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We had an early SPRING...

And Thompson Pass should be clear by the time we travel south for the Joint Meet with the Anchorage Auto Mushers on June 17th



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See page 3 for a special invitation to our club to view this historic vehicle

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

Fairbanks Daily Times

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA.

JANUARY 13, 1916.

FAIRBANKS AUTOMOBILE CLUB FORMED; GOOD ROADS OBJECT

June 23, 1916

The Fairbanks Automobile club, repairing the cross walks would start this morning. And the members have launched a campaign for better roads. It is not merely a campaign of talk, it is a campaign of action and talk, a campaign that will bring results. Tonight at 8 o'clock the members of the club will go out the Ester creek road to a piece of highway that is now impassable owing to uncompleted work which has been done upon it, and work for several hours, making the road passable for autos and teamsters. Acting under the stimulus of the club the street committee of the city council has promised that work on the cross-walks will start this morning, and that the streets of the town will be put in repair.

The club is an active organization. While the dues are only payable during the summer months, the members insist that they will be working twelve months in the year and every day in the month for the improvement of the roads in the Fairbanks district.

The Officers.

The meeting at the Shaw house was simply a preliminary meeting, but at the meeting last night a permanent organization was perfected. Thomas A. Marquam, who had been chairman of the meeting at the Shaw house was elected president of the Fairbanks Automobile club, Dr. R. R. Myers, the mayor of Fairbanks, was elected vice-president, and R. E. Burns was elected secretary and treasurer. The by-laws, which had been drawn by Mr. Marquam were adopted by the club. Ten people who own autos have signified their willingness to join the organization, which means that the Fairbanks Automobile club will really start with a membership of 40. Wills P. Richardson, chairman of the Alaskan road commission, Commissioner Thomas Riggs, Jr., of the Alaskan engineering commission, and R. J. Semmers, superintendent of the Alaskan road commission, who has charge of the road work of this particular district, were elected honorary members of the club.

Start to Work.

The organization had not been perfected ten minutes before it started to work. A suggestion was made that the chairman of the street committee be asked to appear before the club. One of the members went to Mr. Smith, but Mr. Smith was too busy just at that time to leave his store. He did assure the member who went to get him that the street committee would cooperate in every possible way with the Fairbanks Automobile club and that the work of

CHARTER MEMBERS.

George A. Coleman.
R. R. Myers.
E. R. Peoples.
R. C. Wood.
G. E. Beraud.
N. A. Shaw.
J. H. Groves.
W. H. Barthel.
J. E. Barrack.
R. E. Burns.
C. L. Thompson.
Roy Rutherford.
H. B. Parkin.
C. E. Lake.
T. A. Marquam.
Fred Carter.
J. Kane.
R. D. Menzie.
G. B. Erwin.
Pete Lorentzen.
Fred Johnson.
W. T. Pinkerton.
Hal Bailey.
Dave Courtman.
Robert Sheldon.
W. A. Coghill.
G. T. Frame.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Wills P. Richardson.
Thomas Riggs, Jr.
R. J. Semmers.

The Ester Road.

Then the club took up the matter of roads adjacent to Fairbanks as feeders of the creeks. The Ester road has one place that is absolute impassable. Ditches were dug which to place culverts, but the have never been put in place. The club decided that the entire organization would leave Fairbanks at 8 o'clock tomorrow night going to the spot on the road with the necessary equipment and tools to make the road a passable one.

That is the first step of the new organization for the repair of the roads of the division. It shows that the members are not afraid of little work.

Affiliations.

The showing made the club is good one. Steps will undoubtedly be taken to affiliate the new organization with the Associated Automobile club of the United States, and then much better work can be done in the State for good roads. The club means much to Fairbanks. It is an excellent advertisement for the town, and the membership is actively increasing.

will awaken a new interest in the Territory of Alaska. The completion of a good auto road from the coast to Fairbanks with the Fairbanks Automobile club affiliated with the automobile clubs in the States would mean that Alaska would soon become the mecca of tourists, rich ones who have money to spend and can afford to take a trip through Alaska. The scenic wonders of the trip could not be equalled anywhere in the United States, and with the Fairbanks Automobile club to boost the tour along, thousands of tourists would flock to this country annually.

