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My New Year's resolution is to stop hanging out with people who ask me about my New Year's resolutions

Annual Meeting / Holiday Party



Melinda Harris, Paula Beal & Wilma Vinton in vintage dress



Mike Lecorchick waits for Wilma to stop talking and give him the gavel...



This fall was the club's 30th Anniversary as a Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) and our 46th year as a club in Fairbanks



John Binder leads the line for the great buffet dinner at the Westmark



Paul Tekin keeps order—NOW it is time for table #12

On New Years, just remember: if your cup runneth over, you've probably reached your limit

Annual Meeting / Holiday Party



Incoming Board Members who were present were Melinda Harris, Bob Miller, John McCarthy, Donna Wojciechowski, and new President Mike Lecorchick. They are introduced by outgoing President, Wilma Vinton.



Bob Miller promised a new leadership style as a Director on the Board, leading the way to new and fun activities with his very shiny nose...

December 11, 2016



President Wilma Vinton recognized Lorna and Clutch Lounsbury, active members of the club since 1974.



Above: Members try to guess whose youthful Holiday photo matches the grown-up member today. Below Paul and Joyce Tekin. The Tekins made the party arrangements, including the game above.





January, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting Sam's Sourdough	11	12 Member-ship Meeting—AK BUFFET	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events, notices, and articles to vlnaacf@gmail.com			

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- Tuesday, January 10th : **Board Meeting**, Sourdough Sam's 6:30pm.
- Thursday, January 12th: **Regular Membership Meeting** at the AK Buffet, 7:00pm Meeting; dinner B4
- February 15th: **Annual Event Planning Meeting**, Fountainhead Museum, 7:00 pm

Antique Auto Mushers

- January 11th: **Membership Meeting**, Installation of Officers, Daybreak Center, 7pm

National AACA Events

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

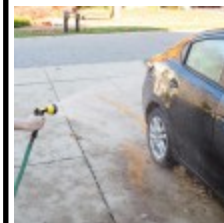
DUES

Dues are now **PAST DUE** for the 2017 year. They are payable by returning payment to the club post office box (preferred), dropping it off at Larson's Locksmith, or bringing payment to the next club meeting. Dues are to be paid by December 31 for the following year.—If not paid by March 1st, unpaid members are reviewed by the Board and dropped from newsletter distribution, National AACA, and our VLNAACF membership rolls.

Individual Dues are \$50.00
\$35.00 for National AACA (paid through our local club), and \$15.00 for local dues
Joint Membership dues are \$65.00
\$35.00 for National AACA (paid through our local club), and \$30.00 for local dues for you and your associate or spouse

Member Advertisements

"Car Wash Hose Nozzle with Detachable Shutoff Valve. Perfect for Maintaining That



Antique Auto Shine or Just Around the House. Contact Michael Farrell

mrfarrell2@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

- Mike Lecorchick

This is my first "President's Headlights". First off, I'd like to thank Willy Vinton for nominating (coercing) me into the position and the membership for voting me president of the club. For me

to be successful I will need the support of the board and the members of the club during this year. Based on what I have observed in the past this should not be a problem. Next, I want to thank outgoing President Wilma Vinton for the great work she did during her time as president; for organizing the club information into the Drop Box system, centralizing it all.

Thanks also for spearheading the review of the by-laws chaired by Bret Helms and the policy and procedures chaired by Scott Grundy. Special thanks to Joyce and Paul Tekin for again arranging the great annual meeting. From my perspective the food was great, the music awesome and the gift exchange an especially fun time. And thank you Willy for drawing my name first!

Our planning meeting for the coming summer will be in February and I encourage members to attend and help map out our summer events. Also, think about which events you've enjoyed in the past and possibly volunteer to head the committee for that event. It'll give you a chance to put your own innovative idea (spin) on the event, making it more interesting. With the new policy and procedures manual as a guide, organizing an event will be much easier than in the past. To all of those members who organized and lead the events of the past year, I would like to say thank you on behalf of the club and members.

Long ago I gave up making New Year's Resolutions but I will be working hard to finish my 1937 Ford truck project and hope to have it on the road for at least a few of this summer's events, along with my 1935 Chevy. I also have ideas for other projects and just need to buckle down and get to work.

