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Jay Ofsthun Car Show in Anchorage, August 3rd



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As usual for the first Sunday of August, the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association held their annual Jay Ofsthun Car Show in Delaney Park

More than 340 cars registered for the Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show at the Anchorage Park Strip on Sunday, Aug. 3rd.

Both the Alaska Auto Musers club from Anchorage and the 49th State Street Rodders were there early marking out their territory and setting up for the show. It was a rainy start to the morning as they were joined by Will and Theresa with our club canopy to reserve places for the Vern Nash group. By mid-morning, most Fairbanks folks were there. By mid-day, the weather cleared, and as can be seen in the above photo, the afternoon was a glorious sunny day for a car show!

Most of the Vernon Nash Club drove down in a caravan with the first leg of the annual long distance tour (Adventure Before Dementia Tour), which was on the way to Homer for the week. John and Nee met up with us as they were on a camping vacation. More pictures of the show are on Page 2.



Pictured above are: President John McCarthy, Will Chase, Hank & Wyan Grant, Ed & Laurel McLaughlin, Pranee Nakprasit, Rick & Jill Larrick, Ron Allen, Marlen & Tammy Pruett, and Linda & Scott Grundy. Also representing the Fairbanks Club were Theresa Chase, Rochelle Larson and Nancy Allen who were out shopping (rumored to prefer Norstroms to the Car Show activities....)

I thought I wanted a career, turns out I just wanted paychecks.

Jay Ofsthun Show, continued from page 1



Photo by Scott Grundy

The Anchorage Club hosted a lunch for both AACA clubs at the show



It was great to see members Dan & Lavonne Gullickson



There were many more Fairbanks folks at the show. At the Friday night Jewel Lake McDonald's "Pre-Show" Alan Monsma won "best hot rod", Beccy Monsma won "best import", and Dan Gullickson won "work in progress" - all "people's choice votes".

KNOTTY SHOP RUN

It was a beautiful morning on Saturday for the Knotty Shop run. Hunter Binder led the assembly up the Steese Hwy then over some hills on Chena Hot Springs Road. With a right turn on Nordale it was a smooth ride on the brand new blacktop all the way to Badger Road. During a break at the river, Theresa Chase met Will in her Cougar to round out the group to six cars. Hunter and his cousin Sterling (modified '51 Stude) followed by Don



Photo by Scott Grundy

Cars amongst the "burly" wildlife in front of the Knotty Shop on Aug 9th

Oines ('67 MGB), Jeff Cook ('69 Buick Electra 225), Theresa Chase ('67 Mercury Cougar), Will Chase ('63 Chevy Panel, 4sale), Scott Grundy ('40 Plymouth convertible), John & Penny Binder ('51 Stude 4door). Don Oines won a free

ice cream for being the most dashing driver in a sports car and since there were so few participants everyone received a prize (hats & moist shop rags). The best prize was a sunny day with friends and nice rides. The double scoop rocky road was a pleasing bonus.

- John & Hunter Binder



Photo by Scott Grundy

Hunter and dad, John, tally the "poker" hand results



My Last Ride?

MY LAST RIDE? I was more than thrilled when Ron and Nancy Allen invited me to ride along in this year's Golden Days Parade as they would be driving their 1927 Falcon Knight. Most of you know that they bought this car after Rudy passed away four years ago. The more I thought about their invitation the more excited I became, it would be bitter-sweet but it was still Rudy's Car in my mind. Rudy had purchased the car about 1970, he always told that it was parked at a house that he had to pass by every Sunday on his way to church. He rationalized he either had to buy the car or to quit going to church; he figured it was a God-sanctioned purchase! I didn't meet Rudy until 1982 so he had been working on it off and on for twelve years at that time and had overhauled the engine so it ran pretty good but it didn't look pretty good. As he continued to work to improve it we continued to drive it around the neighborhood and to VLNAAC runarounds.

When Rudy's daughter married in August 25 years ago he put a "Just Married" sign on the back and drove them around the neighborhood after the reception. Being late in the

year the car was put away for the winter; come spring he checked it over and invited me to go for a ride. As we cruised down Nordale Road people were passing us and waving and tooting their horns at us which wasn't all that unusual; after all it was pretty old. Then I realized Rudy was looking over at me with the biggest grin. He told me "I forgot to take the Just Married sign off the back". I loved that car and its many memories and I thank Ron and Nancy for allowing me to ride in it once again.

