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Nash's News

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



The Results are In!

Member Event Survey Results are on Page 10.

New and interesting information is revealed (like 48% of our members really do answer the survey - if reminded at least twice...)



Deux Citroën dans les Bois (Two Citroëns in the Woods)

See article by Gary Pohl on Page 2

Deux Citroën dans les Bois

Two Citroëns in the Woods)

Part 1

By Gary Pohl

Fairbanks has been called the end of the world by some, and for two Citroën 2cv units resting in the deep woods west of Fairbanks, that is certainly the case! I literally "ran" across these vehicles while jogging on packed winter snow trails with my friend Ed Rouleau and my two dogs. This is a great way to get some exercise and enjoy nature during the low light time of the year, and maybe see something cool and unexpected. On one occasion, Ed pointed out to me two mounds of snow some ways off the trail that covered up the remains of two abandoned Citroëns.

After our run, Ed showed me some pictures he took after venturing through hordes of mosquitos and wet fen to get to the Citroëns in the summer of 2006. These were not the iconic, sleek and unique Citroëns 2s models with the rear wheel skirts whose mental picture first came to mind. These were utilitarian precursors to the SUV, with a van type camper shell built onto the back of the car cab. My interest piqued as I realized that there had to be an amazing story to be discovered!

There is a red line painted on the map that traces the route they took, which started in Lausanne, Switzerland, headed through Spain, across the Strait of Gibraltar and then to Algiers turning south across the Sahara Desert, down the east coast of southern Africa and into South Africa. After a series of side excursions, they apparently went by ship from Cape Town to the western hemisphere and landed in Montevideo, Uruguay and then headed north to Brazil up to Rio, then back south through Argentina to the tip of Ushuaia, capitol of Terra del Fuego, Argentina. From



Deux Citroën dans les Bois

there, they went up through Chile and Peru to Ecuador by way of Lake Titicaca and Machu Picchu. Another ship to Panama and then on up through Central America and Mexico where they entered the US in Texas. They drove along the Gulf Coast to New Orleans and then down to south Florida, before heading up the east coast and all the way up to New Brunswick, Canada, before turning and driving across Canada and then up the Alcan Highway to Alaska. Tracing the route as best I could, and using Google Earth Pro, I measured a total trip, including ship board travel, of at least 35,000 miles using straight segments, so in reality, the total journey was much longer.

Who were these intrepid travelers, and why did they end up in the subarctic Boreal forest? I became determined to learn more about this incredible journey made by these two-cylinder explorers. There is lots of information on the internet, including many documented Citroën rallies, such as Paris-Kabul and others, and Citroën rallies continue today. Nevertheless, there is no record of this particular journey that I have yet been able to locate.

From the photos and internet searching, I have determined that these are Belgian made Citroëns (S.A. Belge Citroën), Model 2CV-AKL1, and referred to as Camionette or Fourgonnette (van). They were powered by two-cylinder air cooled engines that were said to be able to go "from zero to 60 in a day". I have not been able to determine yet what year they are, however a "Turista" sticker reveals that they traveled through Mexico in February 1968.

There is much more to learn, and my investigation will continue. Look for Part 2 in March. Meanwhile, if anyone in the Club has any knowledge or information about these two world traveling Citroëns, I would greatly appreciate hearing from you!



Map painted on the side of one of the Citroën 2CV-AKL1s



i before e... except when you run a feisty heist on a weird beige foreign neighbor.

The Creamer/Trollella 2018 Cabo Trip

Early Saturday morning, January 13, 2018, Christol and Jeff Creamer headed to the airport with me to start a 9 day



Me and Tinkerbell both wanted to go on the trip!

vacation to Washington state and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The plane ride to Seattle was quite comfortable, and upon arrival, we picked up a very nice, new car for the weekend from Jeff's favorite car rental company, SIXT. We then proceeded to visit with family in the immediate area before driving up the Olympic Peninsula to visit with Christol's family Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Sunday night was spent at a beautiful hotel in Burien, WA. Near SeaTac airport called Cedarbrook Lodge, while a bit more expensive than others closer to the airport, it was quite a bit cheaper when booked on Expedia! There, a cousin of Christols joined us for a great dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Now this is where the trip took a distinct downward trend for me! Jeff, in a last minute re-pack of his carry-on, left my luggage and me on a bench in the hotel room! Therefore, I spent the next couple of days on a shelf at the hotel, then was placed in a box, (thankfully padded!), and **mailed, mailed I say**, back to Fairbanks! Oh, the Indignity of it all...! I was able to reach out to a distant cousin currently living in Cabo and arrange for her to meet up with the Forgetful One and his gracious spouse Christol, so at least they had **some** quality company for the rest of **their** trip! (While I spent the next few days in a padded box! Grrr!) My cousin, Poppy, (recently starred in the movie "Trolls") has been hiding out from the paparazzi in Cabo, so understand that she is a bit camera-shy and didn't want her face featured in any of the photo's!

