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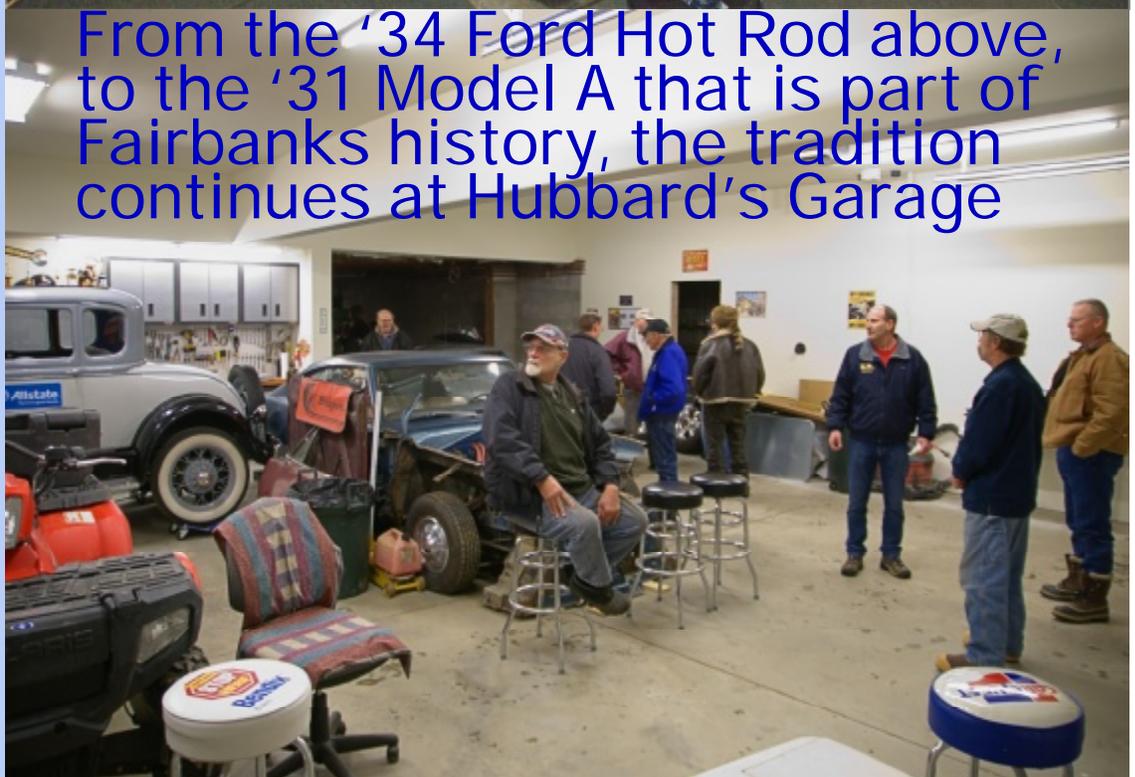


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From the '34 Ford Hot Rod above, to the '31 Model A that is part of Fairbanks history, the tradition continues at Hubbard's Garage

I was addicted to the hokey pokey, but I turned myself around.

100 years ago this month: Articles from the pages of the magazine

ACCESSORIES

The AUTOMOBILE

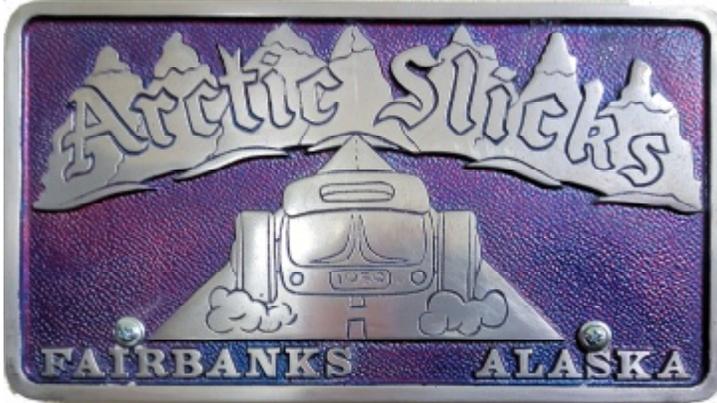
Grossman Xmas Gift Packages

IN keeping with the Christmas spirit the Emil Grossman Mfg. Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., is putting out several gift packages of spark plugs appropriately packed for presentation. These packages may contain an assortment of spark plugs suitable for any particular car and also for motorcycles. Following is a partial list and retail prices of the Red Head gift packages:

- 8 Big Boy Plugs, 7/8 in.—18 only.....\$8.00
- 6 Big Boy Plugs, 7/8 in.—18 only..... 6.00
- 4 Standard Plugs, all threads..... 3.00
- 6 Standard Plugs, all threads..... 4.50
- 4 Priming Plugs, for Ford, all threads..... 5.00
(One Priming Can Free with each set of four Priming Plugs.)
- 2 Platinum Metric Motorcycle Porcelain Plugs..... 3.00
- 4 Long Body, for Ford, Overland, Reo, Maxwell and Studebaker 3.00
- 4 3/4 in.—18—1/2 in. extension for Buick and Chalmers..... 3.00
- 6 3/4 in.—18—1/2 in. extension for Buick and Chalmers..... 6.50



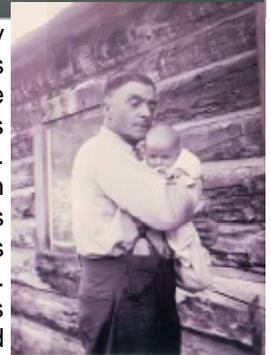
Christmas gift packages of spark plugs prepared by Emil Grossman Mfg. Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.



The Arctic Slicks were a very active Hot Rod club (chapter of the NHRA) from the spring of 1959 until the winter of 1962. Jerry Hubbard was a charter member of this club that quickly gained 50 members. Some members were Jon Nestlebush, Jim Ford, Jimmy Anderson, Rick "Ding-A-Ling" Becker, and Terry McLean. They met every Thursday evening, and they raised money for their club by sponsoring teen dances at the Eagles Club most Saturday nights. The auxiliary club was the Arctic Slicks Chicks. The members raced on the airstrip at Tanacross (12 miles north of Tok) against the Anchorage Swappers Car Club and The Demons Car Club. Later they sponsored a stock car at the Rendezvous Speedway, doing the work on the car at the Courtesy Corner Union Oil station at 101 Noble. They were written up as the featured "Hot Rod Club of the Month" in the July, 1961 issue of Hot Rod Magazine (posted on the Hubbard garage wall). Can any of our current members fill in more information or write an article?



Bob Hubbard proudly shows off a scrapbook which has the history of the '31 Model A. The car was bought new by Jenes Langlow from Sampson Hardware. The car was then taken to Switch Creek in the Circle District by Jenes where it spent the next 37 years and 12,000 miles (now has 16,000). After Jenes died, the car was brought to Fairbanks by Fred and Louella Hupprich and in 2008 was restored by club member Bill Wright, who sold it recently to Jerry and Bob Hubbard. The inset picture shows Jenes Langlow holding Jerry Hubbard when Jerry was 7 weeks old.



I loaned a friend of mine \$8000 for plastic surgery, and now I don't know what he looks like.



Group admires the '67 Barracuda as Bear enthusiastically pre-sells raffle truck tickets...

Interior of the '34 Ford Hot Rod

HUBBARD'S GARAGE



Chow hounds Rod Benson, Willy Vinton, Bub Larson, Bret Helms, Bear Schmit, John McDonald, Don Ronken, Paul Tekin, and Don Oines sure seem to appreciate the food provided by Bob Hubbard...



Bob Hubbard stands in front of the '67 Barracuda Formula S 383. The '31 Model A can be seen in the background.



Bob says the Vette project has been fun. It's a mid-70's "blend" of body parts based on a '75, but looks sharp and drives even better!



The 1935 Ford flatbed was bought new by Jerry & Bob's relation, Bob Egan, and worked at Fairbanks Creek. The truck is reported to only have 8,000 miles on it.



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events notices, and articles to vlnaacf@gmail.com		1	2	3	4	5
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Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- Tuesday, Dec 8th: **Board Meeting**, 6:30pm at Sam's Sourdough. Dinner before.
- Sunday, Dec 13th: **Annual Meeting and Holiday Party**, 4pm Westmark Hotel (reservations required)

Antique Auto Musers

- Saturday, Dec 12th: **Christmas Party**, Day Break Center

National AACA Events

- Feb. 11-13th: **AACA Annual Meeting**—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Mar 16-19: **AACA Winter Meet**—hosted by Naples-Marco Island Region



Member Advertisements

No buyers or sellers this month.....
.... Must be too busy looking for Santa

Birthdays



- 5- Ron Dane
- 6- John McDonald
Ralph Moore
- 9- Brenda Wilbur
- 12- Tony Miller
- 13- Paula Beal
- 17- Lisa Casey
- 22- Karen Boswood
- 26- Dan Portwine
- 30- Cindy Helms
Laurel McLaughlin
Robert Holmes

Anniversaries



- 15 - Wilma & Willy Vinton
- 16- Penny & John Binder
- 19- Sharon & Terry Whittedge
- 22- Angie & Don Oines
- 23- Lupita & Tony Miller
- 26- Wendy & Ken Uzzell

President's Headlights

- Wilma Vinton



First, thank you for the vote of confidence during the November elections. I look forward to working with our 2016 Board of Directors this next year. We have lots of work ahead—name change process, revised By-laws, and planning for lots of fun events for the coming year—just to name a few of the items on the agenda. Members are always welcome to join us at our monthly Board Meetings.

