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## Planning ahead...

Information on upcoming events on many pages inside!

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Events Planning Chair, Rochelle Larson (sitting with President Wilma Vinton at the head of the table) hosted the annual planning meeting on Tuesday February 17th at the Fountainhead Museum. There was very good attendance, with all who committed at the Membership Meeting attending—nineteen in all.

Rochelle led the group through a week by week review of the summer calendar, filling in most weekends (and a number of weekday evenings) with events and activities. When Rochelle gets the calendar finalized with PPRs (primary person responsible) for each event, she will publish the list to distribute at a Membership Meeting and to publish here in the newsletter.

The season really starts for us in May with the May Membership Meeting at the Fountainhead Museum, the opening of Pioneer Park and the Wednesday Night Club Run-Arounds, the startup of Cars 'N Coffee on Saturday mornings, and the Annual VLNAACF Member Car Show at the Carlson Center.

June will again see our summer Membership Meetings out-of-doors, the Joint Meet with the Anchorage Club, A

“poker run” to Chena Hot Springs for a picnic, and numerous other activities.

July brings the Golden Days activities, including the big parade and the club picnic at Pioneer Park where we give away the raffle car. Tours, rallies and a rib run are planned. August doesn't slow down much, and of course, the traditional end of season run is in September out to Chatanika.

If you have a good idea or want to host an event, summer has 24 hour daylight and plenty of time for Rochelle to add it into the calendar!



Feeding the Planners helps boost attendance... and gets folks thinking of the summer event mantra “drive and eat.... drive and eat”

One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.

**100 years ago this month**

**Articles from the pages of the magazine →**



### **Is Cranking by Hand Becoming a Lost Art?**

EDITOR The Automobile: - In these days of self-starters, cranking by hand is fast becoming a lost art. It would seem at first glance that the subject were so simple that no explanation could be made of it. Such, however, is not the case, for the writer has several times helped persons who were not only unfamiliar with cranking but did

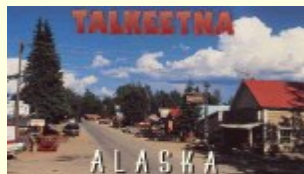
not know how to apply the hand crank to their self-starting machines that failed on account of no electricity or no compressed air. The first usual mistake made by the beginner is the failure to properly engage the cranking lever before turning. He then stands directly over the crank, holding the crank handle firmly between his thumb and forefinger, preparing himself for a mighty heave down to the right hand. If the spark is well retarded and the crank lever properly engaged, the motor will probably start off in good shape and the novice operator will be very proud of his first attempt." There is many a slip twixt the cup and lip" and a crank that has not been properly engaged will slip at the first heave, allowing the operator to

fall down to the crank's low position. The operator will still retain a firm hold on the crank handle, which, suddenly stopping at the bottom position, will strain or sprain his right thumb. In the meantime the operator's head, which started right over the radiator, has bumped the radiator, probably making a nasty cut over a left eye or some other part of the head. It is no uncommon sight to see a motor of an automobile running with nobody near the car for the simple reason that the operator is afraid to crank his machine because of an experience similar to the one quoted being fresh in his memory. If, in the above case the operator had had his spark well advanced instead of well retarded, and his cranking lever had been properly engaged, the compression cylinder would have fired just as the greatest pressure was vertically exerted on the crank handle. The engine would have kicked back, either breaking the bones of the right wrist by direct telescoping or by flying out of the operator's hand, making a complete circle, and breaking his wrist by slapping it on its back. If the cranking lever be held in the left hand and pulled up from the left after being engaged, the slipping of the lever will obviously result in no damage to the operator, and should the engine kick back the crank handle will be jerked out of the operator's hand flying around hitting his fleshy forearm, not breaking it due to the flesh cushion. When it is necessary to spin the motor with the right hand the operator should grasp the crank handle in such a way as to have his arm as far from the vertical as his strength will allow. This position not only lessens the danger from kicking back, but makes the following up of the cranking lever easier.