The Creamers trip was planned to be quite "low-key" due to Christols recent



Sunrise view from the room in Cabo

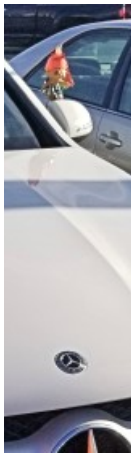
foot surgery, so while there was not a lot of sight-seeing or recreational activities, there was considerable quality time by the pool and beach, and lots of fun tropical drinks and food to be shared! The Pueblo Bonito Los Cabos resort is a small, but well-

the deck of the pool! There is a sister resort next door, Pueblo Bonito Rose' that shares benefits between both resorts. The resorts boasts five restaurants between them, and guests are encouraged to utilize all dining options available, (which they all did!)

The beach vendors were a part of the entertainment daily, Poppy even got into the swing of things, bargaining aggressively for Christol and getting her a great deal on a new beach bag, bowls, t-shirts, and other souvenirs. Most of the vendors spoke excellent English, and even taught Poppy a few words in Español, though due to the level of bargaining, those probably are best not repeated here.....

Poppy and the Creamers did take a shuttle to another Pueblo Bonito resort complex on the Pacific side of the peninsula, where they were treated to a golf cart tour of the resort which included a gorgeous sunset over the Pacific, then a sumptuous meal in one of the finer restaurants of that resort! Poppy says she put on three pounds tagging along with those two!

Well, the only satisfaction I can derive from "My Cabo Trip", is that when the Creamers (with cousin Poppy) re-



Classy Rental Car!



Poppy looks over the pool to the ocean.

appointed timeshare resort with around 120 all ocean and pool view rooms facing the Sea of Cortez side of the tip of the Baja peninsula. As you can see from the pictures, the view of the sunrises and the rock formations on the peninsula are breathtaking, with the added benefit of the best beach in Cabo (Medanno Beach) right off



Poppy and the beach vendors.



Welcome home!

turned to Fairbanks, they were welcomed by an ice and snow encrusted car that Jeff had to dig out from its parking spot at the airport in -30 degree temperatures!

- By Trollella, with photos and help by Jeff Creamer



February, 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3 CarsNCoffee 9:00—11:00am Bentley Mall
4	5	6 Board Meeting Sam's Sourdough	7	8 Member-ship Meeting AK Buffet	9	10 CarsNCoffee 9:00—11:00am Bentley Mall
11	12	13 EVENT PLANNING MEETING - Fountainhead Museum	14	15	16	17 CarsNCoffee 9:00—11:00am Bentley Mall
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 CarsNCoffee 9:00—11:00am Bentley Mall
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

- Tuesday, February 6th: **Board Meeting**, Sourdough Sam's 6:30pm (most have dinner before)
- Thursday, February 8th: **Membership Meeting**, AK Buffet 7pm (most have dinner before)
- Tuesday, February 13th: **Event Planning Meeting**, 7pm Fountainhead Museum. (see pg. 9)



Antique Auto Mushers

- Wednesday, January 14h: **Membership Meeting**, 7pm Day Break Center: Installation of Officers
- February 24 & 25: **Fur Rendevous Car Show**, Anchorage



National AACA Events

- February 8th—10th: **AACA National Meeting**, Philadelphia, PA

DUES

Dues are now **PAST DUE** for the 2018 year. Dues are to be paid by December 31 for the following year.—
An additional \$10 fee is charged to dues paid after the January membership meeting.

Individual dues are \$55.00
\$40.00 for National AACA (paid through our local club), and
\$15.00 for local dues .

Joint Membership dues are \$70.00
\$40.00 for National AACA (paid through our local club), and
\$30.00 for local dues for you and your associate or spouse.

Please pay promptly.

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

We all know that our summers are somewhat short and we have lots of things we'd like to do during the summer. That's why your club is holding an Events Planning meeting February 13th at 7:00pm at the Fountainhead

Antique Auto Museum.

Having a calendar of scheduled events early in the year gives club members time to adjust their plans so that they can attend the events they enjoy. The results from a recent survey of club members will be used to help with the planning, but we still need YOU to attend the meeting for direct input as we lay out the calendar.