YOU'RE INVITED. I believe Rudy and I joined the VLNAAC Club in 1991. Over these past twenty-three years we made many memories and developed many friendships; even after Rudy's death the Club has been special to me as you've continued those friendships. Now its time, 57 years later, for me to leave my beloved Alaska and return to Indiana. I will be moving to an assisted living home in Kokomo, Indiana by October 1st. My family is planning a farewell reception to be held Sunday afternoon, September 14 at Zion Lutheran Church, 2982 Davis Road from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. You 'all come! I look forward to seeing you there.

Fond regards, Ruth Ann Domke



Robbie Robinson

Anchorage AAMA club member Robbie Robinson passed away July 29th. His loss is a great one for his family and his many friends. In many ways, Robbie was a central pillar for the Auto Musher's club, even supplying the meeting room above his garage for monthly club activities. Robbie retired from Alyeska Pipeline in 1985 and had a very active retirement with his automobiles and as an active leader and participant in many community volunteer and charitable organizations. Robbie is survived by his wife, Marianne. Robbie and Marianne are remembered by many of our club members as they were regular attendees at joint meets and various shared club activities—one of the most recent was the 2011 tour into Kennebec. The Franklin pictured above was Robbie's latest project, and Robbie is seated in it on his trip to New York to inspect the restoration work. The inset picture was pulled from our group photo taken in McCarthy in 2011.

Sunshine Club

A get-well fast card was sent to Laurel McLaughlin who is healing from knee surgery. She postponed the knee surgery until the week after she and Ed returned from the Long Distance Tour with the club to Homer.

Bear Schmit is doing well and now at home—give him a cheer-up call!

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 e-mail: tksplits@yahoo.com



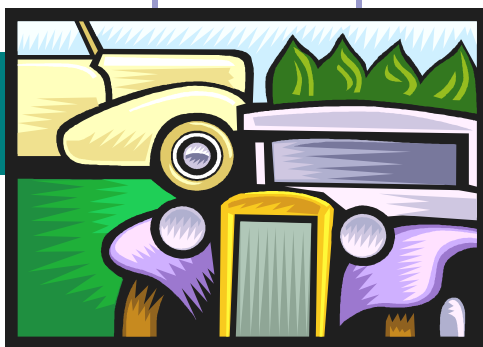
September, 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Run-Around*</i>	4	5	6 <i>Cars n Coffee 8-10</i> <i>HILLTOP BREAKFAST</i> <i>RUN 10 am</i>
7	8	9 <i>BOARD</i> <i>MTG—Sam's</i> <i>Sourdough</i>	10 <i>Run-Around*</i>	11 <i>MEMBER</i> <i>MTG—</i>	12	13 <i>Cars n Coffee 8-10</i> <i>CHATANIKA RUN</i> <i>10am also IDYS*</i>
14 <i>Reception for Ruth</i> <i>Ann Domke (pg 3)</i>	15	16	17 <i>Run-</i> <i>Around*</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

* International Drive Your Studebaker Day

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. After Labor Day (all of September), we will not go into the park and our gathering will be "informal" to cruise around (route to be announced for each week).
- **Every Saturday: Cars n Coffee 8-10am,** Bentley Mall (as the season and weather allows) between Great Harvest / Brueggers and Michaels. (Dave Karpik / Peter Lundquist)
- **September 6th: HILLTOP BREAKFAST RUN;** leave from Cars n Coffee at 10 am.
- **September 13th: CHATANIKA ROADHOUSE POKER RUN;** leave Cars n Coffee at 10am for trip to Chatanika for lunch
- **December 7th: HOLIDAY PARTY** at the Westmark



Antique Auto Musers

- **September 10th: AAMA Rolling Meeting**

National AACA Events

- **October 8-11th HERSHEY AACA Eastern Fall Meet**
- **Sept 21-26th: AAA Revival Glidden Tour** (pre 1943 vehicles), Defiance, Ohio—hosed by VMCCA

Member Advertisements

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



Our dependable driver has had lots of TLC. Great chrome, deluxe trim package, replaced interior, newer tires, V8 with dual exhaust, AT, etc. Very good value at \$9,400. Price goes up next spring. Scott Grundy 907-457-3526.

