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Chatanika Lodge Poker Run—Saturday, Sept 8th



Cars in front of the Chatanika Roadhouse—We were met at the roadhouse by Alan and Beccy Monsma and a couple of their friends who did not participate in our poker run, but met us for lunch.

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The last organized driving event of the season is traditionally the run out to Ronnie & Shirley Franklin's Chatanika Roadhouse for a Saturday lunch, and this season it was as well. This event has been happening for about as long as anyone can remember, and is always a well attended event and a great opportunity to take in

as well. This the fall colors on the Steese highway. The club met at 10:00 am at Pioneer Park on Saturday, September 8th for this year's run. We called in our (Continued on page 2)



Some of the cars parked at Cleary Summit—the 3rd Stop (4th Card Draw) on the Drive

Just when you think you've won the rat race along come faster rats.



Chatanika Run—Club cars stopped at the 2nd stop (3rd Card Draw) at Pedro Monument

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lunch orders ahead, and then left the park in a caravan of 16 cars. Thirty folks played our car version of poker.

The first stop was the Pipeline Viewing Station near Fox. Here we drew the 2nd card, and had a little time to socialize. As can be seen on page 3, anytime someone opens a hood they draw a crowd—John McDonald had just put a new Chevy 350 in his Studebaker and had to show it off. John should be congratulated for driving his Studebaker on International Drive Your Studebaker Day!

Jessica Cahill drove her car on the ride, as did several other new members. As you remember, Jessica won this year's raffle car—and the 1970 Chevelle Malibu can be seen in several of the pictures with its "PRIZED" license plates. Second stop was the Felix Pedro Monument Rest Stop, pictured above. The picture shows what a glorious fall day it was with blue sky and leaves beginning to turn color.

Last stop on the way out was Cleary Summit (picture on page 1). You can see for many miles from the top of Cleary, and unfortunately one of the things we could see was "termination dust" snow on the tops of the

White Mountains.

We arrived at the Chatanika Roadhouse right at noon, and parked

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Card Draw at the Pipeline View Station—1st Stop

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Half of Americans can't do math, and the other two-thirds don't care.

Fountainhead Wins at Pebble Beach



This year our local Fountainhead Auto Museum had the honor of being invited to show two of their cars at the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

After a long wait that included a second visit by the judges to inspect the McFarlan, Willy was told to take it to the winners circle. At this point he knew they were in the top three for their class. The stage director then told the 3rd-place winner (a 1905 Clément) to go first, and when he directed the 1911 Isotta Fraschini to go 2nd Willy knew they had earned the coveted First in Class for A-2 Antiques. There was an audible gasp in the crowd when they learned that the car belonged to a museum *in Alaska*. Fountainhead was also thrilled to receive the

Ansel Adams Award for Most Desirable Touring Car of Its Era. What an honor! Museum owner Tim Cerny looks pretty pleased with the prizes. For some reason, the bottle of Champagne didn't make it back to Fairbanks...



And again at Kirkland

Fountainhead also won with both the McFarlan and the Biddle Town Car at the <u>Kirkland Concours</u> <u>d'Elegance</u> at the new LeMay Museum in Tacoma. The young fellow in the chauffeur seat was attending with his grandfather and was suitably dressed for the occasion - Willy thinks that the mighty chauffeur helped the Fountainhead clinch the "best presentation" award, based on the crowd that gathered to take pictures.

Both Fountainhead owner, Tim Cerny, and Museum Manager, Willie Vinton, are VLNAACF members. Cars will be arriving soon at the Musuem.

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John shows off his Studebaker by the pipeline on International Drive your Studebaker Day

our cars on display in front (see page 1).

The Lodge was doing a nice business on Saturday, with quite a number of hunters in the lodge for lunch.
After lunch, Rochelle Larson announced the win-

ners. Poker hand winners were Kirsten Pickard, a friend of Dan & Vickie Domkie who was visiting them from Wasilla (\$75), Jill Larrick (\$50), and Dorris Casey (\$25). Rochelle had several other prizes

for other card combinations, and gave out grab bag gift

prizes that had been donated by several merchants. Rochelle did a great job organizing this event this year, and has done a wonderful job all year in her role as our Program and Event Chairperson!



'36 Dodge Pick-up hauls the Grundy's home

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- Tuesday, Oct 9th— BOARD MEETING: Meeting at 6:30pm at Sam's Sourdough, with dinner before.
- Thursday, Oct. 11th— MEMBERSHIP MEET-ING: at THE BAKERY. Dinner is before (most arrive at 6pm and the meeting starts at 7pm).



On Tuesday, Sept 25th, the Raffle Car Committee purchased this 1965 Mustang for our 2013 Raffle. Watch for more news on the car, the work that needs done on it, and the what when and where of Ticket Sales.