A big thank you to Rick Larrick and John McCarthy for the work they did on the club event survey.

- Mike

Birthdays and Anniversaries are only listed for paid-up members for 2018.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Tracy McLeod
- 6 - Laura Therriault
- 8 - Vonna Husby
- 12 - Michael Farrell
- 14 - Richard Gresham
- 16 - Fred Husby
- 28 - Ardis Bourque

Note: there were six other active members who had birthday, but they weren't listed because their dues have not been paid for 2018.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Laurel & Ed McLaughlin
- 2 - Joni & Dick Ellsworth

Note: there were two other active member couples with anniversaries in February, but they weren't listed because their dues have not be paid for 2018.

Member Ads

Seems that everybody is hibernating and nobody is selling.... But, as Ralph Moore pointed out during his garage tour, "everything is for sale... at the right price."

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Condolences were sent to Ralph Moore for the passing of first his mother and then his father.

A get well card was sent to Theresa Chase for her recent knee surgery.

- Tracy McLeod

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 Tra-*

Pulled an "all-dayer" - got through the whole day without taking a nap!



LARRICK TO
ADJOURN THE
MEETING AT
8:05
P.M. PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted
by: Donna
Wojciechowski



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

There were 38 members present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA WILBUR AND SECONDED BY JAMES FARNHAM TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Report was given by Wilma Vinton. A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAUL TEKIN AND SECONDED BY JEFF CREAMER TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson reported that the club has 236 members. 48 singles and 94 joint with 36 still outstanding.

EVENTS:

Garage Tours - John McCarthy gave us an update. Our first garage tour of the year will be at Ralph Moore's house on January 21st from 1:00-3:00 p.m. His address is 1211 Brock Road in North Pole.

Annual Meeting - Joyce Tekin gave us an update. The Tekin's are looking for ideas to make the party maybe a little more entertaining.

ABDT - The dates for the ABDT will be June 15-June 22nd. We will leave Fairbanks on June 15 and will leave

Homer on June 17th for Kodiak. Examples were given of all the history that Kodiak has to offer. We will depart Kodiak on June 20th for Homer.

Events Survey - John McCarthy gave us an update. John gave us an explanation of some of the results of the survey. There was a section on the survey for comments and Jeff Creamer and Rick Larrick went over some of the comments that members had.

501C3 - Willy Vinton gave us an update on our educational classes that we are required to have.

If any members have an idea for a guest speaker contact Mike Lecorchick.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Budget - Wilma Vinton presented the 2018 budget to the membership. After discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY WALLY OLSEN AND SECONDED BY JOHN BINDER. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The total for the 50/50 was \$137.

There were 2 model cars donated to the club. After the 50/50 there were two more tickets drawn. The winners of the cars were Mike Lecorchick and Rick Larrick

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLY VINTON AND SECONDED BY JILL

100 years ago this month:

Articles from the pages of the Seattle Star:

February 21, 1918

SAYS GERMANS PLAN TO SEIZE ALASKA-HAWAII

BY L. C. MARTIN

United Press Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Predicting that America will soon be forced to fight for Alaska and Hawaii, Senator Lewis, of Illinois, today demanded government ownership of railroads as a preparedness measure.

"If private ownership of the roads continues," he said, "we will have no adequate means of rushing troops to points needing defense."

He declared German intrigue will incite Russia to seize Alaska, so as to force the United States to divide its fighting power and minimize her assistance to the allies on the western front.

Lewis' address was the call for a general advance of government ownership advocates in the closing hours of debate on the railroad control bill.

He reviewed the breakdown of privately managed roads, predicting that the "day is just ahead of us when the United States will have to fight to stop Alaska and Hawaii from being wrested from us."

He predicted a calamity if an enemy ever appears at our gates while the railroads are privately owned.



NATIONAL NEWS

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Trailer to Shows

Jim Elliott Vice President,

Finance and Budget



There are many advantages to trailering your precious beauty to a show. You don't need to worry about a breakdown from an exploding hose, broken belt or brake issue. Your pride and joy arrives clean with no paint chips or windshield stars.

However, trailering is not to be undertaken lightly. Many trailer options exist but the bottom line is you want to arrive safely. Your truck and trailer combination is always a bigger concern than simply driving your show car.

My preference is to pull the smallest and lightest trailer possible with the biggest and longest truck available. My crew cab long bed pickup with dual rear wheels has kept me safe for over twenty years with very few unintentional "exciting" moments.

There are some trailer basics that can make your trip uneventful. I have my trailer brakes, breakaway brake, and wheel bearings checked annually. Always check your lug nuts prior to leaving and again at your first gas stop. I carry a spare set in case one is lost.

