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Nash's News —

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



Mike Lecorchick

Was elected as our new club President at the November Membership Meeting.

He joins:

Wilma Vinton, Treasurer.

Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary,

and retained Directors:

John McCarthy,

Paul Tekin, and

Scott Culbertson

(Vice-President is still vacant)



Also elected as new Directors for 2 year terms were:

Melinda Harris

and

Bob Miller



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Christmas morning fun is sitting in front of a dead tree eating candy out of your sock.



Raffle tickets will be distributed to members at the Holiday Party / Annual Meeting for each of us to sell on the Mustang to be given away next Golden Days. The picture above is a brand new 1938 Buick won by Richard Bellows' uncle Clayton that year. He refused to drive it because it was a General Motors car, and he only drove Studebakers.

A.B.D.T. 2017

ITINERARY

Sat., July 8: Drive from Fairbanks to Wiseman (~275 miles).

Sun., July 9:

Option one: Drive thru Atigun Pass to Galbraith Lake & return to Wiseman (~ 86 miles one way) (~ 172 miles round-trip).

Option two: Those who wish may continue on to Deadhorse and stay overnight in Deadhorse. (It's 240 miles from Coldfoot to Deadhorse. Extra gas will have to be carried. Extra mounted tires are desirable too as this is usually the roughest segment of the highway.)

Mon. July 10:

The Galbraith Lake option one group will tour the Wiseman historic sites and possibly drive the limited mining roads to Nolan, etc. in the area.

The Deadhorse option two gang will tour Prudhoe Bay in the morning & return to Wiseman later that afternoon.

Tue., July 11: Drive from Wiseman to Manley Hot Springs, soak in a hot tub & stay overnight (~270 miles). (**Or**, return to Fairbanks if you wish. (~275 miles)

Wed., July 12: Tour the MHS area in the morning and depart that afternoon for Fairbanks (~162 miles).

Email Scott Grundy at sgrundy55ply@gmail.com



NATIONAL NEWS

This month a news release from the museum

New Leader at the Wheel



Hershey, PA (November 18, 2016) **Jeffrey E. Blie-meister has been named the new Executive Director of The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Museum in Hershey, PA.** He was selected for this position by the **AACA Museum** Board Search Committee following an extensive search.

Jeff is no stranger to the **AACA Museum** as he was part of the staff here who opened the Museum as its Curator. Jeff was the Curator here at the **AACA Museum** from February 2003 through November 2011. Jeff has a Master of Arts in Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program co-sponsored by the State University of New York and the New York State Historical Association. He also has a Bachelor of Arts in history with a minor in Political Science and concentration in Anthropology from the State University of New York.

Jeff will be returning to the **AACA Museum** from his current role as the Site Administrator for the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania located in Strasburg, PA. Jeff has a strong background of prior work experience in a variety of other Museum settings including: Site Administrator for the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum in Potter County, PA; Curator for the Renfrew Museum and Park in Waynesboro, PA and Director of Hyde Hall in Springfield, NY, and a Curatorial Consultant for the National Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, NY.

"On behalf of the **AACA Museum** Board of Directors, we're extremely happy to welcome Jeff back to the **AACA Museum**" stated **Henry W. "Hank" Hallowell, III**, President of the **AACA Museum Board** of Directors. "Jeff's prior affiliation with the **AACA Museum**, his relationships in the automotive hobby, along with his years of experience in the Museum field make him the perfect candidate to step into this role."

Jeff currently resides in Palmyra, Pennsylvania with his wife Jennifer who is a nurse at the Penn Station Milton S. Hershey Medical Center along with his two children Max and Emily who are currently pursuing college studies. Jeff will officially begin as Executive Director at the AACA Museum on December 12, 2016.