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

Birthdays

- 2 - Pranee Nakprasit
- 3 - Aimee Hughes
Jill Larrick
- 5 - Connie Ronken
Tracy Mcleod
- 7 - John Morgan
- 8 - Cathi Beck
- 13 - Marilyn Nigro
Emily Crook
Wyan Grant
- 14 - Al Haynes
- 17 - Carolyn Mustard
- 18 - Alva Ditch
Brent Levalley
Kathryn Kruse
- 21 - Don Ronken
Karine Dane
James Anderson
- 22 - Bill Wright
- 25 - Charlie Jurgens
- 28 - Ron Franklin



Anniversaries

- 4 - Vonna & Fred Husby
- 7 - Tracy & Jim Brand
- 8 - Connie & Don Ronken
- 11 - Donna & Jerry Krier
- 17 - Melody & Sam Simmons

I'm pleased to announce that we had excellent attendance at all of our planned August club events. It was another busy month with a multitude of activities with varied routes and destinations. With a little help from above, we managed to dodge the raindrops of yet another wet month and find a little sunshine at all our events. I want to thank everyone who participated and, in particular, those who stepped up to lead our group on these various ventures.

Sporting excellent attendance in August was our Wednesday Run-arounds and Saturday Cars N' Coffee events. The Adventure Before Dementia Tour (ABDT) to Homer and Seldovia had an excellent turnout with several additional members joining the long distance group in Anchorage for



President's Headlights - John McCarthy

the Jewel Lake McDonald's pre-Show and Shine followed by the Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show and Shine on the Park Strip in downtown Anchorage. In August, participating club members enjoyed our cruise to the Knotty Shop, Mondo Run and Murphy Dome hill climb. Our traditional August membership meeting at the Alaska Salmon Bake attracted 60 members to enjoy the salmon, crab and prime rib dinner (and, of course, our meeting).

Many of us were lucky enough to join with the Fountainhead Museum to offer a Fairbanks' welcome to the 120 Hollanders and their 60 Volvo automobiles that arrived on August 17th. Their tour started in Panama and terminated in Fairbanks. It was a great pleasure to welcome these long distance travelers, check out their cars, listen to their stories, and participate in a short tour with them en route to their dinner at the Salmon Bake.

For many of us, September marks the month that we put our cars in storage for the winter. While the weather is still pleasant, consider joining us for our scheduled September events. We have a Hilltop Breakfast Run and a run to Chatanika Roadhouse scheduled and will continue with Wednesday Run-arounds and Saturday Cars N' Coffee until we have termination dust, cold weather or just become bored. The September Membership Meeting will be at Sam's Sourdough Cafe on September 11th. I look forward to seeing you and thank you for your participation and support.

John McCarthy

Member Advertisements



FOR SALE: Horse Trailer: 2006 Trails West gooseneck. It holds 3 horses or a heck of a lot of furniture. I am wanting to downsize to a 2 horse trailer. \$6000 OBO. Call Lorna Lounsbury 479-3213. Also have a shelter



/awning /greenhouse which would double as an antique car shelter— still new and folded up—paid \$300 new, will take best offer.



1950 chevy hotrod; highly modified body and mechanicals, including frame mods, Frenching of nose and lights, 350 engine, etc.

Best offer!

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Stock '68-72 Nova stuff: tail light housings and lenses, hood, all the trim work, rear seat cover, rear bumper, gas tank, rear side glass, steering box; all good condition. Take what you can use or it is going to the dump.

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1964 Lincoln

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1977 Rolls Royce silver shadow II Recent paint job, asking \$15,000 Call Charlie for details 590-2715 all offers considered.



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

I sure am enjoying the enthusiasm that seems to infused the club this summer, especially with our newer members. It is really great to see new members really getting involved—not just by attending events but by providing leadership for our club. If our club is to stay “young” and active, we need to quickly get new members participating and involved in planning and club leadership—under President John McCarthy this is happening, and it is really great!

The article on this page was borrowed (with permission) from the newsletter of the Vanderbilt Cup Region. As some of you know, we share newsletters with a number of other AACA Regions (now up to 18), so you may see other articles in future months. Some of those other Regions sometimes use articles from our newsletter, as well.

Scott Grundy did a great job again this year in planning the long distance tour (Adventure Before Dementia Tour). Jill and I have gone on most of the long distance tours Scott has planned, and his great planning makes the trip a relaxing vacation for the rest of us who attend—many thanks to Scott and Linda! Scott even thinks of many little details to make it easy for the rest of us. When he restored his “new” ‘55 Plymouth, he even painted it the exact same colors as his old sedan, we assume only so that those of us following on his wonderful tours would not get confused about who we were following....

From Kelly Rivers (see page 10).



