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Welcome to the Vernon L Nash Car Club!

The Northernmost Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America in Fairbanks, Alaska

We are affiliated with the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), the country's oldest and largest automobile historical society. AACA is dedicated to the preservation, restoration and maintenance of automobiles and automotive history. AACA defines a classic vehicle as anything that is 25 years old or older, but you don't have to be a classic or antique car owner to be a member. All you need is a love of old cars.

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks (VLNAACF), a non-profit organization, became a member of AACA in 1980 and is the northernmost region of the AACA. We are located in Fairbanks, Alaska and share the AACA's vision of keeping the love of our classic/antique vehicles alive in Alaska. The VLNAACF sponsors many events throughout the year including road rallies, family outings, picnics, an annual car show and participation in local parades. We publish a monthly newsletter called "Nash's News." We meet once a month, on the 2nd Thursday, at various eateries. You can find out where our next meeting is by checking this website or our most recent newsletter.

We are pleased to present this website to our families and friends, members and visitors, and hope you enjoy this snapshot of our club's journeys through our common link; the automobile.

VLNAACF Club Calendar

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NEW WEBSITE !!!

Did Adam and Eve ever have a date? No, but they had an Apple.

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

Fairbanks Daily Times

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA. JANUARY 1, 1916.

BANDITS FIGHT POLICE; ESCAPE IN SWIFT AUTO

Passing Machine Confiscated and Chauffeur Compelled to Beat It

ST LOUIS Feb 18— This city was the scene today of an exciting pistol duel between three bandits and several policemen, this battle finally being abruptly terminated by the escape of the outlaws. While still holding the officers at bay with their revolvers, the bandits jumped on a passing auto, threw the chauffeur out into the street, and disappeared from sight.

JOY RIDING UNDER BAN; ARMY NEEDS CHAUFFEURS

British Auto Owners Requested to Cease Using Cars for Pleasure.

LONDON, Feb. 18.— Owners of automobiles throughout the British Isles have been requested by the government to cease using their cars for purposes of pleasure. It is pointed out that the restricted use of such vehicles will release thousands of men who are at present greatly needed in the army and it also will effect a saving of much gasoline.

BUFFALO, Feb. 1.— Two persons were murdered and two others fatally injured near this city tonight as the result of an automobile holdup. The occupants of the machine resisted the efforts of the holdup men to relieve them of their valuables, and in the fight which took place many shots were exchanged, with the result above mentioned. The robbers escaped.

Mrs. Teiper, one of the occupants of the auto, fired several shots at the assailants but did no damage. She is sixty-seven years old.



A Very Special Garage Tour

Bob Miller, VLNAACF Member and Founttainhead Museum volunteer, got what he called "the ultimate garage tour" of **Jay Leno's** garage over the holidays, and sent us these photos.



GARAGE TOUR

JANUARY 16th—Jim & Tracy Brand's



We again had a good turnout for the great hospitality as the Brand's opened their garage(s) for a tour.

Tracy put out an eagerly welcomed lunch spread in the attached garage, where everyone suffered from lift envy as they ate. Jim said the lift let him clear out more work space in the back shop for projects, without having to pay for storage for the Chevy.

After lunch, in the back garage, Jim gave a demonstration of the work he has been doing to restore stainless steel on the Chevy and on his many Mopars. Jim is quite talented and shared some tips for restoring trim and for wheel polishing that will come in handy for many who attended. *(Ed.—I'll bet Jay Leno doesn't restore his own stainless).*





February, 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 31st is the deadline for new club name suggestions to Melinda Harris!	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 BOARD MTG —Sam's Sourdough (special mtg 4pm @ Wilma's office)	9	10	11 MEMBERSHIP MTG. —AK Buffet	12	13
14	15	16 Annual EVENT PLANNING MEETING	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events, notices, and articles to vluaac@gmail.com				

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- **Monday, Feb 8th: Board Meeting,** 6:30pm at Sam's Sourdough. Dinner before. (4pm Work Session @ Wilma's)
- **Thursday, Feb 11th: Membership Meeting, AK Buffet.** Meeting at 7pm; dinner before.
- **Tuesday, Feb 16th: Annual Event Planning Meeting,** 7pm Fountainhead Museum. Members Welcome—reservations needed with Rochelle.

