!

On Saturday

the driver had to stop next

to a jug, run around to the

passenger side of the rig.

have a "tail" tied on, then

a very small orifice, place

the large nut that was suspended on the end of the

tail in the jug, run back around the car to have the

run back to the jug that had

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the challenge was sounded to let the games Our crew met at the Caboose drive-in near Ester at noon on Friday June 8 to caravan to the event. Bub & Rochelle Larson towed a games. Perhaps the most entertaining was 1930 Model A; Ed & Laurel McLaughlin drove their 1990 Geo; Bill & Joyce Chace drove a

1952 Plymouth, Robbie & Doris Casey drove their AMC Javelin; Dan, Vickie & Ruth Ann Domke drove their 1955 Chevy, Rick & Jill Larrick drove a 1955 Buick: and Scott & Lvnn Grundy drove their 1955 Plymouth, Ron & Karine Dane joined us at the event in their 1936 GMC pickup. Unfortunately Cris



tail removed, then race back and drive to the next Joint Meet Banquet at Cantwell Lodge Niffenegger had to cancel attending the event. jug where the passenger leaned out of the rig

Friday evening found us all consuming

to maneuver the nut into the second jug which

begin! AAMA president Howard Hansen

cooked up some really fun and challenging

the "Pin The Tail On The Donkey" event where



### Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.

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Ted coaches Scott Hulse on the Steaks for the Friday evening cookout

sported only a slightly larger orifice & finally accelerate to the finish line! Whew! The first, second & third place winners were separated by only two Pinewood derby: 1<sup>st</sup> Bub Larson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robbie Casey & Rick Larrick who collaborated & still couldn't beat Bub!

<u>Grab-bag of</u> mystery shop & household items: 1<sup>st</sup> Bill Chace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robbie Casey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Domke.

Demolition Derby (pop the balloon dragging on the ground that



The Casey / Larrick entry races against Bub Larson's Ragtop Speedster

was tied to a competitor's posterior): 1<sup>st</sup> Joyce, 3<sup>rd</sup> Klint Chace. If the

AAMA/

VLNAACF

joint members Ted &

Colleen Kim-

sey were in-

cluded in the

above tally, we would

have placed

in three addi-

to determine the weight of our vehicle with the items given us in the gift bag when we registered (a piece of paper, a ruler, and a tire gage) . You'll just have to ask a participant for details (preferably one who got it right...)

A car show was held on Saturday afternoon at the Creekside Restaurant 12 miles north of Cantwell! The awards banquet that evening was wonderful too. The first place winners were all presented beautiful & unique trophies that were hand crafted by Scott Hulse who chaired the event.

Our hats are off to the AAMA for a wonderful event!! It will be a real challenge for our club to come close to hosting such a fun event next year, but by golly we'll try!



Bub Larson, Robbie Casey, and Rick Larrick demonstrate different techniques....



seconds! Lots of laughs!

We had slightly fewer attendees than the AAMA, but boy were we successful in the events! The VLNAACF winners were:

<u>Road Kill</u>: 1<sup>st</sup> Robbie Casey with 8 dead balloons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Chace with 6 dead "critters"

Pin the tail on the donkey: 1<sup>st</sup> Scott & Linda Grundy.

<u>Duet drivers (one steered the course</u> while the other controlled the pedals): 1<sup>st</sup> Bill & Joyce Chace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donn Reese (AAMA) & Bill Chace, 3<sup>rd</sup> Robbie & Doris Casey.

tional slots!

#### **Golden Days Picnic July 21<sup>st</sup> at Square Dancers Pavilion Pioneer Park:**

As some of you who have been attending the monthly meetings may remember, this last spring John McCarthy lobbied that if we could sell all the raffle car tickets we should have a big blow out picnic. Well here we are in early July and we have been out of raffle tickets since sometime in mid-May. As far as money goes the club is standing in tall cotton.