Mike

January BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Bruce McIntosh
- 6 - Dave Rockney
- 8 - Pat Cromer, Jr.
Sharon Whitledge
- 10 - David Hobson
- 14 - Leah Smith
David Hughes
- 16 - Marnie Hazelaar
- 17 - Gabriele Larry
- 19 - Dan Gullickson
- 22 - Bernie Saupe
- 28 - Art Casserberg
- 29 - Mark Crook

January ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 - Diana & Mike Lecorchick
- 12 - Lori and Tom Hinchsliff
- 19 - Rhonda and John Morgan



SUNSHINE REPORT:

Cards were sent to:

No Sunshine cards were requested.

This has been a very hard month for me, losing my husband Ray McLeod is the hardest thing I've ever had to do. He tried so hard to fight this and stayed positive right to the end. His death was unexpected and came suddenly. He loved life, cars (Mustangs – Fords) (drag racing), family and friends. He was a great husband who loved me deeply and I loved him too. He was a great father and grandfather, son, brother, nephew, cousin and uncle. He loved his job and was well loved in our community – Fairbanks was his home. I would like to thank all the people who came to support our family with prayers and financial support. I am deeply grateful for all your kindness.

I would like to thank Dick Ellsworth and the Retailers Association Inc. for funding Ray's funeral/cremation and funds for the car/insurance, Miguel's for hosting a fund raiser along with Bonnie Majak, Mervin Gilbertson – Big State Logistics for hosting Ray's celebration of life and providing the food for those who attended. I also want to thank many, many numerous people from our car club and our Golden Heart City for all their generous donations to help with his final expenses, as well as all the well wishes and prayers and hugs.

God Bless all of you and again – Thank You so very much!

Sincerely,

Tracy McLeod, Sunshine Committee

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: tkplits@yahoo.com.

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

When they were new



My mother, Louise, her sister Shirley and brother Eugene on the running board of Grandpa's new car, a 1928 Chevrolet. Probably taken somewhere near Bluefield, West Virginia.

- Rick Larrick



Ray McLeod at the 2007 Holiday Party Gift Exchange, just after turning the gavel over to Willy Vinton for 2008. Ray was club president in 2007. Scott and Linda Grundy were "elves", and Julie Jurgens is opening a gift.

2016 CLUB CHARITY DONATION



This year, at the Annual Meeting, the \$1000 club donation went to Hospice. Wilma Vinton gave an emotional introduction, citing how Hospice had touched the lives of her loved ones, and then Kim Huffington, representing the organization said a few words about the mission of hospice and what kinds of things the club's donation would go toward in meeting the needs of those who are served.



MOST IMPROVED VEHICLE AWARD 2016

Willy Vinton, chair of this year's Most Improved Vehicle Award Committee by virtue of winning the award last year, presented the 2016 Most Improved Vehicle Award to Ralph Moore for his Flathead Ford Vintage Hot-Rod. Wilma is holding the plaque which goes to the prior year's winner (Willy). That award was the first club award to sport the new logo (Ralph will get one next year).

As the MIV winner, Ralph will be writing an article on his project for a future newsletter. He will probably be far too modest about the great level of workmanship that is apparent in the past 8 years work on his creation.

Ray McLeod

Past President, Ray McLeod, passed away on Sunday, December 4th, after his two-year battle with cancer. He had seemed to be doing well in his battle with the disease, and his death came as a sudden surprise.

Ray joined the club in 2002, and was often at events in one of his Mustangs. Ray was President of the Vernon Nash club in 2007. Working most of his career as a long-haul trucker, his work often interfered with his hobby and event attendance, but if he was in town, you could find him at a club event or working on a car. Ray was great fun to have around, and his humor and grin lightened everyone's attitude.

Many of the club attended his marriage to Tracy, a high-school classmate, in May of 2012. Ray was born in Fairbanks in 1961, graduated high school in 1980, and



Ray with a Mustang at the Carlson Show

seemed to know everyone in town. Club condolences also go out to members Bub Larson (uncle), Rochelle Larson, (cousin), and Rhonda (cousin) and John Morgan.



