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Nash's News

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



JOINT MEET: see page 6

FUN IN THE MIDNIGHT SUN



JOINT MEET: see page 6

Membership Meeting at the Salmon Bake: see page 10



I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today, but I couldn't find it.



Club members gathered at the gate of the Clay Street Cemetery to listen as Frank Turney, cemetery caretaker, (third from right in above picture), spoke to the group about the city's historic cemetery prior to a guided walking tour of the grounds as part of the July 26, 2017 Random Run-Around. We heard lots of tales of the characters of Fairbanks' colorful past that are now a permanent part of Fairbanks history.

After the cemetery tour, our venture took us to North Pole, the home of someone very special to our club at Christmas time. Sorry, Santa. The Run-Around destination wasn't Santa Claus House but was the home of Paul and Joyce Tekin to celebrate a surprise birthday party for Paul, hosted in secrecy, by his wife Joyce. Joyce asked to incorporate the cake and ice cream social event into our Random Run-Around for July.

For several years, Paul and Joyce have been instrumental in planning and ensuring that our club's annual December Meeting meets annual organizational requirements and successfully represents the spirit of the season.

Thank you Paul, thank you Joyce for all you do to make our club an adventure filled organization.

- John McCarthy

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

A nominating committee has been formed at the August Board & Membership meetings to solicit nominations and thus present a slate of officers-in-nomination at our October Board Meeting. Nominations will also be open from the floor at the October Membership Meeting and the election of officers will be held at the November Membership Meeting.

Open for nominations are the four officer positions:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer

And the two expiring Director Positions currently held by Paul Tekin and Charlie Bourque.

Members of the Nominating Committee are Wilma Vinton, Jeff Creamer, Scott Grundy & Bret Helms

If you are interested in contributing to the leadership of our club in 2018, please contact a committee person.

Sneak Peak: 2018 Club Raffle Car



The Board purchased the raffle car for 2018. It is a 1986 customized Camaro, 6-cylinder, 5-speed manual transmission, with a back-up camera (note the camera instead of mirrors in the photo above), and sequential brake / turn lights. It is a one-owner car, and has recently been repainted. As usual, raffle car ticket distribution and sales will kick-off at the Club's annual meeting in December.

I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.

Picnic at Joe's



Photo by John McCarthy

A 14 car caravan left the fireworks stand in North Pole at 11:15 am on Sunday, August 13th bound for Joe Procell's place for the picnic. Twenty-one members took part. It was a rainy beginning but

Above: As Theresa Chase smiles, a confused looking Marlen Pruett walks away with a consolation prize awarded by Joyce (see inset)

the clouds parted long enough for a wonderful lunch provided by Joe. The food was fantastic!

We had red beans and rice, potato salad, baked beans, pulled pork,



Photo by George Cromer



Photo by George Cromer

Above: Lisa and Lloyd Romero watch their daughter's reaction to John McDonald's dog Willy. Left: Group relaxes after dinner

hamburgers and beer brats—all cooked by Joe. Members brought an assortment of desserts. A very, very nice afternoon.

The poker run winners were: 1st: Paul Tekin (\$52), 2nd: Ron Allen (\$30) and 3d: Lloyd Romero (\$23).

Joe thanked everyone for coming and told us he did this to thank the club for all they do.

- Joyce Tekin



September, 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p><i>Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events, notices, and articles to vlnaacf@gmail.com</i></p>					1	2 CarsNCoffee 8:30—10:00 Bentley Mall
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 CarsNCoffee 8:30—10:30 Bentley Mall leave 10:30 for RUN TO CHATANIKA ROADHOUSE
10	11	12 <u>Board Meeting Sam's Sourdough</u>	13	14 <u>Membership Meeting—AK Buffet</u>	15	16 CarsNCoffee 8:30—10:00 Bentley Mall
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Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club
Region AACA

- Saturday, September 9th: **CHATANIKA RUN;** leave Cars'NCoffee at 10:30 for lunch & talent show at Chatanika Roadhouse. See pg. 10.
- Tuesday, Sept 12th: **Board Meeting,** Sourdough Sam's 6:30pm.
- Thursday, Sept 14th: **Regular Membership Meeting** at the AK Buffet, 7:00pm Meeting; dinner there before (6pm).

