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# Nash's News —

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



**BOBBY NORTH'S TERRIFIC HIT !**

## HE'D HAVE TO GET UNDER- GET OUT AND GET UNDER

(TO FIX UP HIS AUTOMOBILE)

WORDS BY  
**GRANT CLARKE &  
EDGAR LESLIE**

MUSIC BY  
**MAURICE ABRAHAM'S**

MAURICE ABRAHAM'S MUSIC CO.  
1570 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

Have to get under, get out and get under. To fix his little machine, He was just dying to  
cuddle his queen, But every minute when he'd begin it, He'd have to get under, get out  
and get under. Then he'd get back at the wheel - a dozen times they'd start to hug and  
kiss - And then the darned old engine, it would miss... And then he'd have to get under,  
get out and get under, And fix up his automobile!

1913



I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan Island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian

Cover:

If we can't recruit speakers at our winter meetings, then we'll have to get a piano player and a song leader!

From Al Jolson in the early teens to the Beach Boys, cars have been the subject of song lyrics. At the Event Planning Meeting, I heard Joyce Tekin threaten / suggest that we should have a talent contest at the Chatanika Roadhouse—maybe instead we should just make sure Ronnie has a piano and find a song leader!

- your Editor

*P.S. to Joyce - I couldn't carry a tune in a bucket, and don't play the piano...*

## EVENTS PLANNING MEETING

The annual Events Planning Meeting was chaired by Events Coordinator, Rochelle Larson, and was held on February 15th. The Fountainhead Museum was generous in providing the inspiring location for the meeting. Photo below.



**WHEN YOU  
JUST DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
MORE ROOM  
IN THE  
GARAGE...**

John McCarthy sent the above photo of a '55 Chevy hanging on a wall in the entrance to one of the nightclubs in Pattaya, Thailand. It certainly provides a suggestion for how to optimize garage space, but one might worry about fluid leaks...



## MY AUTO WITHOUT THEE, IN MONEY I WOULD BE

My auto, 'tis of thee,  
Short cut to poverty -  
Of thee I chant.  
I blew a pile of dough  
On you three years ago,  
Now you refuse to go -  
Or won't or can't.

Through town and countryside  
I drove thee full of pride;  
No charm you lacked.  
I loved your gaudy hue,  
Your tires round and new—  
Now I feel mighty blue,  
The way you act.

To thee, old rattlebox,  
Came many bumps and knocks;  
For thee I grieve.  
Badly thy top is torn;  
Frayed are thy seats and worn;  
The croup affects thy horn,  
I do believe.

Thy perfume swells the breeze,  
While good folks cough and sneeze,  
As we pass by.  
I paid for thee a price,  
'Twould buy a mansion twice;  
Now everyone yells "Ice" -  
I wonder why.

Thy motor has the grip;  
They spark plug has the pip,  
And woe is thine.  
I, too, have suffered chills,  
Fatigue and kindred ills,  
Trying to pay the bills  
Since thou were mine.

Gone is my bankroll now;  
No more 'twould choke a cow,  
As once before.  
Yet if I had the yen,  
So help me John - Amen!  
I'd buy a car again  
And speed some more.

Author Unknown

*Ed Note: I have found this poem in the July 23, 1921 Cambridge Chronicle and the April 1, 1920 Montrose Democrat, among other sources.*

*Almost Like Flying!*

*The New Aero Willys*

LOAFS AT 60 - CRUISES AT 75 - WITH POWER TO SPARE

UP TO 35 MILES PER GALLON WITH OVERDRIVE

DRIVER SEES ALL FOUR FENDERS

**First Car to Combine Such Luxury With Record Mileage!**

A blend of aero and auto engineering has created in the Aero Willys a new kind of car! Its ride is so cloud-soft and luxurious, you feel airborne. When you press the accelerator, it almost seems to sprout wings. Yet this amazing car gives mileage up to 35 miles per gallon in overdrive\*! Before you buy any car in any class, drive an Aero Willys.

WILLYS-OVERLAND MOTORS, Toledo, Ohio.

**TAKE AN "AIRBORNE" RIDE AT ANY WILLYS' DEALER'S**

Equipment, specifications and trim subject to change without notice. \*Optional equipment, and while offered here, extra. Economy rate available.