Ray and Tracy at the club Holiday Party in 2012

MATCH THE TAG LINE OR SLOGAN WITH THE MAKE OF THE CAR

(You may have to make a Sunday trip over to the Fountainhead Museum to figure some of these out...)

MAKE OF CAR

1. ANDERSON
2. AUBURN
3. AUSTIN
4. BUICK
5. CADILLAC
6. CARTERCAR
7. CHANDLER
8. COLE
9. COLUMBIA
10. COMMONWEALTH

SLOGAN OR TAG LINE

- a. A car to run around in
- b. The Car Ahead: No Clutch to Slip, No Gears to Strip
- c. The Car of the Year
- d. Gem of the Highway
- e. The Season's Most Enchanting Car
- f. Standard of the World
- g. The Car with the Foundation
- h. When Better Automobiles Are Built, Buick Will Build Them
- J World's Safest Car
- k. Once an owner, always a friend

See page 8 for correct answers.



Answers
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- 1 - e
- 2 - k
- 3 - a
- 4 - h
- 5 - f
- 6 - b
- 7 - c
- 8 - j
- 9 - d
- 10 - g

**VLNAACF Annual Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2016
Location - Westmark Hotel**

President Wilma Vinton brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Treasurer's report was given by Wilma Vinton. MOTION WAS MADE BY THERESA CHASE AND SECONDED BY LINDA GRUNDY TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rochelle Larson, Membership Chair, gave us a membership report.

The Event Planning Committee meeting is on February 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fountainhead Museum. Pizza will be provided by the club.

Recognition was given to the PPR's that helped to plan the events through this past year. Recognition was given to Theresa Chase & Ron Allen for our new logo and to Scott Grundy for his work on the Policy & Procedure manual.

The 2017 board members were introduced to the membership: President - Mike Lecorchick Vice President - Scott Culbertson, Secretary - Donna Wojciechowski, Treasurer - Wilma Vinton, Directors - John McCarthy, Paul Tekin, Bob Miller, & Melinda Harris.

Willy Vinton presented the Most Improved Vehicle Award to Ralph Moore.

Our club was formed 45 years ago under the name of the Horseless Carriage Club of Fairbanks. 5 years later it was changed to the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club. Recognition was given to Jerry and Donna

Krier for 45 years and to Clutch and Lorna Lounsbury for 42 years of membership.

The recipient of this year's charity donation is Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Hospice Services. A check for \$1000.00 was presented to Kim Huffington, representing Hospice

Wilma Vinton turned over the meeting to new President Mike Lecorchick.

Raffle Tickets on this year's raffle car, a 1976 Mustang Convertible, were distributed to Members to sell.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

- Submitted by Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary

**Snowbird
Christmas Tree**

Last week while metal detecting we came across this real Christmas tree stuck in the sand on Stuart Beach, Florida. It may be hard to see in the picture but it was decorated with sea shells that someone took the time to put a colorful ribbon through each one. Merry Christmas Club members.

- Liz Masi



If today is the first day of the rest of your life, what was yesterday?

NATIONAL NEWS

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Making Memories

By Chuck Crane
VP Regions Development
and Support
Central and Western Divisions

I grew up in the 1950's in Michigan in an area west of Detroit, and was privileged to spend much time at the Henry Ford Museum where a strong interest in automotive history was forged. My father was a founding member of the Model A Restorer's Club in Michigan and I attended the first national meet of MARC in 1955 at the Ford Rotunda in Dearborn.

Looking back pleasurably on a lifetime of old cars and the people associated with them, I recognize the great gift I've received. Unfortunately, the car world has changed tremendously and the bulk of our younger people have never been exposed to what turned all of our AACA Members into gearheads. Several generations see newer cars as merely servants that are thrown away when they break because only trained technicians can expensively work on them. The car auctions show our antiques at prices only the wealthy can afford. Our hobby is shrinking and club membership is dropping. So what can we do?

