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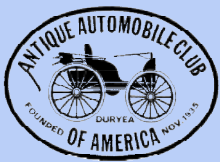
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Raffle Car Winners Katie and Phil Sanders

Once raffle tickets went on sale for the 1967 MGB the club was raffling this year, Phil Sanders starting making Larson's Locksmith Shop a regular stop to buy raffle tickets. Phil was in attendance at the drawings, confident enough to be wearing his "sports car" hat in the event that he won. As can be seen from the picture above, both Phil and Katie were very pleased. Scott's photo below was in the Fairbanks Newsminer on Monday 7/27 and online on the Newsminer Facebook page and website.

Phil and Katie were also given memberships to AACA and to the club, and joined us for the meal at our barbeque picnic as they took care of the paperwork on their new car.

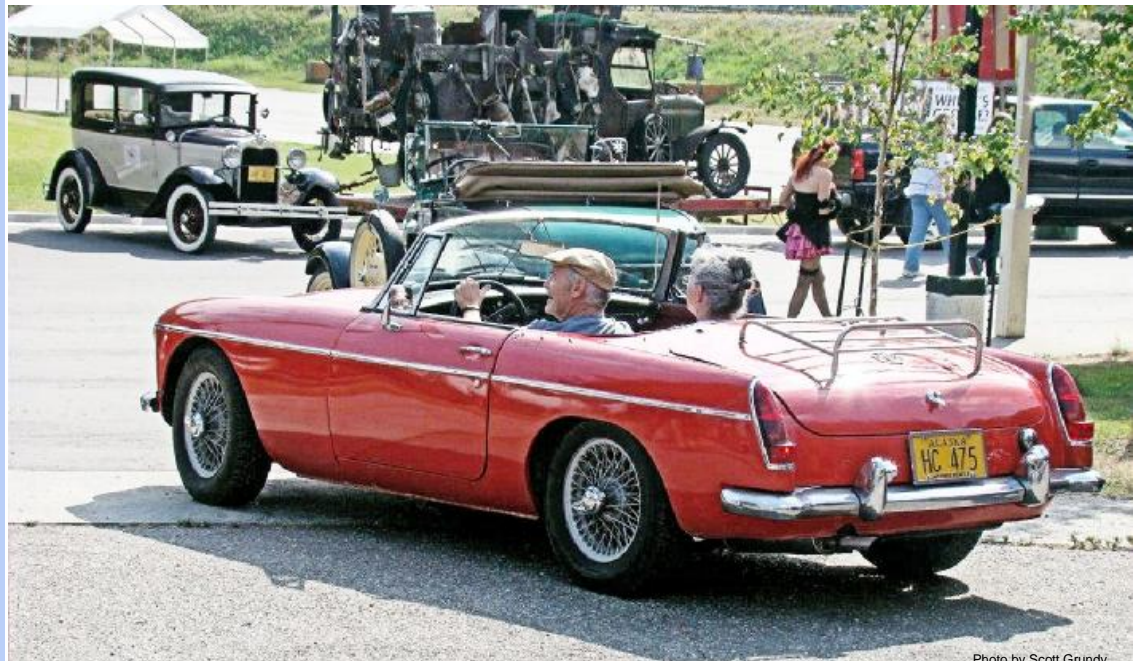


Photo by Scott Grundy

Phil and Katie Sanders leave the picnic in their newly won MG

If you line up all the cars in the world end to end . . . someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them



GOLDEN DAYS PARADE



Club members gather to wait for the raffle drawing and club picnic at Pioneer Park

SCAVENGER HUNT!

August 8th will be the **Slow Poke Scavenger Hunt**. Yup, you read it right we are combining a Scavenger Hunt with the Slow Poke run. Doesn't matter how fast your car is, you can join in the fun. We will meet at the Bentley Mall parking lot at 10 am, right after Cars and Coffee. From there, you will be given clues as to where you are heading next. The goal is to follow the directions provided, making note of the various items you will be expected to pick up or find along the way. First person to make it to the final destination with the most items found will win a "wonderful" prize. Every one else gets to join the winner in paying for their own lunch. Hope to see you there. For information on the run, contact me, Willy, at 388-8252.

I wish to you your life to be like toilet paper. Long and useful.



Photo by Grundy

Theresa & Will in front of some of the cars at HOPE

HOPE is always at the end of the road!

The Grundy's haven't been back to the quaint village of Hope, AK since the 1960's. Hope is located on the south side of Turnagain Arm about 87 miles from Anchorage. Hope's origin dates back to the discovery of gold in 1896. Each summer our southern brethren, the AAMA (Antique Auto Musers of Alaska) spend a relaxing weekend attending the annual Wagon Trails Festival the third weekend in July that includes fund raising & a 5K foot race.