Antique Auto Mushers

- **Feb 11th: 7pm Regular Meeting,** Daybreak Center, Anchorage
- **Feb 28th: Fur Rendezvous Parade**
- **Feb 28—Mar 1st: Fur Rendezvous Show** at Bob's Services, Anchorage

National AACA Events

- **Feb. 11-13th: AACA Annual Meeting**—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Member Advertisements



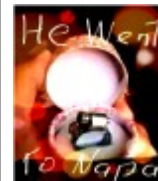
For Sale \$14,600

1972 Ford Mustang, 302 cu motor with approx. 170,000 miles C4 auto transmission both original to car. Recent work; maintenance records back to the 70's. Greg Oslund has contact information. Greg's number is 322-1350

Birthdays



- 6 - Laura Therriault
Darnell Weaver
- 8 - Vonna Husby
- 9 - Lupita Miller
- 10 - Tony Martin
- 11 - Claudia Hall
- 12 - Michael Farrell
Mebble Hansen
- 14 - Richard Gresham
- 16 - Fred Husby
- 18 - John Smith
- 27 - Shirley Franklin
- 28 - Ardis Bourque
Teri MacDonald



Anniversaries

- 1 - Laurel & Ed McLaughlin
- 2 - Joni & Dick Ellsworth
- 12 - Marion & Squeeky Benham
Ellie & Dan Tempel

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



President's Headlights

- Wilma Vinton

We have a new Website! Thanks to Michael Farrell, fairbanksaaca.org is up and running. He has put a significant amount of work into designing it and it is greatly appreciated. Part of his plan is that once it is complete, others will be able to help keep it current. That is a major accomplishment, since that is the hardest part of a website, keeping it up to date.

The current pictures on the site are thanks in part by the willing hands of Melinda Harris and Rochelle Larson. Pictures provided by the members are not usually in the format that can be uploaded directly to the website. They are too big and would take too long to upload. They need to be re-sized and renamed to make identification easier for the webmaster. We had over 500 pictures provided to us from members this year, and Melinda and Rochelle spent several hours making them usable on the new site. Thank you for giving your time to this important project.

I have been the webmaster since June, 2005. I took it over with Cindy Johnson, from our original webmaster- Jean McDermott. Jean established the original website and designed our web logo. She had a lot of experience with websites and generously volunteered her time to set VLNAACF's up when we recognized how important they could be in keeping our members informed and encouraging others to join us. When she left the community in March of 2005, Cindy Johnson and I agreed to share the role of Webmaster. Neither of us had ever worked with a website before, but Jean had done all of the hard work, we thought, by setting it up, so maintaining it sounded like a piece of cake- especially since there were two of us to share the load. That was short-lived, however. Cindy left Fairbanks in June of 2005, leaving me to struggle on. I can't say I was the best Webmaster ever- (LOL), especially when it came to keeping the pictures current, but the newsletters were uploaded regularly and when the site had issues I could troubleshoot it. I took a few classes on website management, and in between working and grandkids, the website stayed alive, barely.

Last year AACA announced that the web design pro-

gram we were using was obsolete and would not be supported by them (as our hosting site) for much longer. This meant a total redesign. I was overjoyed when Michael agreed to take on the daunting task of designing that new site. He brought to the table years of experience in designing websites and the understanding of what a car club like ours would want. I think he has done an amazing job of pulling it together.

So - go check it out! I believe you will be pleased with the finished product! And we will work hard, as a team, at keeping it current.