Twenty Feet Can Be Enough

- Humor by John Binder

I've finally reached the age I am no longer embarrassed to admit it: I'm a twenty footer and I'll always be a twenty footer. Most of us can't afford a Hollywood face lift and the removal of dents or wrinkles, the professional paint, or muscle building, and augmentation is beyond our means. I have to confront the truth. I won't ever look like I did when I was new. I need to quit pretending I'll be anything more than I am now and admit I will probably get worse. Don't get me wrong. I'm not jealous. I love ogling those perfect restorations. Especially a nice set of headlights ringed with flawless chrome bezels or a pert rear bumper. The pornographic curves and lines of the 1930s, or a '60 Porsche grill bursting out of its bra really get my motor running. But that will never be me. I just need to face the facts. I used to spend my time day dreaming about removing the decay and getting my grill straightened. A nice smile that can get you noticed. Alas, no money for my smile. I would pour over paint chip samples imagining a new coat of Cherokee Red or Rose Mist. Hell, while I'm at it, why not a two tone of Desert Sand and Pearl white? A good body doctor can make the years melt away. Restoration and reconstruction alterations would improve my appearance and boost my self-esteem. I could see myself strutting the strip in my new wide whites with chrome spinner hubcaps...oh...man. I'd be so shiny everyone would don sunglasses to view my paint and gleaming chrome. But time passes and life moves us in directions far away from our dreams. Delusions of becoming an Indy pace car, cruising Sunset Strip with a blonde starlet behind my wheel, or perfect body, paint, chrome, and interior fade to black as I age beyond my intended lifespan. Unless they were lucky, others of my ilk have already been abandoned, forgotten, left to rot or crushed into toasters. I still endure. Dented bumpers, rusty fenders, faded paint with dull pitted stainless. Living life only a breakdown away from the barn or hay field. It's sad, I know, for most of us are destined to the same fate. I don't despair though because when the sun shines bright and I can get my motor to turn over and life roars inside me, I get to thunder down the road one more time. I'll flash by you and you only get a quick glimpse and say, "Did you see that? Cool!" and for a moment we can share the dreams I used to have and can imagine what could have been. As I pass, please visualize with me the flawless ride, of attention, admiration, perfection...just don't come any closer than twenty feet.

Earl S.



December, 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

4	5	6 Board Meeting Sam's Sourdough	7	8	9	10
11 HOLIDAY PARTY, Westmark 4pm Social / 5pm Dinner / 6pm Program	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- Tuesday, December 6th : **Board Meeting**, Sourdough Sam's 6:30pm.
- Sunday, December 11th: **Annual Meeting / Holiday Party** at the Westmark (must have reservation)

Antique Auto Mushers

- Saturday, Dec.10th : **Holiday Party**
- Wednesday, Jan 11th: **Installation of Officers**, Daybreak Center, Anchorage.

National AACA Events

- February 9-11th: **AACA Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia



Member Advertisements

FOR SALE: 1986 AMC Eagle wagon (4-door). One owner, low mileage (88,000). 2 & 4 Wheel Drive (lever on dash). Always Garaged - have all records since bought new. Is winterized (have both winter and summer tires on rims). Tan paint. \$4000. Call or email member Brent Levalley for information on how to contact Joe about this car. Brent's cell is 590-7362 / home phone is 389-2194.

Member Advertisements



"Car Wash Hose Nozzle with Detachable Shutoff Valve. Perfect for Main-



taining That Antique Auto Shine or Just Around the House. Contact Michael Farrell mrffarrell2@alaska.edu for one (1) FREE sample!"

WANTED: Used Oil. Marlin Pruett wants your used motor oil. Give him a call to arrange it. 322-0674

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

As I prepare to write the last "President's Headlights" I will submit, I would like to express my great appreciation for the members of the Board, past and present,

for their strong support and help these past two years. They made the job an easy & pleasant one. I would especially like to thank John McCarthy, Past President and a great support to a new president that had no personal experience with the workings of the VLNAACF Board when I took office. He has always been there to offer a helping hand and his advice was and still is, always welcome and appreciated. He was instrumental in keeping me on track and ensuring that I did not inadvertently forget an important piece of business due to my lack of experience.

