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Near the end of the parade: Members Bear Schmit, Hunter Binder & John and Penny Binder on Noble Street

## GOLDEN DAYS

The rain stopped, the clouds parted (a bit) and the sun shined (kinda) on the Golden Day's Parade and Picnic.

The club gathered on 2nd Ave by the Curling Club to line up just as the rain stopped and the weather made a decided turn for the better. Celebrations had started on Wednesday Night at the Kick-off Celebration and concluded for the public with the Golden Days Parade—for the club it ends with the Raffle Car Give-Away and Picnic at Pioneer Park.

The '68 VW, that the club has been selling tickets on since December, was given away at 2pm at the Picnic. The lucky winner drawn for award of the '68 VW was Marlen Pruett. The Pruett's are known to many in our club and they were enthusiastic about the car and about now being members of our group. They joined us for the picnic and happily drove the bug home.



Raffle Car Chair Fred Husby hands over the keys to Marlen Pruett as President John McCarthy looks on.

The day was marred by Bear Schmit's collapse while waiting for the picnic over at the Picnic Pavilion a little after 1pm. Bear had been talking with Paul Tekin and stopped to say "hello" to John McDonald when he collapsed and fell backward onto the pavement hitting his head. Scott Grundy was the hero by immediately giving CPR. 911 was called and while they were still get-

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You may have a heart of gold, but so does a hard-boiled egg...

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ting information, Wilma Vinton was called to come in from the front parking lot. Wilma, who is an EMT instructor, and other EMTs who were at the park, all assisted with care of Bear until the ambulance crew arrived. Bear was treated at the scene for 25 minutes before being stabilized enough to be transported to the hospital. (where he is doing well)

The picnic and raffle drawing were delayed just a bit, but first order of business was the raffle drawing, and then the Pig Roast Picnic. BBQ was prepared by Midnight Sun Catering this year, and was quite good. Club members brought salads and many delicious desserts.



There was a very good club turnout for the BBQ Picnic on Saturday



Below: Re-enactment of Pedro weighing in his gold poke at Opening



Photo: Ron Allen

Senator Begich (right) left the parade route to stop to visit with Roy Wilbur and congratulate Wilbur Bros Sheet Metal on their 100th Anniversary.

## MONDO RUN

Time again for that poker run south to Nenana for the



“best burger in Alaska!”

Join the crowd  
Sunday August 16th  
leaving the Pioneer Park  
parking lot at 11AM



## RIBS!

There was record attendance (43) for this year's Rib Run to Salchaket Roadhouse on Sunday, July 20th. The event was well organized by Will and Theresa Chase and by the Roadhouse. The ribs were just as great as everyone remembered from prior years (if not better...)! The trip down and back was smooth and delightfully uneventful. The club also sang “Happy Birthday” to Bret Helms and to Bub Larson.





There are two kinds of people who don't say much—those who are quiet and those who talk a lot

*National News: From the publication "The Rummage Box":*



## Lookin' Up

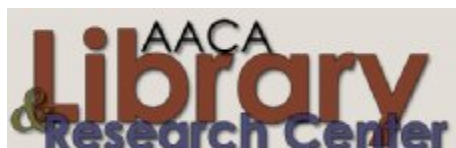
By Bernie Golias  
VP-Library &  
Research Center

There's a lot of exciting and positive developments taking place in the Library & Research Center. The Bookmobile's restoration is moving along nicely and will be utilized as a great educational and marketing tool; updates to the website gives it a fresh look that welcomes its member guests to participate in research and a growing commitment of our Friends group.

I think most patrons would be surprised to learn how many of the services and programs they enjoy are supported by the Friends. Please share your ideas as to how we can creatively promote our Library by raising awareness and increasing membership. We are continuously growing and your help with some specific hands on work is vital.