Wilma,
your Prez



In April, 1965, my Dad purchased a new 1965 Ford Mustang to replace his 1963 Ford Econoline Van as his daily driver/commuter vehicle. 1965 marked my senior year in high school and I was privileged to drive this car to school a few times in April, May, and June prior to my graduation. This car also became my car of choice for Saturday night events and any other time I could muster up an excuse to drive the Mustang.

Everyone recognized Mustangs when they saw them. It was quite a thrill to drive a car that had so quickly become an automotive icon. My Dad's car was a burgundy hardtop with a black vinyl top and black interior. It had a 200 cubic inch six cylinder engine with a three speed manual transmission and retailed new for \$2614.00. For a six cylinder car, this vehicle cruised extremely well and I put it through its paces on the highways and back roads of New England where I may have been seen, probably exceeding the posted speed limit. I always wished that my Dad had purchased a V-8 Mustang, but must admit, that if he had, I might not be here now to tell this tale.

John McCarthy

EVENT PLANNING MEETING

February 16th, 7pm
Fountainhead Museum

I just want to remind and invite everyone to the planning meeting. Please attend and give your input on things you like to do or something new that you want us to try for an event. Any suggestion will be welcome; I enjoy the events that we do all summer but some of you might be getting bored with them and want something new. Have you seen an event in a newsletter, on TV, or on the Internet that looks fun? You do not need to be the person in charge if you can tell us about the event or point us in the right direction, but we do need to recruit some new event leadership. We will gladly enjoy new input and member participation in the running of events. They are easy to run for the most part need not too much planning; just be the person to answer questions and get us headed in the right direction!

Please let me know by Feb 15th if you plan to attend the meeting so I can have enough pizza on hand so no one goes home hungry. If you cannot attend, but have suggestions, please email me with your ideas. Either way, just email, call 590-8593, or stop by the shop and let me know.

— Rochelle

EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER



While I was disappointed in the lack of response that I received to last month's column, I was *really* appreciative of the comments and support expressed at the January Membership Meeting. Most of the specific critical comments I received were from other newsletter editors with whom we share our newsletter. They provided some good constructive criticism, and I will try to have the newsletter evolve to include them. Things like more white space, which precipitated the change this month from three columns to two (I need feedback from anyone who reads their NL on a smartphone, please). Despite the praise at the Membership Meeting, I still want and need your criticisms and thoughts (as well as pictures and articles), as that is the way our newsletter continues to improve.

As John McCarthy announced at the January Membership Meeting, this month, the AACA, at their annual meeting in February in Philadelphia, will award our newsletter its third straight "Master Editor" award. I believe this is only possible due to the number and frequency of member contributions to our monthly "Nash's News" newsletter in the form of articles, ads, pictures, stories, etc. It is also helped by the feedback from Wilma as club president, from the Board at our monthly meetings, and through the efforts of John McCarthy and Scott Grundy who proof each month's edition and provide me feedback and suggest corrections. Thank you! - Rick



POETRY CORNER

The Touring Car

By Scott Dwyer*



I'm sorry for the antique car that's always neat and clean
and on its gleaming sides there are no scratches to be seen
Through shatter proof the glass may be as safety knows too well,
I'd hate for all the world to see no fingerprints as well.

A restoration, when it's new, should shine like all the sun
but a car that's truly loved soon finds its splendor done.
I much prefer a ding or two on the cowl, hood or door,
the imprints of a youngster's shoe and peanuts on the floor.

Muddy fenders clearly show the country roads I've picked
and signs will tell where heel and toe have occasionally kicked.
I'll leave those cars better than new to wealthy millionaire,
to claim the one with dry leaves strewn and dog-eared maps and spares.

I'd rather have my car display the dust of tour's delight
than ride on only clean paved roads without a cloud in sight.
For it must very lonely be to open the driver's door
and know you're never going to see a footprint on the floor.

Your antique car in red or gray, green, or Franklin Blue
was built to take you far away as cars are meant to do.
I'd still do the best I can to keep the carpets clean
but I'll envy not museum cars nor someone's trailer queen.