Antique Auto Mushers

- Wed, Sept 13th: **Rolling Membership Meeting,** meet at Daybreak Center, 6:30pm
- Sept 16-18th: **Denali Lottery Tour**

National AACA Events

- October 4th—7th: **Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey,** PA, hosted by Hershey Region



Member Advertisements

FOR SALE: West Custom Windows electric sun roof. Size is approximately 16 x 28. It's new, but I have had it laying around for years. Asking \$50. Mike Lecorchick 322-7525 Mike.lecor@gmail.com



WANTED: Ford 200 6-cyl engine... maybe also a transmission.
Marlen Pruett 322-0674



FOR SALE: 1960 Studebaker Champ 3/4 ton. Runs & drives great. Been driving it all summer. New rear with 3.54 gears made a big improvement. A great truck (may need a little tlc) but that's your choice. \$6500, OBO. John Dee McDonald 488-1843

FOR SALE: 1962 Studebaker Gran Turismo Hawk, 2-dr hardtop; 289 V8; 3-speed with overdrive. Formerly owned by Captain George Clayton and wife Virginia. Needs restoration—body is in primer and sealer with rust removed. Motor is rebuilt. New windshield, new grill, new radiator in original Studebaker box, new brake master cylinder. All chrome is there. Have original title and Studebaker booklet on car. Needs to be painted, interior finished, dual exhaust done, rear bumper re-chromed. Owner Lloyd Swenson promised George Clayton he would restore and drive the car in the Golden Days Parade someday, but had open heart surgery in 2011 and has lost the desire to do so. All complete - yours to finish! Accepting best offer. Contact Lloyd through Rochelle Larson 590-8593, or call Rick Larrick for the contact phone number.

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

Well, summer is quickly coming to an end and by the end of September most-- if not all-- of us will have put our cars into winter storage. The club has held various events this summer with only a few left on the calendar for this month. **Hopefully, you've enjoyed** the events that you were able to attend as much as I have.

I would like to thank **the many PPR's that volunteered** their time to make these events possible. Others that we need to thank are the businesses that provided venues for our events or donated prizes...**Fountainhead Development for the use of** the K-mart parking lot, the museum and room for the joint meet dinner; Alaska Great Harvest Bread Company for the free coffee they provided for our Cars N Coffee each Saturday; Fairbanks North Star **Borough Parks & Rec; and River's Edge RV Park for** allowing us to showcase our cars during the Wednesday night run-arounds and Car Quest, **NA-PA, and O'Reilly's for donating prizes for some** events. I know that I have missed some so I apologize to them.

At the last board meeting a nominating committee was formed to put forth names of those interested in serving on the board next year. Elections will be held in November for Officers and board members. I urge you to consider serving on the board, if you are interested let Wilma Vinton, Jeff Creamer, Bret Helms or Scott Grundy know.

With the end of summer also comes the end to picnic meetings. So it is back to the AK Buffet for our next membership meeting on Sept. 14th. I hope to see you there.

President
Mike L.

Right: Copy of an original 1904 ad, citing that Henry Ford set the automobile speed record of 91.37 mph in 1904. He was actually driving the "Arrow", a twin to his "999". Ad from the Fountainhead collection.



September BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Pranee Nakprasit
- 3 - Jill Larrick
Jim Boswood
- 5 - Trach McLeod
- 7 - John Morgan
- 8 - Mike Welch
- 11 - Wally Olsen
- 13 - Marilyn Nigro
- 14 - Wyan Grant
Al Haynes
- 17 - Carolyn Mustard
- 18 - Brent Levalley
- 21 - Karine Dane
- 27 - Charlie Jurgens
- 28 - Larry Sullivan

September ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Vonna & Fred Husby
- 7 - Tracy & Jim Brand
- 7 - Joyce & Paul Tekin
- 18 - Tammy & Marlen Pruett
- 29—Lorna & Clutch Lounsbury

SUNSHINE REPORT:

It's been another quiet month and no card requests. Hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and are ready for fall!