As a reminder, research is available on and off site and as a member you have 1.5 hours (90 minutes) of free research available to you. If you can't make a personal visit you can request services on line at [www.aacalibrary.org](http://www.aacalibrary.org). If you haven't stopped by the Library's web site recently, please do so; it's lookin' up. They even have a new logo. With its ever growing inventory the Library is in need of financial support to carry out its purpose; that is to complete digitization of files, movies and miscellaneous periodicals, so they can be used by its members more efficiently. The library is looking for pre-war automotive sales literature, periodicals and quality historical memorabilia. Don't forget about our endowment and planned giving programs. These areas are vital to the continued existence and growth of the Library's future.

For more information on becoming a member of the Friends of the Library and to learn more about planned giving please contact the Library at 717-534-9101.



Members, I'd like to personally invite each of you as well as your car (or coffee) loving friends to **Great Harvest Bread Co.** every Saturday morning this summer between 8 am and 10 am. This is located in the **Bentley Mall parking lot**. This is a low-commitment, high-fun content event that will ensure stimulation through caffeination. Show up with your favorite ride, or at least whichever one you have running, and get social discussing projects, upcoming events, and all that is car related. This is intended to be an outreach event in which we elevate interest in old cars by bringing in fresh faces that may not yet be members or have a car of the vintage variety. With that in mind, please attend and spread the word as this event is open to the public. This is a popular event nationally that should flourish in our coffee-filled world of Fairbanks! Call or text me at 614-477-0742 for questions and suggestions.  
- David Karpik

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*This space is for you to tell the club about your latest project. There may be other club members with similar projects that can share information with you. Having an unusual restoration problem? Trouble locating parts? This is your corner to air your concerns. - Ed McLaughlin*



## COMPLETED!

And back home with owner Jeff Cook. Jeff writes: "Jose's Body and Paint did an outstanding job of restoring my 1956 Buick Roadmaster after I was rear ended last August. Thanks for help in getting parts and for his ongoing advice to Willie Vinton and thanks for a rear clip to Robbie Casey".

AUGUST  
MEMBER-  
SHIP MEET-  
ING  
IS AT



## THE SALMON BAKE!

Meet in the Pioneer Park lot to  
drive in together at 5:30 pm,  
Thursday, August 14th  
PRICE: \$25.00 for members wear-  
ing their nametag.

## Sunshine Club

A sympathy card was sent from the club to Ron Frey on the occasion of the passing of his brother and club member, Jerry Frey.



Above: Jerry, Below: part of the club cars at  
Jerry's Celebration of Life

A get well card was sent to Bear Schmit.

A sympathy card was sent to Vonna Husby who was walking with her best girlfriend to watch the Golden Days parade when her friend collapsed with a heart attack and died.

Tracy McLeod is the 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". Tracy can be reached (voice or text) at 378-0718. or by

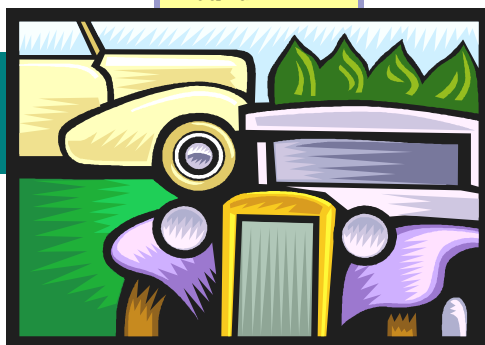


# August, 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Cars n Coffee 8-10
3	4	5	6 Run-Around	7	8	9 Cars n Coffee 8-10 Knotty Shop Cruise
10	11	12 BOARD MTG—Sam's Sourdough	13 Run-Around	14 MEMBER MTG—The Salmon Bake 5:30pm drive	15	16 Cars n Coffee 8-
17 Mondo Run	18	19	20 Run-Around	21	22	23 Cars n Coffee 8 Murphy Dome Hillclimb
24	25	26	27 Run-Around	28	29	30

## Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- Every Wednesday: **Run-Around:** Meet by 6:50pm in the Pioneer Park front lot every Wednesday all summer.
- Every Saturday: **Cars n Coffee** 8-10am, Bentley Mall between Great Harvest / Brueggers and Michaels. (Dave Karpik)
- Aug 2-8th: **Adventure Before Dementia Tour** (Scott Grundy)
- Aug 9th: **Knotty Shop Cruise.** Leave CarsNCoffee at 10am (Hunter Binder)
- August 12th: **Board Meeting** 6:30 pm at Sam's Sourdough—dinner before
- August 14th: **Membership Meeting at The Salmon Bake.** Meet in Pioneer Park lot to drive in together at 5:30pm. Dinner cost is \$25 for members wearing nametags. Regular Business Meeting starts at 7pm.