The Present.

While it is admitted that that is in the future, the club will not rest until the roads adjacent to Fairbanks are put in such shape as to make them worthy of the name of roads. Then the other problems can be considered. In the meantime the work must go on. The club has started out and intends to stay with it until the dream of the tourist is realized.

Many men prominent in the commercial and professional world are members of the club. Locally the organization is bound to have weight, and that the club is going to be a great benefit to the community must be admitted by all. The members are urging the creek auto owners to join the club and the membership will undoubtedly be constantly increasing as the new cars which are coming to Fairbanks get in from the States.

REOPENED

ROSE'S REPAIR SHOP
Now

Fairbanks Repair Shop

Expert Repairing of
AUTOMOBILES
MOTORCYCLES
MOTORBOATS
TYPEWRITERS
GUNS

ELECTRICAL WORK
SAWS SHARPENED
LATHE WORK AND
BRAZING

McPhee Building Lacey St.

June 13, 1916

FRAME BROTHERS WILL START THE CHITINA SERVICE

Yesterday morning Grover and Billy Frame returned to Fairbanks after a season spent on the other end of the trail where they ran most of the time between Chitina and Gulikana. The young men came over the trail with their automobiles as far as Miller's. From there they mushed to Donnelly's where they were picked up by Samuelson's auto. This took them to Richardson. From the Overland farmhouse they came into Fairbanks with Mr. Burgess.

With them the boys brought one passenger, Mr. Al Leser, who comes from Missoula, Montana, and who is making the trip through the territory in hope of striking something in the mining way that will appeal to him.

The Frame brothers announce that they will run on a regular schedule this summer. Both young men know the trail thoroughly, and they will maintain a weekly schedule, leaving Fairbanks every week and Chitina every week.

The reputation of the Frame brothers as auto drivers is too well known to need comment. While on the coast last year, Mr. Frame disposed of one of his Fords to a man by the name of Brown, who formerly resided in Fairbanks, and who will run the machine as a jitney between Kennecott and the mines, a distance of five miles.

The Frame brothers are still well supplied with machines, among which is the Dodge which was purchased by Grover Frame last fall.

The date of the first trip will be announced in a few days. The trail is not yet in shape to permit the guarantee of a quick trip, and unless they can get their passengers through in a reasonable time, the boys will not undertake the trip.

Announcement will be made within a few days as to the time the first trip will be made and regular trips will be in order every week thereafter.

Anything worth taking seriously is worth making fun of...



MOST IMPROVED VEHICLE AWARD 2015

- Willy Vinton

Well, it's great to receive this award, but the important part of the award is to promote others to build and improve their own rides. I have built or rebuilt many cars in my life (I hesitate to say restore), with the intent to make them drivable and once again usable for transportation. However, this one was special in that I have mulled its design and build many times over the years, but it always stayed on the backburner, simmering. Last winter, everything came together and it finally rose to the top of my bucket list.

I purchased a chassis from Bill Brown in Anchorage, that he had stored in a conex for several years, and was a good straight frame. After getting it up here, I stripped it down and sand blasted it and found no cracks or damage to it, which is rather unusual for a 1929 chassis. It was perfect for what I had in mind.

After rebuilding the front axle and rear axle, I decided that it really should have good brakes rather than the standard mechanical brakes of the Model A, so I gathered enough parts of 1940 Ford hydraulic brakes to convert the brake system on the speedster. Lots of machining of small spacers and such to make it all work, but results were worth it -- the brakes work great and stop straight. The steering had to be moved back 3 ½ inches from stock location, and the steering column dropped down 4 inches from stock location which caused the drag link to be lengthened to make it all fit. The steering was converted from the early 7 tooth to a later 1930 2 tooth for better handling as well.



