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Nash's News

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



Photo by Rex-Ann Hall
STORY, page 2

The only way to make up for being lost is to make record time...



Photo by Rex-Ann Hall

Photo taken at 10am from the roof of the Lowes building of the car field (more cars arrived later)

1st Annual TEDDY BEAR CAR SHOW

with



- Doris Casey

What a fantastic car show! We had 64 cars registered, 46 mem-

bers and 18 non-members. There were approximately 500 teddy bears

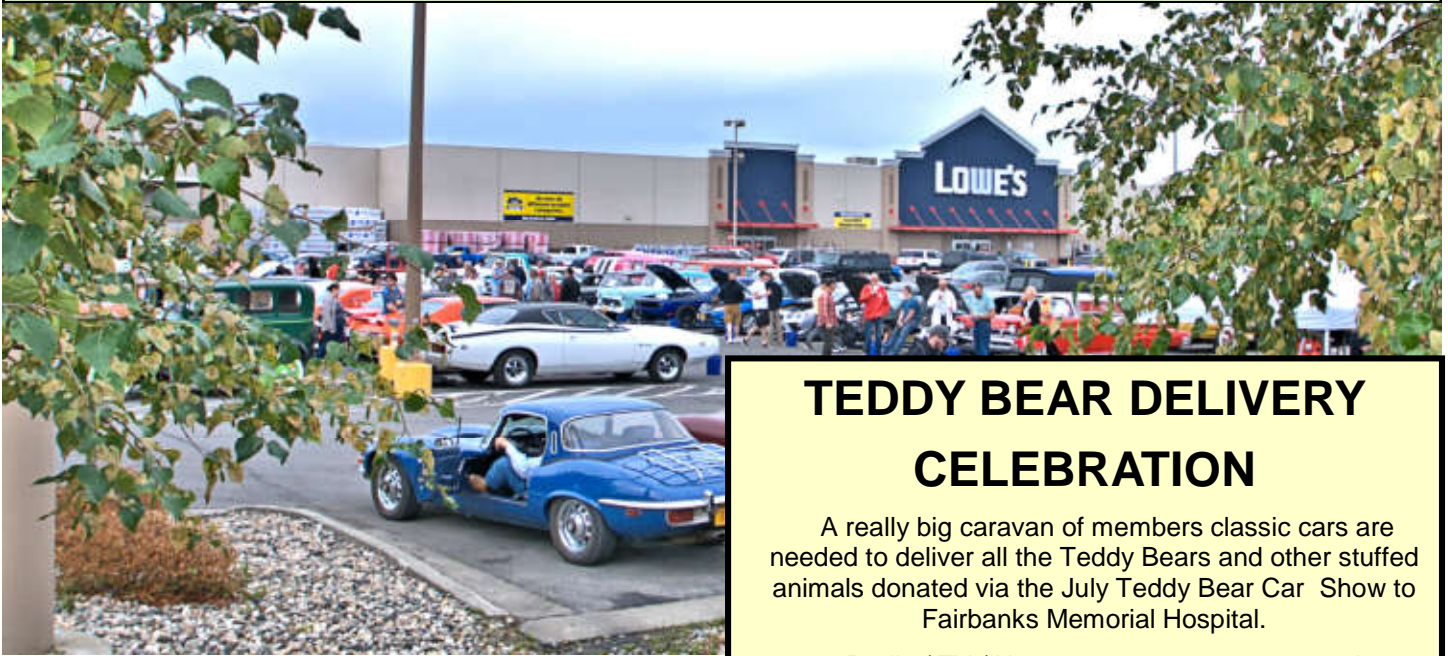
donated to almost fill Charlie's truck box! We had a tremendous 50-50 with the winner getting \$230! Donations poured in and we made a total of \$1232.25. That's a



Teddy Bears came by ones and twos, big and small, by bags and boxes.... Above and left: donations of large bags of teddy bears and some very large stuffed animals are accepted by Doris at the show, and , right; a box of teddy bears was received at the Board Meeting sent by member Laura Theriault of Valdez.



I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid; he says he can stop anytime.



TEDDY BEAR DELIVERY CELEBRATION

A really big caravan of members classic cars are needed to deliver all the Teddy Bears and other stuffed animals donated via the July Teddy Bear Car Show to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

Radio / TV / Newspaper coverage arranged

This will be a really big event!

3 pm Thursday, August 16th

lot of stuffed animals to give to the kids at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital! People's choice was 1957 Robbie Casey's Mercury Monterey.