Many of you have heard the story of the purchase of my first antique car (or at least the first one with my name on the title). Willy

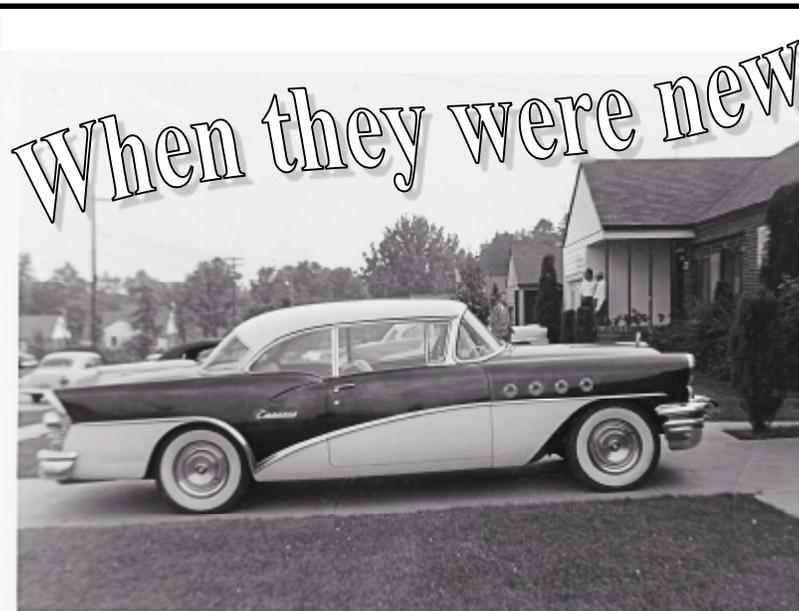
bought my 1955 Ford Victoria on EBay out of Kansas—his first EBay purchase as a matter of fact, in 1996. Her body was in beautiful condition, right down to the dice on the locks and tire valve stems, but her engine was a little rough. That first year she had a full overhaul. Willy went through the engine, transmission and rear end—putting her into great shape for me to drive. Since then, she and I have enjoyed many events, including Wednesday night run arounds, parades, and poker runs. But for the last two years, she has not had much exercise. Her steering had gotten a little loose, and the carburetor was unreliable, making taking her out not much fun.

So, after much encouragement (better known as nagging), she floated to the top of Willy's to-do list. He has spent the last few months

getting her ready to make an appearance again next summer. The gathering of parts was the first challenge. It was quite the shopping list. She is getting a complete front end rebuild, including ball joints, A-arm bushings, sway bar, and a new set of shoes—white walled American Classic vintage radials. He has also rebuilt the fuel system, including the carburetor and fuel pump. What a wonderful Christmas present. So, in the spring, after she gets an alignment, we will be ready to take to the road again. Looking forward to that!

Hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting on December 13th, 4pm at the Westmark. Paul and Joyce Tekin have worked hard to make it a very special event.

- Wilma



In 1955, when I was 7, my Dad brought this Buick Century home. He had traded in a bathtub Nash—and certainly went upscale in my opinion! Later, when he traded for a '59, I asked him to keep this one for me to drive when I became 16, and he did on the excuse that my mom should learn to drive (which she never did) —thus it was also my first car.
- Rick Larrick

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



We are the Gateway to the Future – What are you Doing?

By Tabetha Hammer,
VP - Youth Development

One of the most common topics when it comes to discussing the future of the collector community is youth involvement. We've all said or heard numerous statements like 'kids today are only interested in their iPhones and video games' and 'what's going to happen to our cars if there's no one who cares about them in the future?'