A big THANK YOU goes to our out-going Vice-President Bret Helms and Treasurer, Ron Allen. Bret willingly took on the task of orchestrating the review and updating of the By-laws and Articles of Incorporation and was always there to fill in when I had to be out of town. Ron worked diligently to ensure we met the requirements placed upon us by our 501 c (7) status and kept us well informed of our financial position. He and Bret will be sorely missed on the Board as they step down to take a little time for themselves and their wives in a sunnier place than Fairbanks during the winter months.

There are two other members of the club that, through their efforts, play a major role in keeping our organization moving forward and are valuable assets to the Board. Rochelle Larson, the Membership chair, Activities Coordinator, and willing repository of all raffle tickets, logo clothing, etc. for the club. She wears many hats and is greatly appreciated for her dedication. Rick Larrick, our Newsletter Editor, puts extraordinary effort into the publication of our Newsletter and was a wealth of historical knowledge for a new, green President.

I honestly can't say enough about the Board and support members that I had the pleasure of working with. And, I look forward to building the same rapport with the new President, Mike Lecorchick, and Directors Melinda Harris and Bob Miller; as well as our returning members, Secretary Donna Wojciechowski, and Directors Paul Tekin, & Scott Culbertson. We still have several projects I would like to see completed, including the Policy and Procedure manual that Scott Grundy, a previous Secretary, worked so very hard on. His tireless efforts will soon bear fruit in the form of a working document that will make the job of future Board Members significantly easier. During the year, please take the time to thank these folks for their dedication to, and hard work for our club.

And Thank You members, for believing in me and allowing me to step into the Treasurer's position. I have some mighty big shoes to fill and will do my best to measure up to the high bar set by Ron over the past several years.

Have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, and may the new year bring you lots of happiness, good fortune and fair weather to drive our beloved old cars in.

Wilma, your lame-duck Prez.

December BIRTHDAYS

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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Cards were sent to:

On 11/21/16 we sent a sympathy card to "Clutch" James Lounsbury for the passing of his brother, Dr. John Lounsbury.

Update on Ray:

We went to Seattle last week to see a colon/urology specialist at the Virginia Mason Hospital. They did two procedures on Ray and found a fistula where in Rays case his colon and bladder have grown together and have been causing Ray trouble. He has a small hole in his bladder to his colon and found that the cancer in his colon has become resistant to the current chemo even though the liver has almost been completely healed from the cancer that was occupying it. So in order to fix this he has a catheter to drain the bladder to help ease the pressure and hopefully along with added chemo, control the colon cancer that has become resistant to the current chemo. They are hoping that this will get the inflammation under control to help with his quality of life.

Again we would like to thank everyone for all their support and Prayers!

Tracy McLeod, Sunshine Committee

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e-mail: tksplits@yahoo.com . For a postal mail address contact Tracy or a Board member.*



MIKE LECORCHICK
—PRESIDENT

Since Mike's retirement, you can frequently find him working as a docent at the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum. Mike joined the club in 2014 because he says it gives him a chance to be with people who share a common interest, which is a love of old cars.

Mike's favorite antique car that he has owned, and still owns, is his 1935 Chevy Standard Sedan. Mike says he likes the look of it and enjoys driving it. He thinks of it as a typical family car of that time.

Mike's first antique vehicle just grew that way as he owned it since 1982. It was the 1978 GMC 3/4 Ton Truck that was featured in last month's Nash's News (November "When They Were New"). The second is a 1937 Ford Truck that he bought from Willy Vinton a few years ago-- to quote Mike, "It was a basket case project that I have been...and still am...working on and hope to one day soon have on the road!"

Mike says that since he is new member, somewhat "wrangled" into being President, he is looking for strong participation and guidance to keep the club active and growing. The membership

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MELINDA HARRIS - DIRECTOR

Hello, I'm VLNAACF director-elect, Melinda Harris.