I have wanted to attend this event for years, so I scheduled it as part of this year's Adventure Before Dementia Long Distance Tour. When the tour was cancelled, we opted to attend the event in Hope with our truck & camper. Will & Theresa Chase joined us with their vintage 1975 ambulance they have converted into a nifty camping rig with emergency lights & all! The AAMA had eight vintage vehicles which were paraded several times through the community and also navigated nearly ten miles up into the Resurrection Creek Valley into spectacular alpine scenery highlighted by blue sky! Lots of food and socializing of course! Plus on Saturday evening we played the board game Rummy Kube. Theresa had beginner's luck at her table but the experienced Grundys sure didn't; all at our table were severely beaten by a high

school freshman who was incredibly gifted at seeing and executing complex patterns. He trounced us six out of six games! As usual, Howard Hansen impressed us all by winning the men's over 80 category of the foot race. Theresa Chase won an overnight stay in a wonderful B&B as part of the raffle fundraiser - but generously gave it to the folks who stored their ambulance when they broke down returning home.

Will we try to attend this fun event so well organized by Dennis Allen of the AAMA each year? You bet. It was a great time with some very fine folks.

All Cars are
"100% Skid Proof"
only when equipped with
Weed Chains
on all four tires, regardless of the brand or type of tires used.
The proper sizes of Weed Chains to fit all sizes and styles of tires are carried in stock by dealers everywhere.
American Chain Co., Inc.
Bridgeport, Connecticut

National News: From the publication "The Rummage Box", reprinted with permission



Never Give Up

Myron Smith
VP Regions Development & Support, Central Division

Fiction writer Clive Cussler started a new series of books recently set in the early 1900s. The plot follows the adventures of a private detective named Isaac Bell. He is an agent for a detective agency called "The Van Dorn Detective Agency" and their motto is: "We never ever, ever give up."

These would also seem to be good words to live by in auto restoration projects. I don't think I have ever done a project where I haven't thought "why did I ever start this in the first place." My next question is usually "why do I keep doing these things." From the number of unfinished car projects I see at swap meets or for sale, it would seem that a lot of people ask the first question and their answer is it's not worth it and give up. Granted a number may have found a better project, lack the skills, finances or have health problems that make them quit.

I seem to always go through a number of emotional stages on any project I've worked on. There is always the excitement as I start something new. Things come apart much easier than they go back together (usually). As problems start to stack up, I get to thinking "why did I start this in the first place." I normally don't give up at this point, but at times I have to step back, take some time to figure out a different way of doing things than I had originally planned, or in some cases I need some professional car advice (not psychiatric). I do a lot of my own work, but not all of it. I try to know my limitations, and some things I leave to the pros.

Although it may take longer than disassembly, I experience great satisfaction in reassembly. Put one part on and things look so much better I just have to do another and another. That is until I discover something that I put away and cannot find. Then the frustration starts all over again.

Sometimes my projects have taken a different twist from what I had originally intended. I started out to do a frame-on restoration of a '59 Impala. Over many years, it has been one mechanical aggravation after another. It had become a shelf in my garage more than once. By saying a shelf, I mean that during frustrat-

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August, 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>KNOTTY SHOP RUN</i>	3	4	5 <i>Run-Around 7pm Pioneer Park</i>	6	7	8 <i>Cars N Coffee—SCAVENGER HUNT</i>
9	10	11 <i>BOARD MTG—Sam's Sourdough</i>	12 <i>Run-Around 7pm Pioneer Park</i>	13 <i>Reg Mtg—Salmon Bake!</i>	14	15 <i>Cars N Coffee</i>
16 <i>MONDEROSA RUN</i>	17	18	19 <i>Run-Around 7pm Pioneer Park</i>	20	21	22 <i>Cars N Coffee CAR GAMES!</i>
23	24	25	26 <i>Run-Around 7pm Pioneer Park</i>	27	28	29 <i>Cars N Coffee HILLTOP RUN</i>
30	31	<i>Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events notices, and articles to vlnaacf@gmail.com</i>				

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- **TODAY, Wed July 29th: CAR SHOW AT THE GOLF COURSE**—Meet at Fairbanks Gold Course, 1735 Farmers Loop Rd. at 6pm. Music and food is being provided for us by the Golf Course. Note that there is NOT a Run-Around starting at Pioneer Park.
- **Sunday, Aug 2nd: KNOTTY SHOP RUN**; leave 1pm. From Pioneer Park
- **Saturday, Aug 8th: SCAVENGER HUNT**—organized by Willy Vinton; leaves CarsNCoffee at 10 am
- **Tuesday, Aug 11th: Board Mtg.** 6:30 pm Sam's Sourdough Café
- **Thursday, Aug 13th: VLNAACF regular Membership Meeting SALMON BAKE**; Drive in at 6pm—cost \$26; Meeting starts at 7pm.
- **Sunday, Aug 16th: MONDEROSA RUN**—Don Oines leads a burger poker



run to the Monderosa—leaves Pioneer Park at noon.