Rex-Ann Hall and Lowe's lined up the venders, Big Daddy's, Spice It Up and Sreetside Café for delicious food. Lowes also donated the 5% coupons

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Left to right:: Lowe's employee and event contact, Rex-Ann Hall, accepts a "thank you" award from Doris Casey; Robbie Casey receives the Peoples Choice Best

of Show Award presented by Theresa Chase, and Crystal Springer shows the 50/50 winnings from the raffle.



Photo by Grundy

Some cars came to the show with whole families of Teddy Bears! (Dan & Vici Domke's 1955 Chevy)

I got a Studebaker for my wife. Best trade I ever made!

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for the registrants and the donors.

A special thanks to our son Thomas for designing the posters, and to interior regional EMS Council for printing the flyers. Special thanks to Jim Sullivan at Tracer International for donating the shipping for the bears. And certainly very special thanks to all those who brought their cars and bears to make this a successful show. Could not have done this without all the volunteers who

helped with set up, staging, registration and clean up.

We will deliver the Bears to the hospital on August 16 at 3 PM and I will let you all know where we will meet after I check with the hospital about that.

Great show everyone let's do it again next year so start collecting teddy bears!

Thanks again and big hugs to all for a job well done.

Doris Casey



Yes, Charlie, your puppy is cute, but you can't use her as a stuffed animal "vote"...

Joe Procell's SALCHA PICNIC, July 29th:



Photo by Kathleen Godsoe (AAMA)

- By John McCarthy & Scott Grundy

On a wonderfully warm and sunny Sunday afternoon representatives from four car clubs gathered at the Salcha Senior Center off Johnson Road for Joe's 2nd annual picnic!

Joe and his high school friend Martha Reese from Louisiana hosted an excellent event featuring bratwurst and burgers. Excellent salads and desserts were provided by the participants from the four car clubs – ours and three from the Anchorage area (Antique Auto Mushers of Alaska, Model A Group,

and the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association). We numbered slightly over forty and were about equally divided north & south of the Alaska Range.

The majority of vehicles were Model A's; some of them modified mechanically for speed and comfort – one was equipped with AC! So cool – pun intended! The facility was terrific as we

ate inside and sat outside in the shade of a large picnic shelter.

Four fun-filled hours were spent leisurely enjoying great food, conversing with old and new friends and looking closely at the cars – especially those beautiful Model A's. Plus, it was a beautiful day for a cruise. Thanks Joe and Martha for a great afternoon!



Photo by Kathleen Godsoe (AAMA)

Kids today will never know the thrill of picking up a ringing payphone and answering, "County morgue, you stab 'em we slab 'em."



Photo by Chrystal Creamer

It took a few days, but Tom Narow got back from his hike and was able to pick up the raffle car from Jeff Creamer. Above; Tom and wife Carrie sit in the Camaro, with son Shay peeking out from the back seat. Below: Jeff awards the keys to Tom.

The winner made it back from the Chil-koot Pass hike and was able to collect his car! Tom Narow happily accepted the car from Jeff Creamer on behalf of the VNAACF on Thursday afternoon, July 26! Tom and Wife Carrie, Along with Daughters Cora and Kaila, and son Shay, were very excited when they came to pick up the car. "The only thing I ever won was a Thanksgiving Turkey years ago, and this trumps that turkey big time!" Tom Said. Daughter Cora recently earned her learners permit, and was dancing in anticipation the whole time during delivery! Tom has always been a Camaro fan, so he was very pleased that his name was chosen! We'll look forward to seeing Tom, Carrie, and the kids on our future adventures. Congratulations, Tom and Carrie, and welcome to the Club!

Jeff Creamer



Photo by Chrystal Creamer



AUGUST, 2018

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 vlnaacf@gmail.com</i>			1 <i>7pm Run-Around</i>	2	3	4 <i>CarsNCoffee</i> <i>Bentley Mall - A Charlie Bourque</i> <i>Random Run-</i>
5 <i>Santa Claus</i> <i>Run—leave Pioneer Park front lot at 11am.</i>	6	7 <i>Board Meeting</i> <i>Sam's Sourdough</i>	8 <i>7pm Run-Around</i>	9 <i>Membership Meeting - Chena River Wayside (Geraghty Street)</i>	10	11 <i>CarsNCoffee</i> <i>Bentley Mall - Lve 10:30 am for Ivory Jacks Run</i>
12	13	14	15 <i>7pm Run-Around</i>	16 <i>Teddy Bear Delivery Day! 3 pm</i>	17	18 <i>CarsNCoffee</i> <i>Bentley Mall - Lve 8:45 am for our Food Bank Work Day</i>
19 <i>Mondo Run - leave Pioneer Park front lot at 11 am.</i>	20	21	22 <i>7pm Run-Around</i>	23	24	25 <i>CarsNCoffee</i> <i>Lve 10:30 am for North Pole BBQ</i>
26	27	28	29 <i>7pm Random Run-Around</i>	30	31	