The engine is a NOS 1933 B engine that came from the Clayton estate via Charlie Jurgens, I kept it as a standard bore, with a few modifications such as over-size intake valves, hard seats in block, new stainless valves, and with a custom cam built by a friend in Elby, WA, who builds custom cams. Flywheel is cut down from 65# to 32#; a V8 clutch was installed and the engine was fully balanced by Rick at RS Machine. It is running a

Car photos by Willy Vinton

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Mark Crook presents Willy and Wilma Vinton with the Most Improved Vehicle Award at the December Holiday party



June, 2016

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 Run Around

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3 Load-in for Carlson Center Show 5 pm

4 Carlson Center Show!

5 Carlson Center Show! CLUB PHOTO

6 BOARD MTG—Sam's Sourdough

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8 Fairbanks Day @ Pioneer Park

9 MEMBER-SHIP MTG.—Lions Park

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11 Cars'N Coffee Mondo Run

Alaskan As in town

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15 Run Around

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18 Cars'N Coffee

Joint Meet with AAMA in Valdez

19 Sourdough Fuel Fathers Day Show

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22 Run Around

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25 Cars'N Coffee Chena Hot Springs Run

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29 Run Around

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Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- Friday, June 3rd: **Load-In for the Carlson Center Member's Only Car Show**
- Saturday, June 4th / Sunday June 5th: **Carlson Center Members' Only Car Show and Swap Meet**
- Sunday, June 6th: **CLUB PHOTO, back of Carlson Center 6pm!** (see pg. 9)
- Monday, June 6th: **Board Meeting, Sourdough Sam's 6:30pm**
- Wednesday, June 8th: **Fairbanks Day Grand Opening at Pioneer Park 4:30 -9pm** (park inside by the Stern-wheeler)
- Thursday, June 9th: **Membership Meeting at Lions' Park Pavilion**—see page 10 for details, Dinner 6 / Meeting at 7pm (see pg. 10)
- Saturday, June 11th: **Mondo Run to the Monderosa for lunch**—leave at 10



- am from CarsNCoffee. (Will & Theresa Chase)
- Friday, June 17th & Saturday June 18th: **Joint Meet with Anchorage Auto Musers** in Valdez (see p 11)
- Saturday, June 25th: **Chena Hot Springs Run / Picnic**—leave at 10 am from CarsNCoffee. (need PPR)
- Sunday July 3rd: **John McDonald's Tailgate Party**—John's place on Nordale Rd.

Antique Auto Musers

- Wednesday, June 8th: **Rolling Membership Meeting**—Meet at

Day Break Center at 6:30 pm for meeting and drive.

- June 10th—13th: **Alaskan A's Model A Tour to Chena Hot Springs**—call Jim Fredenhagen 351-3115
- Friday, June 17th & Saturday June 18th: **Joint Meet with Vernon Nash Club** in Valdez (see pg. 11)

National AACA Events

- June 3 & 4th: **Annual AACA Grand National Show**, Williamsport, PA hosted by Susquehannock Region
- June 12—17th: **Sentimental Tour**, Salisbury, NC—Hornets Nest Region

Other (non AACA) Events

- June 19th: **Father's Day Car Show, Sourdough Fuel** - Cushman & VanHorn

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 are in civil twilight now, the sun won't really set for a couple months (even though we are only about three weeks away from the longest day) and I haven't really gotten the cars out yet. Best not waste any more time. Our first runaround will be June 1st, first real poker run will be the June 11th and there are only 14 weekends to get out and play!

Hope to see you all out for the Carlson Center Car show, June 4th & 5th. Already have 40 cars entered and 3 tables reserved for the swap meet. Maybe all of this warm, sunny weather we have been having in May has enticed more than the usual number of cars out early. Its a good opportunity to clean out the garage as well, bring those spare tools and car parts to the Swap Meet and let someone else store them in their garage!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our two newest members to the Board of Directors, Charlie Bourque and Ed McLaughlin. Thank you for being willing to participate and I am looking forward to working with you the rest of the year.

