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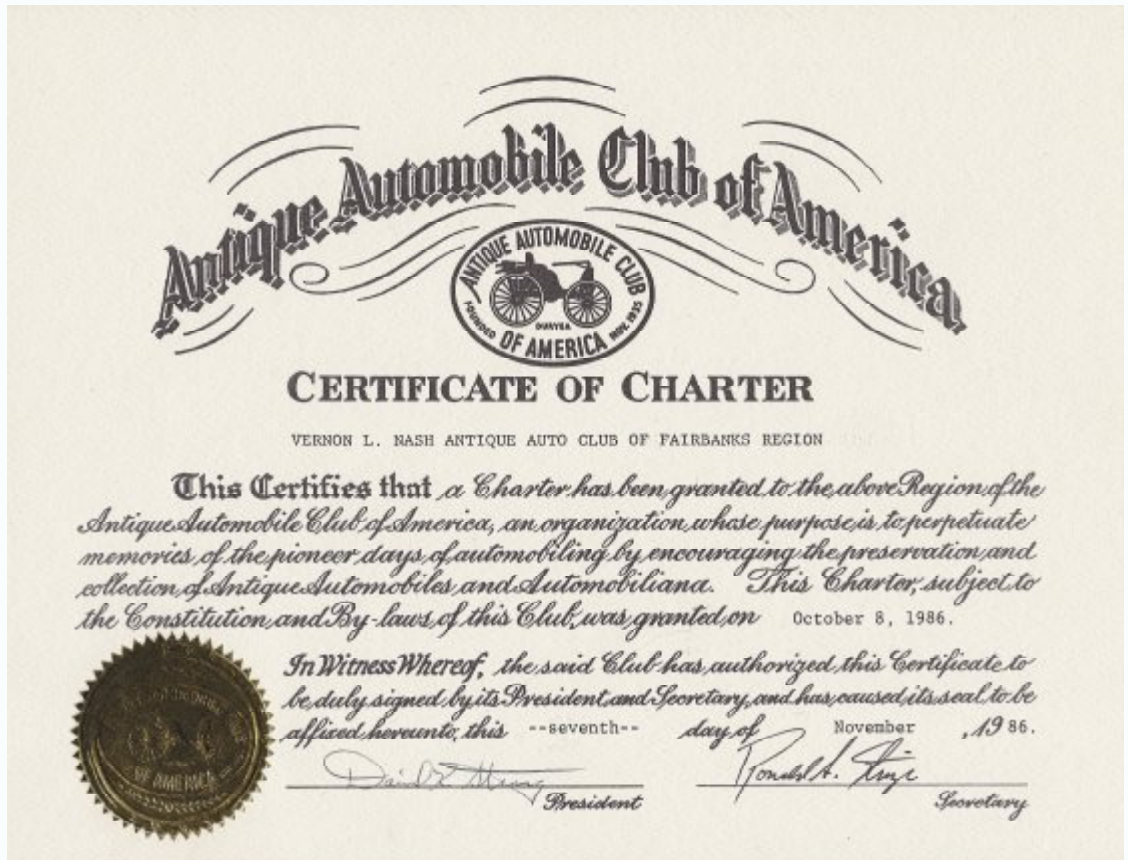
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# Nash's News —

*Antique auto news from Alaska's largest car club and most northern region of AACA*



## 30th Anniversary as a Region of AACA

The original charter for the club was from the Horseless Carriage Club of America, and the Fairbanks Regional Group of that organization was chartered in 1970, forty-five years ago. Charter member and then current board member, Vern Nash had passed away in September, 1986, and the board met shortly after to finalize the paperwork to join AACA. The new name in honor of Vern Nash was selected and added to the formal paperwork submitted by Ruth Hill. The October newsletter asks that the club **"honor his memory by trying to live up to the standards he set for helpfulness, cheerfulness, and participation in every club event"**. As with most meetings of the club, there was a program—at the October '86 meeting at Dredge #8, Roger Smith shared a lot of interesting info on the Mighty Rileys. The programs were regular; in August Bernie Saupe had given the presentation. Also that fall, a report on the Labor Day Parade was given by the chair of the event, Bill Chace.