- Aug 17th: **Monderosa Run.** Leave Pioneer Park at 11am for lunch at the Monderosa in Nenana.
- Aug 23rd **Murphy Dome Hillclimb.** Leave Pioneer Park at 1:30 pm.
- Sept 6th: **Hilltop Breakfast Run**
- Sept 13th: **Chatanika Lodge Run**

## Antique Auto Mushers

- Wednesdays: **Wednesday Cruise**
- Aug 13th: **Rolling Meeting**
- Aug 23rd: **State Fair Parade and Show**

## National AACA Events

- September 8-12th: **AACA Western Fall Meet**, Big Sky, Montana
- October 8-11th **HERSHEY AACA Eastern Fall Meet**

## Other Events

- Aug 2nd: **Jay Ofsthun Pre Show** @ Jewel Lake / Dimond Ave. McDonalds
- Aug 3rd: **Jay Ofsthun Show & Shine**
- Aug 9th: **Hot August Nights**, Palmer
- Sept 21-26th: **AAA Revival Glidden Tour** (pre 1943 vehicles), Defiance, Ohio—hosed by VMCCA

Suggestion: Print or tear this page out and tape it to your refrigerator so you don't miss any of our fun times!





## President's Headlights - John McCarthy

made for a fantastic gathering. The Rib Run to Salchaket Roadhouse went off without a flaw and sported the largest group of attendees to date. A little 90 mile trip to Delta Junction ended July's activities.

The Club Officers, along with newsletter editor Rick Larrick, checked out and selected the club's 2015 Raffle Car. After searching the web and looking at some vehicles, we selected a 1967 MGB convertible. The car is red, very straight and clean, and runs well. I think it will be an excellent ticket seller for our next raffle.

Please keep Dennis "Bear" Schmit in your prayers. As of this writing, he's doing better but has a long way to go to full recovery.

Thanks to all members for your participation and support. It took a lot of effort and coordination by a lot of people to have all these events come together. Your teamwork and camaraderie paid off. Indeed, it was a busy month.

- John McCarthy

July was a busy month for the club. Once again, we had great participation at our Wednesday Run-arounds and Saturday Cars N' Coffee events. Attendance at our outdoor membership meeting and potluck at the Lion's Picnic Pavilion had a near record meeting turn-out. The Hilltop Breakfast Run had a number of happy, well fed attendees. Many of us attended the celebration of life for member Jerry Frey. The potluck at the Square Dance Hall had a grand audience of Jerry's friends.

Golden Days are always busy days and our participation at the kick-off and parade is always appreciated by the community. On July 19th, prior to our potluck/ BBQ, it was my pleasure to announce that the winner of our 1968 VW Raffle Car was Marlen Pruett. Congratulations, Marlen! Our potluck/ BBQ at the square dance pavilion with meats catered by Midnight Sun Catering and a full array of member provided salads and desserts



Board deciding on purchase of the 2015 Raffle Car

### Member Advertisements

**For Sale:** Partially restored 1965 "544 " Volvo . Also have 1 pair of 1930-32 Chevy headlights—asking \$100 for the headlights, one has a small rock chip. Contact Rochelle at 590-8593

**FOR SALE:** 1928 Chevrolet National 2 Door Sedan. Asking \$9500. All original—paint, top, upholstery, trunk, etc.; Engine Re-built. I have owned and cared for her since 1968. Call Jerry Krier at 322-8122



**FOR SALE:** 1957 Buick Special, complete and restorable—runs and drives. Asking \$3500. Call Rick at 457-4344 for info.