Your Prez, Wilma

FAIRBANKS DAY—June 8th

The Fairbanks North Star Borough Department of Parks have invited us to participate in the 9th Annual Pioneer Park Fairbanks Day Celebration on June 8th. We will park our cars between the Civic Center and the Nenana Steam boat. There are two opportunities to join the show. The first group will meet at 4:30pm and go into the park and set up. The second group, those of us that can't be there at 4:30, will meet at 6:00 pm and come in then. Since the gate will be locked, and there will be lots of kids running around, we need to come in as a group during those two times only. Part of the Fairbanks Day festivities includes a Lip Sync Battle and live music for the whole family in Gold Rush Town from 5-9pm. We do not need to stay until 9pm, but we are welcome to. Contact Wilma if you have any questions: 388-7766

Anniversaries

- 2 - Judy & Bernie Saupe
- 6 - Susan & Gary Bodensadt
Joanne & Dan Portwine
- 7 - Doris & Robbie Casey
- 10 - Claudia & Burnie Hall
- 11 - Emily & Mark Crook
Linda & Scott Grundy
- 13 - Karine & Ron Dane
- 15 - Lois & Greg Oslund
- 17 - Deborah & Dave Rockney
- 18 - LaVonne & Dan Gullickson
(see page 10)
- 20 - Denise & Peter Lundquist

Birthdays

- 1 - Sam Simmons
- 8 - Willy Vinton
- 9 - Jill Nash
- 14 - Lambert Hazelaar
- 18 - Jerry Mustard
- 20 - Susan Cook
- 21 - John Binder
- 22 - Susan Bodensadt
- 26 - Diana Lecorchick
- 29 - Paul Tekin



SUNSHINE REPORT:

There were no requests for cards this month, but below is a picture of me, Rochelle & Theresa from a Cars' N Coffee start of a poker run last June 6th:



Thanks, Tracy McLeod

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
For a postal mail address contact Tracy or a Board member.

Member Advertisements



FREE: I have a 1940's Chevrolet rear end and two front axle assemblies and 4 nice 6 lug 16 inch Chevy wheels. For free-- if you want the wheels you got to take the axles John Mc Donald 488-1843 Please call about the free stuff because this doesn't happen very much around here.



FOR SALE: 1929 Ford Model A 4 door older restoration in good condition. \$11,900. Contact Brent LeValley 590-7362. Email: clearybrent907@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: '76 Malibu Chevy Classic White w/maroon top. Good shape & ready for a road trip. 60 k easy miles \$2,450.00 One owner. Dick Ellsworth Call/text 322-3450

PINSTRIPING: If anyone is wanting to get some pinstriping done on their car or truck, I have someone that is going to be here on the 17,18, and 19th. of June. If there is enough work he would bring up the guy that taught him he's 70 years old. Call me Charlie @ 388 4263 So I can let him know.



Experience is something you don't get until just after you needed it.



VLNAACF Membership Meeting Minutes
May 12th, 2016
Location - Fountainhead Museum

Pres. Wilma Vinton brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 58 members present. Amy Richards was our guest..

MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB MILLER AND SECONDED BY THERESA CHASE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES.

BOD minutes were read by the secretary.

Ron Allen gave the Treasurer's report. **MOTION WAS MADE BY THERESA CHASE AND SECONDED BY RUTH HAYNES TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson told us we have 212 members - 49 single & 86 joint. We have 5 new members.

EVENTS:

Car Show - We need help to put the car show on. A sign sheet went around the membership to sign up for the different jobs we need help with. Willy gave us an update on the show. If you are going to put a car in the show, please fill out a registration form for Wilma. We will meet on Sunday at 6:00 for a group picture..

Valve Cover Races - John Binder went over the rules for the valve cover races. You can find the rules in the newsletter.

Our first **runaround** should be on June 1.

ABDT - Scott Grundy gave us an update. There are 7 cars signed up. The dates are July 10-18. The trip will have stops in Beaver Creek, Haines, the ferry to Skagway, Carcross, Whitehorse and back to Beaver Creek.

Joint Meet - The Joint Meet will be hosted by Anchorage and the dates are June 17, 18 & 19th and will be in Valdez. So far there are 3 cars signed up. They will be having valve cover races and the highlight will be car games. Make your reservations at Best Western Harbor Inn.