We certainly are up against a lot of distractions considering the amount of technology readily at their disposal. However, in my day-to-day work leading youth initiatives, I see strong potential – not 'doom and gloom' – so long as we continue to put forth the effort to get

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EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER



Elections are over. Most of the board got re-sentenced for another term, but there are two new members—see articles on page 8. While all the club activities center on the summer months, most of the board work really happens in the winter months. Things like reviewing the bylaws for needed changes, writing and approving procedures, writing and approving the budget, and generally setting the priorities and direction for the club for the next year. All the planning for the next season also happens. The easy part happens at the big planning meeting usually in February—the harder part is recruiting the PPR (primary person responsible) for each event, and that task falls upon the Board—and since nobody volunteers, but everybody likes to be asked, that is a major effort. We have our major events like the Carlson Show and the Raffle Vehicle that require a whole committee to be recruited to really lead those major events right, with no one person getting saddled doing all the work. This year has even more work for the winter as we proceed to consider a new club name and thus all the work that will need to happen to implement that change. Board meetings are open to the membership for a reason—if you want to provide input on an issue, or to help in a key responsibility, please drop by on the Tuesday of the week of the membership meeting at 6:30 pm at Sam's Sourdough. Your presence and your input will be appreciated—and your help will be embraced. If the Board gets all their work done in the winter months, then they can "play" all summer like the rest of the membership!



- Rick

Minutes - DRAFT VLNAACF November 12, 2015 Membership Meeting at the Alaska Buffet Restaurant

The membership meeting was called to order by Vice President Bret Helms at 7:00 p.m. Additional board members John McCarthy, Scott Grundy and Paul Tekin were present. President Wilma Vinton, Treasurer Ron Allen and Director "Blue" Hinchsliff were absent. A total of 42 members attended. A quorum was attained.

VP Helms asked for approval of the October 8, 2015 membership meeting minutes as printed in the November issue of our newsletter. Willy Vinton moved and Jill Larrick seconded the minutes be accepted. Passed unanimously. (Secretarial note – the date of the proposed long distance tour was previously corrected from 2015 to 2016.)

Secretary Scott Grundy summarized the minutes from the November 9, 2015 board meeting. There were no questions or comments.

A Treasurer's Report was provided by VP Bret Helms. Again, there were no questions or comments.

Membership Chairman Ro-

chelle Larson stated that two new members were recently acquired and our membership now totals 230!

EVENTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Director Paul Tekin outlined the plans for our annual meeting and holiday party at the Westmark Hotel on December 13, 2015. Cash bar at 4:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:00 p.m. The Arctic Strings group will charm us during the social hour. Our members and professional DJ's Dan and Sue Schaaf will entertain us again thereafter! Gift exchange items are recommended to not exceed \$25.00. The \$10 reservation fee must be submitted before December 1, 2015 if you wish to eat at the party.

Past President John McCarthy advised that Bob & Loa Hubbard will host a tour of their garage on November 21, 2015 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Directions are in the November newsletter.

Scott Grundy indicated the 2016 Adventure Before Dementia Tour will be to Whitehorse, Skagway, Haines, etc. The route and dates have not been set until after the Alaska ferry schedule is announced in mid-December, but the dates of July 16 through 23, 2016 are currently proposed. A passport for all participants will be necessary.

Mark Crook is chairing the

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Members listen attentively as Vice-President Bret Helms has Secretary Scott Grundy read the minutes.

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Most Improved Vehicle committee. He stated several vehicles are currently being evaluated and encouraged members to submit additional candidates soon.

VP Bret Helms advised a volunteer is still needed to chair the work committee and sale of raffle tickets for our 1981 Chevrolet raffle truck. There were no immediate volunteers. Willy Vinton indicated he would assist when he was not traveling. Later in the meeting, Dennis "Bear" Schmit volunteered to coordinate this important fund raising task!

OLD BUSINESS:

Malinda Harris encouraged the membership to submit suggestions to rename our club. Suggestions are due by January 31, 2016 to our board. The board will then select a few of the suggestions to be voted upon by the membership for the final decision. Ross Beal asked if the word "antique" had to be included. The response was there were no limitations – just keep it clean! Malinda read a lengthy list of suggested club names submitted by member Jim "Clutch" Lounsbury as examples. A few of Clutch's suggestions were: Squarebanks Old Car Club, Shiftless in Squareville, Migrating Honkers, Northern Star Auto Club, Polar Rollers, etc.

New Business:

VP Bret Helms encouraged the membership to submit or have their favorite charitable organization submit a letter of request to receive our club's annual donation (usually \$1,000) that is derived from about half the holiday banquet preregistration fund and our general budget funds. The due date for receipt of requests is November 30.