### Birthdays

- 3 - Sherry Camerada
- Charles Donahue
- 4 - Gene Hansen
- Tom Hinchsliff
- Richard Bellows
- Terry Reed
- 6 - Lois Oslund
- 11 - Jeff Creamer
- 12 - Alan Monsma
- 16 - Penny Binder
- 22 - Stella Carpenter
- Wendy Uzzell
- 25 - Scott Grundy
- 26 - Scott Culbertson
- Stuart Yamamoto
- 29 - Tom Qualley
- 31 - Bill Chace

### Anniversaries



- 4 - Amy & Darnell Weaver
- 5 - Mebble & Gene Hansen
- Aimee & David Hughes
- 8 - Kathy & Travis Capps
- 9 - Theresa & Will Chase
- Beccy & Alan Monsma
- 11 - Cindy & Bret Helms
- Francie & Mike Thomas
- 14 - Karmen & Greg Shoemaker
- 15 - Jill & Rick Larrick
- 20 - Vickie & Dan Domke



## EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER



Scott Grundy coerced me into working with him on the Joint Meet for next year. I told him I would not chair it, but would happily be part of a group of a half dozen couples to plan the meet. We have already made an expeditionary trip to Delta, which is the chosen spot, and have a tentative date, options for a banquet spot, hotel and campground options. Fred and Vonna Husby are working on a tour or event for Saturday. Dan & Vicki Domke are chairing the car games. That means we still need at least two more couples to help. We will probably meet at least twice over beer & pizza or some such dinner for planning meetings this winter, and will, of course, coordinate and carry off our club hosting duties at the Joint Meet. Please call Scott, Linda, Jill or me if you want to be part of the planning.

Thanks to Hank Grant for putting me in touch with Don Langley in Australia for permission to publish his story on creating a Bobby Sheldon car replica.

Several of us had a discussion on Saturday at the picnic about how the club should do some CPR training this winter. We are most of an age where helping one another could take a different skill and maybe greater importance.

It is time to be making those reservations and final plans if you are attending Hershey. Jill and I will be going again this year, so let's co-ordinate plans.

## MURPHY DOME HILLCLIMB

Up Murphy Dome, across Old Murphy Dome, and back—a short but challenging trip for your “Slo-Poke” vintage vehicles (or more modern iron).

Leave Pioneer Park lot at 1:30 pm on **Sat, Aug 23rd** to challenge your vintage car with the trip to the top.



## HILLTOP BREAKFAST RUN

While there was a large crowd for Cars N Coffee on Saturday morning, July 12th, it was a smaller group that did the short Poker Run to The Hilltop for breakfast / brunch. There was a lot going on that Saturday. Part of the group at Cars N Coffee were going down to Delta for their postponed Solstice Car Show, and many of the folks were staying in town for the American Tire Car Show.

Six cars (pictured above) made the short trip past Fox to The Hilltop with the primary goal being a fashionably late breakfast with PIE for desert. The tour was organized and led by Marijo Beard and Art Casserberg. Also going (in order of the cars above) were Rick & Jill Larrick, Dan Domke with Ruth Ann Domke and his aviator dog Rocket, Ron and Nancy Allen, Scott & Linda Grundy with a small unnamed critter, and John McDonald with his ever-present dog Chester.

With the short trip, the

poker game meant a very leisurely drive out with stops at Hagelbarger Hill Overlook, The Pipeline View Station, the Fox Tesoro, and the final card at the restaurant. With the small group, it was winner take all, and Ron



Photo by Ron Allen

Jill, Rick, Scott, Mary Jo, John, Art, Linda, Dan, Ruth Ann & Nancy enjoy breakfast

won. Being superstitious, Ron returned the \$5 that Nancy spotted him for his ante. However he needed the cash on the way home, as can be seen in the picture just below...



Photo by Nancy Allen

Ron & Nancy Allen return home...