Fairbanks Day is Wednesday June 8 at Pioneer Park. Wilma asked the membership if the club would like to participate. The majority were in favor.

The club has been asked for help this summer for weddings. If you would like to be put on a call list for weddings,

please let Wilma know.

The **Mondo Run** is on June 11. We will meet at the Bentley Mall and head down after cars & coffee.

NEW BUSINESS:

The last time our Articles of Incorporation were last changed was in 1988. They need to be changed to correlate with our by-law changes.

Wilma asked for names from the membership interested in being on the board. We need 2 directors appointed and this needs to be done before the end of the meeting.

In a special session with BOD only, **MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOT CULBERTSON AND SECONDED BY DONNA WOJCIECHOWSKI TO APPOINT TO THE BOD CHARLIE BOURQUE AND ED MCLAUGHLIN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Newsletter Needs - As always, Rick would like pictures of when they were new and for sale items are always welcome.

50/50 - The total was \$228. and the lucky winner was Scott Culbertson.

Our next meeting will be June 9 and it will be at the Lions Pavilion. The potluck will start at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Why is it at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

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Trojan intake with dual Zenith updrafts on it at this time, but may soon go to a progressive Weber 2 barrel downdraft to make it easier to keep tuned.

So with a lot of miscellaneous parts from a lot of different years, I decided to call it a 1929 Model A Speedster, which really created some interesting issues with the local DMV (that's another story). But after some time and frustration a title and registration were finally obtained. As you know, you cannot get a title for a vehicle like this until it is complete and operable, which makes for a "catch-22" situation with the Speedster. The DMV must inspect and verify the serial number, however the serial numbers on all model A's are under the body and cannot be seen until you remove said body. Anticipating this, I had taken pictures of the frame serial number prior to building because I knew they (DMV) would not be willing to inspect to verify the frame ahead of it being completed. That made for some very interesting conversations with the bureaucrats manning the counter who sometime have a difficult time seeing outside of the box.....sigh....

It is scheduled to be in the June 4th-5th Carlson Center show, however, I had to pull the engine out the other day due to a serious oil leak at the rear, so I will do my best to have it back in operation to make the car show. The stumbling blocks to that are a healing back and a trip to Ohio for our grandson's graduation-- it may be a hard push to accomplish. Hopefully the Speedster will see you at the car show.



VERNON L. NASH CLASSIC CAR SHOW

In conjunction with the Carlson Center's
Antique & Historical Expo

Also featuring
a swap meet!



June 4 - 5, 2016 | Carlson Center
Saturday, 10am-5pm | Sunday, 11am-5pm
\$5 per adult; kids 12 and under free!

For more info on the CAR SHOW, visit:
fairbanksaaqa.org or e-mail:
vlnash@gmail.com

For more info on the ANTIQUE &
HISTORICAL EXPO, please call the
Carlson Center at (907) 451-7800



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER



Showtime! For any procrastinators, the registration form for the car show this coming weekend was in the last two newsletters. Please, if you are going to put a car in, send the completed form to Wilma NOW.

Or if you are really a bad procrastinator fill one out when you bring your car over to the Carlson Center on Friday afternoon....

We have a large and diverse club. With over 200 members, there are a wide variety of interests. Interests vary not only by year, make and model - but by activity. Some like the less formal gatherings of the Cars'N Coffee on Saturday mornings. Some live for car shows, both to show off their ride and to look at other cars. Some like to drive long distances, others just like to drive and eat. Point is, there is something for everyone, and everyone does not need to feel that they need to do everything to be an active and involved club member! See you at the Carlson Show! - Rick

Member Advertisements

FOR SALE: Replicar Kit by Fiberfab. '29 Mercedes SSK kit on a Chevette frame and running gear. Chassis and engine / running gear done. Body needs to be put together. All is supposed to be there except for the fire wall and the wiring harness. Call Rick Larrick 457-4344 or email larrickrick@gmail.com for more information. First offer over \$4,000!