A broken arm spoils the usual pleasure derived from a car for about 2 months, and a sprained right thumb will be found to be very annoying when handling tools and adjusting parts as necessary.

U.S.S. New Jersey

A.S. Kibbee



## **ABDT 2015**

**Adventure Before Dementia Tour**

**July 16-July 22, 2015**

**Route to include:**

**Talkeetna ,Hope, Kenai,  
Wasilla**

**While in Hope we will participate in the  
Hope Wagon Trail Days Parade July 18th  
and meet with the Kaknu Kruzers in Kenai**

**Contact Scott Grundy for more**

**Info: 907-322-9283**



AFTER LONG  
CALCULATION  
INTERSPERSED  
WITH CIPHERS AND  
PHYSICS EQUATIONS,  
I HAVE COME TO  
REALIZE PENNY AND I  
HAVE A PROBLEM...

- John Binder

After long calculations interspersed with ciphers and physics equations I have come to realize Penny and I have a problem. Not enough classic cars and not enough money for more. As most of you may have heard, I have been enjoying the company of a Studebaker named Earl. Penny likes Earl but finds him austere, missing many of the conveniences she would like in a classic car. We have tried to save and plan for a second car for Penny but I have had to acknowledge the fact that we will probably always be a one classic family. I fear if Earl is established as the only car we own my wife will lose interest in cruising the highways with me. Oh sure, Penny will acquiesce to some runarounds and a few road trips because she loves me but eventually she will suggest I go alone. She'll tell me she has things to do and I should go enjoy the camaraderie of the club members. I guess I can't blame her as Earl certainly lacks any luxury or class though he's been reliable and garners some attention as an odd looking fellow. So where does that leave us? Do I abandon Earl to look for a fancy floozy with smooth curves and a soft suspension? Should I trade his rugged grinding gears or his manly manual steering for a sweet turning lady who shifts herself when the RPMs are right? Could the easy pressure on a power brake pedal ever match the excitement of manual drums when both feet are forced

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# Logo Contest

We are looking for the  
perfect logo for our club.

We need your help

AND you can

Win a VLNAACF Jacket

## Contest Rules:

1. Logo will be used for website, newsletter, patches, jackets, etc. Keep that in mind as you complete your design. Design measurements should be 4 inches in diameter. It does not have to be circular.
2. Limit the design to no more than 4 colors (this includes white)
3. All designs must be submitted by April 10, 2015 to Wilma Vinton
4. The top 3 designs will be chosen by a Logo Review Committee and presented in the May Newsletter prior to voting at the May Meeting.

Contact Wilma at 907-388-7766  
or [wlvinton@gmail.com](mailto:wlvinton@gmail.com) with questions



# March, 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <b>BOARD</b> MTG—Sam's Sourdough	11	12 <b>REGU-</b> LAR MTG— The Cookie Jar	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>GARAGE</b> <b>TOUR</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events notices, and articles to <a href="mailto:vlnaacf@gmail.com">vlnaacf@gmail.com</a>			

## Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- **Tuesday, Mar. 10th: Board Mtg.** 6:30 pm Sam's Sourdough Café
- **Thursday, Mar. 12th: Regular Membership Meeting,** 7pm **The Cookie Jar** - dinner before
- **Saturday, Mar. 21st: GARAGE TOUR—Bub Larson's,** 171 7th Ave., Fairbanks
- **Fri, Sat & Sun Mar 27, 28 & 29th:**
- **RAFFLE TICKET SALES** at the **Women's Affair** at the Carlson Center—sign up to staff the booth with Cindy Helms or Tammy Pruett.



- **Wed, Mar. 11th: Regular Meeting;** 7pm at Day Break Center

## National AACA Events

- **Feb 28th—Mar 1: Fur Rendezvous Show at Bob's Services, Anchorage** (Call Art Isham or Donn Reese)

- **Mar 6-8 AACA Winter Meet—San Juan, Puerto Rico**
- **Mar 18-21 AACA Western Spring Meet and Grand National - Tucson, Arizona** →

Keep up with what's happening on Facebook! If you are not a member of the **Members Only: Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks** page, then e-mail Wilma Vinton to join this special group.