It is incredible how much intelligence is used in this world to prove nonsense.



It was a beautiful fall day for the



## CHATANIKA ROADHOUSE RUN

On September 10th



It was a gorgeous fall day on September 10th—just a little crisp in the morning as the group gathered at the Great Harvest Bread Company for Cars'N Coffee, but warming into the 60's by the time we arrived at the Roadhouse for lunch. The Chatanika Roadhouse is owned by former club members Ronnie and Shirley Franklin, and they continue the long tradition of this September club outing as hosts at their establishment. Rochelle Larson was the PPR and arranged all the details, kept us organized, and managed the poker run on the drive out to Chatanika. There were 20 automobiles and 34 participants. Member Bill Fields now has made his move from Hazard, KY to Palmer, and joined us with his beautiful 1926 Franklin. Bill has been a member for several years now, but just made the permanent move to Alaska.



Members eat lunch at the Roadhouse, which Ronnie & Shirley Franklin keep decorated for Christmas all year long!

Poker run winners were Alea Casey (Robbie and Doris Casey's granddaughter), Scott Grundy, and Nee Nakprasit. Rochelle also gave out prizes for the first ace at each draw, so some members went home puzzled by the pieces of jigsaw they won.



Group gathers at Cars'NCoffee before setting out for Chatanika. In front is Ron Allen's Triumph; just behind is Bill Fields' 1926 Boattail Franklin Doctors' Coupe—out with VLNAACF for the first time.

*Our December meeting & party is early this year, Dec. 11th.*

*Joyce is working on a project for this meeting and needs your help.*

*She needs a picture of you as a child at Christmas time or with Santa.*

*Be sure to have your name and age on all pictures and give them to Paul or Joyce Tekin.*

*All pictures will be returned. Thank you for your help.*

*PS- Remember Santa is watching and making his list!*



Joyce Tekin  
Age 3



If the election were held today .... I'd be surprised -- It's not election day!



**SNEAK PEEK: 2017 Club Raffle Car. 1994 Ford Mustang GT Convertible, 5.0L V-8, Auto Trans. P/S, P/B, A/C, Power Top, Leather Interior. Tickets will be distributed to members at the Holiday Party to kick off sales.**

## Clear AFS Military Appreciation Day



On September 21, 2016, Will and Theresa Chase, Ross and Paula Beal, Don Oines, Ron Frey and John McCarthy displayed their cars at Clear AFS to celebrate Military Appreciation Day for the 69th anniversary of the US Air Force.



# October, 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p><i>Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events, notices, and articles to <a href="mailto:vlnaacf@gmail.com">vlnaacf@gmail.com</a></i></p>						1
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## Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- Tuesday, October 11th: **Board Meeting**, Sourdough Sam's 6:30pm.
- Thursday, October 13th: **Membership Meeting** - AK Buffet

## Antique Auto Mushers

- Wednesday, October 12th: **Membership Meeting**—Meet at Day Break Center at 6:30 pm.

## National AACA Events

- October 5th—8th: **Eastern Fall Meet (HERSHEY)** Join the group from Fairbanks on this annual pilgrimage this fall!
- November 5-11th: **Reliability Tour** (pre 1916) - Savannah Region
- February 9-11th: **AACA Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia



## Member Advertisements



1977 Ford Thunderbird-one owner, good condition, rebuilt engine and transmission. \$1200. Burnie Hall  
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## Member Advertisements

### WANTED

By Scott Grundy

In the process of trying to write a brief history of our club as an introduction to the Policy & Procedures Manual we're developing, I discovered much of our history is missing. **Please dust off any boxes/files of old club stuff you might have and turn them in to any club officer, director or Rick Larrick.**

If you haven't already done so, I suggest you check out our new website that was beautifully developed by our webmaster Michael Farrell at [fairbanksaaca.org](http://fairbanksaaca.org). Take a look at the archived newsletters, etcetera that Editor Larrick has posted. They date back to the birth of our club in 1971! Also note that many years are missing. Please turn in anything you might have so it can be properly stored and not lost. Let's preserve our "roots!"