Rick Larrick motioned that the January through March membership meeting be held at the Sam's Sour-dough Café. The motion was not seconded but discussion of the pros and cons of the meeting location options followed. The possibility of a

soup/salad alternative to the buffet at the Alaskan Buffet Restaurant will be pursued. The decision where to meet will be decided as part of our annual business meeting/holiday party.

Announcements:

VP Helms announce the winners of the election of officers and directors for 2016 were: President: Wilma Vinton, VP: Bret Helms, Treasurer: Ron Allen, Secretary: Donna Wojciechowski and Directors: Paul Tekin and Scott Culbertson. The membership applauded.

VP Helms handed out additional registrations for our annual meeting/holiday party.

John McCarthy read the list of birthdays and anniversaries occurring in November.

The 50/50 drawing for \$73.00 was won by Barbara Bell.

At 7:36 p.m. Ross Beal motioned and Mike Lecorchick seconded we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Grundy
VLNAACF Secretary

Meeting Follow-up:

As discussed at the meeting Cindy Helms spoke with the manager of the AK Buffet about pricing options and they agreed to the following: They will lower the price of the buffet meal to \$10.95 (they will not recognize a senior or AARP discount at this price). There is also a \$7.95 salad bar option which includes soup and dessert. As stated in the November minutes the membership will decide on remaining at the AK Buffet at the December meeting. I think this is pretty reasonable and hope this will satisfy those who do not want to eat the whole buffet.

- VP Bret Helms

HOLIDAY PARTY / ANNUAL MEETING



Reservations should have been made by now for those attending the Annual Meeting /

Holiday Party at the Westmark on December 13th.

If you are going to participate in this exchange, please bring one gift for each person in your party attending. The gift should have a value of no more than \$25. Gifts are always creative and some are even fought over in the exchange!

A grand time is had by all who attend, and it is good to see some members we don't see often throughout the year. See you there!

Joyce & Paul Tekin

DUES

Dues are now due for the 2016 year. They are payable by returning payment to the club post office box (preferred), dropping it off at Larson's Locksmith, or bringing payment to the next club meeting. Dues must be paid by December 31 for the following year.

Individual Dues are \$50.00

\$35.00 for National AACA (paid through our local club), and

\$15.00 for local dues

Joint Membership dues are \$65.00

\$35.00 for National AACA (paid through our local club), and

\$30.00 for local dues for you and your associate or spouse

While you may get a dues notice from the National AACA, and will certainly be advised through the magazine, Antique Automobile, PLEASE DO NOT PAY AACA – our local VLNAACF will pay your national AACA dues as part of your local chapter membership.

POETRY CORNER

Editor note: A few years ago I bought a driver's license from 1922. It belonged to an R.L. Pitt. It was interesting, but with it in the yellowed envelope, was a worn newspaper clipping of the same vintage, with this poem:

"My Auto 'Tis of Thee"

My auto, 'tis of thee, short cut to poverty—of thee I chant.

I blew a pile of dough on you two years ago, and now you quite refuse to go, or won't, or can't.

Through town and countryside, you were my joy and pride; a happy day, I loved thy gaudy hue, thy nice white tires so new, but now you're down and out for true, in every way.

To thee, old rattlebox, came many bumps and knocks, for thee I grieve.

Badly thy top is torn, frayed are thy seams and worn; the whooping cough affects thy horn, I do believe.

Thy perfume swells the breeze, while good folks choke and wheeze, as we pass by.

I paid for thee a price 'twould buy a mansion twice, now everybody's yelling "lee" - I wonder why?

Thy motor has the grippe, thy spark plug has the pip, and woe is thine.

I too have suffered chills, plague and kindred ills, endeavoring to pay my bills since thou wert mine.

Gone is my bank roll now. No more 'twould choke a cow, as once before.

Yet if I had the mon, so help be John—amen, I'd buy myself a car again, and speed some more....

Author Unknown



DONNA WOJCIECHOWSKI

—SECRETARY

Donna owns and operates a dog boarding kennel, and loves her work with dogs. She and her husband, Richard Bellows, joined the club in 2013 because of their ongoing interest in old cars and trucks, and have been enthusiastic attendees at most club meetings and events.

Her favorite "old car" is their 1972 VW Convertible, because they have owned and driven VWs ever since they first moved to Alaska. But their first antique was a 1951 Chevy pick-up that they bought from a farmer in 1981 and completely restored. The grey Chevy pick-up was their only car for a while when living in Nenana. As Donna says, "it was fun in the summer, and interesting in the winter!". Their son learned how to drive a stick shift in one of their VWs.