**61-Inch-Wide Seating**, both front and rear, provides luxurious spaciousness for six full-grown passengers.

**F-Head Hurricane 6 Engine** with 7.6 compression tops all other American sizes in efficiency of power output.

Willys builds for defense — military Jeeps, aircraft parts, many other products.

Above Aero Willys ad is from the collection of Paul Tekin. It appeared on the back cover of the October, 1952 issue of Motor Trend.



## 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



# March, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>			1	2	3	4
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## Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Region AACA

- Tuesday, March 7th: **Board Meeting**, Sourdough Sam's 6:30pm. - dinner before
- Thursday, March 9th: **Regular Membership Meeting** at the AK Buffet, 7:00pm Meeting; dinner B4
- June 3rd & 4th: **Carlson Center Members Only Car Show**
- July 8th—12th: **Adventure Before Dementia Tour**
- July 28th & 29th: **Joint Meet (in Fairbanks)**, VLNAACF Hosts

### Antique Auto Musers

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

### National AACA Events

- April 25-28th: **Western Division Tour** (vehicles up to 1992), Sonora, CA, hosted by Mother Lode Region



### Other Events

- April 7th - 9th: **Portland Swap Meet**

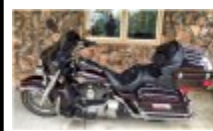


## Member Advertisements



1934 Ford Cabriolet street rod nice car. Asking \$39,500. Or really serious offer. Al Haynes @388 9621 call or text.

Have two 1968 Matchless G15CS 750 cc motorcycles for sale \$8500. Each or serious offers. Al Haynes @388 9621 call or text



2005 Harley Ultra Classic asking \$11000. Or best offer. Al Haynes 388 9621 call or text.

1972 Triumph 500 Daytona really nice \$12,000. Contact Al Haynes @388 9621 call or text.



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

I would like to start by thanking Rochelle Larson, our Membership and Events Coordinator, for leading the Summer Events planning meeting.

There was a very good turnout for the meeting with excellent participation from the membership. Many members stepped up and volunteered their time to plan these different club events. Members like this are what make the club interesting and successful and we should thank them for their effort. There is always a need for volunteers and if you would like to help out with any of the events or have idea for and event (we do have a few open dates) just raise your hand. A few Random Runarounds for Wednesday evening were put on the schedule but as of now no destination has been set. If you have any ideas where to go please let us know. We are also seeking ideas for summer membership meeting places. Have an idea? Let us know.

For those of you with winter car projects I hope you did better than I did. Work on my 37 Ford Truck project has been very slow so far this winter. I need to kick myself into gear and spend more time working on it. I'd love to have it on the road this year but there is a lot to do.

Summer is fast approaching and within the next two months we'll be driving our old cars again. All of this sunshine and warmer days have me antsy to get my 1935 Chevy out on the road. It has a heater and I have been tempted to roll it out of the garage on some of our nicer days but thought better of it.

- Mike

### March

#### BIRTHDAYS

6 - Kevin MacDonald  
10 - Johnie Newman  
15 - Rick Larrick  
18 - Will Chase  
19 - Leslie Yamamoto  
31 - Donna Krier

### March

#### ANNIVERSARIES

12 - Marnie & Lambert Hazelaar  
14 - Carrie & Charlie Jurgens



*Ed didn't quite make it to the garage, with the planned move back to the old house. Laurel sent us this for the newsletter. Probably wouldn't be wise to use the phrase "break a leg" around Ed for a while....*

On January 22, the day before Ed & Laurel were to move from Raven Landing to their house on 4th Ave, Ed had a serious (non automotive related) accident. Among other things his right leg was broken just below the hip and required a metal rod from hip to knee plus two screws to repair. After spending 20 days in the hospital he is now back at Raven Landing and receiving physical therapy. Needless to say this setback has caused some problems and a change of plans.

### SUNSHINE REPORT:

Tracy sent out cards on behalf of the club in February:  
2/7/17 - a sympathy card to the family of Alva Ditch

2/17/17 - a sympathy card to George Cromer for the loss of his uncle.

2/18/17 - a sympathy card to David Karpik and Katy Rice for the loss of David's father.

2/21/17 a get well card to Ed McLaughlin for his injuries/surgery.