Thank you,
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: tksplits@yahoo.com .
For a postal mail address contact Tracy or a Board member.



Bureaucrats cut red tape - - lengthwise.



Car game competitors pose at the K-Mart lot as Car Games end: Left to right: Willy Vinton, Scott Hulse*, Kurt Rein*, Marlen and Tammy Pruett, Joyce Chase* and Theresa Chase (on creeper), Will Chase, Jim Jacobson*, Howard Hansen*, Scott Culbertson, Brian Anderson*, Michael Campbell*, Terry Young*, Sara Stoops*, Jim Cross*, Bill Chase*(seated), Art & Tamea Isham*, Scott & Linda Grundy, Marcy Cresap* (Tom was taking the photo), Rick Larrick, and Ted & Colleen Kimzey*. The * denotes Anchorage AAMA members - note how they outnumber the participation from our Fairbanks club even when the Joint Meet is located on Airport Way right here in town!



Valve Cover Races on Friday night were swept by the Anchorage Club. Winners were: 1st, Debbie Hansen (C) 2nd: Marcy Cresap (L) 3rd: Art Isham.



Brian Anderson won the creeper race (and kept the creeper).

The Joint Meet was well attended by the Anchorage Club. AAMA members in attendance were: Brian Anderson and son, Will Lord (1983 Jeep J-10), Michael Campbell and Terry Young (modern camper), Bill and Joyce Chase (1916 Model T), Tom and Marcy Cresap (1938 Chrysler), Scott and Linda Gundy (1990 Miata), Howard Hansen (1966 Plymouth Barracuda), Debbie Hansen (1991 Ford Van), Scott and Sheryl Hulse (1958 Rolls Royce), Tam and Art Isham (1973, P1800 Volvo) and Kurt Rein, traveling. At least one couple are also members of VLNAACF. At the Friday night picnic, the Valve Cover races were won, hands down, by the Anchorage teams. Debbie Hansen took First Place, with Marcy Cresap taking second. Next year we hope the Brands can attend, the reigning Valve Cover Race champions of VLNAACF and give the Antique Auto Musers a run for their money!

Car games on Saturday were dominated by VLNAACF members. The Blind Target-backing your car into a slot, without the use of your mirror and with only hand signals from your partner, was won by our own President, Mike Lecorchick with Jeff Creamer as his backer, 2nd place was Will Chase, backed by Teresa Chase and 3rd was Wilma Vinton, backed by me- (I think that says it all right there!). The 2nd competition, Oh Nuts, involved driving a serpentine course while your passenger dropped nuts into an open water bottle. 1st Place was Will and Theresa Chase, 2nd place, Scott Culbertson with Rick Larrick dropping his

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Above: Crowd lingers at the pavilion after the valve cover Races

A dog gave birth near the road and was cited for littering.

JONIT MEET, continued from page 6



Tours were very much enjoyed, even by our locals, most of whom had not been to the Fish Hatchery and had not had the very intimate tour of Creamers, led by Jeff Creamer. Above: group at the Hatchery. Below, at the "most photographed tree in Fairbanks" are Ted & Colleen Kimzey, Laurel & Ed McLaughlin, Scott Grundy, Tom Cresap, Art Isham, Jill & Rick Larrick, Marcy Cresap, Theresa & Will Chase, Tamea Isham, and Jeff Creamer. Another group, led by Mike Lecor-chick, toured the Fountainhead Museum. Below, right: Jeff Creamer talks about some of the family history at his childhood home, and tells about the operation of the dairy prior to 1970.



Photo Left is at the Joint Meet Banquet, as awards are presented. Wilma Vinton (Event Chair) is presenting Will Chase his award for winning his car games event.