This might be trite and it has certainly been said before. Drive your old cars and be visible in your community with them. Even if we do own a show car, I bet we also have a nice DPC (Driver Participation Class) vehicle that we're not afraid to take out. If you're fortunate to belong to an AACA Region, get a few cars together for a regular breakfast meeting, attend a cruise night in your town as a group, start one if you don't have any, or invite an interested adult or teenager for a short ride. Help create a memory for those people who don't know what it means to be a gearhead. They may be future members of AACA. I hosted a first cruise night in our town and it brought out a recent high school graduate who got his grandfather's 1962 Thunderbird running for the event and received a lot of answers to many of his questions. A gearhead? You bet.

Grass roots efforts do bring results. If every one of us takes a bit of time to find potential new members by doing what we all love - driving our old cars, we can turn this situation around. Just remember "IF IT IS TO BE, IT'S UP TO ME!" Please do your part to keep our hobby alive for future generations.



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

I hope somebody is making some grand New Year's Resolutions about their participation and leadership in the club for 2017. We have a new President, and a number of new Board Members. They need our support in picking up many of the event leadership tasks this next year. There are plenty of small jobs (and a few big ones) that need doing to keep our growing club active in the community, and to draw new folks into the hobby and into our club. Volunteer! Everyone is flattered by and likes to be asked, but that is asking a lot to presume that Mike and the Board know what you are good at and willing to do. Volunteer! Please step forward with a comment or an email to Mike or one of the Board members, about your ideas about what should happen, and your willingness to share the leadership to make it happen. Volunteer!

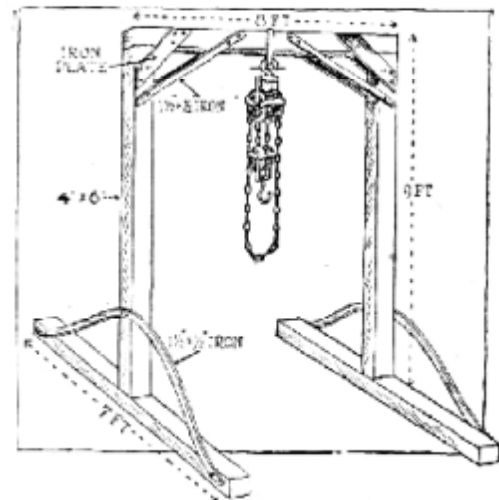
For the winner of the 1/2 ton hoist at the Holiday Party!

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 Compa-

Timber-built Crane (No. 244)

A very substantial crane capable of lifting the complete car if need be can be made from 4 x 6-inch joists. The crane is mounted on large casters and the car is placed between its supporting members, after which the lifting is done by a chain hoist. The dimensions and construction are clearly shown by the accompanying diagram.—Albert Elton, Elton Auto & Repair Co., Youngstown, O.



(No. 244)

1926 Franklin 11B De Causse Sport Coupe



Photos by Bill Fields



Those on the annual September Chatanika Roadhouse Run this year have seen Bill's Franklin. Bill writes:

Here are pictures of my 1926 Franklin "De Causse" designed Sport Coupe out for a winter drive in Palmer. The bottom picture is of the original owner and her brother on the day she sold it to Al Nippert from upstate NY, around 1968. The car spent its entire existence in NY State until I purchased car from Mr. Nippert about 10 or so years ago when I took it to Hazard KY and now to Palmer.



- Bill Fields



2017 Adventure Before Dementia Tour

Sat., July 8 thru Wed., July 12

Wiseman, Galbraith Lake (or on to Prudhoe Bay if you wish) & Manley Hot Springs

ABDT

By Scott Grundy, Cat Herder Jr.

No, I'm not encouraging you to take your cherished show-ready trailer-queen up the Dalton. But let me assure you the Haul Road ain't what she used to be; about half the run to the beautiful Brooks Range is PAVED. Drive anything you wish but please join the fun! Some of those committed to date are driving camping rigs – some vintage & some modern. Borrow your neighbor's car if you're really concerned, just come with us!