INEXPENSIVE WOOD GRAINING

Editors Note: Our club exchanges newsletters with a number of other AACA Regions. As we start our project lists for the fall, I thought this article would be of interest to a number of members, and Wayne kindly gave me permission to reprint it.

This is the method I used to woodgrain the dash and window garnish moldings on my 1940 Packard. If you like to save money, this method will give you a good result for little cost. It isn't factory correct of course, but I couldn't justify that cost for this car, and since it is a “driver” I am happy with the way it looks. Perhaps some of you will find this useful.

1.) Sand or wire wheel to bare metal. Next I etched the metal with Phosphoric acid, or a product such as Metal Ready.

2.) Prime with sandable auto primer. I used Rust-Oleum Auto Primer. After it dried I sanded with 1500 grit wet paper.



3.) Next comes the base color coat. I used Painters Touch satin spray in a color called cinnamon, as I was aiming for a mahogany grained finish. Let this dry overnight.

4.) Clear coat next with clear lacquer. Rust Oleum makes this also. I let this dry and harden for a couple of days. This step is so you can start over if you don't like the looks of the next step. You will be able to wipe off the stain with mineral spirits without affecting the base coat. (I learned this the hard way).

5.) Initially I used regular Minwax oil stain,

but you have to evaporate it for a few days to make it a little thicker. Later I learned that gel stain works as well right out of the can.

6.) Brush on the stain with a disposable brush, the kind with bristles, until you get the result you want. You must work with it a little until it just starts to set up. At first the grain lines will dissolve into each other. If you wait too long the brush will begin to pick what you've already done. 7.) Next I used a graining roller, it looks like a roller made out of a bunch of washers with teeth. The idea is that you pick up a little of the stain with the teeth as you roll over the work giving you the open grain pores of a wood such as mahogany or oak.



8.) When you are happy with the way it looks, set it aside and let it dry for at least ONE WEEK. If you don't let it dry long enough, the topcoat of the next step will dissolve your graining.

9) Topcoat with clear gloss polyurethane. I used Minwax brand. Let it dry at least overnight between coats, and use thin coats. Two or three coats is good.

Everything I used I found at Home Depot except the grain roller which I found at Aboff's paint store.

eat pie...)

All vehicles made it to the top, some warm, but all in good shape. The same could not be said for the trip down the hill as our cars charged through the mud, ruts, and bumps. Don Oines speculated he had a little water in the gas on his slope down the hill causing his LaSalle to sputter—but it quickly recovered. John McCarthy made it to the gas pump at the Goldstream Store on fumes (even with the gallon borrowed from Don), but Rick Larrick only made it home on a rollback due to an electrical problem on the way down Spinach Creek Rd. Despite multiple parts swaps (coil, points, etc.) and lots of advice

from those under the hood with “butts in the air”, in the end Ron's Towing had to be called. A '32 Studebaker on a rollback attracts a lot of attention, and by the time the car was rolled off, a not so small crowd had gathered in and about the Willow St. garage.



Photo by Scott Grundy

Murphy Dome Hillclimb



Aug. 23rd

It was a beautiful Saturday as Rick Larrick, Don Oines and friend Stan, John McCarthy, Rochelle Larson, Scott Grundy, Robbie Casey & Bear Schmitt, and Will & Theresa Chase set out to climb to the top of the dome. It was great to see Bear out for the trip (Robbie told him it was to “the hilltop” and Bear thought he was going to

Minutes:VLNAACF
Membership
Meeting Aug. 14,
2014 at the Salmon
Bake Restaurant



Secretary Grundy

The Membership Meeting was called to order by President John McCarthy at 7:12 p.m. Board members John McCarthy, Bret Helms, Ron Allen & Scott Grundy were present; Scott Culbertson, Terry Whitledge & Ed McLaughlin were absent. Total attendance was 60. A quorum was attained.

Scott Grundy greatly abbreviated the minutes from the June Membership Meeting because they were printed in full in our newsletter. He then paraphrased the August 12 BOD Meeting minutes.

Treasurer Ron Allen reported our current financial status as being strong. Treasurer Allen also outlined the IRS allowable non-member revenue limitations necessary to maintain our tax exempt status. Ron advised we were in compliance. Ron also requested a budget amendment to increase the non-holiday event budget from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to cover expenses incurred to date. Treasurer Allen also suggested the awards expense be listed as a separate budget item to allow for budget clarity.

Bub Larson motioned and Julio Merced seconded to accept the minutes and the treasury report as read, to increase the non-holiday events budget to \$2,000 and to list awards as a separate budget line item. The vote was unanimous.