Monderosa Run

The Monderosa Run on Sunday, August 13th was lots of fun. We had 18 people and 12 cars. We had beautiful weather.



The screened patio is always a nice atmosphere for lunch and conversation at the Monderosa.

The 1st place winner was Ed McLaughlin with 3 - 10's, 2nd place was John Harrop with 2 pair Q's & 9's, 3rd place was me with a pair of A's. We also

had a number of other prizes to give out the winners of those were Will Chase, Theresa Chase, Wilma Vinton, Nee Nakprasit, Katie Harrop, Jill Larrick, Scott Grundy, John McCarthy, and Wal-ly Olsen.

I hope everyone had a great time.



Above: Cars and members gathered at the Pioneer Park front lot on Sunday morning for the poker run drive.

Rochelle



Above: Card draw at the Minto Flats overlook pull-out on the way down to Nenana

I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one.



Photo by Wilma Vinton

VLNAACF Membership Meeting Minutes Aug 10, 2017 Location - Alaska Salmon Bake

Mike Lecorchick brought the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

There were 39 members present. A MOTION WAS MADE BY THERESA CHASE AND SECONDED BY WILLY VINTON TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES FROM THE JULY MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Wilma Vinton gave the treasurer's report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN MCCARTHY AND SECONDED BY BRETT HELMS TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rochelle Larson gave the membership report. We have 43 single and 97 joint memberships with a total of 237 members.

EVENTS:

Wilma gave us a report on the Golden Days parade. There were 45 cars in the parade.

Joint Meet - Willy gave us an update on the joint meet. The winners of the car games are as follows:

Valve Cover Races:

Debbie Hanson, Anchorage
Marcy Cresap, Anchorage

Flying Target:

Mike Lecorchick & Jeff Creamer as backup
Will Chase & Theresa Chase as backup
Wilma Vinton & Willy Vinton as backup

Creeper Race:

Bryan Anderson, Anchorage

Cone Nuts:

Will Chase, Fairbanks



Scott Culbertson, Fairbanks

Brian Anderson, Anchorage

August 13th - As PPR, Paul Tekin gave us an update on the poker run to Joe's house. We will be leaving the fireworks stand in North Pole at 11:00. Bring desserts and Joe will supply the rest.

August 20th - Mondo Poker Run - We will be leaving the parking lot at Alaskaland at 11:00. Rochelle Larson is the PPR.

August 26th - Ivory Jack's Poker Run - This will be a slow poke run. We will leave at 10:30 after cars & coffee. Rick Lar-rick is the PPR.

September 9th - Chatanika Poker Run - The Tekins are the PPR.

OLD BUSINESS:

Guest Speakers - Our guest speaker for the September meeting will be Ryan Strattsma. He will be talking to us about prepping your car for painting. Mike is waiting for a call back from HI TECH about speaking to us at the October membership meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Raffle Car - John McCarthy gave us an update.

Nomination Committee - The nomination committee will consist of Wilma Vinton, Jeff Creamer, Scott Grundy and Brett Helms.

50/50 - The total was \$125.00. The lucky winner was Nee. (I forgot to write the name down of who won. Correct me if I'm wrong.)

The next board meeting will be on September 12 and the next membership meeting will be September 14 at AK Buffet. Dinner is at 6:00 and the meeting will start at 7:00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOTT CULBERTSON AND SECONDED BY JEFF CREAMER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:45. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Donna Wojciechowski



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EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