Having a flat tire on the trailer is never fun. I hate to wait on AAA to change a tire so I carry the correct size lug wrench, (which will invariably be a different size than needed for your vehicle) as well as a battery powered impact gun. Some friends carry an aluminum floor jack but I have found the trailer ramp made by EZ Jack to be my preference.

I usually carry two trailer spare tires and wheels. If you need a second one on the road, Tractor Supply Company carries most sizes pre-mounted on a rim.

Always check your hitch. A receiver hitch and trailer ball with a 6,000 pound rating cannot be used if your loaded trailer exceeds 6,000 pounds. The hitch should have a weight rating equal to or larger than the ball.

Lastly, and probably most importantly, check your tires - the higher load rating the better. A tire with a load capacity of 1,750 pounds on a dual axle trailer results in a maximum weight of 7,000 pounds. That means your show car, trailer and other supplies loaded in your trailer must not exceed a total of 7,000 pounds. Inflate your tires to the recommended pressure. Soft tires increase friction and therefore more heat.

Find the date code on your tires and replace them whenever they reach five years old. Storing your trailer with the tires on the ground can lead to belt separation and flat spots so rotate the tires regularly.

If trailering seems too complicated, take the easy way out. Drive your antique and enjoy the waves and admiring looks you receive along the way.



2018 ABDT

By Scott Grundy

The 2018 Adventure Before Dementia Tour (ABDT) will be a real dandy! We're going to **Kodiak** - Alaska's Emerald Isle!! For extra fun, we're joining our Anchorage compatriots, the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska (AAMA), to spend three fun-filled days touring Kodiak. Our caravan will depart from Fairbanks on Friday morning, June 15 and return the following Friday, June 22.

There is much to see and do in beautiful Kodiak. Most exciting is the AAMA members have access to the state's satellite launching facility and our nation's largest U. S. Coast Guard base; we will receive informative tours of these and other very interesting facilities! We will also tour the Ft. Abercrombie Historic Park (WWII defense site & museum), drive to the base of wind turbines atop highly scenic Mt. Pillar, visit a saltwater fishery research center, browse local museums, drive scenic roads to beautiful coastal bays, and more.

The ABDT is organized to facilitate you driving your vintage vehicle, but as usual - join the fun and drive anything you wish! Two days of highly scenic transit are planned to and from Homer. We will overnight in Wasilla. But you do not have to caravan with us. Just meet us in Homer. We will depart Homer on the morning of June 17 for a daylight (whoopee!) sail to Kodiak. Then we'll depart Kodiak on the evening of June 20 for an overnight return to Homer. If you wish to visit longer in Kodiak and/or Homer to go fishing or whatever, feel free to do so!

The 2018 ferry schedule was just announced so there's plenty of berth and cargo space available. But space can quickly fill to capacity mainly with commercial vehicles now, and later with private (tourist) vehicles. So, it's essential to reserve space on the ferry NOW for you and your vehicle. You can always cancel later



Members on the last Kodiak tour play in the museum touch pool.

but understand a graduated cancelation fee is applied except in the event of an emergency. Just don't miss this wonderful opportunity to join the fun and also to get to know some terrific Anchorage folks. Contact me (Scott Grundy) by email for reservation details at sgrundy55ply@gmail.com or Rick Larrick at larrick-rick@gmail.com.



Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.

Garage Tour



Ralph Moore's Garage in North Pole, Jan 21, 2018



John, Dick and Carl examine the fuel filler / taillight on the '39 Ford project car.

Ralph explains his powder coating gun and set-up to visitors from the club. Below right, Bub enjoys the lunch - in the photo can be seen Ralph's powder coating oven and lots (and more lots) of Ford flathead V8 engines and parts sitting in all corners of his garage..

Article by John McCarthy

V-8 flat head parts.

On a cold January 21st, 2018 in North Pole, Alaska, we received a warm welcoming at the home of Ralph and Terry Moore for the club's January garage tour. Twenty Vernon L. Nash Car Club members met to check out Ralph's flat head engines, powder coating operation and automotive memorabilia displayed around his cars and projects.

There were thirteen complete Ford V-8 flat head engines that he had on display for us to check out along with an extensive collection of one, two and three carburetor aluminum intake manifolds, aluminum heads and other stock and performance Ford

Ralph explained the operation of his powder coating oven, showed us the various powders that he uses to coat items and told us how the process works. He pointed out some powder coated items that he had installed on his hot rod so we could see some finished parts.