Membership status was reported by Rochelle Larson as 225 members (43 single & 91 joint).

President McCarthy provided an analysis of the recent events. Basically all events were well attended and running smoothly.

President McCarthy then led a discussion of the upcoming club and non-club events.

President McCarthy introduced our guest speaker "Eve" who explained her surname was of French origin and much too difficult to spell or pronounce. Eve is

the local spokesperson for the Dutch Indian Trail Rally group who are driving 60 vintage Volvo automobiles from Panama to Fairbanks. They are scheduled to arrive here this Sunday, Aug.17. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those interested in meeting them in North Pole to escort them into town.

2015 Raffle Car: Ron Allen advised our 1967 MGB raffle car was in the parking lot for members to view and that raffle tickets will be initially distributed at our Holiday Party.

Rick Larrick outlined the club's plans and needs for the 2015 Joint Meet with the AAMA to be held in Delta Junction on June 12, 13 & 14, 2015.

Member Wilma Vinton provided an update on Dennis "Bear" Schmit who suffered a heart attack at our Golden Days picnic. Wilma offered to conduct CPR training classes this fall. A sign-up



Eveline d'Angremond

sheet was circulated.

President McCarthy indicated the move into our larger storage unit on Davis Road was complete.

President McCarthy outlined a request for a vintage car to participate in a wedding event. Wilma Vinton volunteered.

President McCarthy indicated he will respond positively to a request for us to participate in the Nenana River Days celebration in Nenana next summer on June 6, 2015.

Vice president, Bret Helms read a list of the August birthdays and anniversaries.

The 50/50 drawing for \$90.50 was won by Doris Casey!

At 8:13 p.m. Julio Merced moved and Linda Grundy seconded that the meeting be adjourned. There were no dissenters!

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Grundy
VLNAACF Secretary



Members inspect under the hood of the 2015 Raffle Car—a 1967 MGB



Membership in the big tent as wonderful Salmon Bake meal is over, anticipating John's opening remarks



It started in the rain of a wet Fairbanks summer, and ended in the bright sunshine of Homer and Kachemak Bay. Above left: group gathers in Ester for our departure on Saturday, August 2nd. Above right group gathers for dinner at Captain Pattie's Fish House (Rick & Jill Larrick, Hank & Wyan Grant, Robbie & Doris Casey, Theresa & Will Chase, Rochelle Larson, Linda & Scott Grundy.

Adventure Before Dementia Tour is Always Fun - Rain or Shine

- By Linda Grundy

We awoke Saturday, August 2 to pouring rain, thus the day could only get better --- and it did. Nine cars departed Fairbanks on schedule at 8:45 a.m. driving through rain and fog for our ABDT to Anchorage, Homer and Seldovia. Marlen and Tammy Pruett, winners of the 1968 VW raffle car, and Nancy and Ron Allen driving their modern car joined us for the drive to Anchorage and the Jay Ofsthun Show and Shine. Robbie Casey (Doris joined us in Anchorage), Will and Theresa Chase, Wyan and Hank Grant, Rick and Jill Larrick, Rochelle Larson, Ed and Laurel McLaughlin, and Jr. Cat Herder Scott and Linda Grundy drove vintage vehicles. Theresa dubbed our drive "Scott's Twelve Stop Program" because of numerous construction, potty, gasoline, and mechanical incidents. Throughout our many stops (one incurred due to Robby's muffler/tail pipe problem) there were lots of laughs, and good humor abounded. The sun began to peek through in the early afternoon and by the time we arrived in Anchorage, it was a whole different sunny world.

The Jay Ofsthun Show & Shine on Sunday also started out with a rainy morning, but was soon sunny and warm with a great turn out of an outstanding variety of cars, people, and dogs. The AAMA graciously helped our group set up next to them, and even provided a lunch of hot dogs, salads, and desserts. This is

a fabulous car show which we all enjoyed and would encourage our club members to attend next year as it's well worth the drive south for the weekend. That evening we were invited to join many of the AAMA members at a local Mexican restaurant. In all, it was a great day of making new friends and enjoying old ones.