I'm pleased to join our club's Board of Directors and excited about the coming year, especially the Board's improvements to our annual Car Show at the Carlson Center. It's a benefit of membership to create events that invite friends, neighbors and visitors to share our interest in antique cars and pickups, plus tractors, motorcycles and other vintage vehicles that our members collect, preserve, appreciate and operate.

The membership can count on me to contribute to club leadership by my personal interest in maintaining our mechanical treasures. I want to rebuild the little 4-cylinder engine of my '64 Sunbeam Alpine IV, so I'll be keen to help arrange more technical presentations at our club meetings and demonstrations in conjunction with our garage tours.

I grew up near Los Angeles, CA and car culture was part of the landscape of my earliest memories. My first antique car interest was the fabulous vintage Grand Prix racer of the British movie "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang". I was seven years old when my family enjoyed this musical adventure fantasy and we

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BOB MILLER - DIRECTOR

Retired, Bob says; "my day job is hanging out at the Fountainhead Museum and 'irritating' the tourists. It's all fun! The rest of the time I live the life of a cat...keep warm, take naps, and watch birds out the window."

Bob's first antique car is the '27 Chevy 1 ton he is working on, and showed the first time at last year's Carlson Show. He saw it in a advertising rag in Idaho and went to see it. Bob says "It was already too late—I was already in love." He had it shipped to Fairbanks. He got it running with much help, advice, and moral support from club members and the "pit crew" at the museum. It is still a work in progress.

Bob fondly remembers his 1950 Plymouth, and it would certainly qualify as his "favorite antique" - except it wasn't antique age when he owned it as his first car.

Bob's work at the museum, his long time love of old cars, and the purchase of the '27, led him to join the club in 2013. While he says he will have to learn the "behind the scenes" works of the Board of Directors, he hopes to help out by finding guest speakers to spice up the meetings and entice more members to attend. Bob has suggested perhaps holding a winter meeting in Tucson so more members could attend.

I bought my kids a pack of batteries for Christmas with a note saying: "Toys not included".

Merchandise

All items will have the new VLNAACF logo on the left pocket except for the sweatshirt, which will have the logo on the full front of the shirt. We will soon have available a large logo patch for the back of the current red VLNAACF jackets that can also be put on the new vests and jackets, if you so desire. Order forms are available at Larson's Locksmith or you can order by sending an email to Rochelle Larson at: rochelle1987@hotmail.com. Samples of the clothing will be available for trying on at the December Annual Meeting on the 11th.



(Mike Lecorchick: Continued from page 6)

can count on his contributions to the club. His past experience as an officer in other professional and non-profit organizations in the past will aid him in guiding and leading the Vernon Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks.

(Melinda Harris: Continued from page 6)

loved the character qualities of that automobile.

In May 1987, after months of searching the local ads, I found and bought my 1976 Toyota FJ55. That's the wagon-style Land Cruiser, produced before the term "SUV" was coined. With that rig I moved to Albuquerque, NM and finished a BFA degree in studio art. There were many great road trips in the desert Southwest and Rocky Mountains. Then in 1996 we drove the Alcan to Alaska. She's my favorite "antique" of nearly 30 years.

I joined the Vernon L Nash Antique Auto Club in May 2014, along with my partner Ralph Glasgow. I now had my English roadster for summer runarounds and Ralph wanted to join in on his 1972 BMW R50/5 "airhead" bike. Keeping old cars (and motorcycles) is a labor of love that's also a lot fun to share.