- **Sat, August 22nd: CAR GAMES**; We will leave as a group from CarsNCoffee at 10 and proceed to ??? For the competitive events planned by hosts Willy and Wilma Vinton
- **Sat, August 29th: HILLTOP BRUNCH RUN**; Paul Tekin is leading a group to the Hilltop, leaving CarsNCoffee at 10 am.

Antique Auto Musers

- Aug 12th: **ROLLING MEETING**; Start at Daybreak Center
- Sept 19-21st: **DENALI PARK TOUR**

Other Local Events

- Aug 1st: **DELTANA FAIR**, Delta Junction
- Aug 2nd: **JAY OFSTHUN SHOW AND SHINE**; Anchorage

National AACA Events

- Aug 25-27th: **AACA Western Division Tour**—Northern California; hosted by Redwood Empire Region
- Aug 30-Sept 4 th: **Revival AAA Glidden Tour**—Chickasha, OK; hosted by Okie Region
- Oct 7-10th: **AACA Eastern Fall Meet**; Hershey, PA

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



Willy and Wilma in the REO

So Willy and I finally got to go on the Modoc Small Car Tour, held in Alturas, CA annually, that we have been preparing for this past year. The 1908 Reo had finally made it to Sisters Oregon, after a couple of attempts at getting there (broken springs are fixed), and we had packed everything we thought we would need to ensure a fun trip (sun glasses for the hot California sun, and sun screen to protect us from the predicted 100 degree weather included!). We arrived into Alturas, California with the Reo in tow for the 3 day event after picking them all up in Sisters, where our trusty old Toyota Sequoia and shiny new trailer had been

President's Headlights

- Wilma Vinton

stored since last September. We were excited to see that ours was not the only 1908 Reo to participate. Also in attendance was a 1910 EMF, a 1910 Pierce Arrow, a 1910 Maxwell, 1902 CDO, 1904 Holsman High Wheeler, 1910 White Steamer, 1910 Northern, and about 12 pre-1915 motorcycles.

That evening, we proceeded to drive the Reo out of the trailer to get ready for a shake out run. Just as it came down the ramp the passenger side rear tire blew, sending the split ring hurling across the street. We were very happy no one was in the way and very sad that one of the items we should have packed but didn't was spare tubes. However, as is the norm for this type of event, there were several offers to let us use one of the other participant's spares. We took them up on their offer, but also placed a call to Coker to get 4 tubes heading to Alturas- over night - so we could replace what we borrowed and had spares. Willy changed the tube and we headed out with the rest for a quick

"shakedown" tour around the little valley that Alturas is nestled in. We made it about 15 of the 20 miles and the other back tire blew. This time not only was the tube gone, but the tire had failed as well. Now



Second Flat Tire

this caused a bit of consternation since we had not added tires to our overnight order. Willy decided he would get up really early the next morning and see if we could add them in time to have them all shipped together. In the mean time, another member of the group generously offered to loan us his "new" old stock spare tire. On it went, with another borrowed tube and we were ready for the first tour

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Last day of the Modoc Tour

Member Advertisements

FOR SALE: Antique automobile clocks; several to choose from. Call Ralph for contact details 347-1675



FOR SALE:
1961 Comet
4 door sedan. Current registration and tags. All original, lots of

new parts. Runs, but needs brakes done, I have all new master cyl, and wheel cyls. Price cut to: \$3000 OBO Ralph 347-1675

For Sale:
1957
Thunderbird.
\$19,500 obo.
Soft top only.
Call Ron Allen 388-8231.



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

FOR SALE:
1927 Ford T
Roadster
\$12,500.00 or
serious offer.
Contact Al
Haynes at
388 9621.



FOR SALE: 1959 Volkswagen cabriolet, needs total restoration have good pan for it. \$3250.00 or reasonable offer. Contact Al Haynes 388 9621.

EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER



Many thanks to Wilma for the great "President's Headlights" this month—touring is a cornerstone of this old car hobby, and doing it in 100 year old vehicles is the pinnacle. Check out those Alaska WHITE legs in the picture of she and Willy in the REO! I'm sure they are a little browner (or redder) after touring in that southern California sun.