*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](mailto:tkplits@yahoo.com).  
For a postal mail address contact Tracy or a Board member.*



## When they were new

It looks like we "ran out our string" on the When They Were New, in that I had no new photos submitted - so that will end the series, at least for now. For this issue, in place of - but related to - When They Were New, is the photo and article from John McCarthy



This 1928 Citroen is a surviving example of the French influence in Cambodia. Having survived jungle heat, monsoon rains and the killing fields of the Khmer Rouge era, it is now owned by the Victoria Angkor Resort and Spa in Siem Reap, Cambodia and is used as a specialty car for tours of the famous Angkor Archaeological Park. Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom and Bayon Temple are among the most important archaeological, cultural and religious sites in Southeast Asia.

## Autotourism

While in Yuma, AZ on a lark Ron & Nancy Allen and Scott & Linda Grundy crossed the Colorado River into CA for about ten miles to the Cloud Museum in Bard, CA. We were all amazed and delighted we did! The museum displays over 150 Model T's & A's which is in itself likely a world record collection, but there's so much more. There's antique farming & mining equipment, household items, engines and more displayed on the nearly three acre museum site! Even some of the structures housing the collection were interesting! Some vehicles are restored but most are described as "Barn Fresh." ("Well preserved desert fresh" might be better terminology.) In addition to cars there are trucks, tractors, caterpillars, a backhoe and even a well-crafted home-built motorhome that is reported to have toured parts of Canada (see back page). Ron Allen took photos of some really strange items for possible use by our editor as a "What is it?" in our newsletter. Linda tried to buy a



By Scott Grundy

couple of really cute cast antique auto wall decorations and Nancy wanted an old framed print of a cowboy taking a bath in a washtub with a thirsty horse and a cat & dog looking on. But nothing was for sale that day from the collection amassed over the last 27 years by the owner, Johnny Cloud, who is no less interesting than his collection. This is a must-visit museum that will put a smile on your face during your entire visit at a cost of only five bucks per person! Visit their website at [www.dynamitedave.com](http://www.dynamitedave.com).





Its not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.



Above: Alva with his '55 Jeep CJ-5 at a Golden Days Parade

## ALVA DITCH

Sept 18, 1918 to Jan 17, 2017

Alva joined the club in 1989 because of his interest in mid-fifties Jeeps. He had two, both '55 CJ-5s one green and one red. He also had a '64 VW and a '64 Cadillac. He was very active with the club into the mid 90's, and even after he wasn't at so many events, he enjoyed the club and attended nearly every Holiday Party until just a couple of years ago. He helped build the Alcan Highway and Alva came back to Alaska to stay in 1952. He was a carpenter by trade. He was a member of the carpenters union for 75 years, and an officer of that group for many of those years.



Right: Alva waves from the center of a Progressive Dinner gathering in 1990. Others, left to right clockwise: Gene Yurkovich, Jerry Rheem, Roger Smith, Bill Yingst, Joan Yingst, Tina Yurkovich, ?, Gene Hansen, ("Alvie" as noted on the photo), Aleen Christensen, Ed Christensen, and Ruth Hill.

## 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. FLINT
2. FORD
3. GEARLESS
4. HANDLEY - KNIGHT
5. HAYNES - APPERSON
6. HUDSON
7. JACKSON
8. KING
9. KISSEL
10. LINCOLN

### SLOGAN OR TAG LINE

- a. Get Behind The Wheel
- b. The Universal Car
- c. Just a Real Good Car
- d. The Car of No Regrets
- e. The Custom - Built Car
- f. Look for the White Triangle
- g. For the Fine Car Owner Who Drives From Choice
- h. The Sensation of the Year
- J A Common Sense Car with No Tender or Delicate Parts
- k. America's First Car

See page 8 for correct answers.