Donna has been a very active member in several other clubs. For the past 8 years she has been in leadership of the local Kennel Club, so she knows what she is in for with becoming a member of the board of a large and active organization, and she knows the importance of leadership and participation. Donna hopes to bring some new ideas to our Board and to our Club, and to be a supportive and active Board member.



SCOTT CULBERTSON—DIRECTOR

Scott is Lead Admissions & Registration Coordinator for the College of Rural and Community Development at the UAF. Translated, that means he is head of student services for that college, admitting students, getting instructors approved, creating courses, registering students and entering grades. Student issues from Kotzebue to Dutch Harbor to Tok all become Scott's problems to resolve.

Scott got involved in the hobby and the club when he purchased his 1935 Dodge Sedan. The Dodge was the last car Scott's father-in-law, the late Paul Camarata, restored, and Scott purchased it in 2007 to keep it in the family. Scott says "A few years before Paul passed, he purchased the '35 from Willy Vinton and did a frame off 20/20 restoration. She still runs good; the only problems coming from Scott letting her sit too long. Since Scott acquired the 1930 Willys Knight 66b from Ruth Ann Domke he bought a 1933 American Austin out of New York, with the help of Willy Vinton. Both the Willys and the Austin are fully restored, Scott has the difficult task of deciding what to drive and to what event.

Scott says his favorite antique car is his 1930 Willy Knight be-

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A rubber band pistol was confiscated in algebra class—it was a weapon of math destruction.

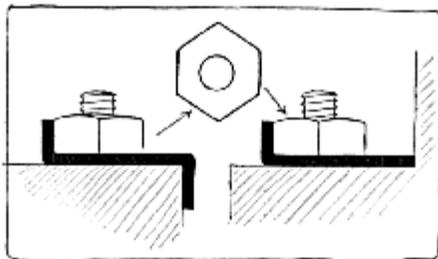
2015 CHARITY

The Club is looking for organizations that would benefit from our annual charity donation. If you know of any, please have them send a request to Rochelle by November 30th describing their organization and how they would benefit from the donation. The board will review all requests and select a deserving candidate. Past recipients have been presented up to \$1000 awarded at the Christmas meeting.

Thanks, Bret

Automobile Repairshop Short Cuts

These short cuts and repairshop kinks are taken from the 1918 book of the above title as published by the U.P.C. Book Company



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Stiff sheet iron or steel can be used to make lock washers that work well

Effective Substitutes for Lock Washers

(No. 30)

When a lock washer or spring washer is not available a nut often can be kept from turning or backing off by the use of a square washer with one corner turned up to stop the rotation of the nut and another corner turned down to keep the washer itself anchored. If there is a projecting surface against which one edge of the washer can be butted, it will be even better than a turned-down corner.

- Submitted by F, W, Haille Motor Co., Buffalo, NY

2016 Adventure Before Dementia Tour Announced!

By Scott Grundy

You don't want to miss this tour to Haines, Skagway and Whitehorse! The AK ferry schedule will not be published until mid-December or later, but the tentative departure date from Fairbanks is Saturday, July 16 and



return the following Saturday, July 23. The scenery we'll encounter and the events involved in this tour are unsurpassed. This is similar to our first ABDT tour in 2009; it's likely the most popular tour we have had to date. On this tour you will have the option to attend follies, learn wonderful history, tour fantastic museums, ride on the Alaska ferry, go for a scenic train ride, tour a historic riverboat, visit local car collections and so much more. For more information, call Scott Grundy at 457-3526 or email him at sgrundy55ply@gmail.com.

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cause it's such a head turner and people can't help but stare and wonder. Also every few months more of the car's past comes home—most recently came a set of 1934 Kansas license plates that were on the car when it was uncovered in a barn in the late '60s. Bernie Saupe (one of the car's former owners) handed them to Scott when Scott purchased a carburetor from Bernie.

Scott is a past two term club president, two term vice president and former board director. Yet for some reason he returns for more.

Sunshine Club

On 11/8/15 - sympathy card for Wyan Grant's brothers passing.

No other reports!

- 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

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“Over The Top” Driving Tour Announced

Driving a vintage vehicle on a long distance tour is my passion! There's nothing like struggling behind the wheel of a vintage vehicle (usually with rut-loving bias ply tires, and “arm-strong” steering) while worrying about mechanical issues and peering at phenomenal scenery through a bug and/or mud splattered windshield! The Grundy's virgin experience (driving) was with our Anchorage cohorts the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska (AAMA) in 2009. This was a fantastic 2500 mile round trip for us up the scenic Dempster Highway to Inuvik, NWT, Canada. Each year since I have organized an “Adventure Before Dementia Tour” (ABDT) for our club to some wonderful locations. I try to not repeat a route, but options in the far north are very limited. I lie awake at night, and spend days researching and penciling potential options. I thought we had almost done it all. Well, we haven't....