Bob Miller brought me a 1917 National Geographic magazine and suggested using some of the ads. The old car ads in this issue are courtesy of Bob. Thanks!

My '32 Studebaker Dictator is back on the road after the babbitt failure on one of the connecting rods coming back from the Chena Hot Springs picnic. Harkin Machine did a great job with a fast turn-around on re-babbitting my failed connecting rod: I mailed it out on July 3rd and received it back on July 18th. Had it back in the car on the 19th. Fit was perfect based on the dimensions I sent them. Price was very reasonable.

Too bad the Chamber cancelled the Golden Days Kickoff on last Wednesday. I'm not a big fan of car shows, but Jill and I always enjoyed being part of that celebration of Pedro bringing in the gold. Hopefully it is back on the schedule next year.

- Rick Larrick

Birthdays



- 3 - Charles Donahue
- 4 - Gene Hansen
- "Blue" Hinchsliff
- Richard Bellows
- Terry Reed
- 6 - Lois Oslund
- 11 - Jeff Creamer
- Alan Monsma
- 16 - Penny Binder
- 17 - Rob Holt
- 18 - Sue Schaaf
- 21 - Marlen Pruett
- 22 - Stella Carpenter
- Wendy Uzzell
- 25 - Scott Grundy
- 26 - Scott Culbertson
- Stuart Yamamoto
- 29 - Tom Qualley
- 31 - Bill Chace

Minutes - DRAFT VLNAACF July 9, 2015 Mem- bership Meeting at the Fair- banks Lions Rec. Park

The Membership Meeting was called to order on a beautiful nearly bug-free evening by President Wilma Vinton at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present except "Blue" Hinchsliff and 37 members attended. A quorum was easily attained.



Group gathers for pot-luck picnic dinner before the meeting;
Bear Schmitt drinks in the Cool Aid....

President Vinton asked for guests or new members. Mike Le-corchick introduced his father, Charles.

President Vinton asked for corrections, additions or motions regarding the June Membership Meeting Minutes published in our newsletter. Hearing none, Bret Helms moved to approve the minutes as published and Don Oines seconded. Passed without dissention.

Secretary, Scott Grundy read the July 7, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. There were no questions or comments by the membership. However, President Vinton implied that the minutes were accurate & succinct but didn't reflect the extensive discussion incurred in the lengthy board meeting. The attendees chuckled.

Treasurer, Ron Allen highlighted his Treasurer's Report as of July 4, 2015. "Bear" Schmitt motioned to approve the report as presented and Barbara Bell seconded. Passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Rochelle Larson stated the membership status is currently 220 members (90 Joint & 40 Single). She

read a list of new members and identified the vehicles they owned.

Co-Chairs Scott Grundy & Rick Larrick stated the Joint Meet with the AAMA in Delta Junction in June went well and was enjoyed by all attendees.

John McCarthy reported the Juneteenth Celebration was well attended with cars from our club but was poorly attended by the public.

Will Chase stated that in spite of pouring rain our club had 10 of the 14 vehicles attending the Delta Junction Car Show.

Attendance by the public was scant. All of our participants won awards. Bub Larson won four awards!

President Vinton indicated the trophies for this year's Carlson Center Car Show were not completed but would be soon. She advised the meeting with the Carlson Center staff went well and next year's dates for our show are set for June, 4th & 5th. She will also

contact the administration to discuss enforcement of the posted prohibition of use of skateboards in areas of Pioneer Park. Youth are ignoring the signs and endangering our vehicles. Theresa Chase stated she addressed members of the public who were entering our unattended vehicles at Pioneer Park to pose for photos.

President Vinton and Rochelle Larson outlined the many upcoming events scheduled to occur from July through September. Details for events scheduled this month were provided.



Events Chair, Rochelle Larson and President, Wilma Vinton go over upcoming club events.

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The attendees decided to cancel a Wednesday night runaround and respond to the continued request by the Fairbanks Golf and Country Club to hold a car show on their property. Music, food and prizes will be provided!

Old Business:

Club Logo: President Vinton outlined the process to implement our new club logo.

New Business:

President Vinton stated the proposal to include advertisements by non-members in our newsletter was discussed in detail at the recent board meeting; the current policy of publishing car related advertisements by members or by members offering themselves as the contact for non-member items was best and will be retained. She addressed the potential to publish all ads on our website to include non-member advertisements if a club member would volunteer to coordinate such. No action will occur on the latter until this fall.