On Monday our group of seven cars drove to Homer, again heading out in misty, overcast weather. However, there was still a great deal of beautiful scenery to enjoy, and the mood of the participants continued to be upbeat --- could Robbie Casey have something to do with that? Near Soldotna, Rochelle Larson and the Grundys veered off in different direc-



Cars at the Russian Orthodox Church in Niniilchek

tions to lunch with friends in the area while the others presumably talked about us while lunching in a local restaurant. Reconnecting later, we stayed in a lovely hotel in Homer and set off to explore the Homer Spit and find a spot for dinner. There we met up with Buzz Wallace, a member of the AAMA who volunteered to help us while we were in Homer. The "youngsters" (Will and Theresa, Robbie and Doris, and Rochelle)

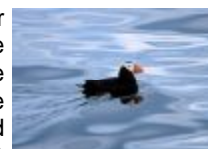
went one direction to find their fun for the evening, and the "elders" (Rick and Jill, Grant and Wyan, Ed and Laurel, and Scott and Linda) enjoyed our halibut and chips dinner with Buzz who gave us tips on what to see, where to eat, and where to park our cars the next day when we took the scenic/wildlife boat tour to Seldovia.

On Tuesday morning again under overcast skies, but with good visibility we



The group remembers to set sail for Seldovia

set sail for the quaint village of Seldovia across Kachemak Bay. Our boat tour was a seven hour narrated history and wildlife round trip with a three hour stop in Seldovia for lunch and time to explore the area. Our nature stop en-route was Bird Rock where we observed a variety of marine bird species



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Seldovia—view from Walt & Sachiko's house on the boardwalk

including favored puffins. Wyan had the dubious honor of being the only one aboard to be "dribbled upon" by a "passing" gull (pun intended). Rick got a picture of the clean-up job. Fortunately she was not too damaged. Wyan took the entire event in an extremely lady-like and calm manner. Walt



Homer on their own Wednesday. Most of us visited the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center and the Pratt Museum as well as art and curio shops. Many also took scenic drives above the town and along the coast. Robbie and Doris headed back to Anchorage to be with their son Thomas. Robbie's good humor and Doris' smile were missed at dinner that evening. The remaining "youngsters" Will, Theresa, and Rochelle opted for an early dinner at A J's Steakhouse. The "elders" chose a 7 p.m. dinner and were well-received by the head waiter who came out to see our cars as soon as we drove up. The youngsters told him we were coming after he had shown so much interest in the Chase's 1955 Chevy panel truck. Unfortunately, he did not see Rochelle's '76 Ford LTD or the Casey's Ford Fairlane. He was ecstatic, and had comments and stories to share of his experience with '55 Plymouths (Grundys), '55 Buicks (Larricks), and '68 442 Olds (Grants). He was so overwhelmed with the Olds, that he apologized to Ed for ignoring Ed and Laurel's Geo Metro, which, by the way, never seemed to require gasoline refills.



Grundy's and Casey's aboard the tour boat

and Sachiko Sonen of the AAMA who live in Seldovia met our ferry and joined us for lunch after which they walked the area with us showing us Walt's shop, and their delightful home both on the old boardwalk. Walt turned his model A truck into Laurel's private taxi so she could tour the vicinity more comfortably. (She will have had a knee replacement by the time this is published.) Laurel was certainly smiling when the two of them returned. Sachiko sent us off with a bag



Photo by Scott Grundy

of delicious home-baked cookies to enjoy on our boat trip back to Homer. Most of us took some time to shop and explore more of the Homer Spit before joining together for a relaxing and much enjoyed dinner at Captain Pattie's Fish House.

Everyone was free to wander and explore



NATIONAL AACA MEETS AND TOURS

By Myron Smith
VP Event Planning and Development

I've come to the realization that those of us who attend national AACA events are not doing a good job 'at home' spreading the word of how much fun these AACA events can be. In a nutshell, if you like people, seeing different things, or old cars, you should have a good time at an AACA National event.

On the interesting people side of things, we've made friends by attending national meets from all over the country. At a recent meet I flew from Nebraska to Florida. A friend from Virginia gave me a ride from the airport; I went to supper with folks from North Carolina and someone else from Tennessee joined us. On the plane back home, I was on the same plane with another AACA friend from Louisville KY.