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



Ball Cap
Velcro Back
\$10.00 each

Jacket in Men's Sizes

S-XL: \$55.00
2XL: \$57.50
3XL: \$60.00
4XL: \$62.50



Polo Shirt

Grey - Available in Men & Women's
SM - XL - \$20.00
2XL - \$22.00



Vest

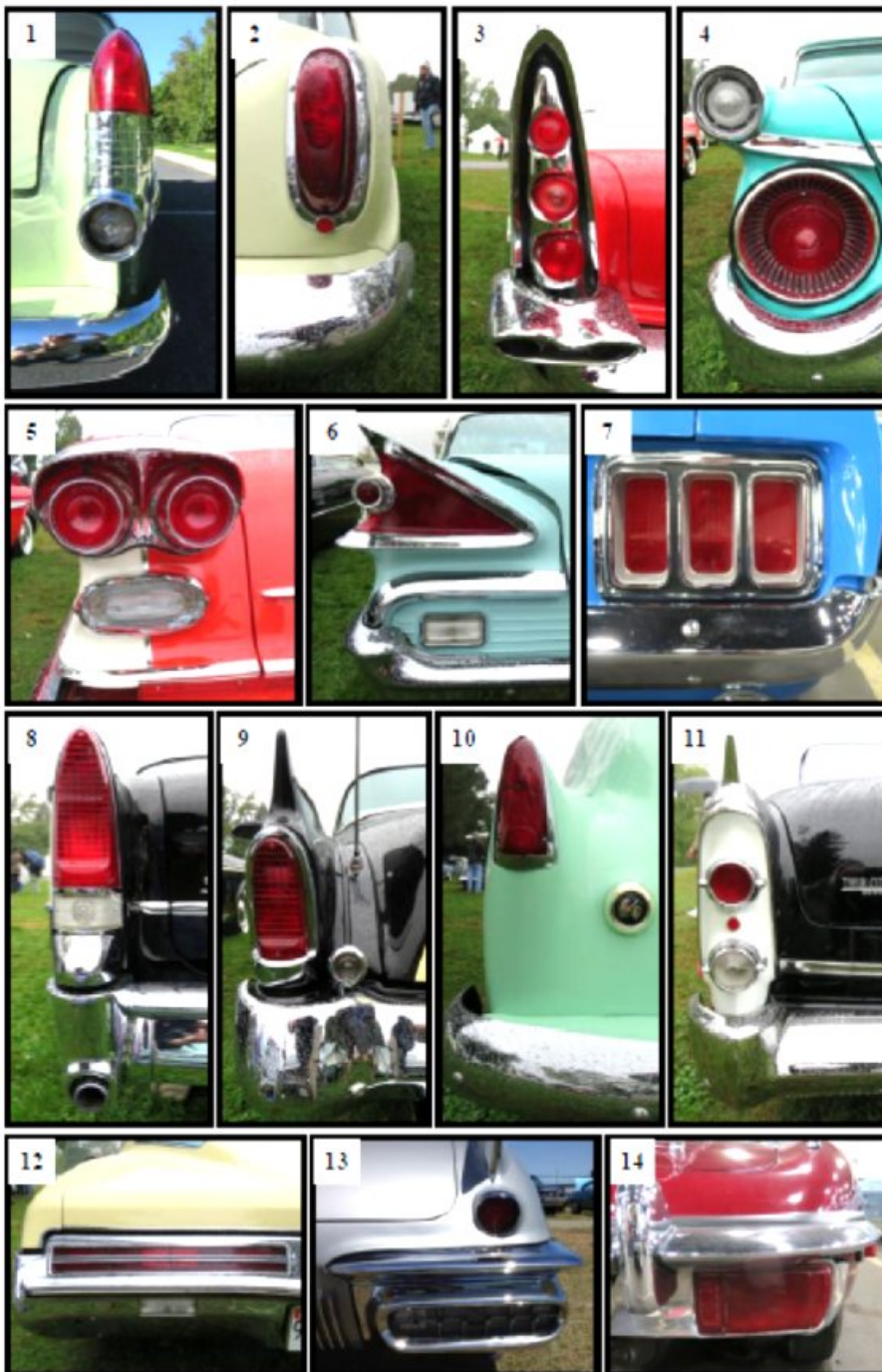
Available in Grey or Black.
Available in Women's and Men's.
\$ 55.00

It is the time for Santa and all his little helpers—the subordinate clauses.

Name That Car!

