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"Roll 'er through to Fairbanks!"

Greyhound serves America-at-War along the Alcan Military Highway

THE OUTLINE MAP below shows the Alcan Highway (heavy red line, including both highway and rail links) in relation to the 44,000-mile Greyhound System and its principal bus line connections.



No, you can't ride a Greyhound Super-Coach to Alaska over the Alcan Highway . . . not today! But, just the same, these familiar blue-and-white buses are rolling on that highway—doing an important job for Uncle Sam, along the most amazing military road of all history. Buses have followed the bulldozers on the Alcan! Operating under direction of the Northwest Service Command, they are carrying the military and civilian personnel that is building, strengthening, protecting the great road. The Alcan Military Highway is an everlasting tribute to the courage and skill of the Army Engineer Corps—the grand body of men who shoveled it through ice and

storm and bottomless muck in impossibly fast time. What's more, it's America's pledge to the world that we'll run the greedy little Japs clear back to Tokyo and beyond! It's a pledge, too, of cooperation and friendship between Canada and the United States—a mighty link in the chain of highways that will one day span all the Americas. After Victory comes, who can doubt that roads and buses will work together to develop the wilderness of Western Canada and Alaska, just as they have worked to give America the most convenient and flexible peacetime transportation—and as they are now working to carry the Nation's manpower in time of war.

GREYHOUND

You know you are over-the-hill when you're just too tired to climb one!

TAKE THE BUS!

Busses started rolling up the Alcan just about as soon as it was (almost) passable - just the year after the Alcan's completion, celebrated at MP 588 Contact Creek. The highway was through in September, 1942 and bus service started in June, 1943. The first busses were under contract to the Northwest Service Command by Western Canadian Greyhound, Ltd. That lasted a year.

In the fall of 1944, the U. S. Army began running its own fleet of "busses", and the next spring set up the White Pass & Yukon Railroad with the service. By fall, the WP&YR added four new Hicks busses built on Dodge chassis' and set up a subsidiary company (the British Yukon Navigation Company) to run them. They ran busses twice each week from Dawson Creek to Whitehorse—a one-way ticket was \$50 and took two nights and three days with over-night stops near Watson Lake and at Fort Nelson, and with rest stops promised every 50 miles. In 1946, after the highway was fully opened into Alaska for civilian travel, the WP&YR also established lodges along the route. The trip from Whitehorse to Fairbanks took two days with a stop at the lodge at Beaver Creek. That service ran for twenty years, until August of 1965 when the White Pass sold the service to their competitor, Canadian Coachways.

You can still travel by bus. It's still slow. It is expensive, and most of the lodges are closed.

John McCarthy suggested the ad which is on the cover. The brief article was put together by your editor.



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1958 STUDEBAKERS

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They Crossed the
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Conestoga Wagons

Back in the 1800's the pioneers crossing the vast North American Continent depended on the Studebaker Conestoga wagon. Counted by the Studebaker brothers those wagons were the results of expert craftsmanship . . . quality materials. Our forefathers asked their lives that Studebaker wagons would see them through the rough terrain, the frontier dreams of the United States. That seems still, the same pride goes into modern Studebaker cars that were into each Conestoga wagon.

Gene's Auto Service

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— Fairbanks, Alaska

Who's feet are these?

"I can see but only with one eye."

Photo by Wilma Vinton

Answer on page 10



AUTO TOURISM

MELINDA HARRIS

& RALPH GLASGOW



Above: Melinda poses at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles

Right: Ralph and Melinda at the Trev Deeley Motorcycle Museum in Vancouver, BC



Hi, Rick,

I'm a subscriber to Hemmings Classic Car magazine. I read with interest the recent article on the AMC electric car efforts, especially in light of the featured car was designed and built for Golden Valley Electric here in Fairbanks.

During a visit to Larson's Lock & Key, Bub Larson remembers the car being used by GVEA here in Fairbanks. The photos in the article were obviously done at an AMC facility in Michigan or Wisconsin, but the car apparently made it to Fairbanks and was put into use by the electric cooperative.

Which brings up the up the next question: What ever happened to the car? Was it worn out and scrapped? Is it still sitting forgotten in a warehouse somewhere here in the Fairbanks area? It might be interesting to put the question out to the members who've been in the area for a long time. I wonder if anyone knows any of the senior people at Golden Valley? It could make an interesting candidate for restoration if it still exists.