More Member Ads on Pg. 7

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

Elections, Elections, Elections.... that is all you see right now on the news, the newspapers, the internet. But in all the noise surrounding the national elections, lets not forget our own VLNAACF elections coming up in November. Our nominations committee is working hard looking for folks to fill the empty slots that we will have in our Board of Directors this year. We really need folks to step up and say "yes" when the Nominations committee calls. Your active participation is what keeps our organization strong.

Speaking for myself, the President's position has really helped me to get to know so many of the members on a more personal basis. It has also helped me really appreciate all the hard work put into this club over the past 45 years by previous Officers and Directors to insure it runs smoothly with very little effort. Our By-Laws are solid, we will soon have a Policies and Procedures Manual that will give guidance and direction for events and meetings and we have a solid core of folks who are always ready and willing to help. The events we have available to participate in are fun, well thought out, and go a long way in perpetuating the old car preservation hobby. This month we celebrate our 30th Anniversary as an AACA Regional Club and I believe we have a lot to be proud of!

Your Prez, Wilma

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Thomas Smith
- 4 - Denise Lundquist
- 5 - David Karpik
- 6 - Tracy Brand
- 14 - Lori Hinchsliff
- 17 - Robbie Casey
- 19 - Deborah Rockney
- 22 - Valin Smyth
- 26 - Jim Pasek
- 27 - Joe Procell
- 29 - Gary Bodensadt

## SUNSHINE REPORT:

### Cards were sent to:

9/14/16 - sent a sympathy card to Doris Casey for the loss of her mother.

9/14/16 - sent Jim "Clutch" Lounsbury a get well card for surgery in October.

9/19/16 - sent Dan (and Ellie) Temple a sympathy card for the loss of his mother.

Ray update: Ray saw the doctor last week and reported slight pain in abdomen area which the doctor believed was a hernia. A CT scan was completed and Ray was told his pain is the cancer that has started growing in the bladder lining. So no chemo this week and he has an appointment in Anchorage on Monday for a PET Scan. Will let you know as things develop. Please keep him in your prayers.

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

e-mail: [tksplits@yahoo.com](mailto:tksplits@yahoo.com) . For a postal mail address contact Tracy or a Board member.

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Patricia & George Cromer, Jr.
- 5 - Nancy & Ron Allen
- 8 - Connie & Don Ronken
- 9 - Sue & Dan Schaaf
- 11 - Donna & Jerry Krier
- 17 - Melody & Samuel Simmons
- 31 - Terry & Eugene Reed

### Logo Decals and Magnets are Available:

We have purchased decals with our new logo to cover our old VLNAACF logo magnets that folks already own, or you can purchase a magnet with our new logo on it. These items are available at Larson's Locksmith. Magnetic car signs are \$18.00 a pair (or \$10.00 for one) and the decals are \$2.00 each.

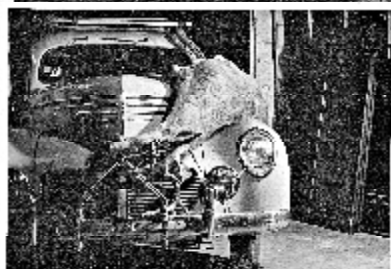


- Wilma Vinton

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 CLUB OFFICERS

The VLNAACF Nomination Committee is currently recruiting for all officer / director positions for 2017. If you are ambitious and interested in sharing new ideas and helping steer the direction of our club, please consider running for one of the club's officer or director positions. **Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the October meeting.**

Contact the Nomination Committee chair, John McCarthy, or Committee members Bret Helms or Scott Culbertson (or any board member) to submit your name. President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer positions are up for vote and are a one-year term. Two board member positions are up for vote and are a two-year term. Selection will be made by membership vote at the November membership meeting. New ideas and active participation in the club are vital to the club's success. Become a vigorous part of leading the club in a positive and dynamic direction. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated.