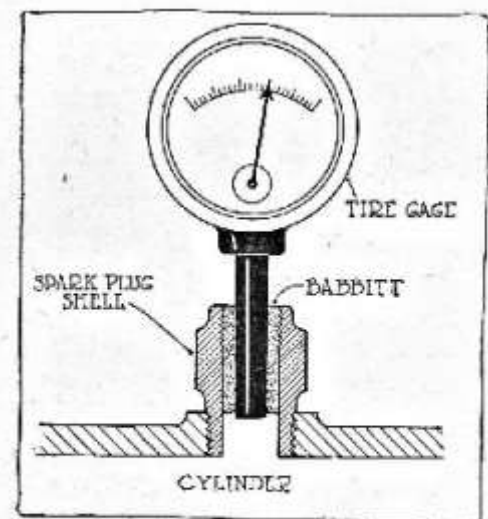
It is really a shame how participation from our larger Fairbanks club is always exceeded at every Joint Meet by that from the smaller Anchorage Club. One would think that with the Meet held right here in town, we would be able to marshal the numbers. We had a reasonable turnout only on Friday evening for the picnic. Anchorage will host next year, but by 2019 we have to figure out what it takes to get some interest and spirit going from our Club. Sometime late next year, a planning committee will be formed, and they will start to plan a location and events. - 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

Compression Tester (No. 413)

A compression tester is necessary for accurately determining the condition of valves and pistons as regards their tightness. A cheap but satisfactory one may be made by combining a tire gauge and a spark plug shell. The gauge may be fastened to the shell by pouring babbitt or lead in between the two or a special reducing nipple may be used. The gauge, of course, is placed in the spark plug hole when a cylinder is to be tested. A weak cylinder can be readily indicated even if the normal compression in pounds is not known, by the fact that it will register less than the others. The use of this device is very important; it should be employed whenever any irregularity is noted in the operation of the motor. Leaky valves, pistons and valve stem guides may cause a miss or a jerky action that ordinarily would be blamed on the carburetor or ignition.—James Baldwin, New Harmony, Ind.



(No. 413)
Compression tester made of tire gauge
and spark plug shell

Upcoming Events



Talent Scout, Joyce Tekin, is looking for advance signups for volunteers for the Talent Contest on the September 9th Chatanika Run. Call her @ 488-2992

**CHATANIKA POKER RUN
LEAVES CarsNCoffee at
10:30 am**



Slo-Poke Run to Ivory Jacks

Eight cars and 14 folks made the Poker-run drive from CarsNCoffee on Saturday morning, August 26th out to Ivory Jacks. Stops were the Noel Wein Library, the upper UAF Campus, Ann's Greenhouse and then lunch for 17 at Dick & Joni Ellsworth's Ivory Jacks. Poker winners were Tracy Brand (three aces), Wally Olsen (3 duces), and Donna Wojciechowski (2 pair). Weather turned very nice and everyone made it out and back (despite the tightly sealed gas cap on one Model A).



Top: Cars at Ivory Jacks, Left: smiling dinner crowd, Bottom, cars at Noel Wein Library stop.



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nuts, and 3rd place was Brian Anderson from Anchorage with passenger Will Lord (his son). The final game is always fun, the creeper race. This was won by Brian Anderson, who took the new creeper away as the prize.

Saturday afternoon we had the choice of two separate tours, one was a private tour of the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum or the opportunity to tour the Fish and Game Hatchery and Creamer's Dairy State Wildlife Refuge. The Creamer's tour was lead by Jeff Creamer who grew up on the dairy farm until his was 11. All that attended this tour felt that having Jeff as our guide brought a great perspective to the tour.

The final event, the award banquet was held at the Bear Lodge at Wedgewood Resort. We want to thank all of the Antique Auto Musers who drove to our fair city to participate and the local VLNAACF members who took the time to join in the fun. I would have liked to see a lot more local members, but believe a great time was had by all that did attend. Get your valve cover racers out and tuned up, VLNAACF members, our reputation is at stake next year!!

- Willy Vinton

Editor's Note: Willy Vinton, over at the Fountainhead Museum, often clips interesting articles with fun facts to share with visitors. He suggested that this article might be of interest to our members if in the newsletter. It is reprinted from the June 26, 1913 issue of Motor World. Now, over 100 years later, the most efficient car "cheats" - i.e. is a hybrid, and gets only 58 MPG as certified by the EPA and is the 2017 Hyundai Ioniq Blue. The current one-gallon Shell mileage test record was set by a French team in 2005 at 12,600 mpg in the specially built Pac-Car II, burning one gallon of pure hydrogen in a fuel cell. I should also note, that my Franklin doesn't even come close to any of these numbers!