Dave Hobson

Editor note: Check out the article in the December, 2016 issue of Hemmings Classic Car. Let's see what information we can find out about this vehicle. Black & White is a publicity photo from the Apollo Energy Systems archived website downloaded from the online Internet Archive. I have found some information and will contact Golden Valley Electric, but would like to share any club members experience or memories of this car. Contact me at vlnaacf@gmail.com





February, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Board Meeting Sam's Sourdough	8	9 Membership Meeting—AK BUFFET	10	11
12	13	14	15 EVENT PLANNING MEETING - Fountainhead	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	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, February 7th: **Board Meeting**, Sourdough Sam's 6:30pm.
- Thursday, February 9th: **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 Musers

- February 8th: **Membership Meeting**, Daybreak Center, 7pm

National AACA Events

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



Member Advertisements

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

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

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

A report by the membership secretary during the January board meeting of the VLNAACF indicated that 47 members (about 20% of the club) had not paid their dues by the December 31st due date. Dues for the National

AACA are collected along with the club dues resulting in late payment of them also and the subscription to the AACA Magazine. This results in extra work for the membership secretary having to follow up with members and report to National AACA. It also means more work for the treasurer paying late dues to National AACA. Some members don't pay their dues until they want to participate in one of the three member-only events--Carlson Center Car Show, Golden Days' Parade or the Annual Meeting much later in the year.

To address this problem, a motion was made to levy a \$10.00 fine for late payment of dues (after December 31, 2017) with a grace period extending the due date until the first general membership meeting in January. The motion was seconded, followed by a discussion. A vote was held and the motion passed.

Dues remain the same as before unless paid after the January meeting, in which case a \$ 10.00 fine will be added. This is not meant to generate additional income or become a budget item. It was done as an administrative action which the club elected the board to handle.

The hope is that everyone pays on time and we don't collect any fines. The fine of \$10.00 will be added for any person who was once a member and re-joins or anyone who pays after the January general membership meeting. Thus, if you wait until one of the three member-only events to pay your dues or after the January meeting the \$10.00 fine will be added to the cost. It will cost you \$75.00 instead of the regular \$65.00 (or as a single member \$60.00 instead of \$50.00).

As in all prior years, if you have not paid your dues by the March Board Meeting, the board will formally drop your name from the membership rolls of the Vernon Nash Region and the AACA. As with National we will keep a record of your membership number, and if you decide to re-join (or pay late) then the \$10.00 fee will be assessed in addition to the regular dues.

- Mike

February BIRTHDAYS

6 - Laura Therriault

Darnell Weaver

8 - Vonna Husby

9 - Lupita Miller

11 - Claudia Hall

12 - Michael Farrell

Mebble Hansen

14 - Richard Gresham

16 - Fred Husby

23 - Aino Welch

28 - Ardis Bourque

Teri MacDonald

February ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Laurel & Ed McLaughlin

2 - Joni & Dick Ellsworth

12—Ellie & Dan Tempel

29 - Kristy & Karl Braun



Ed. Note: This address change looks like Ed convinced Laurel that they needed to move back closer to his cars and garages...

Ed and Laurel McLaughlin moved from Raven Landing in January to their house at 915 4th Ave. They have owned this property since 1991 and have always rented it along with one of the three connected garages. The other two garages Ed and Laurel use for the maintenance and storage of their antique cars. After their last tenant left they had the house completely renovated. They have decided they no longer want to deal with tenants, but want to retain the property. There is no need for them to maintain two residences and their daughter lives directly across the street and helps them with everything from medical emergencies to computer problems.

- Ed & Laurel McLaughlin

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Good News this month! Tracy reports that there were NO requests for cards to be sent out.

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.

"It is better to have loved a short man, than never to have loved a tall."

Traveling Troll Doll Report



1. In Seattle there is a beautiful Santa's village and Trollella thought she could get a job there and earn some extra Christmas money.

Her interview went very well and she was hired to help Santa with the children who came to visit him.



2. After a few hours of work her supervisor, Kevin The Elf Boy, had to dismiss her from working with the children.

All because she was telling the children they were on the "Naughty" list, creating a major scene at the village.



3. She was given a second chance and was placed in charge of caring for Santa's reindeer

At the January Membership Meeting, Joyce Tekin gave a story-board report on the recent adventures of Trollella (reproduced here), as the doll travelled with Paul and Joyce on their December Trip.

For a number of years, the troll doll has been accompanying members on trips and vacations throughout the year, with photos and stories reported in Nash's News.

John McCarty and Pranee Nakprasit currently have the doll on their trip to Thailand



4 & 5 In less than 15 minutes Trollella was searching high and low for the lost reindeer.



6. Santa did the only thing he could, he fired her!

He tried to encourage her to change her ways. Poor Trollella.

7. Depressed Trollella went to Starbucks to think over the advice Santa gave her. After \$25.00 dollars worth of coffee, the guy sitting next to her asked if he could join her.