* Poem by Scott Dwyer was inspired by "the Car" by Edgar Guest, 1931, and originally printed in the newsletter, "Franklin Service Station" number 147 in March, 2015. Reprinted with permission.



At the January meeting, John McCarthy asked if anyone knew where Golden was, citing the ad from the 1916 Fairbanks Daily Times that was in the January newsletter. No-one spoke up. It took new Fairbanks resident and new member David Hobson to do a little research and find that Golden was on Pedro Creek, quite near one of our favorite poker card draw / rest stop spots on the Steese Hwy.

Minutes – Membership Meeting of January 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Wilma Vinton. There were 45 members present.

The minutes from the December meeting were read by Secretary Donna Wojciechowski. Jill Larrick motioned to accept the minutes as read, with a second from Mike Lecorchick; the motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given by President Wilma Vinton in the absence of Treasurer Ron Allen. A motion to accept the report was made by Scott Grundy and seconded by Rochelle Larson. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership Chair, Rochelle Larson, reported that we have 230 members; 40 single memberships and 95 joint. Rochelle reminded members that dues are past due and unpaid members will be dropped from the rolls after the March Board Meeting. Please pay your dues. Rochelle reported that we have two new members, David Hobson and Wally Olson.

Events Chair, Rochelle Larson, reported that the Annual Planning Meeting will be February 16th and will start at 7pm at the Fountainhead Museum. This will be a pizza party, so she would appreciate members who plan to attend to sign the sheet passed around or otherwise contact her.

OLD BUSINESS:

Willy Vinton reported on the Raffle Car. Willy is looking for help with the raffle truck. He outlined what needed to be done, and a volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around.

President Wilma Vinton reported that Mike Farrell has the new website up and ready. The site is www.fairbanksaaca.org. The cost of moving the website to an independent host is \$75 per year. The club will still be covered by the AACAs insurance. As always, we are looking for pictures for our website.

Joyce Tekin gave us an update on the Annual Meeting in December. The cost to the club was \$4,717.84.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget: President Wilma Vinton reported that the Board has approved a budget pending membership approval. A motion was made by Don Seelinger and seconded by Scott Grundy to accept the budget as outlined on the



sheet distributed to members at the meeting. The budget passed unanimously.

PROGRAM:

The Club had two guest speakers. They were Gary Taylor and Mark Golath. They are the inventors of the Thread Wizard. The Thread Wizard is for cleaning bolts. The name of their company is [Golattaylor Tools](mailto:golattaylortools@gmail.com), and their email address is golattaylortools@gmail.com. The Thread Wizards are made in the U.S.A.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

President Wilma Vinton asked that if you have a guest speaker that would like to speak at one of our meetings, please let a Board member know.

John McCarthy commented that we are always looking for newsletter articles and pictures, and then went on to say that the Club would like to recognize Newsletter Editor Rick Larrick for the outstanding job he does every month. "Give Rick a pat on the back and a congrats when you see him. Out of 400 clubs, our newsletter was one of 16 to receive the Master Editor Award – nice job!

President Wilma announced that there will be a Spaghetti Fundraiser for member Ray McLeod. It will take place on Sunday, March 20th from 4-7pm at Zion Church at 2982 Davis Rd – all you can eat for \$10. Money raised will help Ray with his Chemo and other medical bills.

New member David Hobson drew for the 50/50 and the winner was Greg Oslund. Greg took home \$93 and the other half went to the Club Treasury.