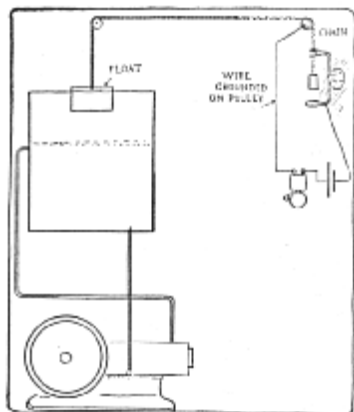
New 1940 Willys Model 440 Sedan has fender put to good use by Richard Bellows' father in bringing back this

13 point buck. The photo has a note that it was taken near the Wilson Fire Tower (WI).

## 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. 178)  
Motor water heating system with alarm

### USING MOTOR TO HEAT WATER

A stationary engine makes an excellent hot water heater, providing the cooling tank is not too large. There is only one objection and that is that in washing several cars, for example, the tank will be nearly emptied and the engine will overheat. To prevent this an automatic alarm may be installed with very little trouble. A float in the tank connects with a small metal weight by means of a light metal cable and two pulleys. At high and low positions in the tank this weight comes in contact with a metal bracket which completes a circuit and rings a bell. The wiring diagram is clearly indicated. The pulley over which the wire passes is electrically connected to the bell, which is connected to one side of a single dry cell. The other wire runs to the bracket.—Wm. Folberth, Folberth Auto Specialty Co., Cleveland, Ohio

## VLNAACF Membership Meeting Minutes September 8th, 2016 Location - AK Buffet



Pres. Wilma Vinton brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 40 members present.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THERESA CHASE AND SECONDED BY SCOTT GRUNDY TO APPROVE THE AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board of Directors minutes were read from the meeting on Sept. 6.

Treasurer's report was given by Ron Allen. MOTION WAS MADE BY CINDY HELMS AND SECONDED BY MIKE LECHORCHICK TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### EVENTS:

September 10th is the Chatanika Poker Run. We will leave after Cars & Coffee.

September 21 is Military Appreciation Day at Clear AFB from 3:00-7:30 p.m. They would like us to put on a car show if there is enough interest from members and it's all dependent on the weather. If interested - contact John McCarthy.

John McCarthy discussed having one last drive around on a Sunday with a picnic afterwards at the State Park on University Ave. This is if the weather permits.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting - We will need baby pictures of members and activities for the slide show.

Logo Merchandise - Wilma showed us car magnets with the new logo on them.

Club Photo - The pictures are available to look at tonight on Wilma's laptop.

Nominating Committee - We need members to come forward and run for positions on the board.

Raffle 2017 - John McCarthy has looked at a couple of cars, but nothing has clicked so far.

Policy & Procedure - The board will have a special work session to review the changes to the policy & procedures.

The Traveling Troll has re-appeared. She will be going to Austin, TX with Melinda Harris.

The total of the 50/50 was \$130, (I didn't hear who won. Can someone fill this in for me)

MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF CREAMER AND SECONDED BY BUB LARSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

- Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary



Right now I'm having amnesia and deja-vu at the same time – I think I've forgotten this before.



## EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

On page 8 is an article about how our travels and interests are influenced by what we watched on TV as a kid—to the extent it may have influenced our involvement in the old car hobby and it certainly influences our travels. On page 10 is an article by Scott Grundy about their travels and visiting the history of Pancho Villa and how the Mexican Border War was the first military use of automobiles. The combination of the two—the article about what we watched as a kid, and the one about Pancho, of course made me think about my TV hero, The Cisco Kid and his sidekick Pancho as played by Duncan Renaldo and Leo Carillo in the 1950–1956 series (which was the first TV series filmed in color!).