8. His name was Benjamin Bunny and after awhile Trollella felt as though things were changing for her.

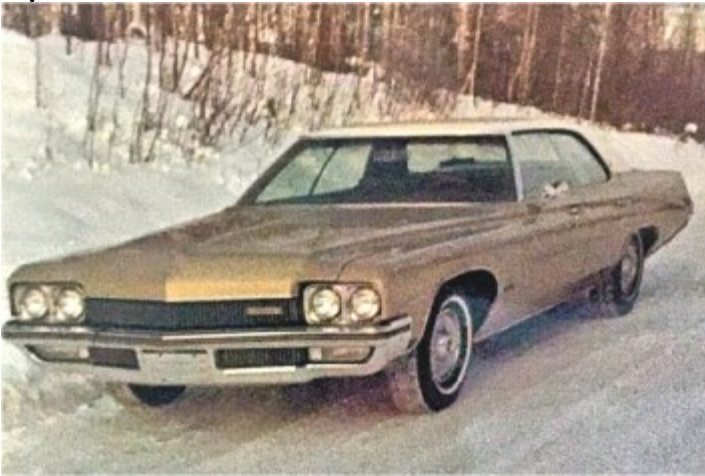
Buzz, her name for Benjamin, convinced her to go back to Fairbanks and live with him and help him restore his 57 Chevy.

Trollella was so happy and her life was beautiful again.

Follow Trollella on her next adventure. She will be traveling with John and Nee to Thailand. - Joyce Tekin

Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?

When they were new



1972 Buick Centurion 4-door hardtop purchased new by Jeff and Sue Cook from Mike Gutman at Tip Top Chevrolet Buick in the fall of 1971. At the time Sue and I lived at 1st and Dunkle downtown and had two young children. Nice looking car but we kept it only three years. It could get stuck on a flat surface. I don't think they ever got the positraction to work. Sold this car and purchased a 1975 Oldsmobile 98. - Jeff Cook



I have attached a family photo of us and ANNIE, taken in the summer of 1977, on Annie's trip north to Fairbanks. This is the old Mt. McKinley (Denali) overlook on the Parks Highway. Her journey began in Ballard (Seattle), when my Father drove her to the dock for TOTEM Shipping to bring her to Anchorage. The drive from Anchorage took about 9 hrs.

She is still using the same tires/tubes that are in the photo (new in 1958, Sears All State) I think that she has aged the least of us! - Dan Gullickson

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. DANIELS
2. DE VAUX
3. DODGE
4. DUESENBERG
5. DUPONT
6. DURANT
7. DURYEA
8. ELGIN
9. ELMORE
10. FALCON-KNIGHT

SLOGAN OR TAG LINE

- a. A Jewel for Beauty
- b. The Car That Makes an Instant Appeal
- c. Just a Real Good Car
- d. World's Champion Light 6
- e. America's Finest Type of Motor
- f. The World's Champion Automobile
- g. The Car That Has No Valves
- h. Dependable
- J A Carriage, Not a Machine
- k. The Distinguished Car, with Just a Little More Power Than You'll Need

See page 8 for correct answers.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.



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

VLNAACF Membership Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2017
Location - AK Buffet

Most appear to be attentively listening to President Mike...

President Mike Lecorchick brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

There were 38 members present.

MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLY VINTON AND SECONDED BY JILL LARRICK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Wilma Vinton gave the Treasurer's report.

Rochelle Larson - Membership Chair reported that we have 240 members. 46 single and 97 joint.

Events:

Garage Tours - John McCarthy gave us an update.

Joint Meet - Willy Vinton and Bub are the PPR's for this event.

Old Business:

Group Pictures - Wilma had sample prints of the group pictures that were taken at the museum this past summer in 2016.

2017 Budget - Wilma presented the 2017 Budget. MOTION WAS MADE BY BEAR AND SECONDED BY BRENDA WILBUR TO ACCEPT THE 2017 BUDGET. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business:

Rick Larrick gave us an update on the ABDT.

Guest Speaker -
Our guest speaker this month was Kevin Lincoln from Port Machine Shop. He gave us an insight into the different services that they could provide club members.



After the meeting, Kevin Lincoln did "show and tell" with some of the recent machining work done at Port Machine Shop.

Traveling Troll -
Joyce Tekin presented Trollella's report and photo poster of our club mascot's winter adventure. The poster was wonderfully constructed, like her "childhood Christmas photo" guessing game at the annual meeting/holiday party.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rick Larrick for receiving the Master Editor Award for 2016. This is his fourth year to receive this award.

50/50 - There was a total of \$145 and the lucky winner was Wilma Vinton.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

- Donna Wojciechoski

NATIONAL NEWS

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How Can The Youth Afford This Hobby?

**By: Jim Elliott Vice-President,
Judging Administration**

I've never actually counted, but I know I've attended hundreds of car shows. One question that always bothers me is "How can I afford this hobby?" My answer is standard - there are many affordable collector cars available. No one has to start with a perfect Full Classic to enjoy our hobby.

I started with a 1966 Chevrolet Corvair convertible that my parents bought new as their first "second car". While being reliable, inexpensive transportation, Corvairs are regularly available for sale.