When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

When they were new



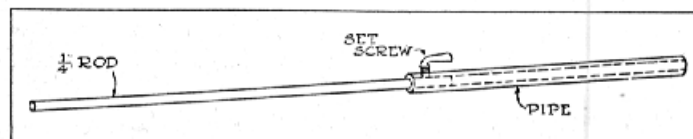
Well new to me anyway. I was 15 and looking for my first car. My dad's best friend had his pop's old car, a 55 Ford Mainliner. The Mainliner was the bottom of the line car for 55, but this one was a police special that had belonged to the Dallas Police Dept. It ran really strong! I thought there's no way I could get that car, as my dad's friend had seven boys, three of them near driving age! But as it turned out none of them wanted it, so I jumped on the opportunity. Six hundred dollars later it was mine. I saved up even more and had it repainted and the seats recovered. I did all the interior paint work myself.

I had many good times in that car in my teenage years, till I joined the army at 18 and had to leave it behind. I got a call from my Mom when I was overseas saying someone had hit my car while it was parked on our street. I was very upset, and when she sent me the pictures I thought I'll never fix that. Turned out a little later someone offered to buy it and I said yes, because I thought it was beyond my skills.

If I only knew then what I know now. I would have kept it and still have it today! - Ralph Moore

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



(No. 124)
To test the alignment of front wheels a gauge can be made of a rod sliding within a tube and held by a set screw

Gauge to Line Front Wheels

A gauge for determining the setting of front wheels can be made from an iron rod and a piece of pipe. The former slides within the latter and can be locked in any position by means of a set screw. The rod should be about 3 feet long and 1/4 inch in diameter and the pipe about 2 feet long and just long enough to slip over the rod—C. L. Patton, foreman, Wise-Green M.C. Co., Canton, Ohio

SKAGWAY STREETCAR #1

Last time the ABDT went to Skagway we toured the city on one of the more "modern" 1927 tour buses (see picture at left from our 2010 tour). This time we are promised to be shown the original Skagway #1. Through contact with the National Park Service, our leader, Scott Grundy, has arranged for a rare viewing of the original



Martin Itjen Streetcar – the one he took President Harding (and lots of other folks) on to tour Skagway in the early 1920's.

Martin Itjen was born in Dorum, Germany and came to Skagway by way of Florida for the Klondike gold rush in 1898. Unsuccessful as a prospector, he went to work for the White Pass and Yukon Railroad, as well as some side work, which included an undertaking business, coal delivery, and operating Skagway's first depot hack. He was also Skagway's Ford dealer, worked as a boat builder, and as a sawmill operator. He became an enthusiastic promoter for everything about Skagway to new residents, tourists, and anyone he could talk to or recite his poetry to.

Itjen's Skagway Street Car #1 started as a Veerac light delivery truck. The Veerac (VEERAC stands for "valveless explosion every revolution air cooled") was built in Anoka, Minnesota sometime between 1910 and 1914 by Frank Merrill. Merrill had built his first engine in 1892 and his first car in mid-1904 when he tried and failed to organize the Veerac Motor Company by selling \$300,000 in stock in the company that was going to sell his \$750 two-seater roadster automobiles which would "revolutionize the automobile industry". Eventually relocating to Minnesota, he finally got his automotive business off the ground and built more than 100 units – all of them trucks or closed carriages like the one Itjen started with. The National Park Service has identified the body of the Veerac (which was incorporated into the later version of Street Car #1) as being produced by the World Buggy Company of South Bend, Indiana, undoubtedly a spin-off from the large Studebaker buggy works there.

Just in time, and probably in preparation for, President Harding's visit in 1923, Martin Itjen built the current





Street Car #1 on a Packard chassis and frame. Itjen apparently acquired a wrecked Packard truck and salvaged the chassis for the new "street-car". He used the carriage from the Veerac for the rear passenger portion and extended the roof out over the hood to provide entry and stand-up narrator space, and to make the vehicle look more like a street car. He straightened the bent Packard frame and replaced the original 2 cylinder Packard engine which had been damaged in the wreck with a newer engine from a 1916 Dodge. Photo above is from the Candy Wagerman collection, and a large copy hangs at the Fountainhead Museum.