The world must have been smaller then, because as a Cub Scout, we had Duncan Renaldo (my hero The Cisco Kid) visit our Den meeting where I grew up in Cincinnati (he was a friend of our Den Mother, Mrs. Brown). In the photo is Duncan Renaldo signing my autograph book as The Cisco Kid (that's me in the fedora second from the left). Never did get to meet Pancho...

As this goes to print, Jill and I are off to Hershey, Cleveland, and a few places in between. I guess I need to write an article on The Crawford Museum or about Cleveland as the Motor City before Detroit was THE Motor City. Ron



100 years ago this month:

## Articles from the pages of the **Seattle Star:**

### LIQUOR, MEANT FOR USE HERE, PILING UP ON ALASKA DOCKS

Bootlegger whisky, valued at thousands of dollars, has been shipped to Alaska, altho it was purchased for distribution here, according to dry squad officers. It is still in warehouses and on the docks there—unclaimed. Liquor men in the North are alleged to be stealing all they need. The mixup has resulted from dry squad efforts to break up the game of bootleggers who order large quantities of whisky from California and have it addressed to some Alaska firm, in care of a Seattle transfer company. Bootleggers, of course, planned to take over the goods here and distribute them. But dry squad officers, dozens of times, have gotten track of the cars, and guarded them. "The men have stayed on the job until the liquor was put on a boat and started on the way to the Alaska consignee, which has often been fictitious," Sergt. Putnam says. The Jesse Moore Hunt company of San Francisco, which has supplied Seattle bootleggers with large amounts of liquor, recently sent a representative to Alaska to check up on the situation. They have lost a lot of money because the liquor was sent on North.

## Member Advertisements

As Michael presented at our September Membership Meeting:



"FOR SALE: Jumplight, the perfect gift for the Alaskan that has everything. White LEDs help find the outhouse. Red LEDs flash S.O.S. in Morse Code when lost in the wilderness. Kit contains all necessary plugins to charge a smartphone, PC computer or jump start a small (3L) engine. Fully charged in three hours, lasts three months. E-mail Michael Farrell at [mrfarrell2@alaska.edu](mailto:mrfarrell2@alaska.edu) or visit [www.jumplightusa.com](http://www.jumplightusa.com)"

## LETTERS (& emails):

I was interested to see the clipping from the Seattle Star Newspaper. in 1944 & 45 I delivered the Seattle Star Newspaper in Everett, Washington. My territory was the northern section of the town above Everett Avenue and east of Broadway. Although I did not know it at the time, as I look back, delivering the paper with the headlines announcing the end of WWII had to be an historic and proud event in my life. Of course the Star has long time since gone to bed. Gene Hansen  
Past President, VLNACC

Never buy a car you can't push.



## NATIONAL NEWS

This month from  
"The Rummage Box"

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As we go into the winter, many of our members travel. Like Myron Smith's article below, where we visit is often influenced by what we grew up watching on TV or by what our hobby interests are today. Since our members share a hobby interest in old cars, many of the travel experiences we have relate to our hobby.

Some members may not travel as much as others, and those that do are always looking for somewhere new to visit, please share your auto-related travels with our club members through sending pictures and writing an article for the newsletter. Over the years, we have many, and the first of this season is on page 10 about a very interesting, and car related stop the Grun- dy's made this past winter.  
- Rick Larrick