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Aug 4th: Special Random Run-Around**, as arranged by Charlie Bourque, leave CarsNCoffee at 10:30 am (see pg. 12)
- **Aug 5th: Santa Clause House Run**, as arranged by Jeff Creamer. Leave Pioneer Park front lot at 11 am (see pg. 12)
- **Aug 7th: Board Meeting**, Sam's Sourdough 6:30pm (most have dinner before)
- **Aug 9th: Membership Meeting, Chena Wayside off Geraghty Street**: 7pm - 6pm meal before the meeting—bring salad, side or dessert (pg. 12)
- **Aug 11th: Ivory Jacks Run**, as arranged by Paul & Joyce Tekin. Leave CarsNCoffee at 10:30 am (see pg. 12)
- **Aug 16th: Teddy Bear Delivery Day**, 3 pm, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital (see pg 3)
- **Aug 18th: Food Bank Work Day**, leave CarsNCoffee with Theresa Chase



- at 8:45 am. (see pg. 13)
- **Aug 19th: Mondo Run** as arranged by Rochelle Larson; leave Pioneer Park front lot at 11 am (see pg. 14)
- **Aug 25th: North Pole BBQ Run**, as arranged by Russ & Cindy Reason; leave Cars N Coffee at 10:30 am.
- **September 19th: Special Denali Road Access for Antique Cars**, arranged by AAMA
- **June 26 - July 4th, 2019: Adventure Before Dementia Tour** (see pg 21)

Antique Auto Musers

- **Wednesday, Aug 8th: Rolling AAMA Membership Meeting**, 6:30 pm Day **BROWN'S MUSEUM.**

National AACA Events

- **October 10th—13th: AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA**

Wednesday night Run-Arounds start with the group gathering in the front parking lot of Pioneer Park between 6:30 and 7:00 pm, in order to drive into the Park together at 7:00 pm. At about 8:00 pm, the group will leave for a short run around town, arriving at the final destination at Rivers Edge Resort.

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

It's the end of July and I have participated in many of the car club events this year. We still have a few events scheduled and I hope to attend most of them. I really enjoyed the drive down to Delta in my '46 Ford (the longest drive I have made with it) which performed very well. Driving an older car on longer runs can sometimes be risky I know but when all goes well it's such a nice feeling.

Raffle ticket sales were still lagging in July and we had the opportunity to display the car and sell tickets at the Outdoor Market next to the Farmers Market. The space was donated to the club and we were even told that we could park our cars next to the raffle car. The first Saturday we had a fair response to a request for volunteers. The second Saturday we only had one member volunteer. At the last minute John McCarthy graciously volunteered and I planned to relieve him and spend the rest of my Saturday there. I was pleasantly surprised when I was joined by six other club members!



Photo by Mike Lecorchick



SUNSHINE REPORT:

Sunshine Committee Report:

7-26: Card to Dick Bellows for his recent heart health issues

- 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: tksplits@yahoo.com .

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Mebble & Gene Hansen
- Amy & Darnell Weaver
- 9 - Beccy & Alan Monsma
- 11 - Cindy & Bret Helms
- 15 - Jill & Rick Larrick
- 20 - Vickie & Dan Domke
- 27 - Digna & Doug Cline
- 28 - Martha & Carl Westphal

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Charles Donahue
- 4 - Tom Hinchsliff
- Gene Hansen
- Terry Putnam
- 6 - Lois Oslund
- 9 - Richard Bellows
- 11 - Jeff Creamer
- 12 - Alan Monsma
- 16 - Don Seeliger
- Penny Binder
- 17 - Rob Holt
- 18 - Sue Schaaf
- 21 - Marlen Pruett
- 25 - Scott Grundy
- 26 - Scott Culbertson
- 30 - Martha Westphal

Why doesn't Buick rhyme with quick?

Chena Hot Springs Picnic July 1st



Photo by Scott Grundy

HAPPY SURVIVORS (L-R): Ed McLaughlin, John McCarthy, "protected" Laurel McLaughlin, Ron Allen, MELINDA Harris, Sherry Camerata, Wilma Vinton, Willy Vinton, Rochelle Larson, Ron Frey & Linda Grundy

Chena Hot Springs Run & Picnic Always YUMMY & FUN!!!!