## Dual in the Desert II

Grand National Meet  
and  
Western Spring Meet

**Save these Dates:**  
**March 18-21, 2015**



Tucson, Arizona

**Meet Chairmen:**  
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## President's Headlights

- Wilma Vinton

February, the best month of the winter as far as I am concerned. It is the first time I see the sun in my living-room since November, and that makes me pretty sure that the winter is just about over. Ok, so it means at least 2 more months before we can get the cars out, but with the sun shining, I have hope that there is an end to the winter tunnel. Having the ga-

rage tour here at our home helped make that time seem even closer: 35 degrees, sun shining and cars, what more could you ask for on a Saturday afternoon (except maybe being able to DRIVE the cars)! The idea of a garage tour may not seem very exciting to our friends in the lower 48, but when you only have 5 good driving months, getting an opportunity to share car stories, check out the winter projects, and enjoy a little camaraderie is a nice way to spend a portion of those 7 winter months. Thanks John McCarthy for running with this great idea and for taking on the task of arranging these for us.

We have many members who are willing to volunteer their time to take on the planning and implementation of club events. Club members willing to step up to the plate and organize events is what makes our club so vital and suc-

cessful. I would like to take this opportunity to toot the horn of another such member - one who works tirelessly behind the scenes (with very little fanfare) to ensure that we have opportunities to bring the cars out when the weather does warm up. Rochelle Larson, our Membership and Events Coordinator, besides coordinating events, keeps track of all of our members information, coordinates the tickets & money for our raffle car project, and sends out emails to make sure we know about the planned events. She works hard to ensure our summers are full of fun things to do to show off our cars. This is the month she coordinated the Annual Events planning meeting and it resulted in a full calendar for this summer. Next time you see Rochelle, take a moment to thank her for all her hard work, or better yet, offer to head up one of those events she has planned for us. Working together, we make our club what it is.

- Wilma

## Anniversaries



- 12 - Marnie & Lambert Hazelaar
- 14 - Carrie & Charlie Jurgens

## Birthdays



- 2 - Gary Tupper
- 6 - Karmen Shoemaker
- Kevin MacDonald
- 10 - Johnnie Newman
- 15 - Rick Larrick
- 16 - Mike Thomas
- 18 - Will Chase
- 19 - Leslie Yamamoto
- 20 - Judy Weber
- 28 - Joyce Chace
- Squeaky Benham
- 31 - Donna Krier

## Member Advertisements

No ads were submitted this month....

This has been a quiet month. At the begin-

### Sunshine Club

ning of the month, a sympathy card from the Club was sent to the Mahone Family.

*Tracy McLeod is the Sunshine Contact. Please send her an e-mail if you know of a club member who could use a little "sunshine". e-mail:*

### THE "DIP" (the good stuff @ the Vinton Garage Tour...)

Brown and drain:

2 rolls Jimmy Dean Hot Breakfast Sausage

Melt in crock pot:

8 oz cream cheese

8 oz sour cream

Dice:

1 pepper

1 onion

1 tomato

1 jalapeno to taste

sm can chopped green chilis

1 cup your favorite salsa

Mix all together in crock pot with sour cream and cream cheese—serve warm with stone white tortilla chips.

The Alaskan A's (Ford Model A group) has invited The Antique Auto Musers of Alaska (Anchorage), the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks & other vintage rigs to join them on the road this summer - and you are invited!

They plan to tour Dawson City, Whitehorse and places in between this June 27 through July 3. They will participate in the Whitehorse Canada Day Parade.

They are a very fun group. Contact Jim Fredenhagen of the AAMA for details at:

[takecare@alaskan.com](mailto:takecare@alaskan.com).



## EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER



I sure appreciate the kind of article that Bill Fields wrote on page 9 of this month's newsletter—it is just the kind of article that we need many more of from our membership. Just like the Garage Tours this winter have given us a better appreciation for the 1st class restoration work done here in Fairbanks by Burnie Hall, the craftsmanship shown by Jim Brand, and the great personal collection of autos owned by Wilma Vinton and husband and Fountainhead Museum manager, Willy Vinton, these articles let each and all of us get to know our membership better. You don't have to be as funny or as good a writer as John Binder (pg 3) to be enjoyed and appreciated. If you have read this thus far—when we expect an article from you for a future newsletter?

I have the opportunity to proof-read the new book member Nancy Dewitt is writing about Alaska's first automobiles and their drivers. It looks to be a great read. I am looking forward to her giving me permission to do a book review for a future newsletter.

Only one more month and snow-birds Scott and Linda Grundy, Bret and Cindy Helms, and Ron and Nancy Allen come back. One way to guarantee you are missed and then welcomed home is to get elected to a car club office, and then leave for the winter after asking some-one else to fill in if you miss a few meetings....

From the sounds of things at the Events Planning meeting last week, there will be lots of events and things to do this summer for the club. Please, if you are a chairperson or PPR for an event, take the time to write an article or work with me on an advertisement or promotion for your upcoming event. After all, that is what the newsletter is really for—to promote attendance and participation at upcoming or future events!



## Draft Minutes VLNAACF Membership Meeting February 12th, 2015, at The Cookie Jar Cafe

The Membership Meeting was called to order by President Wilma Vinton at 6:58 p.m. There were 37 members and three guests present, including the four board members present, being President Wilma Vinton and Directors John McCarthy, Blue Hinchsliff, and Paul Tekin. Guests were Steve Horman and Jeff & Kelly Walker (and their daughter Shelby). Jeff and Kelly are friends of Will & Theresa Chase and it seemed fitting that they named their very young daughter after a really fast car.

President Wilma reflected on our club's loss of long time member, Roby McHone, talking of he and his wife's community participation and of Roby's very active participation in the club after he lost his wife. She asked for and received a moment of silent remembrance of Roby.

### REPORTS:

Acting Secretary, Rick Larrick read the minutes of the last membership meeting, and a motion to approve was made by Bob Miller and seconded by Ed McLaughlin. They were approved with no opposition. Then Rick recapped the minutes of the February Board Meeting of two days before.

President Wilma Vinton presented a Treasurers Report. Finances are in good shape. Gary Farnham moved and Theresa Chase seconded a motion to approve. There was no opposition.

Rochelle Larson reported that Membership status was 199 paid, with a number of members past due. One new member, Jim Behr, has joined in the past month.

### EVENTS:

Joint Meet Co-Chair Rick Larrick talked about the schedule of events for the Joint Meet in Delta Junction on June 12 & 13, 2015.

Rick Larrick reported that Scott Grundy had provided updates on the Adventure Before Dementia Tour (ABDT) for the last newsletter. The ABDT is this July 16 through 22, 2015, to Talkeetna, Hope, and Kenai, and Rick suggested rooming reservation be made early for

Hope.

John McCarthy reported on Garage Tours, recapping the great tour to the Brands in January and promoting the next tour at the Vinton's. The tour of President Wilma and First Dude Willy Vinton's garage is February 21st. Time is 11 am – 2pm with snacks. Wilma Vinton provided directions for getting to the house and for parking, and suggested ladies might rather sit with her in the living room and chat / knit / whatever.

John McCarthy reported on the Model A Group / AAMA tour to Dawson this June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup>. While sponsored by the Alaskan A's, both the AAMA and VLNAACF are invited to participate. The group will participate in the Canada Day parade in Whitehorse.

Plans for the Carlson Center Member's Car Show were discussed. Dates are move-in on May 29<sup>th</sup> and the show all day Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Wilma reviewed procedures for showing cars and the needs for many volunteers to help stage the event. Chair this year is Robbie Casey, with committee help from John Binder and Paul Tekin. Willy Vinton announced that there would be a Flea Market / Car Parts Swap Meet in the lobby area this year – details and cost per vendor table to be announced later. President Wilma said car show information will be in the next newsletter.