Our next meeting will be February 11th at the AK Buffet. Dinner is at 6pm and the meeting will start at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 by President Wilma Vinton.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Wojciechowski,
Secretary



For the last decade, John McDonald has rarely missed a car club event, meeting or gathering – and neither has Chester. Chester was almost the club mascot. As soon as John would pull up and open Chester's door, Chester would jump out and go from member to member, greeting each of us, and then Chester would settle down by John to enjoy the gathering. If John left Chester in the car, Chester would immediately take possession. Sometimes, when John brought a particular car or a car he had not had out recently, we would ask why, and the answer was usually "well, that's the one Chester wanted to get in this morning". Whether club outings or car shows, Chester was always there. Chester is gone now; he died just before Christmas. Not everyone in the club knows Chester's story, and John wanted it shared in the newsletter.

On July 14, 2004, a 3+ month old male Airedale was brought into a vet with a badly broken leg. The young girl who brought him in said that she could not pay for the repair or do the follow-up care, and that the dog should be put down. She had found the puppy a month or two earlier and could not find the owners, so kept him. The puppy had reportedly fallen from a cliff, and it had taken quite a long time to get him out and to the vet. The vet called ATCA Rescue and Adoption, and they called Jan Williams of Arctic Aire Airedales in Wasilla. When Jan got involved the vet bill was already \$600 and it was going to take another \$1200–\$1400 to repair the leg. A decision was made to save the pup, but it probably meant that the leg would need to be amputated because there were not funds for more extensive surgery or care. Jan arranged for the amputation, but also asked ATCA Rescue for emergency funds to save the leg. Late that night, funds were offered, and the next day's surgery was changed. Jan's blog at www.airdaleterriers.org/akralphie tells the whole story. That first day she wrote "By the way, he is a very loving, sweet guy, even when we tried to stand him up and it hurt, he cried, but the tail kept wagging (an undocked tail) and he was licking." Arctic Aire gave the puppy the name "Ralphie".

Surgery happened the next day, and they put a plate in his badly broken leg. Jan Williams took the puppy

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Mark Golat and Gary Taylor were guest speakers at the club meeting in January. Mark and Gary have developed the Thread Wizard and are manufacturing it here in the US, and doing the marketing and sales from their home in Fairbanks. The Thread Wizard is a patent pending bolt cleaning tool designed by our local mechanic, Gary Taylor. While the Thread Wizard is promoted as a revolutionary product, the means by which it operates is surprisingly simple. The description from their website, www.treadwizard.us, says: "Housed in a highly durable handle which is specially shaped to be handheld or clamped in a vise, a wire wheel of the highest quality protrudes into size specific holes surrounding the wheel. When a bolt is turned through the Thread Wizard with



President Wilma Vinton was the first to try out the Thread Wizard, while new member David Hobson looks on.

hand or power tools appropriate for the bolt, the wire wheel removes all grime, dirt, surface rust and fouling. This leaves the bolt clean and ready to be used in a fraction of the time of traditional methods without the inherent hassles and safety issues of solvents, wire brushes and wire wheel grinders".

Mark made the presentation, and after the meeting Gary demonstrated the Thread Wizard. A number of members tried the demo unit. It worked wonderfully, and many members purchased one or more Thread Wizards, which are available in both SAE and metric versions.

Every great tool invention has a story, and this one does as well. Gary, like the rest of us, cleaned bolts using a wire wheel in a drill press or bench grinder. And, like the rest of us, has shot bolts across the room, or thrown wires into skin. During one incident, while cleaning bolt threads with a wire wheel in a grinder, Gary lost his grip and was hit hard with the bolt. It wasn't the first time, but it got Gary thinking about better ways to clean dirty and grimy bolts.

The Thread Wizard is unique in that the wire wheel is stationary in the tool, and the bolt is turned against it, either with a ratchet wrench or a power tool. The bolt threads in, and then out, against the wire wheel, and comes out clean! Clean the bolts right at the work, without having to walk across the shop to the wire wheel. No need for fingers against a fast turning wire wheel, thrown bolts, or wires embedded into the skin.

Mark and Gary presented their tool at the recent SE-MA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Convention, and are marketing it to mechanics and hobbyists. They certainly generated a lot of interest (& sales) at our January meeting!