## TOURING

And a tribute to  
Martin Milner

By Myron Smith

Many of the television programs of the 50's and 60's were westerns. Drifters and cowboys were often the plot. Shows such as "have Gun Will Travel", "The Lone Ranger", and my favorite western "Cheyenne" are three examples. However, one of these drifter shows set in the current time of the '60's was "Route 66" which aired from 1960-1964. It starred Martin Milner and for most of the series George Maharis. Two guys and a new Corvette traveling across the country working odd jobs and usually finding a problem to fix or a damsel in distress. I do not know how much the show actually influenced my young mind, but I thought enough of the show to keep the TV Guide magazine which featured the duo on the cover for all these years. The show's allure for this youth had a lot going for it: seeing different parts of the country (even if it was in black and white) a Corvette, a Chevrolet sponsor for much of the series, and a snappy Nelson Riddle theme which I can still hear in my head. I even had a 1/25 scale luggage rack, suit case and bed roll on the back of my model Corvettes as I traveled in my make believe world around the living room floor.

What I remember of the writings about the show from when it was aired, the filming was a grueling process with most scenes being shot on location. I also recall that in reality, Milner traveled with his family in a station wagon while the show was being filmed with his wife and 5 children. Milner was the one who remained on the series for its entire duration. For a while after Maharis left, Milner traveled alone before Glen Corbett was added as a new traveling companion near the end of the series.

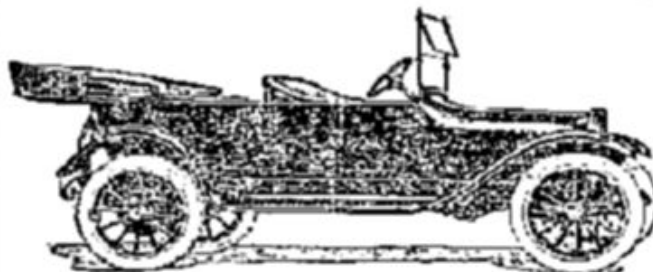
Although the show was called "route 66", the duo

were rarely on the US Highway 66. The highway, nicknamed 'the mother road' was the most direct route between Chicago and Los Angeles. It has been a famous road and one about which much lore still exists. Much of the road can no longer be found as it was replaced by Interstates. Tourists do travel as much as possible the original route just for nostalgia sake (where it can still be found). Many signs have been erected to advertise 'Historic Route 66'.

I noted with sadness last September the death of Milner, but was not aware that the show might have affected others in the same way until I read the excellent essay in "Hemmings Classic Car" by Jim Donnelly (December 2015). He also enjoys cars and traveling by car.

I wonder how many of us who 'tour' were influenced by this TV program and are now 'touring' in our antique vehicle - even if we don't have a Corvette.

Thank you Mr. Milner - A man I never met.



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# Most Improved Award 2016 30 Years Ago

It is that time of year when a very special committee in the club, made up of the past winners of the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club's Most Improved Vehicle Award, start to work to find a winner for 2016.

The award was started in 2005 by then Club President, Willy Vinton. When asked about his inspiration for starting the award, Willy said the goal with the award was to give folks an incentive to do some restoration work, to do more hands on, and to just generate more interest in the hobby.

In preparation for the second annual award, Ron Allen worked with Willy to formalize the eligibility and judging requirements. As a minimum for consideration, the car must be a classic or antique as permitted by the AACA for membership, it must become finished (or nearly finished) sometime in the current year (2016), and must have a significant amount of hand-on work done by the owner. Modifications from the original design for uniqueness or high performance should neither add nor deduct scoring points.

There are four Judging Criteria. Each carries approximately equal scoring weight in the collective judgment of the committee. The four criteria are:

- 1) The total improvement done to the vehicle from the time of the owner's start of restoration to the completion in 2016.
- 2) The amount of hands-on work performed by the owner.
- 3) The quality of the work done.
- 4) The reason for the owner's interest in the car, the associated story, history, or etc.

Nominations are open for cars and their owners eligible in 2016. Traditionally, the judging committee is chaired by the prior year's winner. Willy Vinton won in 2015 and is this year's chair. He will organize a judging team made up of several of the award's prior winners, and he will present the award at the annual Holiday Party and Annual Meeting on December 11th at the Westmark.