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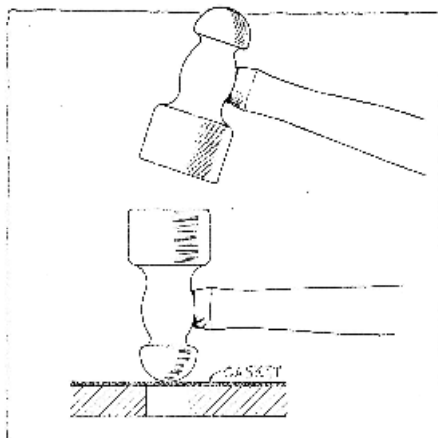
Think about how stupid the average person is, and realize half of them are stupider than that.

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.

Two Hammers for Gasket Holes (No. 559)

When cutting gaskets from metal and asbestos packing, felt and other materials it is sometimes difficult to cut bolt holes, especially those close to an edge.



(No. 559)

Cutting holes in gaskets with two hammers

without damaging the material. A way out of the difficulty is to use two round-headed hammers, placing the round head of one over the hole and striking it with the other.—E. C. TIMMSEN, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Continued from page 8)

Ralph's 1930 Model A Ford hot rod, his 1935 Ford 3-window coupe and a project 1947 Ford business coupe that he is working on for a friend were in his garage for us to check out.

Terry, Ralph's wife, provided us with some great snack food and drinks while we checked out the cars, garage, and automotive memorabilia including pictures, old license plates, and antique auto parts that adorn the garage walls.

Thank you, Ralph and Terry for your participation in helping make the Vernon L. Nash Car Club a successful club. Opening your garage provided the perfect environment for friends to gather on a cold winter's day.

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Above full page ad from the November 8, 1955 issue of the Fairbanks Daily News Miner. Note the free garage with every car (priced at \$98—can be assembled in 10 minutes by 1 man)



EVENT PLANNING MEETING TUES, FEB 13th

The club will have an event planning meeting at the Fountainhead Museum at 7pm. At the meeting, specific event ideas will be brainstormed, and then key events, old and new, planned for specific dates on our summer calendar. From there, the Board will solicit leadership (individual or committee) for each event. The final calendar will be published in March. Come join us for pizza and share your event ideas for this summer!

VLNAACF 2018 Events Planning Survey

Sent to 145 email addresses on 12/23/17

69 responses received (48% response rate) by 1/5/05, all electronic; no paper copies returned.

Q1 We'd like your feedback on the Carlson Center Member's Only Car Show:

Did you show your car at the Carlson Center Show on June 2-4 in 2017? 29 Yes 40 No

Do you plan to show your car at the Carlson Center Show on June 1-3 in 2018? 48 Yes 19 No

27 of the 29 who participated in 2107 plan to participate in 2018. One answered "yes" to 2017 and then left 2018 with no answer, but left the comment "Will the cars not qualified to participate in the last Carlson Center show ever be deemed eligible in the future?". Only one person answered "yes" to 2017 and then answered "no" to 2018 (but left no comment relative to this question). Two did not answer about 2018.

Q2 How often do you attend the following regular club events?

	1	2	3	4	5			
	NEVER	SELDOM	OCCASIONALLY	WHEN I AM IN TOWN	NEARLY ALWAYS	TOTAL	AVG	SUM 4 + 5
Regular Monthly Club Meetings	7 (10.3%)	12 (17.7%)	14 (20.6%)	11 (16.2%)	24 (35.3%)	68	3.49	35 (51.4%)
Regular Wednesday "Run-Arounds" starting with the display inside Pioneer Park	19 (27.5%)	14 (20.3%)	12 (17.4%)	10 (14.5%)	14 (20.3%)	69	2.8	24 (34.8%)
"Random" Wednesday "Run-Arounds" where we are led on a short cruise to a surprise location	21 (30.9%)	19 (27.9%)	8 (11.8%)	11 (16.8%)	9 (13.2%)	68	2.53	20 (29.44%)
Cars 'N Coffee on Saturday mornings in the summer	21 (31.8%)	10 (15.5%)	15 (22.7%)	8 (12.1%)	12 (18.9%)	66	2.7	20 (30.3%)
Cars 'N Coffee on Saturday mornings when there is snow on the ground	58 (57.6%)	8 (12.1%)	6 (9.1%)	7 (12.3%)	7 (10.6%)	66	2.05	14 (21.2%)

Q3 How likely would you be to participate in each of the following possible events in 2018?