The hobby is more than just the cars, but they are the common thread that brings us together. I have been thinking of all the places and things we have seen and I will share a few. We've been to Metropolis (IL), where you will find Superman and the nearby National Quilt museum in Paducah KY; toured a retired missile site in Kansas; a John Deere Tractor factory in Iowa; an Air Force Base in North Dakota; and another in Cheyenne WY. Have you ever heard of an air force base without runways? There's one in Cheyenne. Also in Wyoming we've visited a Buffalo Ranch and Cattle Ranch. In Colorado, we've driven to the top of Pike's Peak, toured Garden of the Gods and some went though, I'm claustrophobic. In the hill country of Texas we have seen exotic animals on the YO ranch, and experienced historic Fredericksburg, TX. In Wisconsin we had a fabulous time with car friends at a place called 'Old World Wisconsin.' I suppose it could be called a living history farm. It shows how early immigrants to Wisconsin from various countries settled the new land. Canyon, TX, home of the second largest canyon in the US, has been a site for a couple of AACA meets. The Palo Duro Canyon is a very interesting place to visit. On the International side we've been to Paris and Dublin. Of

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loose, and llamas in pens. An interesting display of an old bath tub, stove, two bed frames, washing machine, and laundry tub as well as a child's pedal tractor was set out to look almost like a room of a cabin without the walls or ceiling. All the furniture had flowers planted in them in some fashion. In another larger flower bed were two very large handmade facsimile bicycles. Theresa managed to sneak up on a group of geese, but was encouraged by Will to walk away slowly before they attacked. Soon the turkeys decided to join us and we were all backing away as a kind woman from the store came out and hustled all the critters back a safe distance.

Thursday evening we enjoyed our final dinner (Last Supper) at the Majestic Valley Wilderness Lodge on the Glenn Highway. Ed McLaughlin again entertained us with his recitation of Robert Service's Three Bears and a poem entitled Don't Get Married Girls. A perfect ending to a sunny evening, in a beautiful spot of Alaska.

Our return to Fairbanks Friday morning started with Rick & Will helping Scott affect a temporary repair to our brake lights that had stopped working. Friday's special stop was at the suggestion of Hank Grant. Scott made reservations for us to have lunch at the new Black Rapids Lodge. We enjoyed the lunch as well as the ability to walk through and admire the construction and decor of this beautiful building. Of course, the sunny, warm weather as we drove toward Fairbanks was appreciated as well.

These road trips are always full of fun, laughter, and good conversation. Some members see parts of Alaska they might never have experienced while



Ed at the Tractor Museum

Photo by Scott Grundy

others simply enjoy going back for another visit. Many make new friends within the club. Most of all, we are out "exercising" our cars, and just having a good time. Consider joining us next year. - Linda Grundy



Our hosts in Homer (Buzz Wallace—with the cookies Sachiko baked) and in Seldovia (Sachiko & Walt Sonen)

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course Paris was in Texas, and the Eiffel tower has a cowboy hat and Dublin is in Ohio. At all of these events there have been an untold number of interesting vehicles to look at.

As a result of attending AACA events, we have visited various private auto and auto memorabilia collections not open to the public. We have visited a Fire Truck Restoration facility in Estes Park, CO and an Airplane restoration facility with a WWII museum in Colorado Springs, CO. The AACA meet in Auburn, IN provided an opportunity to visit the fabulous Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. Everyone's taste in cars is somewhat different. Show days have provided an almost limitless number of vehicles to look at. Of special note to me are: the GM Futurliner, a prototype Graham Hollywood convertible, buses, dump trucks, milk trucks, bakery trucks and even a snow plow. AACA's recognition of unrestored vehicles always provides some interesting vehicles to look at, from amazingly preserved brass era cars to a marvelous late 1920's Lincoln. A few of my favorites include a '29 Pontiac, a '59 Chevrolet Bel Air and a Model A roadster which still had its original top.

Basically, if you cannot find something interesting or fun at an AACA national event, I think you just aren't looking.



Pre-Season Snowbird Droppings

Well we made it to TUBAC AZ. after picking up our recently mechanical restored 69 Jaguar XKE with a new 5 speed transmission. We picked it up in Monroe Wash at Murray Bros. and drove to Sandpoint Idaho for a Music Festival. After that we drove South thru Bend, Crater Lake and down to San Francisco. Then down Hwy 1 Pacific Coast Hwy. to Leguna Seca where we watched the races of the TIGERS and they took 3 of the top 10 places. Best finish

was third. They were racing COBRAS, Jaguar XKE's, Mustangs, and a Alpha Romeo? Great race. Also ran into Jay Leno again and just HAD to get another picture with him (pg 6). Great guy! Then down the Coast again to Santa Barbara, L. A., then over to Scottsdale to visit my brother Mick who donated a kidney to me 22 years ago (Thank You Mick!) and then down to Tubac AZ. Only had one breakdown and

a subsequent tow of 197 miles (We had it free to two hundred miles thank goodness!). It was an alternator that went out and no one had a replacement so we had to go to XKE's Unlimited in San Louis Obispo to get the part and have it replaced. BUT we still made the race at Leguna Raceway that we wanted to see. Yeah!! :-)) All is good in driving these old cars anyway!