At our June membership meeting it was approved by membership that we allow the expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 for the club to provide a main meat dish and soft drinks for the July 21<sup>st</sup> picnic (as well as restock the plastic wear, paper plates and cups). John McCarthy is looking into several places that could provide us with an assortment of cooked meats. We are looking to provide pulled pork or ribs perhaps both and yes even some chicken for those that wish it. We are trying very hard to take everyone's dietary needs into account. Please spend the afternoon, or just stop by to visit and eat.

As a club we do not want to require members to pay a deposit to ensure they show up for this special occasion. Instead we are going to ask members to provide a side dish. If you are a current or past board member, please bring a desert; otherwise bring a salad, nibbles, or vegetable. If we plan for a good number of folks to join us and then fewer show—well, we will have leftovers and those leftover goodies will have to go home with those who attend. So if you wanted to come and it did not work out that's o.k....

The picnic will be a the Square Dancers Pavilion. We will start gathering in the Parking lot of Pioneer Park between 12:00 and 1:00. At 1:00 those assembled will go into the park. At 2:00 we will draw the winning raffle car ticket and then dig in for the feast! We have the pavilion for the rest of the afternoon, so if the winning ticket holder is not at the park they have time to get there while we eat.

Please make sure that you take home with you any bowls or serving tools you brought to the picnic. Nothing will be kept and cared for awaiting your pick- up at a later date. - Scott Culbertson

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Ed has Isetta Envy at Brown's Museum 2012 A. B. D. T.\*

After the Joint Meet, nine hardy Fairbanks souls ventured down to the part of the State where the web-footed Alaskans live, and spent a few days in Seward. On the way to and from we had many bugs on the windshield, but it was a accurate measure of the climate as some of us had to remove snails from the car windows before we departed...

The group made a long day's drive from Cantwell, through Los Anchorage, and then on to Alaska again, arriving in Seward by late afternoon to check in at The Farm. The B&B was clean and well



Holgate Glacier (with Rochelle Larson & Bub Larson)

cared for, but only those who paid a little extra got the mirrored ceiling poster bed and level floors. Level floors were such an issue to some that they had to go searching for small (but thick) blocks of wood to level their bed.

One day in Seward was spent just being tourists (the Sea Life Center is great!) and (of course) dining well. The second day, the whole group had an all dav charter dinner cruise (food again) on the Glacier Express catamaran to tour Resurrection Bay, the Harding Gateway and Aialik Bay. The Holgate Glacier was quite impressive (behind Rochelle and Bub in the picture). Wildlife was abundant, and we saw porpoise, harbor seals, humpback and killer whales, sea lions, and lots of different birds.

We returned by way of the Glenn and Richardson, stopping at Brown's and then spending the night at Majestic Valley, where we had our tour's "last supper". Ed recited his traditional Robert Service poem,

much to the delight of everyone, including our waitress. In the 1400 or so miles, there were no car problems, and in general, the group of people behaved well, too. - editor

Above: Linda & Scott Grundy, Rick & Jill Larrick, Bub Larson, Rochelle Larson, Ruth Ann Domke, Laurel & Ed McLaughlin.

Below: Humpback Whale seen diving deep while on our Kenai Fiords Tour



\*Adventia Before Dementia Tour



#### **Schedule of Events**

- Check the club website for Events & Calendar Updates: http://local.aaca.org/fairbanks/events.htm
- <u>Saturday. July 7th</u>Poker Run to the Monderosa
- <u>Tuesday, July 10th</u> BOARD MEETING: Meeting at 6:30pm at Sam's Sourdough, with dinner before.
- <u>Thursday, July 12th</u>— MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Dinner at 6:00 at The Bakery Restaurant on College Rd-Meeting 7pm
- <u>Saturday, July 14th</u>—Slow Run to the Hilltop Restaurant
- <u>Wednesday July 18th</u>—GOLEN DAYS OPENING AT PIONEER PARK—VLNAACF CAR SHOW AS PEDRO BRINGS IN THE GOLD!
- <u>Saturday, July 21st</u> GOLDEN DAYS
- PARADE 9am line up @ Curling Club
- PICNIC 1pm line up @ Pioneer Park
- RAFFLE CAR GIVE-AWAY 2pm at Pioneer Park Picnic Shelter
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- <u>Sunday</u>, <u>July 22nd</u>—RIB RUN to SAL-CHAKET ROADHOUSE