Raffle Car Ticket Sales events coming up are The Women's Affair show at the Carlson Center on March 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. President Wilma passed around a sign-up sheet and a number of folks volunteered to staff the booth. The sign-up sheet will be at the next meeting as well. The following event is the Outdoor Show at the Carlson Center on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – the '67 MGB raffle car will be there and sign-ups to staff the booth will be solicited at the next two meetings.

Don Oines reported on the mechanical status of the Raffle Car. A work session will be held at Don's garage this Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am. Rochelle Larson will send out an e-mail reminder.

The Logo Contest was discussed. There are no entries yet in this contest to design a new official club logo. The club does not have an official logo, having used ones for the website or the newsletter at the webmaster / editor's choice – and this is the chance for us to better "personalize" our club. Volunteers for sorting the entries down to the 3 best will meet as a committee – volunteers are

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Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.



## VINTON GARAGE TOUR

February 21st

About thirty folks came out to Wilma & Willy's Garage at their home to see their personal collection—all Fords upstairs and Wilma's Chevy in the downstairs shop.



With a sunny, balmy, spring-like day with a temperature of NEAR 40 DEGREES, Wilma even had the upper garage door open.

Wilma tells the story of how she got her first car (the '55 Victoria). Wilma's others are the '55 T-Bird, the '68 Merc Parklane, the '53 Ranch Wagon and the '39 Chevy.



How's Willy make that work with both an updraft and a downdraft carb on that Model A engine, I wonder....



Willy's domain is downstairs where he is working on the Model A Speedster project this winter along with another A. Scheduled yet for the winter (according to Wilma) the '55 T-bird.



## Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

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through the floor to barely stop in time to avoid death? I suppose after putting up with thirty years of my boats, snow machines, dogsleds and golf clubs Penny deserves a little luxury. A comfortable, easy to operate classic she can drive and show, with a nice passenger seat for her awesome husband. A club member offered up a 70s Pinto with exploding gas tank but I don't have enough life insurance on Penny for that car.

Besides, I am a lousy cook and I hate doing laundry. So do I keep Earl and end up a lonely Studebaker driver's club member destined to a life of solitary cruises and runarounds or do I release Earl to someone who will love him for what he is. I suppose I should accommodate my wife's desires by exchanging rugged orphan individualism for fully loaded sexiness and ease of operation. Penny deserves the best I can give her. Goodbye Earl. I'll miss you. Anyone interested in a killer deal on a '51 bullet nosed Studebaker?

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Will Chase, John McCarthy, Ed McLaughlin and Ross Beal. Entries must be in by April 10<sup>th</sup> to Wilma Vinton. They will be published in the May newsletter and voted on at the May membership meeting.

There will be a program speaker at the March Membership meeting – Willy Vinton has invited Jim Norman of ABS Alaskan Battery to speak to our group.

The arrangements at The Cookie Jar were reviewed as the purpose of our meeting there was to evaluate it as a larger and more accommodating meeting place. Review, by a show of hands, was mixed. There will be a further discussion at the Events Planning Meeting, and an announcement will be made about the March meeting place.

The Events Planning Meeting will be next Tuesday evening, 7pm, at the Fountainhead Museum. It looks like between 16 and 20 people have volunteered to participate in this important planning event, and pizza will be served to that group.

### PROGRAM:

Steve Horman talked to the group about his pursuit of a Journalism Degree (will graduate at 66 this next spring) and his classes in photo-journalism. He found our club events and club members' cars great subjects in going through his photo studies. He recently featured them in a show at the UAF Wood Center, and brought those four large 16x20 framed photographs to the meeting to present to the car owners.

### CLOSING:

President Wilma asked if there were any announcements "for the good of the order"; there were none.

John McCarthy read the Birthday and Anniversaries List. Ed and Laurel's warranted applause, but Laurel couldn't remember or wouldn't tell how long, but admitted Ike hadn't been elected yet....