	1	2	3			
	NOT LIKELY	SOMETIMES	VERY LIKELY	TOTAL	AVG	SUM 2 + 3
Annual Meeting / Holiday Party	12 (17.7%)	12 (17.7%)	44 (64.7%)	68	2.47	56 (82.3%)
Short weekend runs to a lunch location (like the Monderosa Run to Nenana)	9 (13.2%)	23 (33.8%)	36 (52.9%)	68	2.40	59 (86.7%)
Scavenger Hunts or navigator participation car rallies	31 (45.6%)	23 (32.8%)	14 (20.6%)	68	1.75	37 (54.4%)
Short, in-town, cruises or rallies specifically for older (1930's or older) cars	36 (52.9%)	19 (27.9%)	13 (19.1%)	68	1.66	32 (47.0%)
Longer, highway speed, cruises for more modern vehicles	15 (22.0%)	31 (45.6%)	22 (32.3%)	68	2.10	53 (77.9%)
The Golden Days Parade	12 (18.8%)	18 (27.3%)	36 (54.6%)	66	2.36	54 (81.8%)
The Club Picnic / Raffle Car Drawing on Golden Days after the Parade	9 (13.2%)	12 (17.7%)	47 (69.1%)	68	2.56	59 (86.8%)
The annual long-distance tour ("ABDT") lasting 5 to 10 days on the road	43 (63.2%)	11 (16.2%)	14 (20.6%)	68	1.57	25 (36.8%)
A weekend or overnight trip, not to exceed 3 days	30 (44.8%)	24 (35.8%)	13 (19.4%)	67	1.75	37 (55.2%)
One of the two or three garage tours like have been organized last Jan / Feb / Mar	13 (19.4%)	31 (46.3%)	23 (34.3%)	67	2.15	54 (80.6%)
The August Membership Meeting at the Salmon Bake (meal discounted, but still expensive)	24 (35.8%)	18 (26.9%)	25 (37.1%)	67	2.01	43 (64.2%)
The Joint Meet next summer, hosted by Anchorage and likely to be an overnight trip	30 (44.1%)	24 (35.3%)	14 (20.6%)	68	1.76	38 (55.9%)

Note: The way you might look at this is to consider the sum of the "sometimes" plus "very likely" as interested, and the "very likely" as those who would attend – thus 56 people are interested in the Holiday Party, and 44 will likely attend, etc., but the average ranking is 2nd to the Picnic, which will also likely have better attendance.

Q4 What distance (round trip) do you like to drive on a weekend day trip car club event outing?



Note: The distance round trip to the Monderosa is 104 miles; to CHS is 123 miles; Salchaket Roadhouse is 80 miles; Delta is 190.

Q5 Do you most prefer (select only one):

Car Shows (static display of your car, open to the public)	19 (29.7%)
Driving events & outings	45 (70.3%)
Total 64	

Q6 The Board of Directors has been working hard to qualify the club as a 501c3 charity. To qualify, we must have member participation to do volunteer educational work in the community. How likely would you be to participate in each of the following?

	1	2	3
	NOT LIKELY	MAYBE	VERY LIKELY
Lead school groups on tours of the Fountainhead Museum	33 (47.8%)	29 (42.0%)	7 (10.1%)
Help teach / present an educational seminar for interested retirees or at a school	38 (55.7%)	24 (34.8%)	7 (10.1%)
Help teach / instruct at a Model T Driving School	49 (71.0%)	13 (18.8%)	7 (10.1%)

Q7 There appears to be interest in the club for sponsoring more creative, charitable events such as a “teddy bear” event or “canned food drive” where proceeds from entry fees or monies or gifts collected are given to a specified local 501c3 organization specific to each event. How likely are you to participate or help with this type event?

	1	2	3
	NOT LIKELY	MAYBE	VERY LIKELY
Organize / Lead	43 (63.2%)	20 (29.4%)	5 (7.4%)
Assist Organizer or Lead Person	29 (42.7%)	25 (36.8%)	14 (20.6%)
Participate	8 (11.9%)	35 (52.2%)	24 (35.8%)

Q8 Tell us the ways you get notified of upcoming club events:

	SELDOM	SOMETIMES / MAYBE	COUNT ON IT
"Nash's News" monthly car club newsletter	0 (0%)	10 (14.5%)	59 (85.5%)
The email sent from the membership chair (Rochelle)	1 (1.5%)	9 (13.2%)	58 (85.3%)
An announcement at a membership meeting, Cars N Coffee, other event, etc.	15 (22.1%)	33 (48.5%)	20 (29.4%)
Word of mouth from friends / members	27 (39.7%)	18 (26.4%)	23 (33.8%)