Willy and the award committee will be looking for the following information from club members who would like for their restoration work to be considered:

- 1) Year, make, and model of the car.
- 2) Before and after photos (the after photos are the most important for the judging).
- 3) A brief summary of the work done, approximately when the work was done, and what hands-on work was performed by the club-member owner. Unusual challenges, difficulties, and successes should be mentioned.
- 4) Human interest information about the car—Why or how the owner obtained it, the history of the car or history of the owner with the car, etc.

This material can be e-mailed to Willy or one of the judges, mailed, or hand delivered at one of the club meetings. Once the award committee has several nominations,

#### Past Winners:

Ron Allen (2005)	Marvin Wright (2011)
Kirk Larson (2006)	Charlie Jurgens (2012)
Dave Rockney (2007)	Nathan Helms (2013)
Ed McLaughlin (2008)	Mark Crook (2014)
Bret Helms (2009)	Willy Vinton (2015)
Don Oines (2010)	



On Sunday afternoon, September 21, 1986, club members assembled at the Goldstream Theater parking lot at noon for the start of a Progressive Dinner. They drove to Le-near's for hors d'oeuvres, then to Chace's for salad, Sid-ers' for dinner and Jeglum's for desert.

Greg Martin has completed the 2016 Club photos. There are several options for purchase (see at: <http://fairbanksaaca.org/club-photos/>)



10x30- \$55.00  
(as above)

5x7- \$10.00

8x10- \$20.00

16x20- \$40.00



Photo #1  
with people



Photo #2  
without people

You can place an order for the photo and size you want by sending the following information to Rochelle. Payment must be received before the order can be sent in. You can drop payment off at Larson's Locksmith or send a check to the club address (P.O. Box 71253, Fairbanks, AK 99707-1253).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## *AUTO TOURISM: Grundy Visit to Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus, NM*

- Scott Grundy

The Grundys keep a motorhome stored anywhere AK Airlines flies in the tiny contiguous states of the lower 48. During our excursion last spring we encountered a very unique state historic & RV park in Columbus, NM. We were vaguely aware that the notorious Francisco "Pancho" Villa conducted a raid on this tiny border town and this was the first invasion of U.S. soil since the war of 1812, but our tour of this park's museum sure expanded our knowledge. (First some history & then I'll address the vehicles on display.)

Villa was leading a revolution in Mexico and was in desperate need of supplies. His spies greatly underestimated the strength of the U.S. Army garrison stationed in Columbus by a factor of ten! The military weapons, ammunition, horses and other supplies appeared to be easy pickings. Another major target in the raid was Sam Ravel's general store because Ravel may have been guilty of a shady deal with Villa. The theory is Ravel may have sold ammunition to Villa and also to his adversary, but the cartridges provided to Villa were deliberately underpowered which led to Villa losing over 3,000 troops. In the middle of the night on March 9, 1916, 485 Villa troops attacked the town. The gunfire and burning buildings alerted the U.S. 13th Cavalry and they sprang into action. The U.S. soldiers numbered 350 not 30-35 and their Benet-Mercie machine guns and Springfield rifles produced a hail of bullets that were disastrous to Villa's troops; Villa lost at least 70-75 men (90 on one account). Fortunately, Villa's men were not interested in killing civilians so the death toll was minimal; however, ten



Generals Alvaro Obregon (L), Pancho Villa (C), and John J. "Black Jack" Pershing ®  
in El Paso, TX on August 27, 1914



*Curtis JN-3; Four Wheel Drive brand truck; very nice Dodge Brothers Tour car in the background.*



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civilians & eight soldiers lost their lives and eight others were injured.