A man who loves his car on Valentine's Day gives it a valenshine!

New on the A List!



New members, Liz and Ed Masi just joined and hope to bring at least one of the above cars North this spring. The 1928 Model A Pickup (picture was labeled "Eds") is restored but the 1930 Model A Coupe needs some work (picture was labeled "Liz's"). Welcome to the club, Liz & Ed—you will have fun with your As this summer on our club outings and events.

Snowbird Droppings...



Doris sent in this picture of Robbie Casey's '57 Buick at the Navy League Car Show in Yuma, Arizona at the end of January.



In this early January picture, Dale Oines poses with one very large Swordfish. We don't think he caught it with his Dad on Quartz Lake ice fishing....

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home to care for him. Her blog is a diary of those early days. The outgoing, enthusiastic friendliness we all remember about Chester was apparent as a puppy, even as he was recovering from the surgery. Jan took him with her everywhere and spent many hours with him as he recovered. She was very worried that his enthusiasm would damage the leg before it healed—"Keeping him from running and jumping was quite a chore. Some mornings when he came out of his crate, instead of walking forward, he would go straight up in the air—but all in all he was a cooperative and good natured pup." She also was working to find a home for this pup they



Ralphie and John Meet for the First Time

and to have his final x-ray. Everything went perfectly, and the x-ray looked wonderful. It was interesting to see on the x-ray how much he had grown in 8 weeks. When he came home on the 11th, I let him loose by himself in the yard for the first time. He took a "victory lap" running and leaping. All the toys he had been playing with on the leash for all those weeks went flying through the air one at a time. It was a beautiful sight. We went to visit the vet's office that had originally called about helping Ralphie, we had him microchipped and everyone came out to see how wonderfully he had healed and to tell him 'goodbye' John is coming to pick up Ralphie today. His name is Chester now—from the TV show Gunsmoke—that seems appropriate. I will really miss this one, but I know he is going to a great home and will be a very loved boy. John has promised to send many pictures and keep us updated."

John kept in contact with Jan right up until the end, and she continues the work with Arctic Aire Airdales.

For the last 11 years, Chester had gone everywhere with John. As John said in a email to me, "He had

were calling "Ralphie". From her blog: "One of his many potential owners, John, came all the way from Fairbanks to meet him. He drove 7 hours, spent part of the day playing with Ralphie in the yard and drove another 7 hours back home. They were great together and it was clear that they were perfect for each other."

Continuing from the blog: "Ralphie went in on September 10th to be neutered

many friends around Fairbanks: the Car Club, weekly auctions in Fairbanks and Peterson Auctions in Delta, weekly visits to Alaska Rubber, NAPA Auto Parts, O'Riley Auto Parts, and every car show and car or antique event in In-



Chester

terior Alaska." John says the loss of Chester has been a big heartache, but it makes him feel good that people care and have been asking about Chester.

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

Extractor for Broken Grease

Cup Shanks

(No. 40)

When a grease cup is broken off it is often a problem to remove the threaded portion without drilling it out. A simple tool by which this part may be screwed out consists of a bar of 3/8-inch steel stock sharpened at one end to a four sided point. The point is driven into the hole in the center of the grease cup and fits so tightly that the part is easily unscrewed by turning the rod. This tool is preferably made out of Novo or Mushet steel, which is both hard and tough.—L. E. Hughes, foreman, Troy automobile Exchange, Troy, NY

Rain Water Not Best for

Battery Flushing

(No. 46)

Distilled water is preferable to rain water for storage batteries for the reason that the latter contains whatever dust and dirt there is on the roof or in the cistern or rain-barrel. Also, rain water may have more or less rust in it; this is very harmful. — H. Kruger, Storage Battery Service Station, Albany, N.Y.



Develop relationships with non-AACA clubs and local community

By Bernie Golias

VP Strategic Planning, VP of Library & Research Center

I am writing to the regions and chapters this time from a strategic planning view. We're all generally interested in building the club by sharing the benefits, especially with other car enthusiasts, collectors, owners etc. However, there are a lot of other opportunities that pass by daily that we could tap into and grow the club.