Q9 Any special interest club like ours depends on volunteer leadership. We have a strong Board of Directors, but they will be looking for others from the membership to take the leadership role in club summer events. How likely are you to:

	1	2	3
	NOT LIKELY	MAYBE	VERY LIKELY
Be the person responsible for a weekend day event?	39 (57.3%)	21 (30.9%)	8 (11.8%)
Lead the committee for one of the Club's major events (Carlson Show, Joint Meet, etc.)	50 (73.5%)	11 (16.2%)	7 (10.3%)
Work as a volunteer at the Carlson Show, or other major event	13 (19.1%)	28 (41.2%)	27 (39.7%)
Host a picnic or garage tour	35 (51.5%)	22 (32.4%)	11 (16.2%)

Q10 Thank you for taking the time to provide the answers in this survey. All answers are anonymous, and a summary of the answers will be presented at the January Membership Meeting. Please type in any comment you would like to make below:

If I lived in Fairbanks a lot of my answers would be different

Thank you for doing this. Looking forward to hearing results and plans forward

Will the cars not qualified to participate in the last Carlson Center show ever be deemed eligible in the future?

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January meeting needs a lot of input from members for board to put schedule together and include any new events without the presence of the membership. This has to happen at the Jan Membership Meeting or at a special meeting prior to the board making up the schedule.

Keep it fun and exciting

Quit messing with the Wednesday run-arounds. If you want to do something "random" do it on a different night of the week.

I am just too involved in another 501c3 organization to do much more than follow the auto club happenings in the newsletter.

I enjoy the club and its events. I hope to be more active in the coming year.

CCS question should have a "prefer not to attend" option. We attend to support the club. Consider dropping show and advertise our PP run-arounds in the FDNM events column and seek additional news and TV coverage. It's important to NOT schedule driving events when most of the drivers are off on the ABDT, JM, etc. Scheduling garage tours at a time of year when the snowbirds are not out of town would increase attendance. It's difficult to get our members to drive out of town. 1.) Short overnight tours would be ideal, but destination options are severely limited from FBX. Plus, members don't want to drive on gravel roads. 2.) Attendance at the Joint Meets that are out of town is pathetic. Only 3 rigs went to AAMA's JM at Majestic Valley – embarrassing. Attendance at our JM's when in town is relatively poor too. Yet, the AAMA does not seem bothered by our measly attendance; it's one of their favorite events & their participation is always robust. Yet, when we hosted the JM in Healy with the FREE wagon ride & meal (an \$89 value) we were swamped by participation. Yet, many didn't stay overnight to participate in the car games or banquet activities the next day. Looking at the differences in the VLNAACF & AAMA groups, the AAMA membership is financially more well off and largely retired. Therefore, they have the time and money to participate in the out-of-town driving events – and drive & drive they do! Our younger members have neither the time nor the money to participate in the out-of-town events. But those VLNAACF members who are financially more well off, do participate in the ABDT & JM events. We are basically doing the best we can and should be satisfied. Continue to spin these events are fun and camaraderie building and hope to attract a new participant or two. Subsidizing housing at a JM might help. Thank you for this opportunity. Scott Grundy.

(via email): Please add the Holiday Party Chinese Auction to my comments to the Board. I noticed that many participants departed prior to the auction, the exchange took over two hours to complete and the crowd seemed to be detached. I'm wondering if the exchange has run its course and should be replaced with a short program such as the last year's MIV project, speaker, etc.? S.G.

The only reason we answered no to question #2 is that this past summer was a new beginning for us with a new business and we couldn't find time to attend the events, but are looking forward to participating much more in 2018.

Maybe

I no longer enjoy the Carlson Car Show. I don't find it the friendly event that it once was. I don't have any big game changing ideas. But at this point I don't care if I ever show there again. The Dec. meeting has also become something that is so large that it also is unfriendly. The Carlson and Dec. meeting attack people who don't want to know anyone in the club, beyond the one or two that they already know. Don't care about the history of the club or the future of the club. These are two events I can do without.

Thank you for all that you do. This club is so much fun. We can only participate occasionally due to work and other commitments.

This is gonna be Way fun!

I am new to the club and as yet my car is not road ready or registered. Therefore, I have no really gotten up to speed with events and functions of the club. Some of the questions did not allow me to express my status as an incoming member.

I enjoy the folks and cars.....I will have more time to participate.....once I retire.....

Thank you for what you do. Keep up the good work.

GREAT QUESTIONS – WISH I COULD DO MORE.....