June 26, 1913

FRANKLIN COVERS 84 MILES ON SINGLE GALLON OF FUEL

Air-Cooled Car Sets up Almost Unbelievable Record Under Unquestionable Auspices - How the Test Was Carried Out.

For a four-cylinder automobile, 20 miles on a gallon of gasoline is, as any slangy chauffeur will admit, "pretty good going"; 25 miles is unusual; 35 miles is astounding; 45 miles is nothing short of phenomenal, and to claim anything more than that is to be classed immediately with Ananias and Sapphira and other historical truthstretchers. And yet on Saturday, 21st inst., a four-cylinder Franklin Roadster- air cooled, of course - completed no less than 83.5 miles on a single gallon of commercial gasoline under the official supervision of the Testing Laboratory of the Automobile Club of America.

For just six hours, S. G. Averell, who owns the car in question, and who drove it for the H. H. Franklin Mfg. Co., of Syracuse, N.Y., in



AVARELL AND CHASE IN FRANKLIN ROADSTER WHEN TEST RUN

which he is interested, guided it over the roads of Long Island in an endeavor to use up that lonely gallon of "gas", and long before it gave out all of those who witnessed the more than phenomenal run were heartily tired of it, for it seemed as if the little car never would stop. When it finally did cough to a halt within a couple of hundred yards of the starting point in Long Island City, one of the party of trade paper men who trailed it in a big six-cylinder Franklin touring car scrambled out of his tonneau seat as grasped Averell by the hand. "Averell," he said, "let me congratulate you - on stopping."

The run is a world's record, of course; it is a record for anything that runs on four wheels and is propelled by gasoline and had been beaten only by a motorcycle. The nearest to it that any one has come was on May 15, 1906, when in the two-gallon efficiency contest promoted by the A.C.A., a Franklin car carrying four passengers travelled 87 miles; that also is a record. The one-gallon record, too, was made with a Franklin car, 46.1 miles being reeled off on July 11, 1909, in the Automobile Club of Buffalo's one-gallon econ-

omy contest. By way of startling comparison, the new record is just 37.4 miles better than the old record! Figured down about as finely as it can be figured, it means that a single drop of gasoline will propel Averell and his Franklin a matter of nearly 75 feet!

The car with which the test was made is a roadster in which wind resistance has been reduced to a minimum, as is made plain by the accompanying picture; it weighed when empty 1,690 pounds and with Averell and Herbert Chase of the Testing Laboratory of the A.C.A. who acted as the supervisor, in their seats, the weight was 1,955 pounds. The gasoline that was used was purchased in the open market by the A.C.A. and tested out at 63 degrees. The dimensions of the motor are 3 1/8 inches bore and 4 inches stroke, and except for the fact that it has slightly longer pistons to raise the compression, although it was not raised to the point where it could be called exceptionally high, and that a Newcomb carburetter was used instead of the usual Franklin carburetter, it conforms to stock dimensions; no other changes were made in it. The chassis, however, is special all the way through and was constructed with the view of reducing weight to the minimum. The final gear ratio was 1 1/2 to 1 and only one rear wheel was driven, the differential being inactive.

The test was started at 10:30 on Saturday morning on the Queens Boulevard in Long Island City, two blocks from the Packard service building, after Herbert Chase, assisted and watched over by three newspaper men, had carefully filled a one-gallon dash tank with a measured gallon of fuel brought from the A.C.A. laboratory for the purpose. The modus operandi throughout the whole of the test was to speed to car up to about 22 miles an hour and then to stop the motor by closing the throttle, disengage the gears and the clutch, and permit the car to coast until the speed dropped off to about seven miles an hour. The throttle was then opened and the motor started by dropping the clutch into engagement after the gears had been shifted. During the test, two stops were made because of traffic blocks in Long Island City, and one stop when the motor was stalled in attempting to turn the car on a narrow