Game and photos by Mark McAlpine

Identify the year, make, and model of the automobiles below with your only clues being their taillights. (The answers are at the bottom of the page.)



The "Name That Car!" article on this page was photographed and put together by Mark McAlpine, who for a number of years has been the editor of "The Mudflap" - the monthly newsletter of the Tidewater Region of AACA in Virginia. He does a great job on their newsletter and it is one of those which I look forward to each month. Mark has done these photo quizzes several times over the past few years, taking all the photos himself, and keeping good notes for the answers.

As many of you know, we exchange the monthly issues of "Nash's News" with a list of other AACA newsletter editors. We share the newsletters as an "idea exchange" in an effort by each of us to continue to improve the newsletter we each do for our local regions. Many thanks to Mark for his great job editing "The Mudflap" and particularly for sharing the "Name That Car!" photos and quiz with us this month.

- Rick Larrick, Editor

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. 222)

Stick for locating motor knocks

Frequently a motor will develop a knock that is not particularly distinct, but that is very desirable to correct. The sound may be intensified and its location rendered less difficult by the use of a slender pine rod, as shown in the illustration. One end of the stick is placed on the motor as near as possible to the point whence the knock is suspected to proceed, and one finger laid over the top of the stick and the ear applied to the finger. The closer the stick is held to the source of the noise the louder the sound will seem.—G. H. Eckstein, Tacoma Auto Service Col, Cleveland, Ohio

ANSWERS: 1) 1955 Willys Bermuda; 2) 1951 Studebaker Commander; 3) 1958 DeSoto Firestone; 4) 1959 Ford Galaxie Club Victoria; 5) 1958 Pontiac Bonneville; 6) 1956 Mercury Monterey; 7) 1970 Ford Mustang Boss 429; 8) 1956 Studebaker President Classic; 9) 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk; 10) 1953 Henry J Corsair; 11) 1955 Dodge Royal Lancer; 12) 1973 Buick Riviera; 13) 1958 Cadillac Eldorado; and 14) 1971 Jaguar E-type Series II

People who are afraid of Santa are claustrophobic.

Trabants!

Sunday November 5, 2016, Washington D.C.

Walking near D.C.'s Chinatown, I spied an interesting-looking little car of unknown make being loaded up on a transport trailer. I stopped to converse with the owners. They were delighted to clue me in that their spotless Tiffany-blue treasure was a 1964 East German Trabant. These enthusiasts from Michigan were among about 20 owners who had made the journey to Washington's International Spy Museum for the Tenth Annual Parade of Trabants.

Mingling among the fans and the Trabants was Anne Slafer, Director of Exhibitions and Programs for the International Spy Museum. She explained the D.C. Spy Museum created this event ten years ago, bringing together a unique group of car enthusiasts who meet up not only to show their relics of middle class living in communist East Germany but to celebrate the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989.

Anne pointed out enthusiast Mike Annen, and identified him as a kind of kingpin in the world of Trabant ownership. Mike's collection of Trabants has been written about in publications as diverse as the Wall Street Journal and Ukraine Today. With longish hair, full beard and obvious enthusiasm for unique old cars, the Maryland resident could have easily hailed from our own car club in Fairbanks.

My only regret, discovering the tail end of the Parade of Trabants, was I hadn't time to go fetch Trollella and get her in one of the photos. She was back at the Hostel, resting after a wild Saturday night on Pennsylvania Avenue.

-- Melinda L. Harris

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EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

Glad to see the "new blood" on the board—that old stuff was getting brown and crusty... Not really - in fact the club owes a big thank-you to the outgoing board members for a lot of hard work - not only on the fun stuff that we see and participate in, but on some difficult issues like bylaws, the IRS non-profit guidelines, policy and procedures, etc.—that stuff that most club members don't see, but all benefit from.

Also glad to see "new blood" because it seems that we are getting into a bit of a comfortable rut with our activities and routine. While many of us do take comfort in the expected and the known, the club will only grow if we expand our horizons and our activities - maybe keeping the best of the traditional, but certainly adding much that is new.