PLUS, what's cool about this tour is that you can participate in any segment you wish. Limit your involvement with us only to the Hilltop Restaurant for breakfast; the Arctic Circle Gift Shop for goodies, gifts & free coffee; or tag along only to the fantastic Yukon River bridge; or continue on to celebrate crossing the Arctic Circle on one of the two roads in North America that do so & get a hero's certificate for your den wall! ; or limit your involvement to the end of our tour by joining us in the quaint village of Manley Hot Springs for a good soak, food and experience.

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Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let her sleep

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For years, our club members, James "Clutch" and Lorna Lounsbury have encouraged me to organize this tour to historic Wiseman on the Dalton Hwy. Wiseman is the farthest north gold discovery in the U.S. and Clutch's great grandfather was a pioneer miner there. The Lounsburies have a home, wonderful museum, covered picnic area and housing rentals available. Limited housing is also available elsewhere in Wiseman.

We will depart on Saturday, July 8 and return the following Wednesday, July 12. The Dalton Highway is paved about a third of the way to the Brooks Range and the portion of the Elliott Highway west of the Dalton is gravel. This is an old car tour but drive anything you want. Just join us! But the downside to this nifty jam-packed tour is that you must make your reservations immediately if you want a decent and charming place to stay in Wiseman. You may always cancel your reservations later.

Please contact me for housing and a detailed itinerary at sgrundy55ply@gmail.com (best) or 907-322-9283. The Grundys will be traveling in the SW U.S. and may not have cellular or email access - so keep trying. In a pinch, bug Rick Larrick at larrickrick@gmail.com or 457-4344.



Photos by Liz Masi

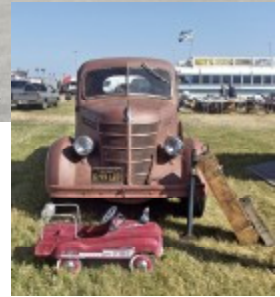
Search For Tires Leads to "Turkey Trot" at Daytona Turkey Run Car Show

- Liz Masi

In September we saw a 1930 Model A Ford Deluxe Sedan on Craigslist in Florida. We talked a family member into driving over and looking at it and we ended up purchasing the car. During our drive across country we received a phone call telling us the car was delivered and we needed to pick up some tires for the Model A.

Driving down the coast of Florida we passed through Daytona and discovered a Classic Car Show at the Daytona International Speedway – called the Turkey Run. What luck – with a couple hours left of the show and time running out we "Turkey trotted" our way through the swap meet in search of tires and any Model A parts. Although we didn't find the parts we were looking for we did get a very good price on the white wall Firestone tires at Coker's booth and saved on shipping.

If you are interested in this car show/swap, it runs from November 24 -27th each Fall and the last week of March each Spring. You can find more information and photos at www.TurkeyRun.com



Did you get yours?

Books of raffle tickets were distributed to members at the Holiday Party. Advertisements will say "see any member to buy a ticket". Are you prepared? If not, see John McCarthy or Rochelle Larson

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks
WIN 1994 Ford Mustang GT Convertible
"Is there a Ford in your future?"

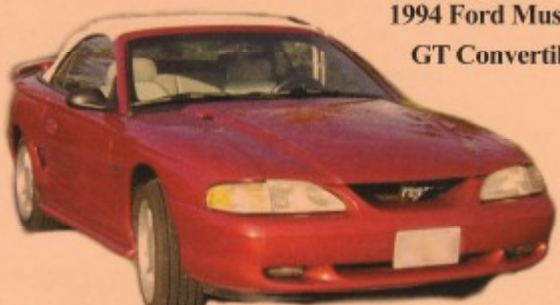
Drawing July 22, 2017 at 2:00pm

Drawing to be held at the Pioneer Park Square Dance Pavilion
Need not be present to win. Only 3,000 tickets

\$5.00/ticket or 5 for \$20.00

Permit # 2437

Ticket No.



**1994 Ford Mustang
GT Convertible**



2016

The 2017 Events Planning Meeting is February 15th at the Fountainhead Museum. If you want to lend your ideas and leadership for this year's car club events, please attend!

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NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is **Thursday, January 12th** at the AK Buffet. Meeting starts at 7:00pm; most dine before, starting at 6pm.

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, January 10th** — at Sam's Sourdough. Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



Ray McLeod's '71 Mustang Mach 1



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