## President's Headlights - Scott Culbertson

Hello fellow car club members. Here it is July already. I hope everyone is enjoying running their cars around. The annual Golden Days Parade is this month (July 21<sup>st</sup> the same day as our car raffle drawing/picnic—see page 3) and Wilma Vinton is heading up the parade organizing. If you missed last month's meeting and know you are going to be in the parade please try and attend our July meeting for updates on all the parade info. If making the meeting isn't going to work please contact Wilma directly at wlvinton@gci.net

I have not heard from folks who are willing to provide wedding rides. We have received a request recently and I am sure it will not be the only one. If driving for a wedding is something that interest you please let me know at <u>sdculbertson@gci.net</u>

Summer is a busy time and a number of car club activities start to take shape *after* we have created our activities calendar. If you're only using the newsletter to guide

you, you may be missing out on things. If you have an email account and receive the newsletter by snail mail you may want to consider asking to be put on the events reminder email list. For many things we just don't have the time to call every member. Most times an email goes out a day or two ahead of each event.

There is a lot of car stuff to do this summer so you can pick and choose or try and do it all; either way is fun!

See you at the meeting.



### TO HER RECKLESS DEAR

## **Birthdays**

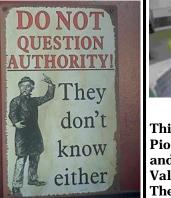
- 1-Ron Allen
- 2– Ellie Tempel
- 10– Marvin Wright
- 11- "Clutch" Lounsbury Carla Holt
- 12– Larry Ellison
- 13– Tammy Maxwell Dick Ellsworth
- 16– Candice Smith
- 20– Jerry Krier
- Marily Naquin
- 21– Ed McLaughlin
- 22– Bret Helms Bub Larson
- 23– David Graham
- 24- "Bear" Schmit
- 25– Carrie Jurgens
- Peter Lundquist 26– Linda Long
- 27– Judy Saupe
- 31– Jim Brand



### <u>Anniversaries</u>

- 1- Roy & Brenda Wilbur
- 6- Stephen & Flor Stidham
- 8– Ross & Paula Beal 9– Dennis & Debra
- 9- Dennis & Debra Dussman
- 14– Jim & Barb Cornell
- 28– Hank & Wyan Grant Dave Karpik & Katy Rice
- 29- Thomas & Leah Smith
- 30– Rob & Carl Holt





### Member Advertisements



#### FOR SALE:

**1926 STAR Model R** —6 Cyl with extra parts, new wiring harness ready to go in, rebuilt clutch, etc. Asking \$7,500 **1931 Deveaux 4Dr Sedan**. Asking \$10,500 **1948 GMC Grain Dump**—working dump truck. Asking \$5,000 **TIRES**: Two brand new sets of tires : 1 set: 440/450-21 BFG 2 1/2" whitewalls 1 set: 475/500-19 BFG 2 3/4" whitewalls \$700 for each set of 4—BRAND NEW! Call Dennis Dussman 455-6471

Scott Grundy reports that Walmart & Sam's Club have 3/4" whitewalls for sale at \$88 each (P215/71-R15)

**FOR SALE: Early 1925 Franklin 11-A** 5p Sedan. All there—runs and drives. Early 60's museum restoration of this "full classic" aircooled car with Raulang (Rauch & Lang) body. New frame rails in 2005. This is the 4th oldest Franklin 11-A known to exist and only one of two Franklins in AK. Books & Lit. Asking \$11,500 firm. Call Rick Larrick at 457-4344 if interested.

**FOR SALE:** Award Winning (club's 2011 "Most Improved" award for a recent restoration and Carlson 2012 People's Choice Antique Class car) **1929 Model A Roadster**. See the article in the April Newsletter for more pictures and the restoration story. \$21,500. Call Mary Wright at 978-9252

#### LET'S KEEP THIS ONE IN ALASKA!



This 1917 Mitchell is a true Alaska Pioneer—bought new in San Diego and shipped in 1918 by steamship to Valdez. It was then driven to Circle. The car is available locally—let's not let this one go Outside! Rick Larrick has info on the car's ownership and contact info.