Announcements:

President Vinton announced a vehicle for sale by a non-member and a request from a Swiss chap who wanted license plates and other auto related collectables. She reminded the members that our August meeting will be held at the Salmon Bake Restaurant and the meeting in September will occur at the Miguel's Restaurant. She also encouraged members to offer suggestions to spice up our runarounds and to plan to attend the club's organizational meeting next February when we plan the events for the year.

Member, Ralph Glasgow invited the club to bring their cars to the motorcycle show at his Howling Dog Saloon.

Cindy Helms mentioned she and Bret were members of the Pioneers of Alaska and she had raffle tickets available for some very nice prizes.

Willy Vinton mentioned that Carolyn Mustard's father had passed away.

Vice President, Bret Helms read the list of members with July birthdays or anniversaries.

The 50/50 drawing was won by John McDonald for \$56!

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. (without a motion or vote) to enjoy continued camaraderie & dessert!

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Grundy
VLNAACF Secretary



Member John McDonald invited the club out to his place on Nordale Road for a "Tailgate Picnic" on Sunday, June 28th. It was very well attended and made for a fun and relaxing Sunday afternoon. Ralph Moore fired up his smoker grill and many others brought special treats to share with the group—no one went hungry, that is for sure. Pictures top to bottom and left to right: Group sits around talking after desserts at John's. Quite a line of mostly Fords from John's collection along the driveway. Studebakers have a special place at John's with the 1925-6 Special Six Truck, the '51 Business Coupe and the '37 Dictator Coupe all under shelter. Finally, Linda Grundy checks out the new super-deluxe facilities John brought in to accommodate the large group this year and in the future. Much like our winter Garage Tours, exploring John's sheds and garages and checking out his many projects was a very fun afternoon!

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day's 30 mile trek. We made it about 5 miles when the "new" tire fell apart, taking the tube with it. Lady luck was not with us. So Willy went back and got our Sequoia and trailer, and we completed the run in our air-conditioned modern car. Now this wasn't a totally bad thing, given that it was 100 degrees that day and the Reo does not have a top to keep the sun out!

By now we knew that we would not be able to drive the Reo on the second day's tour because the tires would not arrive until the afternoon, so I was given the opportunity to ride in the 1910 EMF. This day involved lots of windy, hilly road and the EMF did well until the last 5 miles. We started smelling something hot and, low and behold, when we arrived at the final destination, we realized what it was. The engine had gotten so hot that it melted the plug wires. Now I am beginning to feel like I might be bringing a bit of bad luck with me! And that luck did not change, because when we returned from the very lovely lunch at the community hall (lots of homemade pies to choose from) with the EMF safely in it's trailer, we discovered that the tubes had been delivered but not the tires. Someone at Coker had forgotten to add them to our order. Now there were two cars out for the count, the EMF and our Reo.

So, the third day was once again run in our Sequoia, and while she is only 14 years old, I appreciated the air conditioning. This Alaska girl is not used to 108 degrees, which is what it was that day. Willy rode in the 1910 Steamer and endured the heat at his face AND at his feet! But for him, it was well worth it.

So now the Reo is in Salem, Oregon, waiting for a new set of feet, we are already planning our next adventure with her, in June of next year, we hope. We will however, be better prepared. There will be spare tires, tubes, and a tool kit set up to help keep her running. We WILL get to go on the Mo-doc tour in our own vehicle next year, darn it!

- Wilma

Ed Note: The following is reprinted, with permission, from the July "Buzzard's Breath" AACATouring Region newsletter. As I was putting this issue together, the Swans had taken a "detour" to Alaska, and were marooned in Juneau as the Alaska Ferry (NOT the EMF) was undergoing repairs—check out their blog!

REALLY, REALLY TOURING— THE PLACES THEY GO IN A 103 YEAR OLD CAR

We have two Buzzards members that take the joy of touring with a CENTURY old car to a level that most of us "may" think about but never would do. This article is just a tiny bit of words and photos from the wonderful BLOG that Betty and Joe Swann are sharing on <http://bswann1912blogspot.com>. Do log on and follow this. It is amazing and provides us with a wonderful vicarious tour across this wonderful continent. And I do mean continent as they decided to extend their trip into Canada and on by ferry to Alaska for a week driving there. This will change their schedule a little. Betty conveys the feeling so well, that we will use her words from her blog.