President's Headlights - Scott Culbertson

Hello folks, This month of October Paul Teken will be working to put together a slate of candidates for club officer positions. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact Paul. Paul will need to present his candidates this month at our membership meeting (October 11th). Voting will take place at the November membership meeting. I look forward to seeing some new names on the ballets.

While we still are enjoying good weather and I see a lot of vintage cars still cruising around, the majority of our members have put their wonderful cars away. As we fill our winter board and memberships meetings with planning for the 2013 driving season we are going to be reaching out to all of you to share in

the driving. All of the events next season will have a primary point of contact. That means that every week or at least every other week there will be opportunities for you to get more involved. Being responsible for and event or activity is a great way to meet other members. If you think of some-

thing fun that you think others may enjoy please share it with the club.

The newsletter has been looking great. This winter we will need a lot of articles from all of you to keep it looking great. If you are proud of your cars and want to share some of their history with the club, that would be wonderful. I am sure Rick would love to get as much material as he can.

See Ya at the meeting.

- Scott



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Birthdays



Member Advertisements



- 4- Denise Lundquist
- Sue Whitney
- 5- David Karpik
- 6- Tracy Brand
- 7- Dennis Markey
- 8- John Bora
- Martin Herzog
- 14- Lori Hinchsliff
- 15- Nancy Gile
- 17- Robbie Casey
- 19- Deborah Rockney Kenny Maxwell
- 21- LaVonne Gullickson Garry Farnham
- 31 Don Cameron

Wright at 978-9252

FOR SALE: Award Winning (club's

2011 "Most Improved" award for a re-

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Model A Roadster.

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ple's Choice Antique Class car) 1929



MEMBERSHIP

FREE—empty space that could be filled with your member ad next month....



FOR SALE: 1936 Dodge LC-1, 1/2 ton PU for sale. Very nicely restored rust-free truck. Runs & starts well. NADA high book value is \$18,900. Asking \$17,000. Call Scott Grundy at 457-3526 or email grundy@mosquitonet.com.

FOR SALE:

1926 STAR Model R—6 Cyl with extra parts, new wiring harness ready to go in, spare block, etc. REDUCED TO ONLY \$5000 and will throw in NEW TIRES! **1931 Deveaux 4Dr Sedan.** Ask \$8,500 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



Wanted: "I'm looking for a Ford 351W block, casting number on side of block is C9OE-6015-B. Please let me know if you have a



serviceable one, and let me know the date code (which is near the casting number on the passenger side of the block behind the starter) if possible." David Karpik

FOR SALE; 1 very small tear drop trailer, good to tow behind a small car or an OLD car. I have towed it over 8K miles and it tows great; \$1500.00, 1972 VW super beetle, runs and drives, new brakes, have all new fenders and running boards for it, as well as a few other new parts, has a gas heater, and new radial tires, fenders are wider than stock and so are tires. Will make a good project or fix up and drive as is. \$3500.00, and if your into something bigger, a 1970 F600 with hoist, V8 5spd with 2sp axle. 27K original miles and runs great, lets talk on this one. Willy 388-8252



1959 Premiere Lincoln for Sale

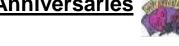
Price \$6500 Low Mileage, Excellent Shape Contact Burnie Hall 322-2488 or Randy Hambright 378-0490 (Ed Note: Claudia says "Burnie really does know about this ad")

1930-31 Model A Fenders/aprons and running boards \$300.00

Call Ralph 347-1675

For sale: a 20 ft car trailer, tilt bed, 10,000 lb winch, 14,000 lb axles in good condition. \$4000 OBO. Robbie Casey 488-3321

Anniversaries



- 1- George & Patricia Cromer
- 5- Ron & Nancy Allen
- 7- Wayne & Linda Long
- 8- Don & Connie Ronkin
- 11- Jerry & Donna Krier Dennis & Rielle Markey
- 17- Sam & Melody Simmons
- 23- David & Laura Graham
- 31- Eugene & Terry Reed

Sunshine Club

Tracy McLeod is



now our Sunshine **Contact. Please** give her a call or send her an e-mail if you know of a club member who could use a little "sunshine". It is always a

kindness to let club members know we are thinking of them when they are dealing with an operation, an unexpected diagnosis, the loss of a family member, or an extended illness.

Tracy can be reached at home: 456-7877

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OLD WOOD HAULER IS RETURNED TO GLORY!

- by Ross Beal

Pictured here is the 1963 Ford F100 Unibody pickup I purchased in 2008 from a local lady who was the third owner. The truck is unusual as a Unibody with a wrap around rear window. Unibody F100's were only made from 1961-63. They became hard to sell as when overloaded the doors would not open or close and in the worse case scenario. would break in two just behind the rear doors. The

truck had come from Oregon in 2007 and had belonged to an eighty year old man who used it to haul wood. Needless to say the trans-

Ross Beal and his 1963 F100

box construction and amazingly, the box was in good shape but the tailgate as on any of the existing pickups was beyond use in the rebuild.