By Scott Grundy

The Grundys awoke on the first day of July to drizzling rain. My bride speculated that it must be raining harder at the picnic destination and questioned our judgement to participate. I concurred such was the usual case, but countered it could be sunny at the hot springs. But, such optimism apparently was not prevalent throughout our club as fewer cars than normal were gathered at our Bentley Mall departure site. Our PPR (Primary Person Responsible) Wilma Vinton, was there with umbrella held high and all prepared, but questioned whether we should make the run – but only for a moment. She concluded, "We certainly have plenty of chicken and folks are ready, so let's do it!" Ever organized, Wilma called husband Willy who was at our alternate departure site to pick up any confused participants. Willy reported he was on the way with another car. Eight cars departed and another joined us at our first stop for a total of 14 folks and two dogs.

The weather was decent until we arrived at our third poker card drawing location at 22 Mile. It began raining so hard, John McDonald and new puppy Banjo aborted as his windshield wipers



Photo by Scott Grundy

Soggy third poker card drawing site at Pleasant Valley Store, 22-mile CHS Road.

however, the desserts were abundant and incredible - PERFECT! Plus, Ron Allen's birthday celebration with ice cream, special carrot cake and candles added greatly to the festivities.

As we sat to eat Willy Vinton spied a dark cloud to the south and estimated we had 40 minutes to eat – good estimate! Just as we finished lunch it began to drizzle, and then a lightning flash closely followed by a loud thunder clap occurred close-by. All of

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weren't working. When we arrived at the hot springs the weather was sunny with patches of blue sky overhead – as predicted! Wilma wisely encouraged the group to erect the club's canopy before we began lunch. The chicken was good and the salads few;

If you throw a cat out of a car window, is it kitty litter?



Photos by Wilma Vinton

ABOVE: Vehicles participating in the last Wednesday "Random" Run-Around, fittingly led by Charlie's farm truck. RIGHT: Group listens to Tom Zimmer outside one of the farm buildings. BELOW: Group listens to Tom Zimmer in the blacksmith shop. (all photos by Wilma Vinton)



Photos by Wilma Vinton

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which was followed by a horrific rain squall so intense I used my large golf umbrella to shield a portion of the windward side while others held the canopy posts down! Laurel McLaughlin received the worst of it when the canopy's vent filled with water and dumped it on poor Laurel! The aftermath left the remainder of us laughing in soggy clothing and standing in water beneath the canopy, but the rain had abruptly stopped. And, yes, we experienced all kinds of weather on our return drive home (including another huge squall), but it all concluded in brilliant sunshine!

Thank you, Wilma, for a fun and "full-feeling" event! (all photos by Scott Grundy)



Photos by Wilma Vinton

Poker Winners (L-R): Guest Hokuto Umetsu, Wilma Vinton, Big Bucks Winner Linda Grundy, Ed McLaughlin, Melinda Harris & Ron Frey.



Photos by Wilma Vinton

RANDOM RUN-AROUND - June 27, 2018

By Wilma Vinton

Charley Bourque out did himself with the Random Run-Around on the 27th of June. We went the back way to the Parks Highway, by way of Chena Ridge - (not a route I had ever taken before), to Calypso Farm and Ecology Center. The owner, Tom Zimmer, did an outstanding job showing us around and demonstrating just how they give back to the community. They do field trips for the schools, school garden initiatives, workshops on blacksmithing, wool arts and spinning and Alaskan farming. They also have summer

camps and farm training programs to assist others in starting their own ecologically efficient garden. They plan to have a fundraiser on September 8th, that includes an Auction & Dinner. If you are interested in a tour, participating in a workshop or helping this community minded non-profit in their efforts to educate the public on where your food comes from go to their website at calypso-farm.org. Thank you Tom for an amazing tour of your facilities and Thank you Charley for a great time.



Never buy a car you can't push.



ABOVE: Cars parade up Noble Street in the annual Golden Days Parade

GOLDEN DAYS

It was about as pretty a day for a parade as one could wish for, and we had nearly seventy vehicles help lead the Golden Days Parade on July 21st.

About 2/3 of those cars also drove into Pioneer Park for the 2pm drawing to give away this year's raffle car - the '86 custom Camaro. The club supplied fried and baked chicken pieces to go with an almost overwhelming spread of salads, sides, and desserts brought pot-luck by club members.



David Karpik and Katie Rice brought a contingent of 4 authentic Cobras to the parade as part of their tour of Alaska.



Raffle Car waiting for its new owner...