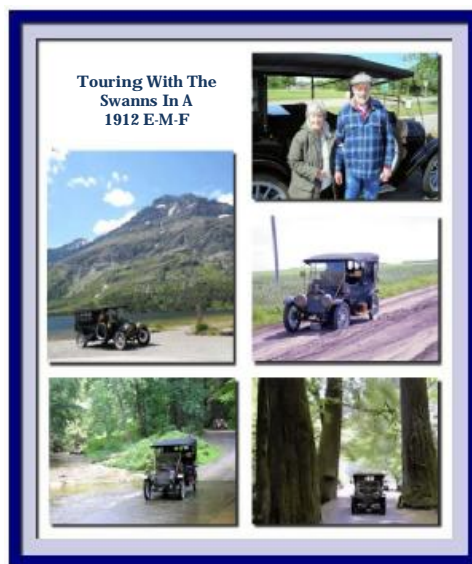
Betty Swann writes the blog of the beauty she sees, the people they meet and the overall experiences of each day.

Joe writes THE STEERING COLUMN within the blog which is his view of this "adventure" through the eyes of the driver and will be an advisory concerning the performance of the car.

When they end their trip in Hershey, PA this October; hopefully we can get an interview there for our newsletter. I am just taking the opening from their beginning of WHY and the enormous knowledge of what Joe takes to maintain their 1912 EMF.

APRIL 15, 2015

Everyone has their own vision of the "Ultimate" vacation. For my husband, Joe, and I, it is traveling in our 1912 E-M-F 30 Touring Car, experiencing life at a slow pace and seeing the majesty that is our country on back roads—our version of a "time machine". In 2012, we traveled from San Diego, CA to our home in Wrightsville, PA on a 40 day trip across the central part of the U.S. through deserts, mountains and the plains. It was a wonderful and exciting adventure—each day new sights and meeting new friends along the way, but it was a trip that just didn't last long enough! You would think that such a trip would be uncomfortable and just get to be boring but we found that not knowing what the next day would bring was amazing and truly, the seats



were comfortable and the breeze through the open car was refreshing, even in the heat of the desert in July and August.

Over the last three years, we have talked about another trip and the thoughts gradually became actions and then snow-balled about 6 months ago into full-fledged planning of routes, writing of letters to members of the Horseless Carriage Club (HCCA) for pre-1916 cars, and also members of the Evergreen B & B Club along our proposed route, resulting in a 4 month, over 10,000 trip.

Some days are so cold they need coats and laprobes; other days are extreme to 106 degrees. Some roads are really the "old" way of travel; but what experiences they are having.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY AND SCHEDULE

Leave home in Wrightsville, PA-May 30
New York-June 2
Ontario, Canada-June 3
Michigan-June 5
Wisconsin-June 10
Minnesota-June 15
North Dakota-June 21.
Montana-June 26
Idaho-July 1
Washington state-July 3
Victoria Island, Canada-July 6
Oregon-July 9
Northern California-July 15
San Francisco, CA-July 23
San Luis Obispo, CA-July 27
San Diego, CA-August 3
Arizona-August 7
New Mexico-August 14
Texas-August 19
Oklahoma City, OK-August 27 to Sept 4
Shreveport, LA-September 8
Mississippi-September 11
Alabama-September 14
Georgia-September 17

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DELTA JUNCTION SENIOR CENTER SHOW

A number of club members responded to the invitation to attend a car show in Delta Junction which was associated with the opening of the new Ptarmigan Heights Senior Housing. Attending were Don Oines, Art Casserburg & Marijo Beaird, Will & Theresa Chase, John McCarthy, Bub Larson, Rochelle Larson and Marlen and Tammy Pruett (Pruetts drove the Z—not pictured). Bub took his Model A and two tractors behind his Ford dually. Every car came home with trophy in its class—They were all great cars, but there is a rumor that steady rain all day may have nega-



Photo by John McCarthy

Bub Larson took four vehicles and snagged four trophies at the Delta Junction Senior Center Grand Opening Show.



Photo by Cindy Aillaud

tively contributed to the turn out of show cars.... Bub even took home FOUR—one for each vehicle. Despite the dreary day, all reported a good time, friendly folks in Delta, and a pleasant drive.



Photo by John McCarthy

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South Carolina-September 21
North Carolina-September 23
Virginia-September 26
Maryland-September 30
Pennsylvania-October 1
Home (Wrightsville, PA)-October 2
Hershey Antique Car Show And Swap Meet-
October 7

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES PACKED FOR TRIP

The blog shows the photos of these tools and how carefully Joe has wrapped them in clear waterproof plastic to enable him to find them with ease:

Cordless drill, flashlight, tow rope (in case a broken-down modern car with electronic ignition needs assistance), electrical tape, Clevis pins, miscellaneous nuts/bolts, wire, springs, drill bits, oil, spare magneto, Valve spring compressor to remove sticky valve. Grease gun, oil and gas additives, (use non-ethanol gas when available), additives when it is not available. Spare inter tubes, wheel puller, spare wheel bearings, jack, tire changing tools, chain and turn buckle to compress split rim when changing tire, spare fuel line, water pump packing, gas filters, riveting tool for installing brake linings.