Those who missed the run have ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY for a breakfast run to The Hilltop Restaurant on **Saturday, September 6th**, again leaving about 10am from Cars N Coffee.

## HILLTOP

Once Again  
September 6th

Leave CarsNCoffee @ 10am





## JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Secretary Grundy Reads

### Minutes: VLNAACF Membership Meeting

The Membership Meeting was called to order by President John McCarthy at 7:15 pm. All Board members were present except Terry Whitledge & Scott Culbertson. Total attendance was 52. A quorum was attained.

#### REPORTS:

Scott Grundy read the minutes from the July Board Meeting and highlighted the June Membership Meeting. There were no questions.

Treasurer Ron Allen reported our current financial status as comfortable. Ron Allen also reported back taxes due as a result of our pursuit of our tax exempt status were within budget and paid in full.

Membership status was reported by Rochelle Larson. She indicated we had four new members. Our total membership is currently 217.

Raffle car ticket sales: Rochelle Larson stressed that all money collected from the sale of tickets and all unsold tickets must be turned in to her immediately. She also stated that if the 25-30 books of tickets that were lost at the FDI Cruise-In are not located, they will be accounted for as unsold.

Art Casserberg motioned and Ed McLaughlin seconded to accept the minutes, treasury, membership and raffle car ticket sale reports as presented. The vote was unanimous.

President McCarthy addressed and provided details regarding the many upcoming events that will occur prior to our next membership meeting in August. John emphasized the Cars & Coffee event on Sat. mornings organized by Dave Karpik and Peter Lundquist was going extremely well and has attracted new members. The PPR's (primary persons responsible) outlined their upcoming events. President McCarthy also highlighted the non-club events that will occur during this time period.

President McCarthy introduced our guest speaker Mike Garza who represents the Hagerty Classic Car Insurance Company. Mr.



Mike Garza of the Hood Agency in North Pole made a presentation on collector car insurance.

Garza provided an excellent presentation. He stressed the financial importance of an agreed-value policy over that offered by regular auto insurance and the importance of having a local representative. He also identified the superiority of coverage by his company over the other agreed value policy companies.

President McCarthy presented a Thank You Plaque to Fred Husby in appreciation of Fred's wife Vonna sharing her booth at the Women's Show to help facilitate our sale of raffle car tickets.

John Binder presented the People's Choice award plaques to the winners of our recent Carlson Center Car Show who were in attendance. Tas Wright's '29 Model A roadster won "Best Antique", Chuck Ice won "Best Hotrod" with his '23 model T-Bucket, and Jeff & Lisa Casey's '57 Ford retractable won BOTH "Best Classic" and the overall "People's Choice" awards!



Jeff Casey is presented Peoples Choice Best of Show Award from the Carlson Center Show

President McCarthy made a plea for assistance in locating a vehicle for our



Tas Wright is thrilled with the Car Show Best Antique Award as presented by John Binder

2015 raffle. He stressed the need for such before the end of the year to satisfy IRS accounting rules.

Ed McLaughlin told a very entertaining tale of a race between a pick-up truck and a train to the RR crossing.

Vice President Bret Helms read the list of birthdays and anniversaries occurring in July.

President McCarthy asked if there was any new business. Theresa Chase asked if our club incurred any expense assisting the FDI Cruise-In. Rick Larrick advised we were not reimbursed for approximately \$200. Discussion followed.

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## Tour to Wiseman with the AAMA



Cars parked at the Arctic Circle on the Dalton Highway

June 23-25, 2014

By Scott Grundy

As you may have heard, Edith our dependable 1955 Plymouth driver has been pestering me to cross the Arctic Circle (AC) on our Haul Road (Dalton Hwy.). She wants to boast she has traveled the two roads in N. America that cross the AC. She had a ball crossing the Circle on the Dempster Highway with the Antique Auto Musers (AAMA) in 2008 when we drove all the way to Inuvik, NWT, Canada. Perhaps I should explain that I have never actually heard Edith speak a word but she does communicate with me somehow. For example, once after drinking a lot of wine, I was awakened and had to go to the garage and speak sternly to her before she'd quit her subliminal whining. You see, Christine the 1958 Plymouth of Hollywood fame isn't the only Plymouth with rather unique qualities.