The board has worked hard on a policies and procedures manual the last couple of years and it should be finished and published soon. Hopefully, it gives some comfort and support to new leadership and to event PPRs by showing how things were done in the past, with careful reminders of things to be done and pitfalls to avoid. But also my hope is that it does not bind or constrict and is only a document showing a past that can be built on to make a better future.

- Rick

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

President Wilma Vinton brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 34 members present. MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL LARRICK AND SECONDED BY PAUL TEKIN TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Treasurer's report was given by Wilma Vinton.

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson reported that we have 238 members. 46 singles and 96 joint.
Old Business:

Paul Tekin gave us an update on the Annual Meeting and Christmas Party.

Garage Tours - John McCarthy gave us an update and told us the garage tours will start up again in January and go through at least March.

Nominations Committee - NOMINATION WAS MADE BY WILLY VINTON TO ADD MIKE LECHORCHICK TO THE PRESIDENTS POSITION. MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK LARRICK AND SECONDED BY WILLY VINTON TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF CREAMER AND SECONDED BY MIKE LE-

CHORCHIK TO ACCEPT THE SLATE AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Final slate of Officer and Directors: President - Mike Lechorchik, Vice President - None, Secretary - Donna Wojciechowski, Treasurer - Wilma Vinton, Directors - Bob Miller and Melinda Harris.

Logo Merchandise - Wilma gave us an update and Karen Lane was available to answer any questions the members had. There were samples to look at.

Raffle Car Update - John McCarthy gave us an update. Tickets will be available at our Christmas Party.

Charity Donations - MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK LARRICK AND SECONDED BY JERRY KRIER TO ACCEPT FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HOSPICE SERVICES AS OUR CHARITY DONATION. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Wilma asked for ideas for guest speakers at the meetings this winter.

Our next membership meeting will be on December 11 at the Westmark.

The traveling troll just got back from a trip to Texas and Washington DC. The Tekins will be taking her on her next trip.

50/50 - The total for the 50/50 was \$155 and the lucky winner was Nee Nakprasit.

MOTION WAS MADE BY WILL CHASE AND SECONDED BY WILMA VINTON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:45 p.m.

We had grandma for Christmas dinner this year; usually we have turkey.



30 Years Ago

Left: Club Christmas Party 1986: Gary and Shirley Nash, Chairperson Marti Bradley, Jerry and Donna Krier

VERNON L. NASH ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB OF FAIRBANKS

TREADS ON THE TUNDRA

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Dec 1, 1986

Our new National affiliation is complete. We even have a certification to prove it!! A the last meeting (held in the new and vastly improved Meyer residence many thanks Ken and Bev) we got our new Regional ByLaws approved, and they are speeding on their way to Hershey.

For those who do not yet have the word, and would like it -- read on. I have all the info on our insurance (seem like we are covered for about any CLUB activity except what we might charge for - - - sooo, only accept donations (no harm in telling people a suggested amount). I also have the bylaws and constitution of National, as well as a policy manual, list of available films (we'll try one for an upcoming meeting), membership applications, and perhaps most of interest, library research request forms. See me if interested.

Now, on to the important stuff. It is party time, and Marti Bradley was gracious and quick to volunteer to chair our annual Christmas bash. To her, we owe a big "THANKS MARTI". In case you missed it (how could you), see the flyer enclosed for all the details. One thing in addition, as in the past, bring a gift for our brawl / exchange—do not exceed \$10 - - boy bring boy kinda gift, girl bring girly type - - ok?? Dinner will be served, and it promises to be a good one from the reports.

Read all past newsletters on the club website under "newsletters / archived"

2016 HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE

If you wish to participate in the "Chinese Auction" type White Elephant Gift Exchange at the Holiday Party Dinner, don't forget to bring a gift.



One gift per person participating—can be marked for "Man" "Woman" or be non- gender. Cost should be about \$20. Bring a gift and then choose a gift (and try and keep it).