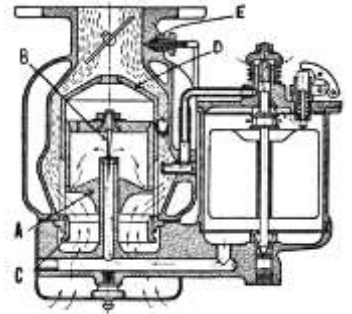
road. From the starting point, the route led out to Massapequa, L.I., by way of the Queens Boulevard, the Hoffman Boulevard, and the Jericho turnpike; at Massapequa, which is 31 miles from the starting point, the car was turned and the return journey was commenced over the same route. The car traveled up hill, therefore, the same distance that it travelled down hill, and at the point where it finally came to rest the elevation was approximately the same as that at the starting point. Going out, the wind was with the car, but coming back the wind was against it.

That Averell misjudged the distance he could travel before his fuel gave out was revealed by his choice of Massapequa for a turning point; Long Island City was reached on the return journey at 2:40, and though it was figured that the gasoline must have all, or nearly all, used up, the car continued to run without any signs of stopping for nearly 1 1/2 hours afterward! During that time Averell drove twice nearly to Flushing over very poor Belgian block pavement, made two circles around the Bridge Plaza, and went twice out over

the railway bridge for a considerable distance past the original starting point; it was on the second trip out over the bridge that the car finally quit. It is likely, therefore, that if the original out-bound trip had been continued quite a little further, the total mileage would have been greater, for traffic slow-downs and poor pavements in Long Island City then would not have been encountered.

The Newcomb carburetter with which the car is equipped is produced by the Holtzer-Cabot Electric Co., of Boston, Mass., and was adjusted by E. C. Newcomb, its inventor, who accompanied the run. No doubt quite as much credit for the record is due to the carburetter as is due to Averell for his generalship in handling the car.

The carburetter itself differs from anything else of its kind in that it has a fuel metering device which is best made plain with the aid of the accompanying cross-sectional view. The metering mechanism consists of a hollow plunger (A) surrounding the pipe at the top of which the fuel



NEWCOMB CARBURETTER IN SECTION

the fuel nozzle is located. A fuel controlling needle (B) is fixed to the upper part of the plunger near the bottom edge of which a number of small holes are drilled to distribute the fuel after it has issued from the main fuel measuring orifice. These holes are arranged to register with an equal number of relatively narrow air slots cut in the plunger tube or chamber. The plunger is seated on a regulating collar (C), the office of which is to withdraw the fuel needle from its closed position by raising the plunger without uncovering the slots in the chamber (D).

Consequently, when air is drawn through the carburetter, the plunger lifts in proportion to the amount of air drawn. The needle in the nozzle lifts, at the same time releasing the proper amount of gasoline to charge the entering air. The amount of gasoline in the mixture therefore always is proportionate to the amount of air drawn in. To adjust the mixture, a lever traversing a graduated arc on the top of the float chamber is provided: this lever adjusts the back suction on the fuel in the float chamber; when turned toward "Poor", the back suction increases, reducing the flow of fuel and weakening the mixture; when turned toward "Rich", the back suction is reduced and the mixture enriched. This adjustment is uniformly effective over the whole range of speeds. To assist in vaporizing low grade fuels, the vaporizing chamber is enclosed in a jacket, which was connected to the exhaust and heated in this way. The speedometer used is a Casgrain, and though the original reading showed 86.6 miles, subsequent correction reduced this reading to 83.5 miles.

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NEXT MEETINGS

The membership meeting is **Thursday, Sept 14th** at the AK BUFFET Meeting starts at 7:00pm; come dine before starting at 6pm. NOTE: Speaker this meeting (see minutes).

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, Sept 12th** — at Sam's Sourdough . Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.

Steve Hovenden's 1973 IH Crew Cab PU.
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