Chevrolet's "waterless wonder" came in multiple body styles including a two-door coupe, four-door sedan, convertible and station wagon, as well as the passenger van, ramp-side pickup and panel truck. Engines and transmissions can be swapped among all models.

Options included turbo-charged engines, power convertible tops, telescopic steering wheels, and automatic transmissions.

Most of the mechanical parts needed to restore a Corvair are being reproduced and can be purchased on the internet and delivered to you within days. Even the most difficult to find trim parts can be located at the Hershey flea market.

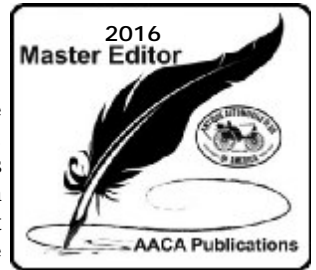
Corvairs can be purchased in average condition for slightly more than the original 1960's list prices. They are an excellent entry level car for a young person to actively participate in our hobby. The Corvair's large trunk provides ample storage room for touring.

The timeless Corvair styling is always noticed so the Corvair owner must be ready to enjoy discussing his car with others. It seems everyone used to own one or had a relative who did.

If there wasn't a Corvair in your past, maybe there will be one in your future.



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER



For the 4th consecutive year, out of 5 which I have edited, we won the AACA Publications Master Editor Award. I find it a great honor, but also find it a bit humbling, in that much of the credit should rightfully be shared with the many club members who help and who regularly contribute. Those who take the very few minutes needed to email us a photo with caption, or better a short article with one or two photos about their auto-related excursions or adventures, those who put together a recipe, quiz or puzzle, or do some history research, and those who help by proof-reading the editor, are those who make this a good club newsletter.

Thanks!

- Rick

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

Aligning Main Bearings

(No. 247)

Whether the main bearings are in alignment or not can be determined by means of a surface gauge. This is an instrument which measures the distance between the top of the crankcase and each bearing, and is therefore nothing more than a caliper. It has a broad, flat, base, which may be placed on the surface of the crankcase and the pointer is brought into contact with one of the bearings, then it is moved along to the other bearings to determine whether these surfaces are higher or lower. To make sure of the accuracy of this method the trueness of the crankcase surface must first be checked by a straight edge. Another method which may be used, providing the bearing boxes are in line, is to remove the bearings and caliper them. If they are all the same thickness the crankshaft must be in alignment, but if otherwise it is out of true. - G. B. Cor-telyou, New York

If at first you don't succeed, try playing second base.



Bear Schmit at the January Membership Meeting at the AK Buffet

Streetcar #1 Update:

Pictured above is part of the A.B.D.T. group in Skagway visiting the original Martin Itjen Streetcar #1 in storage by the National Park Service. In recent correspondence, Kristi Ausfresser, the Museum Curator for Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park of the National Park Service said that the Park will receive funds to have the vehicle conserved this year. They have built a conditioned building to house the Streetcar and these funds will do the conservation work necessary to properly preserve this important part of Skagway history.

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

By Scott Grundy, Cat Herder Jr.

ABDT

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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If it were not for Thomas Edison, we would all be watching television in the dark. *Michael Landon*

(Continued from page 10)

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.

100 years ago this month: Articles from the pages of the **SEATTLE STAR:**

ALASKA'S SOLONS GATHER AT JUNEAU

Matters relating principally to school and road legislation will be considered by the third territorial legislature of Alaska, which will convene at Juneau Thursday.

At the recent election the people voted an eight-hour day. The legislature will be required to pass some law enabling an enforcement of the people's wish.

Feb. 26, 1917

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?"

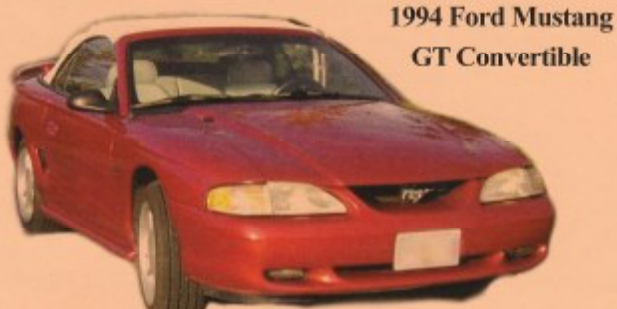
Drawing July 22, 2017 at 2:00pm

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.



EVENTS PLANNING MEETING

Feb. 15th - Fountainhead Museum - 7pm



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! (Let Rochelle know by Mon 2/13 if you are coming so she can order enough pizza).

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NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is **Thursday, February 9th** at the AK Buffet. Meeting starts at 7:00pm; most dine before, starting at 6pm.

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, February 7th** — at Sam's Sourdough. Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



Photo by Steve Hormon, 2015 Carlson Show



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