Itjen provided tours for 50 cents per person (25 cents each way). His business thrived on the rich history of Skagway, bringing tourists to many of the same spots the commercial tour buses do today. He would drive folks to the wharf where Soapy Smith was shot, and then up to the cemetery to where he and Frank Reid are both buried (Reid inside the cemetery and Smith outside the fence). Itjen's business expanded enough for him to build up to three more tour buses. One had an effigy of Soapy Smith that blew bus exhaust out of his cigar, while both Streetcar #1 and #2 had an animated bear on the front that signaled his turns with its paws (you can see a video with that vehicle at the Fountainhead Museum). In 1935, Itjen took Streetcar #2 to Hollywood to promote Skagway tourism. He called on Mae West to "come up and visit me sometime" – and she did. Itjen shut down the business at the start of World War II in 1941, and he died the following year.

Itjen passed on much of his collection of stuff to George Rapuzzi (photo at left below with Street Car #1). Rapuzzi would drive it on special occasions and parades. The collection later passed to Phyllis Brown, and In 2007, the Rapuzzi collection was purchased by the Rasmussen Foundation and donated to the Municipality of Skagway in 2008. The Skagway Museum and the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park have been carefully inventorying the more than 30,000 items in the collection, and have found many artifacts of interest, including the original 2 cylinder Packard engine.

The Skagway Streetcar #1 is reportedly in good but not operable condition, but remains out of the public view until it can be conserved and a facility is restored to display the car in a safe and environmentally controlled space. Those of us on the Adventure Before Dementia Tour this July will have a very special opportunity to see this important vehicle during a private viewing.



*Martin with his streetcar for a fifty cent fare
Will show you when and show you where
The High Spots were, for he was there.
He'll start at nine and takes till noon
To show you Skagway in the Klondike boom.
If you miss this, you have missed it all
And have not seen Alaska at all.
Take a bite if you can't take it all.*

Editor notes: Credits are given to Kristi Ausfresser, Museum Curator of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park of the National Park Service, who will be our host for our special viewing of Streetcar #1, to Nancy Dewitt who researched the vehicles for her post on the Fountainhead Museum blog (2/13), the information in her book, "Extreme Motoring", as well as for the information and photographs as posted in the Fountainhead Museum in Fairbanks. Thanks to Willy Vinton, who first suggested to Scott Grundy that he try to arrange our visit, and who has viewed and appraised the vehicle when in possession of the Rasmussen Foundation. Special thanks to Candy Wagerman for use of the early photo of Itjen and his streetcar. Information on the Veerac came from the Standard Catalog of American Cars.



2016 CLUB PHOTOGRAPH

Will be taken behind the Carlson Center on Sunday, June 5th, 6pm, after the Car Show. As 5 years ago, plans are to take two panoramic photos, one just cars, and one of members and their cars.

The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.



Photo from 2015 June Meeting

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, June 9th—Dinner 6pm / Mtg 7pm

Club will furnish the meat—bring salads or deserts

FAIRBANKS LIONS RECREATION AREA

CORNER OF COLLEGE & DANBY

On the Drive to and Across from Anne Wien Elementary

50th
Anniversary

Please join with family and
friends as we celebrate

**Dan and LaVonne
Gullickson**

On their 50th Wedding
Anniversary

Saturday, June 18th

1:00-4:00 p.m.
Pioneer School house
427 E. 3rd Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

RSVP TO:
Ann Weese
arweese@gci.net or 907-243-5104

LAST CALL

2016 Adventure Before Dementia Tour



Please don't miss this super fun tour to Beaver Creek, Haines, Skagway and Whitehorse. We will depart Fairbanks on Sunday, July 10 and return the following Monday, July 18. The scenery we'll encounter and the events involved will be unsurpassed. All the communities involved are very eager to see us and are well established for tourism.

Seven super fun couples are currently signed up but **we need you!** Drive your family vehicle if need be, but don't miss this tour as it will be steeped in history and camaraderie! **Reservations MUST be made immediately!** Call Scott Grundy at 457-3526 or email:

sgrundy55ply@gmail.com.