MISCELLANEOUS TOOLS

Preparing for a trip of this magnitude has been quite an undertaking. In addition to planning the trip, Joe has taken EVERY precaution possible to insure that our trip is trouble free. He

has done the following:

- Front springs have been removed to have new bushing and shackle bolts installed
- New tires have been installed on all 4 wheels
- Opened and inspected trans-axle
- Installed new brakes (Green Grabber)
- Disassembled and inspected carburetor
- Installed seat belts
- Installed flexible shaft so that carburetor can be regulated from inside car to accommodate different altitudes
- Checked ignition timing
- Inspected magneto
- Inspected compression
- Installed gradometer to measure per cent of grade on hills
- Installed dashcam and weather radio
- Installed new king pins and bushings in front axle including thrust bearings to improve steering
- Checked wheel alignment and balanced front wheels
- Checked all fluid levels
- Changed oil (Brad Penn) and greased oil fittings and grease cups
- Installed new exhaust system
- Added caution lights and sign on rear
- Installed auxiliary heavy battery on running board to power lights, caution signals and weather radio
- Checked tire pressure and inflated to 60 lbs.
- Checked lug nuts for tightness
- Made wicker trunk
- Made tonneau cover for back seat and cover for wicker trunk

Thought you fellows would enjoy this:

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015 THE STEERING COLUMN

Last evening the car didn't start right away even though I had done my little "starting ritual" as I am supposed to, so I

decided to drain a little gasoline out of the carburetor by way of the drain cock on the bottom of the bowl. I drained some out into a clear plastic cup. The clear plastic revealed that I had an eighth of an inch of prime, tillable North Dakota topsoil in the bottom of the cup. There was a little water on top and even some gasoline had found it's way into the carburetor. So this is why it wouldn't start! I didn't try to fix it that night but rather waited til early this morning.

If it had been just dirt in the jet, I would have simply removed the jet and cleaned it out, but under the circumstances, it seemed best to remove the carburetor. I then transformed the bathroom in Room 117 into a carburetor repairs shop. I laid out thick layers of newspaper on the vanity and smuggled the carburetor in by the back door. This carburetor shop had good lighting for shaving, primping or cleaning crud out of a carburetor. It even had a handy exhaust fan to remove gasoline fumes. The E-M-F carburetor is relatively easy to take apart so I dismantled it completely, removed all crud and reassembled it and put the carb back on the car. It now starts on the first or second pull and down the road we go again.

Ed Note: Fran Shore, the Buzzard Breath editor who wrote the above piece, exchanges newsletters with me, and having traveled in Alaska, she enjoys reading about our club. The Buzzard's Breath Touring Region does not have boundaries and is folks who love driving on tours as a group.

Why do the signs that say "Slow Children" have a picture of a running child?



Each of you are invited, as well as your car (or coffee) loving friends to **Great Harvest Bread Co.** every Saturday morning again 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 and has caught on in Fairbanks!

SALMON BAKE Membership Meeting

Our **August 13th** membership meeting will be our annual trip to the Salmon Bake at Pioneer Park. We will meet at the Pioneer Park front parking lot by 6:00 PM to drive into the Park together and park past the trestle in by the Salmon Bake. **SPECIAL MEMBER MEAL PRICE OF \$26.00!** Meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Looking forward to seeing all of you there!



Who has the key?

That's the question we have been asking army and railroad officials for months and the answer is always the same, "we don't have it, they do". You would think that the longest most expensive bridge in Alaska would be well known among state officials and army personnel but just mention it and you will receive puzzled looks and comments like "what bridge?" We started with the army side of things and went from General to Colonel to civilian conservation officer before we got permission from them to cross onto the bridge. Their stipulation was everyone, including passengers, get an army recreational pass. A convoluted process meant to discourage us from proceeding but we agreed, planning to register everyone at the beginning of the tour. The only problem with the army was they

claimed they didn't have the key to the gate blocking the bridge entrance. They said the railroad had the key. We would have to see the railroad to get the gate open. So we accosted railroad officials by telephone and found that all the employees from Anchorage and Juneau did not know they had a rail extension bridge across the Tanana. What bridge? We finally had to resort to a visit to the local depot where they put me in contact with the resident rail security person. After a good game of phone tag, Kathy, the lone security person for the northern region, caught me with the bad news. The Alaska railroad didn't have the key to the bridge gate, the army did. Besides, the railroad didn't have time to let us on anyway. We smugly mentioned Senator blanky-blank would be so disappointed he couldn't get his car on the bridge for a picture but we would mention to him how helpful they had