In order to at least make it a driver I overhauled the three speed tranny myself. Next the cab was stripped and floors and column were repaired.

reupholstered the seat myself. Next the king pins were replaced to keep it from

wandering all over two lanes of traffic. Now the work slowed down as I could now choose wither I wanted to work on it or drive it. You can guess my usual choice. The body was solid with only a one inch rust hole and the usual little dents and dings. I painted the interior after installing a new headliner I fashioned from a shower stall panel and looks great. The interior work went slow also but probably was the most satisfying so far when I could see some real progress. Some days

your enthused, others not so much.



Cab is stripped



Shower Panel Headliner

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Replacing worn King Pins is hard work!

mission was in need of an overhaul and the engine ran badly. The floor pans were rusted through as was the driver's side cab column. This model was made with single wall

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Teamwork is essential; it allows you to blame someone else.



2013 Adventure Before Dementia Tour Dates



<u>Where:</u> To Dawson City for their Canada Day celebration & Eagle for our Independence Day celebration. <u>When:</u> Sat. through Sat. bracketing the Fourth of July week as follows:



E-mail <u>grundy@mosquitonet.com</u> for info

Sat., June 29 p.m.: FBX - Tok (206 miles - 4 hours driving)

Sun., June 30: Tok to Dawson City (185 miles – 4 hours driving + Yukon ferry)

Mon. & Tue., July 1 & 2: Dawson City Wed., July 3: Dawson City to Eagle (143 miles – 3 hours driving + Yukon ferry)

Thurs. (Holiday), July 4: Eagle

Fri., July 5 pm: Eagle to Tok (171 miles – 3.5 hours driving)

Sat., July 6: Tok to FBX (206 miles – 4 hours driving)

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Just the normal way a rebuild goes I guess. Now the truck went thru a long period of primer patches, welding up trim holes and just a lot of little touches here and there to improve the looks and always searching for useable parts through trips to the



Completed Interior

junk yards here in Fairbanks and also in Minnesota. I originally figured on an engine overhaul but the more I drove it, the better it ran especially after abandoning the points and condenser for an electronic module for the distributor. The pickup burned a quart of oil about every 100 miles when purchased and will use a quart every 1000 miles! A new oil pump was also installed in the 292 c.i. "Y" block to bring the oil pressure up to specs. This summer I was finally able to get the body prepped and painted. I'm very pleased with the outcome and am repaid daily in many complements for all the work it took to save this worn out old work horse from a fate worse than death for anyone who appreciates "old Iron".

BORED NOTES FROM BOARD AND MEMBER-SHIP MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

- Treasury is still sound, with good and proper balances. Ron continues to pursue 501C3 tax status.
- Membership levels are holding, with new members enrolling monthly.
- Tracy McLeod is taking responsibility for the Sunshine Club.
- 2013 Raffle Car was discussed at both the Board Meeting and the Membership Meeting. At the Thursday Meeting a vote to purchase Ethan's 1972 Mercedes for \$3500 was taken and was narrowly defeated, with the

ELECTIONS

Paul Tekin is the Nominations Chairperson. He, or one of his committee, may well be calling YOU to ask you to run for one of the positions of leadership in the club. If you are interested in running for one of the Director positions or for an Officer position in the club, please give Paul a phone call at 488-2992.

Nominations will be open from the floor at the October Membership Meeting, and bal-

- sentiment that it was a model for which it would be difficult to sell tickets, and we should continue to look for a more desirable car.
- Program & Events were discussed, but no events are coming up in the next 60 days. The Christmas Party was discussed. Laurel McLaughlin will again take care of arrangements this year. The board express sentiment that she should explore increasing the meal funding if such expense is warranted.
- Upcoming elections were discussed, and Scott appointed Paul Tekin as Nominations Chairperson.
- The Board received an appeal letter for our Charity funds from "Love in the Name of Christ". This should serve as a reminder that all requests for our donation of this year's charity funds should be made to the Board in writing before the November meeting. The board needs a request sponsored by a member with some background as to the funding request and the charity's mission.
- David Karpik returned Troella, and President Scott pressed her on John McCarthy with instructions to treat her well on his upcoming trip to Washington and Montana. David Karpick publicly promised photos and an article for an upcoming edition of this newsletter with candid shots of Troella at CorVette and other gatherings of car enthusiasts.

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NEXT MEETINGS

This month the membership meeting is at The Bakery on Thursday, October 11th. Meeting starts at 7pm; most members are there for dinner by 6pm.

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 October 9th / Dinner is B4. Everyone is also welcome to attend.