One specific strategy would be to improve relationships with non-AACA clubs and local communities through joint activities. The objective would be to enhance and provide collaborative activities for enjoyment with non-AACA members and the general public through close communication with AACA Regions and Chapters.

Has your region or chapter ever thought of collaborative joint events that may satisfy interest in the community, e.g. holding an AACA event/car show with non-AACA clubs, your local museums, hospitals and businesses? These shared marketing opportunities may help develop rapport with the community leaders and professionals and could allow the opportunity for dual marketing processes through periodicals, newsletters and various types of media and mediums. Thus allowing the club and its partner to be more visible and proactive.

It is a well known fact that the general public (community) enjoys participating in events that have a rewarding cause i.e. a car show to raise money for the kidney, cancer or diabetes foundations. Exposure is created and potential memberships too. I would start by selecting your representative within your group to communicate with each non-AACA group and community partner and to coordinate an event. If each region and chapter would select a scheduled event once a year with their community partner the team effort could bring lasting results and additional members.

Please contact me if you'd like to discuss some additional strategies at berniegolias@aol.com. I look forward to hearing about some of your ideas.

Sunshine Report:

- John McDonald - sympathy card for the passing of Chester his dog
- Melody Simmons - get well/thinking of you as her cancer has returned
- Bear Schmit - get well card/thinking of you for heart problems
- Dan & Sue Schaaf - thinking of you /sympathy card for two stressful family medical issues and the loss of their dog.
- Linda Grundy - get well card for surgery for a pacemaker

Ray continues on with his chemo and keeps a positive outlook. He will have a CT scan soon with our hope that the cancer will have shrunk enough to have surgery. We thank you for all your prayers, encouraging words and support as he works through this.

- 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

2016 Adventure Before Dementia Tour Dates Finalized!

By Scott Grundy

You don't want to miss this tour to Haines, Skagway and Whitehorse! We will depart Fairbanks on Saturday, July 16 and return the following weekend, July 23 or 24! The scenery we'll encounter and the events involved in this tour are unsurpassed. 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. **Mark your calendar and commit to attend -NOW!** Housing and ferry reservation information, etc. will be published in our March newsletter. For more information or questions, call Scott Grundy at 457-3526 or email him at sgrundy55ply@gmail.com.



Raffle truck 2016

Just an update on the raffle truck: it's a 1981 Chevrolet C10 short bed pickup. 2 wheel drive, 6 cyl auto.



Some repairs and work need to be done before we bring it out in the spring.

Rust repair: Hi-Tech has donated a few items to help with this, as well as Wilbur Bros Sheetmetal.

Replace seat - Will Chace will donate a bench seat that will need to be recovered.

Replace windshield- Will Chace also has a windshield he is donating.

Brakes- It needs rear brake shoes, I will see about getting a donation for them.

Wheels need cleaned and polished.

Grill needs replaced, John McCarthy has one that was donated.

In order to complete all of these, we will need to organize some work parties over the next few months. We had a signup sheet at the last meeting for anyone willing to help with this project, and if you missed the meeting and would like to be added to the list you can email me with name and phone number. I never know what my schedule will be, so will call a couple folks at a time for short-notice work sessions, and there is no problem if you can't make it for that session. I don't have room in the shop right now for more than a couple extra people, so we will do what we can. If anyone wants to take on the task of project manager for this endeavor, it would be greatly appreciated. Someone that could keep track of where we are in the repairs and where we need to go would be a great help. I have started one side of the rust repair and so far its going ok- the drivers side will be next. I will be gone for the next week or so but will get on it again when I get back. Thanks to all of those that signed up to help at the meeting.

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NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is the **Second Thursday: February 11th at AK Buffet**; Meeting starts at 7:00pm—dinner before

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



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