The Grundys were the sole representatives of the VLNAACF on this AAMA tour. Seven vintage vehicles and a modern van made the trip to Wiseman. Four were Model A Fords plus three Mopars (1938 Chrysler, 1961 Imperial and our 1955 Plymouth). WOW were those A's impressive! All were modified for speed with high compression heads, overdrive transmissions, etc. They comfortably ran 45-50 mph and blazed downhill! I suggested to Jim Fredenhagen (the AAMA trip leader) that we stop at the Arctic Circle Trad-

ing Post at MP50 for free coffee and perhaps purchase some memorabilia. He agreed – especially to the free coffee part! Once inside I advised Jim that I had gotten the group there and it was up to him to pry them out! The owner told me this was his most enjoyable day at his business because of our old cars.

Next stop was at the Yukon River Bridge for gas and a picnic lunch across the road at the BLM Visitor Cabin. We were provided very nice certificates acknowledging our eventual crossing of the AC. Afterward, Edith grumbled about not having her name on the certificate. I understood and apologized for the oversight. The AC crossing site has two outhouses and a beautiful sign where we posed singly and as a group for photos.

Edith was ecstatic to have achieved her objective! She literally purred with her hot glass-packs all the way to Coldfoot for dinner and gas. Then we pressed on to Wiseman for the next two nights. A long drive of 283 miles from Fairbanks but the weather & scenery were wonderful and the roadways were in fine shape. The Dalton is about 60% paved to Wiseman and the truck drivers were very courteous and waved as we passed. Lots of thumbs up too!

The next day we were entertained by VLNAACF's infamous

"Clutch" Lounsbury who has property and a family history in Wiseman that dates back to his great grandfather. Clutch proudly opened his mining history museum and explained many of the incredible displays. Later Clutch led a procession of A's up to Nolan and Hammond to visit these very historic mining areas that are the farthest



Model A Repair in Wiseman



north gold strikes in the US.

One of the A's had a problem climbing steep grades. The problem was thought to be an engine valve issue, so they removed the head right there in remote Wiseman! I was amazed. The AAMA crew really know Model A's! Sure

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## MY SHELDON STORY

By Don Langley  
Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia

In 2012 -2013 I made a replica of the first motorbike made by Daimler Benz circa 1885. It was made of a wooden frame with wooden wheels. It took about 8 months and I rode it just prior to my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I had never made wooden wheels before and the process intrigued me.

After I finished the bike I looked around for a project that involved manufacture of four wheels, ideally a car. Browsing through the internet I came across a picture of **the first car made in Alaska**. It looked just what I wanted. So I searched a little more thoroughly and came across the story of Bobby Sheldon. Now that really got my interest. He was my kind of guy. And to make that car, without ever having seen a car - only pictures - far less driven one, was a marvellous achievement. I figured I could do that also. I would make a replica of his car using only a picture.

**I am grateful to Willie Vinton** I contacted Angela Linn at the **Fairbanks Museum** and asked her permission to go ahead with the project, and having received that, I then e-mailed a picture of the car with dimension lines superimposed on the drawing, asking if someone would give me those dimensions, so I might make the car as close as possible to the size of the original one. I am grateful to Willie Vinton for supplying those dimensions. (Antique Car Museum).

I then determined that it would be impossible to reproduce the car exactly as Sheldon built it as he did not use production parts, but anything he could find that was adaptable. So I would adopt the principle he adopted, use what was available. At one stage I tried to establish what car may have been the picture of that Sheldon modelled his car on. The closest I could

establish was an Oldsmobile with the curved dash and for a short time I played with the idea of making that. But the Sheldon story had its grip on me so I abandoned the idea of the Oldsmobile. So, to the manufacture.

Being an old chippy (wood-worker) **the chassis and the engine compartment** presented no problems and I made those components as close as possible to the dimensions given to me by Willie.