After the raid on Columbus, America was outraged and President Woodrow Wilson ordered General John "Black Jack" Pershing to enter Mexico and capture Villa. This eleven month "Punitive Expedition" involved 10,000 American troops that penetrated 500 miles into Mexico. Villa was never captured but his forces were dispersed. This was the last true mounted cavalry action and the first U.S. military action to employ "newfangled machines" (automobiles, trucks and airplanes). Mexico's refusal to allow use of their railroads to supply our army turned out to be a blessing in disguise as the army was forced to use untried vehicles. A Four Wheel Drive brand truck, Dodge Brothers touring cars (one with several bullet holes incurred by a family successfully fleeing the raid), a Curtiss JN-3 bi-wing aircraft and much more is on display in the museum. Incredibly, the first U.S. airbase was established here in tiny Columbus, NM!

Interestingly, it was young Lieutenant George S. Patton who advocated the use of Dodge Brothers touring cars to supplant horses. Following a successful raid Patton said, "We couldn't have done it with horses. The motor car is the modern war horse." General Pershing followed up by ordering 250 cars and ordered his staff to utilize them exclusively. Also on display at the park is Armored Car No. 1 designed to carry personnel and was equipped with .30 caliber machine guns. A primitive and nasty-looking vehicle that I was amused to see was mounted on a Jeffry Quad truck frame. This armored vehicle was employed along the border but was never reported to have seen military action. (Sure differs in appearance from the Jeffry Quad we know in Eagle, Alaska.)

The 7,000 square foot museum in the park is unique and very informative. I was amazed to see that Pancho Villa was a frequent guest of local politicians and a close friend of Deputy Sheriff Jack Bean who was 31 at the time of the raid. Bean swore Villa did

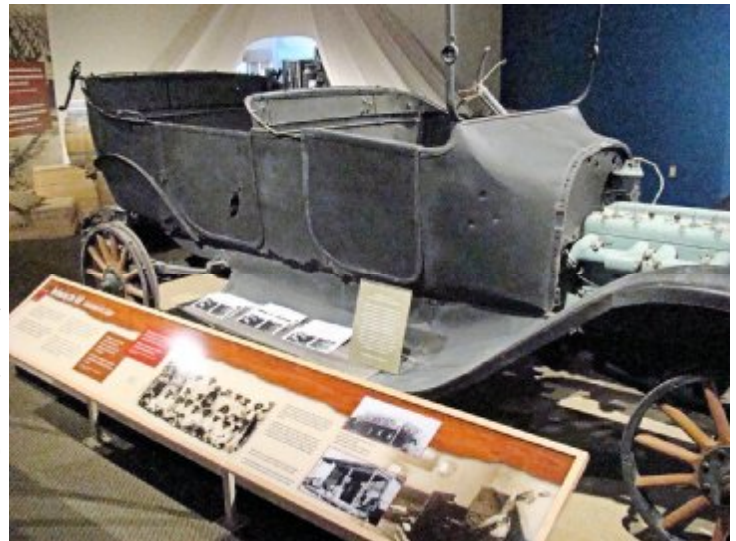


Four Wheel Drive brand truck  
made in Clintonville, Wisconsin



1915 Jeffry Quad truck armored with steel from the Bethlehem Corp. at the Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois. Had two manually operated turrets.

not participate in the raid and may not have even known about the planned raid. At age 74, Bean instigated a bill in the 1959 state legislature to name the park after Villa. The legislation passed without dissension and became the only park in the U.S. named after a foreign invader. Looking at reviews on Trip Advisor, the namesake of the park is controversial due to the loss of 18 American lives, but the park's name sure caught our interest while thawing out in southern NM! Plus, I learned Villa's nickname wasn't spelled "PONCHO!"



1915 Dodge Bros. Touring Car sprayed with bullet holes as Archibald Frost fled with wife and baby. All survived but Mr. Frost was hit twice & carried a bullet to his grave.

## CONTACTS:

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### NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is the Second Thursday: **October 13th. Meeting is at the AK Buffet**  
Meeting starts at 7:00pm; dinner before.

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



*Rick Larrick & John McDonald got it right on IDYSD*



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