been. This tactic rarely works for the Binders as we do not appear as folks who would know any legislators but the next morning we received a call from a railroad executive from Juneau apologizing for not letting us on the bridge. He explained they didn't have the manpower to service the plethora (always wanted to use that word) of requests to use the bridge and of course they didn't have the key, the army did. Gee, who would expect stonewalling from state and federal government employees? Unless some of our more influential members throw their weight behind our request we will never get our picture on the longest bridge in Alaska. It would have been perfect to use the volunteer drone photographer for an aerial shot with the Alaska Range behind the cars. Oh well, though we couldn't get onto the railroad extension bridge we are still welcome at the Knotty Shop for ice cream. - John Binder

KNOTTY SHOP RUN



Come enjoy a beautiful afternoon Sunday August 2nd cruising north, east, west, and south for an easy peasy poker run ending with a nice double scoop of ice cream at the Knotty shop in Salcha. We'll meet at AlaskaLand (Pioneer Park) between 1:00 and 1:30, drawing our first card and leaving at 1:30. It's \$5 per hand to participate in the poker game. We'll start east on Airport to the Steese then we'll make our way surreptitiously to North Pole by way of Chena Hot Springs Road. We stop at the scenic Chena River way-side for the second and third draw. The wayside includes modern port-a-potties with gorgeous water front views. We'll cruise on to North Pole and experience the thrill of multiple roundabout driving challenges including clueless tourists, teenagers, and confused drivers who don't know whether to yield or go. We'll park at the giant Santa to check his "naughty" list and to draw card number four. Will the tourist cameras turn to focus on our parade of historic rides or will the lure of the plaster Santa win the attention of foreign shutterbugs? The rest is all Richardson Highway to the Knotty Shop for the last draw, ice cream cones, window shopping, and prizes. Contact John, Penny, or Hunter Binder at 488-1575 if you have questions or suggestions. See ya'll after church at AlaskaLand. - John Binder



Car Games August 22nd.

The Anchorage crew and those from Fairbanks that were able to attend the Joint meet had a great time playing the car games prepared by Willy and presented by Wilma, Rick & Scott. We decided that we ought to share that fun with the rest of the Fairbanks Crew. On August 22nd, we will set some challenging games to be accomplished with your car and, in some cases a passenger. in Delta we did such things as backing



our cars through a serpentine course, blindfolded, with the passenger guiding you; we dropped potatoes from the passenger side window into a bucket, without stopping the car, and a few other fun events. Come join us and see what Willy has devised this time to test your driving skills (and your ability to manhandle a car without power steering. Location will be announced at the August Meeting and distributed to members by email.

Willy and Wilma

Hilltop Breakfast Run

(Pie, too)

August 29th



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ing "dormant times" it became a convenient place to pile things I did not know what to do with. By the time I got the mechanicals sorted out and took a serious look at the body, I discovered that for its age, the body and interior as original were far too good as an original car for restoration so I changed from the restoration route to doing a little touch up and have put the car in the HPOF original class.

The real lasting satisfaction comes though when I can look at the finished results. It answers the question of "why did I start this in the first place," if we don't just give up.

Note: Clive Cussler is a car collector. His cars appear in a number of his books. They are housed at his museum which is "Somewhere southeast of Laramie," in a suburb of Denver, CO.

Sunshine Club

6-24-15 Sympathy Card sent to Charlie Jurgen's Family for the loss of his brother (in May).

7/10/15 Get Well Card for Laurel McLaughlin for her second knee replacement

7/10/15 Sympathy Card for Jerry and Carolyn Mustard for her father's passing. Also, Melody Simmons is recuperating from surgery and will be receiving a card.

Thank You!
Tracy McLeod!

PS - Ray had a CT Scan and he is making great progress! His cancer showed a significant reduction after the first three sessions of chemotherapy! Thank You for ALL your Prayers! :)

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: tksplits@yahoo.com

MISSING: Two big red Vernon Nash club vinyl banner signs. Last used at the club tables at the Carlson Car Show. If you have these please call Wilma

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
- 19 - Karen & Jim Boswood
- 20 - Vickie & Dan Domke



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STARTING PLACE
FOR
WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
RUNAROUNDS
every Wednesday
evening in July - drive
in with the group at 7pm



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NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is always the second Thursday of the month—see you on **AUGUST 13th at THE SALMON BAKE** (see page 10). Meeting starts at 7pm—Will drive into the Salmon Bake at 6 pm.

The Board Meeting is Tuesday, Aug 11th — at Sam's Sourdough . Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



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