### **Sunshine Club**

Linda Grundy reports.....

Get Well / Thinking of you cards were sent

out to the following members this month. If you see them or get a chance to telephone them—please wish them well:

**Theresa Chase** 

Linda Long

**Beccy Monsma** 

#### Judy Saupe

A condolences card was sent to **Barb Cornell** for the loss of her father

Please call Linda at 457-3526 (or email at <u>lindagrundyak@gmail.com)</u>

if you know of someone needing a little sunshine!

## **Raffle Car News**

The club raffle car is ready to give away on July 21st at our Golden Days Picnic! Until then, the car is looking for drivers for events and runarounds —so if you would like to give it some "exercise" between now and when we give it away, please contact John McCarthy (Ron Frey drove it home from the Carlson Show, Hank Grant had it for a week...)



Above: Raffle Car at the Carlson Show



Of course I take responsibility for my actions, when they are not someone else's fault.



Above: Jerry Krier, Scott Grundy and daughter Jen, all wave greetings to those who missed the fun at Nenana Daze / Monderosa Run. Below: Parade in the rain through downtown Nenana

### NENANA RIVER DAZE PARADE & MONDEROSA RUN

By Scott Grundy

On Saturday morning, June 2, a nucleus of dedicated & adventuresome club members met with smiles in the Pioneer Park parking lot under billowing & threatening clouds. We departed at 8:50 a.m. Trip organizer, Don Oines led the group with his '67 VW bug and was followed by Rick & Jill Larrick (with grandson Quetzal) in their beautiful '55 Buick HT, Jerry Krier (with his cute sidekick Bandit) in his regal '82 Cadillac coupe, Ed & Laurel McLaughlin in their '90 Geo and Scott Grundy with daughter Jennifer in his '55 Plymouth 4dr.

The rain and fog didn't start until after our stop at that risqué referenced inn half way to Nenana. We arrived in plenty of time to queue up for the parade. To say the parade was underwhelming would be an <u>understatement</u>! We followed five emergency vehicles with our five rigs – that was the entire parade! BUT we all had fun because we were well received by the few spectators who braved the drizzle. The firemen tossed candy to the children en-route & we were all pleased to have avoided children picking up the sweet treasurers. I quickly learned that my horns were barely audible, so I used my electronic wolf- whistle instead. Speaking of such, it's the most adolescent item I've ever pur-

### Join in on the fun!

WEDNESDAY RUN-AROUNDS

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.



Run-arounds officially started May 30th . Brenda and Roy Wilbur are again heading up our Wednesday Run-Around. If you like runnin around in a pack, or just doing old fashioned slow cruisin' then meet up with us on Wednesday evenings at Pioneer chased, but is likely the most fun. Older women seem to be the most appreciative, especially the homely ones.

After the thrilling three minute parade (with hearts still racing from the excitement) we toured the RR museum in the depot as recommended by Rick Larrick as it remained on the Larricks' bucket list of must dos! In addition to the rusty items we were forbidden to touch, the museum had stacks of dusty volumes listing all ice classic participants by year. By invitation from a nice looking lady who was apparently appreciative of my wolf whistle, we also visited the community Cultural Center. Both locations had nice items for sale.

The drizzle stopped by the time we arrived at the Mondo for burgers that are advertised as the "Best in Alaska." Exposure to the Cultural Center

must have done us some good because all the boys removed their hats before foundering themselves.

Jerry Krier & I cruised back to town together but never saw any of the remaining crew who departed earlier and must have been busy blowing out all that accumulated carbon! (From their car engines that is.)