My eyes popped when I saw the announcement in the AAMA's October 2015 issue of their Tinkering Times newsletter announcing their 2016 tour. I would never have dreamed of such – **they're planning a tour to the top on North America's highest pile of rock - Mt. Denali! Yes, the TOP!** At first I thought this was a spoof, but then I looked at their logo and saw their cars are equipped with large skis! Good grief these folks will go anywhere in their cherished chariots! Nothing deters them!



I tip my driving cap to the AAMA, but I won't be outdone. Therefore, I'm proposing we not only

summit the mountain, but descend the terrifying North Face of the mountain on our return to Fairbanks!! I'm confident we can do this, and I remind you the AAMA has thrown the gauntlet down at our feet in a defiant challenge. Yes, we can do this – we must not be outdone!

With all humility aside, I believe I have developed THE tour de tour that will humiliate our Anchorage counterparts!! I have already acquired all of the necessary state, federal & local agency permits! Of course, this heroic achievement certainly wasn't without difficulty. First, I had to remind the National Park Service (NPS) that they had already approved the use of vehicles on the **easy** part of the mountain for the AAMA. Now the NPS is a very conservative lot, and had many concerns. Amusingly, their main concern was the preservation of ice worms! As a biologist, I already knew these critters were for real as I have several delightful wormy specimens stored in my stash of tequila along with the provided cactus worm. The NPS's primary worm-concern was the crushing impact of our vehicle tires on the worm population. Calling my previous AK Fish & Game Department experience into play, I agreed the harvest (a term we wildlife professionals use in reference to the killing of critters) was indeed hard on the individual worms lost, but the aged wiggly population (grandparent composition) would soon recover with a much younger composition of worms capable of producing even more wiggles than the old worms! I assured them the overall biomass (technical word I know) would remain static or even be increased! Delightfully, the NPS caved to such logic!

I suspect you're thinking it's impossible for us to descend the near vertical North Face of the big hump – but I've got it covered. Since the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE)

doesn't hesitate to boast they can readily design their way out of any problem, I called them into action. Sure enough, they designed HUGE snow hooks and appropriate winches to belay (dangle) our vehicles down the formidable North Face – best check your bumper bolts. Then Ft. Wainwright agreed to use their new Apache helicopters in a very high altitude training effort to assist hauling all the belay gear and personnel. Mission impossible, you say? Not for these Army warriors!

Getting our rigs back to the park road from the mountain was another major challenge. I had to remind the COE of the low-friction sand sleds designed by the Taliban in Afghanistan for use by their kids on the dunes. The engineers were delighted, termed it a “slick idea,” and then redesigned and enlarged the sleds for our use. Plus the oil and gas industry volunteered to use their smooth balloon tired Rolligon vehicles (designed to roll over the tundra with little impact) to pull the slick sleds carrying us cross country to the park road. Big Oil even redesigned their Rolligons to be electrically propelled to reduce our carbon footprint! I was ecstatic!

But the NPS didn't like the idea of faint sled tracks remaining on the alluvial drainage fans. (Okay, I get aesthetics too.) The COE again came to our rescue by offering to transport us by hovercraft. With restrictions, the NPS loved it! Mission accomplished!

I must admit I did condescend a tiny bit to the NPS to win their joyous approval. Once we're down the North Face we'll have to pick up all the oxygen bottles tossed from the summit by dizzy climbers. Hey, don't lament – put on your smiley face, because I believe cleaning up a National Park puts us way ahead of the AAMA's roadway cleanup effort. I

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The earthquake in Washington was obviously the government's fault !

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have always viewed their voluntary litter patrol effort with appreciation, but you will hopefully admit this puts us way ahead in the "more better greenies" category! Another coup, eh?

President Vinton (that's Wilma) is really excited about this tour. She has been highly supportive, and hopes to join our tour de top along with her live-in mechanic! She secretly confided with me that the new name for our club will very likely be the **Bo-real Vehicle Demons**. Our fantastic leader therefore plans to authorize the development of a special small BVD patch with our new logo (of course) to commemorate this incredible tour! Plus, our soon to be updated By-Laws will mandate the patch must be carefully positioned on the upper inner rear band of our underwear! (The BVD brand of undies is recommended but not required.) I laud her decision as it will be a warm fuzzy that won't detract from the magnificent and traditional ABDT half-patch I will award (at cost) as a badge of honor to each participant!