Email from the AACA President:

Hi Rick,

I received a copy of Nash's News and wanted you to know how much I enjoy reading about our members activities. As the current AACA President. I receive all of the Regions / Chapters newsletters as a courtesy which gives me a good perspective of what's going on in our club nationwide.

Thanks again for keeping me informed and keep up the good work for the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club.

Bob Parrish

2016 AACA National
President

Cars'N Coffee

With an early melt off and improved road conditions, Host Peter Lundquist announced an early start to our weekly Cars 'N Coffee get-together each week. The group informally gathers between 8 am and 10 am in front of the Great Harvest Bread Company at the Bentley Mall. Great Harvest would like us to park along the curb right in front of their store if possible to help with exposure. Bring some friends. Any vehicle is welcomed. Contact Peter if questions at drac@acsalaska.net

(see photo on back page)

A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint your, and 'taint mine!



Pass It On For the Future – Our Future

By: Don Barlup

This past year while serving as your AACANational President, have taken Carol and I to meets and tours from Puerto Rico to Houma, LA. We have enjoyed each event and especially meeting our fellow AACAMembers.

I have read volumes of Region and Chapter newsletters (now you know the source of some of my jokes). Most of these newsletters are looking for more youthful members while they enjoy the camaraderie of the automotive hobby and each other. Most Regions and Chapters host one or more meets and tours in their local areas each year. I continue to marvel at the collections they visit, the landmarks they drive by, and the excitement and just plain fun that they share with each other.

Actually, I am in some ways jealous of what they have to offer. I want to see what they see. I want to enjoy their scenery and local landmarks, but I am not invited, as I do not belong to their AACAGroup!

We have approximately 360 Regions and Chapters enjoying our hobby under the AACAUmbrella throughout the USA, Canada, and Puerto Rico, but we continue to rely on a small percentage of them to invite us to their area of the country to show us what they are most proud of, their Region, their attractions, their hospitality, and their members. Why is this? What are we missing in the equation? Regions + Members + Cars = Fun. So, let's pass it on for the future, because the future of AACAA.

MONDO RUN



Time again for that 1st poker run south to Nenana for the "best burger in Alaska!"

Join the crowd
Saturday, June 11th
leaving Cars 'N Coffee at the Bentley Mall parking lot at 10AM

AACA Alaska Regions Joint Meet in VALDEZ 2016

WHEN?

June 17-18-19, 2016

WHERE ?

Host Hotel Location: Best Western Valdez Harbor Inn, 100 Harbor Dr., (AAMA bring side dishes and supply BBQ and Games) Location: Thomas Kelsey Plaza (Next to the Ferry Terminal)

Schedule:

Friday, 17 June: Drive to Valdez (6-7 Hours from Anchorage) (7-8 Hours from Fairbanks) Arrive Valdez before 6:30 PM for BBQ at Kelsey Plaza.

Saturday, 18 June: Breakfast – On our Own. Best Western has a Complimentary Breakfast.

9:30–12:30, Car Games at Kelsey Plaza

12:30–2:00 PM, BBQ & Valve Cover Races (Remember your Valve Cover Racer!!)

2:00–5:00 PM–Valdez Museum

6:30 – 9:00 PM, Awards Banquet Roma Restaurant (Best Western Hotel)

Sunday, 19 June: Breakfast–On your Own. Head back Home.

Call Scott Hulse for further information and to confirm your attendance.

Email: Hulse@alaska.net

Phone: 907-240-4028 (cell) or 907-349-8106



HARLEY DAVIDSON OUTPOST

5-19-2016

Photos by John McCarthy



A few phone calls from Charlie was all it took to get a crowd at the Harley dealer and mention on CHET-FM.....

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NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is the Second Thursday: **June 9th at the Lions Recreation Pavilion** off Danby Road. Meeting starts at 7:00pm—bring a pot luck salad or desert at 6pm for dinner before.

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



Cars 'N Coffee May 14, 2016

Photo by John McCarthy



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