The 50/50 drawing with a \$70 pot was won by Ross Beal.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm, and many stayed around after to chat, especially with the program speaker. Steve had brought a number of other large format pictures and had help identifying owners, and passed out a number to owners who were present.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Larrick for the absent Scott Grundy,  
VLNAACF Secretary



**VLNAACF host the Auto Musers at Delta Junction, challenging them to good fun, car games & valve cover races!**

#### **Events Schedule:**

**Friday afternoon—leave Fairbanks in an organized cruise to Delta Junction**

**Friday 6:00pm—Picnic Dinner at Pioneer Park Pavilion at the junction of the Alcan and Richardson Highways. Car Show for the locals. Valve Cover Races.**

**Saturday morning—Car Games!**

**Saturday afternoon—Short cruise & tour**

**Saturday evening—Awards Banquet at The Steakhouse**

**Make your lodging reservations now -say you are with the Vernon Nash Car Club for discounts at:**

- The Alaska 7 Motel (\$110 per night)
- Diamond Willow Inn (\$155 / \$189 per night)



## Sign seen at the local brew house: Today's Soup is Beer

Hello All,

I don't know if I'm the Southern-most situated member of the Club or not but, as a member of this Club I must tell you my heart is in Alaska year round. I have been coming to Alaska for over 27 years enjoying as many of the outdoor adventures as I can get time and funds to afford. I've had the pleasure of participating in 2 Iron Dogs, a Tok to Dawson snow-machine ride, solo motorcycle ride to Prudhoe Bay, dog sled trips in many areas of the state, fishing, etc., all that being said, I still haven't been able to attend a car tour, but will hopefully make one in the near future, with or without one of my own cars.

I thought I'd share a little of my story so to be an active member of the group, of sorts...

Being in Hazard, Kentucky, which is in the South-Eastern coal mining corner of the State, I do have a beautiful area with hilly and winding roads to enjoy the car hobby, albeit mostly solo. There are not many in the area that have antique cars or those that do, chose not to drive their collector cars often. Participating in other Club tours helps fill the void.

My 3 car collection consists of only Franklins at this time. I got into Franklins on a fluke. I didn't even know what a Franklin was until seeing my first one at a used car dealership in Lexington,

time.

After enjoying the car for about a year, I found that there were others out there crazier than me and had the Franklin Car Club to comfort all of us air headed lug nuts (including Rick Larrick). Joining seemed to help, that is until I went to my first Club event and saw how beautiful a Franklin could be. "Old Red" didn't look so pretty around some of the other air cooled iron then, but it did help me in my affliction, there are members that have more than one Franklin, hmm, imagine that..., "see that one honey, it would be nice to have and it's for sale", so it started...

But first Old Red needed attention, a paint job would be nice, so I took it to a recommended restoration shop near Covington, KY and left the car for a few days so it could be looked over. To my amazement the owner called back and told me he couldn't paint it because the car had too much wrong with it and his reputation was on the car. I thought he was an arrogant, you know what, that is until I went back to get it and we did the walk around. Yeah, ya' know where that went, a full restoration. It was 2 years later done to perfection in the original Brewster Green with Black fenders paint scheme with every nut and bolt and missing parts machined and nickel plated to factory drawing specs. I've enjoyed the car tremendously since its completion in 2001, putting about 10,000 miles on it. The car has been nearly bullet proof other than a wrist pin failure climbing a mountain pass in PA while on a tour, this after about 8,000 enjoyable miles, but hey, it happens. I drove it last winter in the snow for the first time, as we haven't had much in the line of snow over the past few years, so it was fun.

Most people in the Franklin Club were shocked when I got the car done as no one had really restored a Series 9 to perfection. The 9 Series were the most popular and numerous made by the Company during its 32 year existence, but few had been fully restored by any members due to their lower dollar collector value. You all know the routine, either "Full Brass" or recognized "Classics" get the attention, leaving us dull nickel guys out. Many in and out of the Club asked me why I restored a 9, it was a simple answer, it was then the only Franklin I owned and what I wanted restored. Proudly, it now is the standard to what a fully restored Series 9 should be. I couldn't have achieved the perfection we attained without help of Club members, most of whom at the time didn't know me as I was new in the Club, but once they understood the commitment I had to making it the best in the Club many helped find the rare missing parts or loaned them for patterns. (Rick can attest to the Franklin Club help with his recent cylinder issue) Friendships are what make these Clubs fun, as well as the cars.