**The engine** I chose was a Tecumseh 13 h.p. out of a ride-on-mower.

**The rear axle assembly** likewise from a ride-on-mower but not the same mower as the engine. The axle assembly was not wide enough for the car's dimensions so I had a specialist extend the axle and incorporate circular plates to bolt the hubs of the timber wheels onto. The axle assembly incorporated a four forward and reverse gears, a disc brake component and a main drive pulley for a V belt.

**To the engine** (it had a vertical drive shaft) I fitted a centrifugal clutch, with a V belt drive pulley.

In the engine compartment I fitted a vertical steering column in a steel frame, a fuel tank, battery compartment with all the required electrics to operate the engine and lights. I also dispensed with the small bulbous muffler on the engine and fitted an exhaust pipe, with a muffler, extending to the rear of the car. It makes an engine noise very close to an old Norton motorbike which is a wonderful and, I would suggest, appropriate sound.

**The drive mechanism** was simply a V belt from the centrifugal clutch to the pulley on top of the axle assembly.

**As for carbide lamps for headlights.** I found such items impossible to acquire without having to mortgage my home so I found some gas lights which looked somewhat similar and a friend fitted some globes into them which could hook up to the car electrical system.

**The seating** was a bit of a problem. Bar stools of satisfactory shape were not available. So I made a frame and upholstered it myself. It does not conform exactly to



the original one but it was the best I could manage.

**The suspension springs** were also a bit of a problem. I suspected that the springs were elliptical style as with old buggies etc. No one, but no one, within a range of a thousand kilometers knew how to make these springs and to purchase an old buggy, or two, to get the springs would have cost me a small fortune. So I designed them myself and had a blacksmith make them. They work extremely well and had to match the colour of the vinyl upholstery so in that respect I was limited to a degree as to the shade of the red. It may be create a lot of interest. I also had to design and make the components and brackets to fit that type of spring to the chassis.

**The steering tiller** works well and it is light to steer when moving. However when the car is standing still the tiller is quite stiff to operate so I avoid using just to show someone how it works.

**The wooden wheels** I designed and made myself, although I have no lathe, so a friend turned the spokes for me on his lathe. I fitted **steel rims** to the perimeter, shrinking them on, and the glued solid rubber to the steel rim. I simply used Tarzans Grip Megabond glue. A bit messy to use but very effective. The wheels look a bit chunkier than on the original car but I did that on purpose. Although I could make the wheels I was not sure of the pressures they would have to take so exerted on them I may have over designed them. But nevertheless I was satisfied as to the looks of them.

**The colours** baffled me a little. I figured the red of the original in the museum may have faded somewhat so I got a colour consultant to help me out. For better or worse this is what we came up with. Furthermore, the red a bit bright compared to the original colour.

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## CHS Picnic & Poker Run



*Most of us were headed the right direction at our first stop ....*



*When our club is not driving, it always seems to be eating—members brought some good sides for the club chicken provided.*

The rains stopped, the clouds parted, and Bret & Cindy Helms hosted another great picnic out at Chena Hot Springs Resort on Sunday, June 28th.

It was a leisurely Sunday drive, made a little slower by a couple of vehicles with starting problems after our first stop, but no serious difficul-

ties. The Chena River had returned to its banks after the recent rains, and it was a warm sunny day. Attending were: Brett & Cindy Helms, Don Oines, Will & Theresa Chase, Dan & Vicki Domke with Ruth Ann, John McDonald, Rochelle Larson, Ross & Paula Beal, Hank & Wyan Grant, Scott & Linda Grundy, Rick & Jill Larrick, John McCarthy and Nee

Nakprasit, Bub Larson, Robbie & Doris Casey, Gary (Tup) Tupper, and John Binder with his nephew, Sterling.

Poker hand cash winners were John McCarthy, Cindy Helms, and Gary Tupper.

If you are a Facebook fan and part of our "members only" page, be sure to check out the great video that Ross Beal posted!