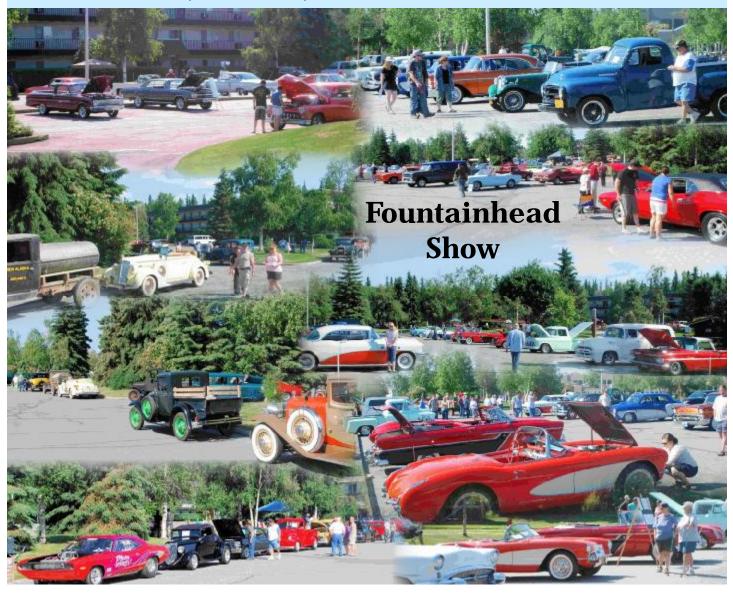
Cliché for this trip? "Didn't see Jack!" (Coghill—or the owner of the Monderosa, that is.)

If you don't have a driver quality vehicle so you can participate in these very fun cruising events, you best get one soon. Life is truly short, don't miss out on all the fun!



Above: 2012 Nenana Daze Parade Below: Cars in the lot of the Nenana Cultural Center provided an impromptu car show.

Summer tip: Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts



It was a beautiful 84 degree summer day for the Midnight Sun Cruise-In at the Fountainhead Auto Museum. Twentyone VLNAACF Region club members worked as volunteers to handle staging and registration for the car show. The club also hosted the "Tour de Fairbanks" cruise after the show.

There were 98 cars registered, which was down somewhat from the first show two years ago—but the number of spectators and visitors seemed to be way higher. In addition to the registered cars, several dozen very nice rides just came over carrying spectators, which almost made for a second show in the other parking lots. The "Tour de Fairbanks" was led by our Terry Whitledge and had about forty cars participate in the 30 mile tour north of Fairbanks.

Fountainhead had arrange some very nice door prizes for car registrants, and did a wonderful job hosting the event.

At the Awards Banquet hosted by Fountainhead, entertainer Bob Miller sang us some humorous songs including "Desperate Auto", "The Chatanika Song", and "It's in the water", and had us all laughing with him. Also at the dinner, VLNAACF President Scott Culbertson announced the car show winners:

Best 1950's (the Featured class): 1955 Cadillac Coupe DeVille owned by Cindy Helms.

Best Vintage: 1936 Packard 120B owned by Rod & Birgit Benson.

Best Classic: 1961 Chevrolet Impala, owned by Chad Young of Fairbanks

Best Racecar (new class): "Plum Crazy" the 1970 Dodge Challenger owned by Jim and Tracy Brand. Best Hotrod: 1934 Ford Cabriolet owned by Al & Ruth Haynes

Best Motorcycle: 1979 Harley Davidson Chopper, owned by Brent Helms

Best Misc: The Radio Flyer Little Red Wagon, built by Fred Keller and Judy Foster of Wasilla.



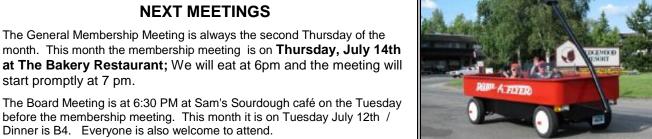
Some of the Registration Volunteers

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The Board Meeting is at 6:30 PM at Sam's Sourdough café on the Tuesday before the membership meeting. This month it is on Tuesday July 12th / Dinner is B4. Everyone is also welcome to attend.



### NEXT MEETINGS

Scott Culbertson John McCarthy Ron Allen Nancy Peterson **Rick Larrick** Terry Whitledge Willy Vinton Rochelle Larson Rochelle Larson **Rick Larrick** Wilma Vinton Linda Grundy

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Judy Foster and Fred Keller in the Little Red Wagon

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