Several regular ABDT participants have already volunteered for this incredible 2017 tour. The Larricks have offered to break trail up the mountain in their big '55 Buick; the Larsons plan to take their custom '66 F250 dually filled with tools, BBQ equipment, fuel, TP and so forth; the McLaughlins will likely ride in their Geo so they can boast about their wonderful gas mileage (also because their VW will likely have tranny problems & their Isetta won't be reassembled); the Allens plan to drive their '65 Mustang to make Lee Iacocca proud; the Grants hope to blast up in the comfort of their '66 440 Olds and record the sound of its exhaust at over 20,000 feet; John McCarthy plans to drive his '31 Model A to literally top all of the fantastic things Jim Fredenhagen has done with AAMA's Model A group, and Nee will take her electronic badminton racket to zap any pesky 'skeeters encountered in the lower elevations; the Grundys are planning to drive their '40 Plymouth convertible

(hopefully to achieve a Guinness record for the Plymouth Owners Club); and lastly the Chases have generously offered to tour in their '79 GMC ambulance. The Chases plan to run "sweep" at the end of our caravan which will be handy in the unlikely event any of our vehicles/participants develop any issues; and also to provide housing should we encounter inclement weather so severe we are unable to dig a snow cave. Yes, space will be limited, but we'll sleep warmly like sardines in a can! The ambulance will, of course, carry oxygen for emergency need and also some nitrous oxide gas for our evening enjoyment after all the driving is accomplished. Oh, I almost forgot – the Caseys will cruise in their '57 Olds to also help break trail and Doris Casey, being a nurse, has volunteered to cheerfully administer the nitrous oxide gas just for laughs (literally)!

We will, of course, line up for a fantastic group photo at the summit of renamed Mt. Denali "The High One." (Be certain to bring your flags.)

Since I try to appease all our participants (usually to no avail), the following is surely my golden plan trophy winner. I'm planning the parade of all parades upon our return to Fairbanks! Yes, I've learned a parade is a must do on any tour if you wish to please the majority of participants. So a grand ticker-tape welcome home event is already staged for us as returning heroes! National and possibly international publicity will cover our welcome home! Select local, state and some national "dignitaries" will attend to enthusiastically greet us. We will receive THE KEY to our Golden Heart City. Governor Walker will recognize us all with the revered Outstanding Alaskan Award and, more importantly, will provide all a free pass for any potential state income taxes due in the next five years! President Obama will be out of office by then, but insists he attend to award our President Wilma with a special tribute because he knows how difficult the process is to wade through the bureaucracy to achieve a name change without the power of a Presidential Order! Also, every single one of the plethora (love that word) of presidential can-

didates have eagerly pledged to attend our fabulous parade. And finally, Sourdough Jack of the Daily News Miner fame plans to ride in our convertible along with the real (breathing) Santa Clause from North Pole. All so fabulous!

Don't miss this event! (Your grandkids will certainly hate you if you do.) Frankly, I believe this tour is my best effort yet and will hopefully put those AAMA folks to shame. Let's make history together and enjoy the camaraderie & fame in doing so!

Attempt at humor by ABDT Cat Herder Jr., Scott Grundy

Editor's Note: Rich Golding writes a humor column for the AAMA newsletter. This is in response to Golding's article entitled "Long Distance Drive Announced" published in the Oct. 7, 2015, Vol.55, No.10 issue of Tinkering Times.

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younger people involved.

We all have it in our own power to make a difference and influence what the landscape of the classic car community will be in the future. There is no doubt that the 'playing field' will somewhat change from what we all know it to be today – but each of us holds the steering wheel for helping guide what that future scene will be.

Efforts need not to be complicated, but the effort must be there – from all of us. It can be as simple as inviting a young person to sit in your car or even taking them and their parent(s) for a quick ride (if comfortable doing so), teaching them the proper way to get in and out of a classic car instead of just assuming they will know, pointing out unique characteristics that they may not have any idea about otherwise, and connecting aspects of old cars to something that they can relate to today.

I would love to hear from you about what you and/or your region is doing to get youth involved! Do your members take their cars to a local school? Is there a 'sparkplug' in your club who always invites kids to sit in their car? What fun and unique ideas are you doing that another Region/Chapter might be able to implement? Send me a quick note at thammer@hagerty.com to let me know what you're up to!

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NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is the **ANNUAL MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY on Sunday, December 13th**—Reservations Required.

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, Dec. 8th** — at Sam's Sourdough . Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



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