## YUMA ALASKAN PICNIC

Yuma, Arizona has a permanent population of 93,000 but an additional 85,000 snow birds show up in the winter. When one drives through the city there is RV park after RV park filled with people from mostly northern states and Canada. Every February 14,



Answers  
from  
Page 7

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

which is Valentine's Day, an Alaskan Picnic is organized by several volunteers at a lovely park in Yuma. This picnic has been a huge annual event for 33 years now. This year 302 Alaskans attended the gathering. Our car club was very well represented this year with seven members in attendance including Robbie and Doris Casey, Ron Dane, Scott and Lynn Grundy and Ron and Nancy Allen. We visited with people from all over Alaska including Fairbanks and North Pole. Nancy Allen was able to touch base with a grandmother of former students of hers about 15 years ago. That evening the group was invited to a cookout at Doris and Robbie Casey's home where we all enjoyed an outside bug free meal with friends while gloating that we were in such a nice warm climate.

Article and photo by Nancy & Ron Allen

## VLNAACF Membership Meeting Minutes February 9, 2017

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

There were 25 members present.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BEAR AND SECONDED BY WILMA VINTON TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Wilma Vinton gave the Treasurer's report.

Rochelle Larson gave the membership report.

The Event Planning Meeting is February 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Car Museum. Rochelle needs a head count.

2017 ABDT - Report was given and there is only 1 room left at the motel.

Joint Meet - Willy gave us an update.

There was discussion about Steve Heideman from Aircom as a

possible guest speaker to inform us of services he could provide to the membership.

Raffle Car - The car is in storage.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK LARRICK AND SECONDED BY MELINDA HARRIS TO PUT A 12X30 CLUB PICTURE IN A FRAME AND GIVE IT TO THE AK BUFFET. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Car Show - There was a volunteer sign up sheet that went around the membership for the different jobs that will need to be filled. The Carlson Center will be handling the antique show that will be in the foyer. Since there will be no concession at the show the club will be looking for a school club to sell hot dogs and drinks.

Mike Lecorchick presented to Clutch & Lorna Lounsbury their plaque for 42 years of membership in the club.

50/50 - There was a total of \$95 and the lucky winner was Rochelle Larson.

MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLY VINTON AND SECONDED BY BUB TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:33 p.m.

Submitted by Donna Wojciechowski



## NATIONAL NEWS



Did you know that the AACA Library has been digitizing old movies, and has them posted on YouTube? Check out the link at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyQIIBS93GzsPART300GSw>

There is lots of interesting stuff there, and more is being posted just about every week. Some are:



**Daytona Beach**  
**1955 Don MacDonaid—DeSoto Promo**

Lest We Forget



**Ford GT40**  
**1964 Le Mans**

**AACA 1939 & 1940**  
**Early Outings**



### The Appraisers Panel Discussion

AACA Annual Meeting 2016  
February 12 - Philadelphia

Along with many recent events, such as this seminar from the 2016 Annual Meeting



## EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

This appears to be the "Snowbird Edition" with most articles and photo contributions coming from warmer climes, including southeast Asia and Arizona. Far more car related activity in Tucson, Yuma, Pattaya and Siem Reap than in Fairbanks!

It appears that "When They Were New" has run its course, since there were no new submissions, and I've run out of stock, it will be dropped.

Rochelle hosted a productive Events Planning Meeting in February. She is working at filling in a few missing events and several vacant PPRs, but the full summer schedule will be posted, as usual, in the April edition. Also next month, we have a few photos from Wiseman to promote the much shorter A.B.D.T. for this summer, in hopes that more folks can either make the trip to Wiseman or join the group at Manley Hot Springs.

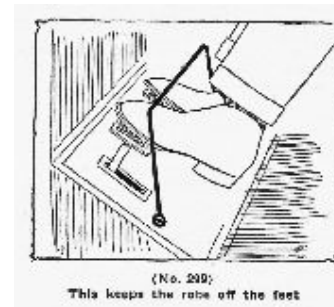
## Automobile Repairshop Short Cuts

*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*

### ROBE LIFTER

(No. 299)

Driving in winter with a lap robe is always troublesome because it gets mixed up with the pedals. This difficulty may be overcome by making a



stiff wire guard to hold the robe away from the feet and the pedals. Ordinary 3/16 - in. wire will do. It is bent as shown and has an eye in each end of it through which a bolt passes to fasten it to the floor. - Fred H. Clifford, Bangor, ME.



Scott Grundy emailed this photo of a Studebaker outside the Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson.



Snowbird Droppings are photos and messages from our members who flee Alaska in the winter months, but still think of us fondly.



Scott Grundy emailed this photo of Ron & Nancy Allen and Linda & Scott enjoying a visit in Tucson, and a ride in Ron's Model A Roadster.