I look forward to meeting many of you in time. My thanks to Rick for replying to a Christmas Card I mailed him blindly about 8 years or more ago as I got his name out of the Franklin roster. I thought what the heck; he lives in Fairbanks where my late mentor Dick McIntyre of Frontier Sporting Goods and Frontier Flying Service lived. He might be a nice guy. Well you fellow members will have to respond and let me know on that one. Anyway he got me into this Club and onto your newsletter mailing. So, if you don't like the story blame him... Then there's Willy Vinton...

- Bill Fields



ton, KY back in the late 1990's, this while driving by on my way to a business meeting. I pulled in and asked what the "ugly" thing was and told them I'd be back in a few hours. I returned as I told them I would, looked it over thought it was way "cool" no pun intended and bought it on the spot. At that time I had a 1931 Ford Model-A Roadster pickup and had a 1965 Corvette Coupe, but not a Franklin... Whew, irrational decisions. (Wish I still had those 2.)

The car is a 1921 Series 98, Touring. As it shows, at the time of purchase, it was your typical catch your eye red with the guarantee that you'd get lots of red eye sleepless nights trying to figure this and that out about it trying to get the kinks out so you can at least tell your wife you bought a driving car. Then as all of you know each of our marques ensure unique mechanical quirks are on the menu that only experience on that brand or trial and error tinkering can resolve. Not being the most mechanically inclined didn't and still doesn't help, but hey, I'm still a work in progress too at the age of 52. The car and others run, well most of the

*Member Bill Fields says he has Franklins as follows.*

1921 Series 9B Touring that the story is about.

1926 Series 11 Sport Coupe, its a very rare hardtop boat tail with rumble seat

1931 Series 137 Club Sedan

*I also own motorcycles:*

1921 Cleveland Single similar to the one at Fountainhead

1941 BMW R-12

1976 BMW R-75 that my Fairbanks friend bought new in Fairbanks in 1976 rode down here at age 76 in 1980

*And Airplanes:*

1938 Bellanca 14-9



If attacked by a mob of clowns, go for the juggler.

# Snowbird Droppings...



*Nancy Allen promised that an article would follow in the next few weeks—look for it in the April "Nash's News"!*

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## News from National AACA:

Many awards were given out at the AACA Banquet in Philadelphia on February 13th & 14th. The event focuses on training sessions and networking sessions all day on Friday and Saturday, and the banquet is the finale.

It was reported last month that this newsletter won one of the "Master Editor" Awards. Other recipients were:

### 2014 Master Editor Awards

- Judy L. Edwards - *On the Road, Again!*  
- Brass-Nickel Touring Region
- Frances D. Shore - *Buzzard Droppings*  
- Buzzard's Breath Touring Region
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- Shanda D. Epting - *Fender Talk*  
- Central Texas Region
- John E. Saylor, Jr. - *The Gas Buggy Gazette* - Gettysburg Region
- Timothy M. Emerich - *Chuck Wagon News* - Hershey Region
- Jerry D. Clemmons - *Members' Parade*  
- Hornets Nest Region
- Patricia Markert - *Sidelights*  
- Illinois Region
- William D. Clark - *Antique Auto News*  
- Iroquois Region
- Donna & William J. Dimberger - *Northern Lights* - Minnesota Region
- Kim Gardner - *The Chatter*  
- Capitol City Chapter, Minnesota Region
- David E. Allen - *NC Region News*  
- North Carolina Region
- Fred H. Lewis - *Vintage Voice*  
- Oakland-Pontiac Worldwide Region
- Danielle E. Troyer - *The Spark Plug*  
- Ohio Region
- Jean Hawa - *Sidelights*  
- South Florida Region
- C. Richard Larrick - *Nash's News*
- Vernon L. Nash AAC of Fairbanks