- Kelley Rivers

There are two kinds of pedestrians—the quick, and the dead...

MONDO RUN

August 17th



Photo by Ross Beal

A direct drive to the Monderosa for their delicious hamburgers was undertaken on Saturday, August 17th. Attending were Jim & Tracy Brand, Scott Grundy with daughter Jen, Rochelle Larson, Theresa and Will Chase, Don & Angie Oines, Jerry Krier, Ron Frey, Bret & Cindy Helms, Tony Miller & Cathi Beck. There was no Poker Run, as the attendees were hungry and didn't want to delay their trip (and because of the possibility of meeting the many Dutch Volvos as they were scheduled to arrive into Fairbanks later in the day)



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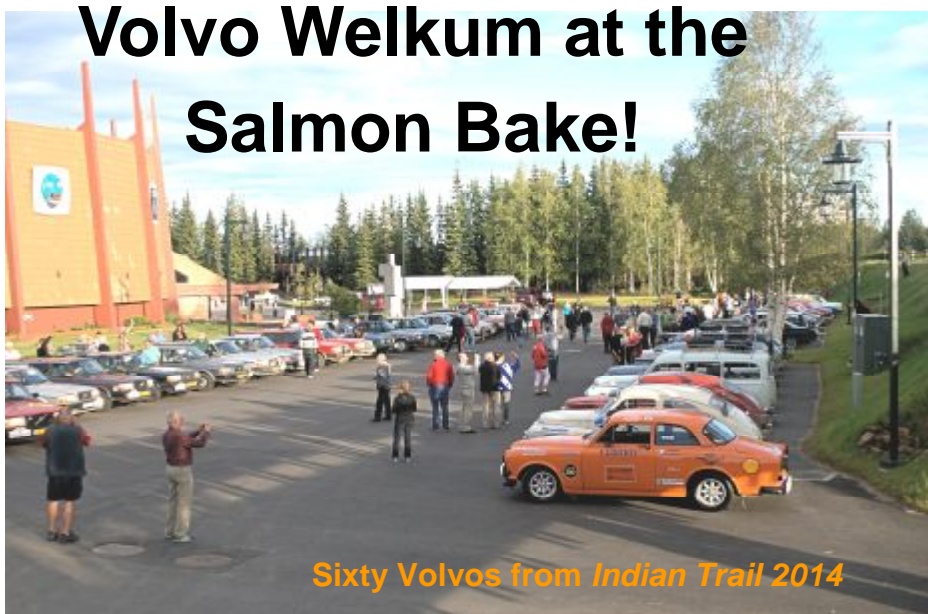


Chatanika Run September 13th*

*Note: Sept 13th is International Drive Your Studebaker Day

Be sure to join us for the traditional last run of the summer to Ron & Shirley's Chatanika Roadhouse on September 13th. Leave from CarsNCoffee at 10:00 am for this Poker Run.

Volvo Welkum at the Salmon Bake!



Sixty Volvos from Indian Trail 2014

Hilltop Breakfast Run

(Pie, too)

September 6th

Leave from CarsN'Coffee @ 10:00 am



Cars and Coffee FAIRBANKS

Still going strong every Saturday: **Great Harvest Bread Co.** 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. **THIS EVENT CONTINUES AS LONG AS GOOD WEATHER HOLDS!**

The VLNAACF met the near sixty classic Volvos from the Netherlands which were traveling in a caravan from Panama to Fairbanks on Tuesday, August 19th for dinner at the Salmon Bake. The club met the group at the Wedgewood, where they were staying and enjoying the hospitality of the Fountainhead Auto Museum. The group crossed Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, USA, and Canada to finally reach their destination city of Fairbanks.

The Dutch Volvo group contact in Fairbanks, Eveline d'Angremond, has shared several emails and pictures from their trip, and you can look forward to them in an upcoming winter edition of our newsletter.



Cars ready to leave Wedgewood for a drive through Fairbanks with the club on the way to the Salmon Bake

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NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is always the second Thursday of the month. The September Meeting is Sept 11th at **Sam's Sourdough Restaurant** on University near College. Business Meeting starts at 7pm.

Board Meetings are the Tuesday before the Membership Meeting—this month on September 9th — at **Sam's Sourdough Restaurant** on University. Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to all members.

Familiar view on the A.B.D.T.



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