*Winners Robbie Casey (with purse), Hank Grant (booby prize), Wyan Grant, Jill Larrick, Gary Tupper, Cindy Helms and John McCarthy*

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enough, two valve seats were loose (one pitched up at an angle). Clutch came to the rescue with Marine Tex to hopefully hold the seats in place. That evening Tam & Art Isham served all a fantastic meal of BBQ'd chicken boobies, veggies and hot s'more cookies & banana boats for dessert. Very special! A UAA student group floated to Wiseman and when they saw all the A's they thought they surely had stepped back in time!

On our return the repaired A

gave up and could barely make the climb up the hill on the south side of the Yukon River Bridge. The Ishams and Grundys were bringing up the rear. I was sent to catch the group and inform them of the problem while the big Imperial towed the A to Fairbanks. I drove hard but didn't catch the group until three minutes after they arrived in Fox for dinner at the brewery. The Ishams arrived about 2.5 hours later with the A in tow. I learned later that another A had an electrical fire at Coldfoot while gassing up. Fortunately it had a battery shut

off switch which quickly stopped the smoking and the car was pushed away from the pumps. The problem was traced to a short in an ammeter gauge which was replaced.

The bugs were tolerable & the weather was superb except for the rain encountered on our return south of the Yukon River. It was such a great tour, the Grundys have promised ourselves a leisurely trip to the beautiful Brooks Range next summer in our truck and camper after the bugs are gone in late July/August. Want to join us?



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Some members thought any expense was not appropriate while others thought the recognition our club received for organizing the event, the perks received at the event plus the once a year meeting held in the museum without an entry charge offset our expense.

Nancy Allen was delighted to win the 50/50 drawing for \$81!

Jerry Krier motioned we adjourn and Linda Grundy among others seconded. We adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Note: The meeting was very well attended, there was an abundance of good food, and the weather, cars and camaraderie were great!

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Grundy. Secretary



Ed McLaughlin entertains with a tall tale.

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**The chassis colour** seemed as if it may be black but in discussion with an American friend he suggested that the royal blue would be acceptable combined with the red as they were typical American colours. Well that was his opinion so who was I to argue.

The project took me eight months to complete and I have to pay tribute to my wife for her forbearance over that period and her total agreement to the costs involved.

**The car's name is *Isabella*** I, using a bit of license, consequently named the car after her although her name is Isabel, the car's name is *Isabella*

**The Costs:** I did not keep an accurate account of the costs but I estimate it cost me about four thousand Australian dollars in out of pocket expenses. What it cost in hours of time is completely inestimable.

I also pay tribute to many friends who gave me a lot of encouragement and advice, not all of which I accepted. Finally I wish to acknowledge the part my friend and mentor, **Joshua O'David, Master Carpenter** played in all this. (That name is coded. I will leave any readers to work out the code).

I drove this car accompanied by my wife in the local agricultural show grand parade and it performed perfectly. There was also, of course, a great deal of interest in it when it stood as an exhibit.

The Bobby Sheldon story which was displayed beside the car attracted considerable interest and comment.



**But now I do not know  
what to do with it**

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## Don't be naughty and miss out on the Knotty Shop Run!

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

Join in on a smooth run to the Knotty Shop for some ice cream and window shopping.

We'll leave the Bentley Mall cars & coffee around 10:00. We'll head north through North Pole CHSR then south to the Knotty Shop with a couple of stops along the way. Get more information from Hunter Binder at

[hunterbinder@hotmail.com](mailto:hunterbinder@hotmail.com)

or 388-6397.



## GOLDEN DAYS PARADE

Larry Sullivan is driving  
the Model T pictured in  
front.

Photo by Steve Hormann



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### NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is always the second Thursday of the month. The August Meeting is August 14th at **THE SALMON BAKE. Drive into Pioneer Park at 5:30pm and park inside at the Bake. Cost for members is \$25—WEAR YOUR BADGE** Business Meeting starts at 7pm.

Board Meetings are the Tuesday before the Membership Meeting—this month on August 12th — at Sam's Sourdough Restaurant on University. Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



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