There are also Webmaster Awards given, and it should be noted that our friends in Anchorage won one of these prestigious awards:

Donn J. Reese

Antique Auto Musers Of Alaska Region

## GARAGE TOUR

SATURDAY,  
March 21, 2015



11:00am—  
2:00pm

**Bub Larson**

**171 Seventh Ave, Fairbanks**



CARLSON MEMBER ONLY

# CAR SHOW

- John Binder

It's happening again. The calendar is sprinting its way toward spring which means it's time to start planning our members' only Carlson Center car show on **May 30th & 31st**. The contract is signed and the poster is in the design phase. There are lots of fun jobs to fill and I know everyone is chomping at the bit to volunteer to help. We need a valve cover car race chairperson to coordinate this year's race. I think I might be able to beat Jim Brand this time around. Someone has to ramrod the all important call committee. Tracy Brand did it all herself last year but I hope this time everyone will pitch in so one person isn't burdened with all that work. We need at least three people for that task. We need people to chair vendor/door prizes, vote counting, awards, and car registration. Last year I chose Studebaker to be the marquee class which will be hard to beat. I hope other suggestions are forth coming. Your choices will receive serious consideration if proffered in an envelope along with cash. I'm hoping we can fill all the chairpersonships at the March members meeting. I'll see you all there. I'll be the one behind the door waiting to ambush unsuspecting VLNAACF members with chairperson duties.

1. Racer must be built with an original valve cover from an internal combustion engine, and must retain the original gasket surface. Please sand or file any sharp edges that could cause injury, without destroying the original mounting surface to the point it cannot be re-used.
2. Racer must have no moving parts other than the axles or wheels.
3. Racer must have no means of propulsion, other than gravity, and must

have no shifting or liquid weights.

4. Racer must have a minimum of three (3) wheels.

5. Nothing can protrude on either end of the valve cover.

6. Tires (wheels) must not exceed 4 inches in diameter and must have a nonmetallic area touching the track. No DVDs CDs, etc., may be used. Skateboard, in-line skate, roller skate, or homebuilt wheels with a minimum of 1/4" face are OK. Wheels may be mounted either inside or outside of the valve cover.

7. The maximum length of the racer must not exceed 30 inches. The width may not exceed 10 inches from the outside of wheel to outside of wheel.

Total weight may not exceed 10 pounds. Maximum height can be 10 inches.

8. Valve covers must retain the original gasket surface, and must not leak oil; dripping oil on the track will disqualify the entrant.

9. Racer may be painted or unpainted. The use of graphics or decals is OK.

No holes may be cut into the valve cover or external modification are allowed that would prevent it being reinstalled and run on Mom's car. External add-ons may be done using existing mounting holes only.

10. The maximum distance from the track to the front edge of the valve cover is 3 1/2 inches to accommodate the release pin for the starting gate.

11. The length from the front of the valve cover to the rear axle may not exceed 22 inches.

- Rules Judge: Willy Vinton, 2014 Valve Cover Race Chairman

## 2015 Classic Car Raffle



Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks

**WIN 1967 MGB Convertible**

"You Turn it on. It turns you on."

Drawing July 25, 2015 at 2:00pm

Drawing to be held at the Pioneer Park Square Dance Pavilion

Need not be present to win.

Only 3,500 tickets

\$5.00/ticket or 5 for \$20.00

Permit # 2437

Ticket No.

# #

# MGB

1798 cc, 95 hp motor, 4 speed, AM/FM stereo,  
luggage rack, stowaway top and tonneau cover,  
knock-off wire wheels, heater.

*If the kick is gone out of your driving life, you have a chance to gain it back. Buy a raffle ticket, win this car, and put the fun back into your driv-*

**See any member of the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks for tickets**

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### NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is always the second Thursday of the month—see you on **March 12th at The Cookie Jar Restaurant** Meeting starts at 7pm—most folks are there for dinner by 6 pm.

The Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 10th — at Sam's Sourdough . Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



Member Bill Field's 11A Boattail Franklin



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