Need younger participants in the club

When I chose not likely as an answer, sometimes it is because I don't know enough about the car club / museum / event to help out – might be more willing to help if I knew more of what to do.

I do not like taking my vehicle too far from town in case I have a breakdown.

My health is a limiting factor for all the future events, especially in this upcoming 2018 year. I would like to be there for as many events to make my membership valuable for me and my wife.

The club needs to do some more social media outreach. For instance, someone really needs to set up a Facebook page. It's free and much easier to keep current and up to date with events compared to a dedicated web page.

Some how come up with ways that our kids would be more interested in coming to events. Some activities for them.

Thanks to John McCarthy, and Rick Larrick for producing this survey...and Rochelle for emailing the final reminder!



According to a recent survey, 51% of the people make up the majority.

TIRES

Some sources for reproduction tires for antique vehicles are:

COLLECTOR'S AUTO SUPPLY (Distributor for many brands)
103 Eastside Oroville Rd.
Oroville, WA 98844
(800) 414-4462
<http://www.collectorsautosupply.com>

LUCAS CLASSIC TIRES
2850 Temple Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90806
(562) 595-6721
www.lucasclassictires.com/

PERFORMANCE PLUS TIRE (Distributor for many brands)
3910 Cherry Ave.
Long Beach, CA
(562) 981-2688
<https://www.performanceplustire.com/antique-tires/>

COKER TIRE
1317 Chestnut St.
Chattanooga, TN 37402
(866) 516-3215
<https://www.cokertire.com/>

UNIVERSAL VINTAGE TIRE
2992 Elizabethtown Road, Hershey, PA 17033
(877) 454-3954
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or you favorite Fairbanks Tire Store can often order them special.



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At the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on February 10th, they will call my name as Editor of the "Nash's News" representing the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks Region, and in the pause where I might have walked up to receive the award the announcer will say a few prepared words. It will be announced that a fifth consecutive Master Editor Award has is being presented to me. I will not be there, and they will mail the attractive looking trophy to Fairbanks. A selected copy of our newsletter will also be on a poster display at the meeting.

I have mixed feelings about the award. So much of the high quality of our newsletter is due to the many individuals in the club who contribute articles, to the Board who helps with suggestions and content, and to the event PPRs who take photos and write up articles on their events - by those measures, it should be club award. However, the award is like the AACA automobile judging - there are set criteria that points are awarded or subtracted for, and if the editor works to follow that criteria, it definitely results in a far better newsletter. Thus the competition, like the AACA car judging, makes all the entrants better, and strengthens the hobby for us all.

On another subject: Check the tires on your car - there is time to order and get them on the car before our first spring event!



With our cars safe in storage, now is the time to go out to the garage and check tire tread depth so that there is time to order new tires before summer Car Club driving season!

This Easy Tire Tread Test Only Costs A Penny

(NewsUSA) - Tires may not be the first thing you notice when you look at a car, but they may be the most important safety and performance element of any vehicle. When you think about it, they are the only part of your car that connects you to the road.

While brakes stop your wheels, it's your tires that stop the car -- and that's why maintaining them is absolutely critical. Luckily, one of the most important tire checks won't cost you more than a penny!

Once a month, or before heading on a long road trip, check your tires for wear and damage using "the penny test." Just grab a penny and select a point on your tire where tread appears the lowest. Then, holding Lincoln's body between your thumb and your forefinger, place Lincoln's head into one of the grooves. If any part of Abe Lincoln's head is covered by the tread, you're driving with the legal and safe amount of tread. However, if all of Lincoln's head is visible, it's a sign that it is time to get new tires.

"Traction and tread are inextricably linked. The grooves in your tire are critical in helping to channel water away to allow the tire to grip the road," says Sarah Robinson, Michelin safety expert. "Making sure you're driving on tires with proper tread can be the difference between avoiding an accident, and becoming part of it."

If it's time to get new tires, consider these two factors first and foremost:

1. Safety: Most tires perform well in everyday situations, but difficult conditions will reveal their differences. Choose tires that can perform well in the worst types of weather or roads you encounter. For example, if you live in a region with regular heavy snowfall and cold winters, consider winter tires for part of the year. The difference can be huge.

2. Value: It's important to remember that not all tires are created equal. Tires may seem like an additional expense on top of general car maintenance, but investing in quality tires known for long-lasting performance--such as the Michelin Defender with its 80,000 mile warranty--will save you money over time as your tires won't need to be replaced as quickly.

For more information, visit www.MichelinMan.com



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NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **Thursday, February 8th - at the AK Buffet**. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm, with dinner before (most members arrive about 6:00 pm).

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



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