One of Santa's helpers couldn't get in the spirit—he had low elf esteem.

100 years ago this month:

Articles from the pages of the **Tacoma Times**:

Writing on the Wall

Twenty-three states and the territory of Alaska are now "dry." In Utah and Florida, in addition, state legislatures have been elected favorable to prohibition and pledged to statutory action barring the liquor traffic. Thus more than one-half of the states in the union have, or will soon have, state wide prohibition.

In several states now dry, propositions were presented to the voters intended to check the dry movements. In every case they were defeated. Even in California, where the great grape industry was held, by many voters otherwise inclined to prohibition, to be imperiled by prohibition, the vote was close.

MORE ORE FOR SMELTER

Development of extensive mining properties in Alaska by the Josevig-Kennecott Co., a brand new \$2,500,000 corporation, will be followed immediately by huge shipments of Alaska copper ore to the Tacoma smelter, it was learned today.

The company has just purchased vast properties in southwestern Alaska a short distance from the Big Bonanza and Jumbo mines at the terminus of the Copper River & Northwestern railroad, controlled by the Guggenheim syndicate.

ALASKA R. R. JOB DELAYED

(United Press Lensed Wire.)

SEWARD, Alaska, Nov. 28.—Delays in construction will prevent the completion of the government railroad between Seward and Fairbanks before 1920 or 1921, instead of 1918, as contemplated, Capt. Frederick Mears of the Alaska railway commission said here today before departing for Washington, D. C., where he will make his report.

Rough weather and delays in obtaining supplies are responsible for the delay, Mears said.

BOOK REPORT: Automobile Manufacturers of Cleveland and Ohio 1864-1942

Jill and I were both born and raised in Ohio, and our oldest son and his family now live in Cleveland. Last month, I reported on our visit to the museum there. I am a member of the Society of Automobile Historians, and when at Hershey, I visited their booth and saw this book. I ordered it when I returned to Fairbanks.

The book is in two parts: first the Automobile Manufacturers of Cleveland and then those of the rest of the state of Ohio. Each section starts with a very well written summary of the industry history in that area from 1864 to 1942, and then follows very complete and detailed information on everybody or every company who ever started a business to make and sell an automobile in that city or the state. At the back of the state section is a list of every community in Ohio where there was an auto manufacturing company founded, and the names of those companies so that you can read about them in the earlier section of the book.

What Willy Never Tells You: I learned lots of interesting things. At the museum, Willy Vinton never tells the rest of the Peerless story. By 1921, the Peerless Motor Company was already headed downhill, and was sold to Richard H. Collins. The decline continued, and although they had a wonderful prototype design for 1932, they came to the conclusion that with prohibition ending, they could make more

money brewing and selling beer! They signed an agreement with Carling Brewing Company of Canada (prohibition in Canada ended in 1927) and refitted the factory to make Carling Black Label Beer. Carling brewed Black Label in the plant until 1971 when they sold it to Schmitt which continued to produce Strohs in the old Peerless plant until 1986.

I've always been intrigued by the Owen Magnetic at the Fountainhead Museum, and this book was a treasure of information on the car. It traces the purchase of the Entz "magnetic attraction" transmission patent in 1898 through its sale to Baker in 1912, and the incorporation of that invention as the basis of the Owen Magnetic car.

The book is available from McFarland Publishing www.mcfarlandbooks.com, for \$39.95 and is a good read and lots of information on the over 550 Ohio automobile manufacturers during the heyday.

- Rick Larrick



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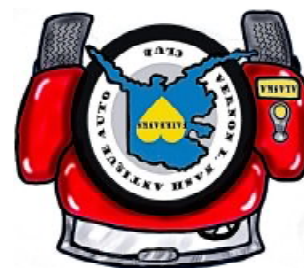


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NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is the Annual Meeting / Holiday Party at the Westmark on December 11th - Reservations required.

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



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