## **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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(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](mailto: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](mailto:larrickrick@gmail.com) or 457-4344.

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

March 15, 1917

## MAY DIG ALASKA LIGNITE DEPOSITS

According to John A. Davis, superintendent of the Fairbanks station of the United States bureau of mines, who arrived here this week, the first work to be undertaken by the Fairbanks station will be the problem of treating the coal in the Nenana district so that it will be fit for practical use.

There are approximately ten billion tons of lignite in the Healy and Lignite creeks regions which has yet to be mined. This will have to be removed before the coal is fit for commercial use.

## 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?"

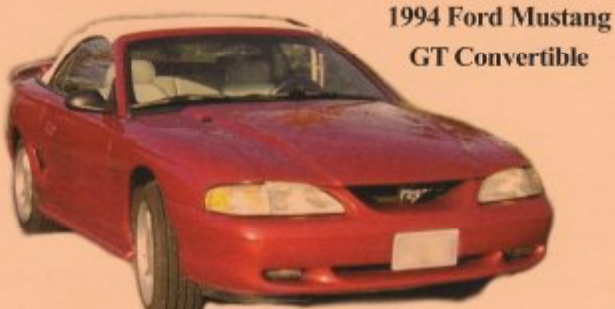
Drawing July 22, 2017 at 2:00pm

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

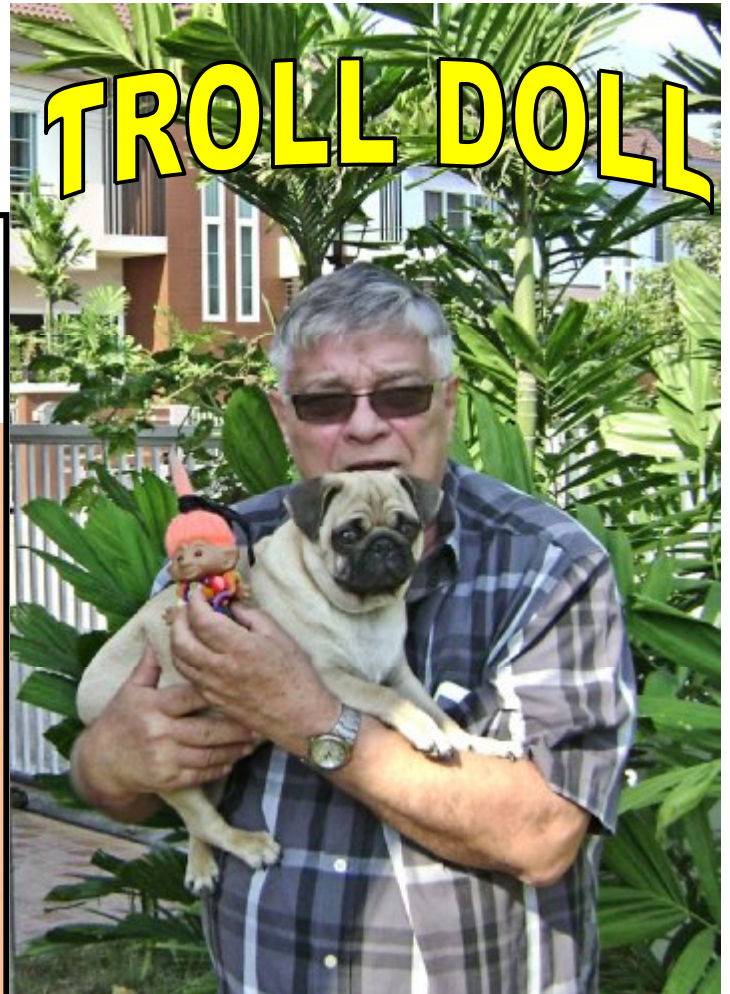
\$5.00/ticket or 5 for \$20.00

Permit # 2437

Ticket No.



1994 Ford Mustang  
GT Convertible



Bill Wright holds Trollella and Pugsy in a warm embrace at his new home in Lampang, Thailand.

Photo by John McCarthy.

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### NEXT MEETINGS

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

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

Linda Grundy gives Nancy Allen a tour of the Grundy's new motorhome →



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