Membership gathers at the picnic shelter in Pioneer Park before the Raffle Car Drawing and picnic lunch.

Now with self-driving vehicles, its only a matter of time before there's a country song where the guy's truck leaves him...

Delta Run - Clearwater Lodge Car Show July 14th



Car Club Run to Clearwater Lodge

John McCarthy

Great weather greeted us for the Delta / Clearwater run to the Clearwater Lodge on July 14, 2018. Seventeen cars with twenty seven people participated in the trip featuring a poker run managed by Rochelle Larson and Nee Nakprasit. The poker run pot was divided into three parts with the winners sharing a percentage of the pot. The top three winners were Wally Olson, Carl Westphal, and Paul Tekin. Non-monetary prizes were distributed to other lucky participants.

The lodge set up a hamburger and hot dog grill as a band played on the lodge's deck overlooking the picturesque Clearwater River. Car club members enjoyed their lunch in the sunshine or in the shade outside the lodge surrounded by our classic cars.

Despite one member's health problem and a couple car run ability issues, the day turned out great. Our car club family rallied together to ensure that everyone reached our destination and returned home safely. I want to thank all the members that participated in the ninety five mile run to Clearwater Lodge and a thank you to the lodge owners and employees that made us feel welcome.



Photo by Carl Westphal

Thanks to the crew that stuck around for the rest of the evening activities I didn't know I was scheduling with my new car. The 1.5 hour fuel filter change at Shaw Creek was incredibly entertaining as well as the impromptu tailgating at the bottom of Tenderfoot for another 4 hours. It was great to have everyone's help. I need to thank everyone for their help and company. The Chase family, Larson family, and McCarthy family. I promise to bring better snacks next time (and some tools). Also very glad this didn't happen on our first family outing.

Carl Westphal



Cars at Bathing Beauty Lake pull-out near Moose Creek on the trip down to Delta

Apparently I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car I'm driving...

SANTA CLAUS RUN

Aug. 5th

I will be leading a poker run tour on Sunday, August 5, 2018, starting from the front parking lot of Pioneer Park at 11 am. The run was tentatively scheduled for a Knotty Shop destination, but I will be leading us in a circle back to town, ending at Bucko's for ice cream! We will draw the first card at 11, and then proceed in a dignified fashion out to the 6-mile entrance to Badger Road, stopping at Riverview Gas station or RV Park for the second draw. Third draw will be at the Santa Claus house in North Pole. After a photo-op with Santa, we can proceed back to town and stop at Discount Truck Stop and draw the fourth, and then onto Bucko's to determine the winner and potential ice cream buyer! After ice cream and a bit of socializing, we can head off to other activities for the day. Look forward to seeing you all then!
Jeff Creamer



MONTHLY MEETING: CHENA RIVER REC. SITE

Aug. 9TH

The location for the August car club membership meeting on Thursday, August 9, 2018 has been changed to the day use pavilion at the Chena River Recreation Site (CHENA WAYSIDE). Access is off of Geraghty Street near the Airport Road O'Reilly's Auto Parts Store. Bring a dish to share. Meeting starts at 7pm with dinner before.



RANDOM RUN - AROUND

Aug. 4th

Note that this event is the typical mystery Charlie Bourque Random Runaround moved from it's usual last Wednesday evening time to Saturday morning, Aug. 4th

Group will leave Cars'N Coffee at the Bentley Mall parking lot at 10:30 am for a cruise and tour as arranged by Charlie Bourque

IVORY JACKS RUN

Aug. 11th

This will be a poker run! We will leave Cars'N Coffee at 11 a.m. for a drive about before arriving at our lunch destination out on Goldstream Road. Paul says to be sure and "bring only your rosy disposition!", but we expect you should really wear clothes and probably bring your spouse...

- Paul & Joyce Tekin

Auto racing began the day the second car was built - Henry Ford

MONDO RUN



Hello everyone we are going to have a second drive of the season out to The Monderosa in Nenana. We will leave Saturday, August 19th at 11 am for lunch. We will meet at Bentley Mall. And if you wish to participate in the poker run we will get your \$5.00 and draw the 1st card. The second card draw stop will be at the Parks Highway monument. The third stop is the scenic pull-off overlooking the Minto Flats. The fourth stop will be the new pull-off on the right with the restrooms. And the last stop and card draw will be at the Monderosa. There we will have lunch and give out the winnings. Hope to see you all there.

If you have any questions call me 590-8593.
- Rochelle Larson

NORTH POLE BBQ

Aug. 25th

Russ & Cindy Reason

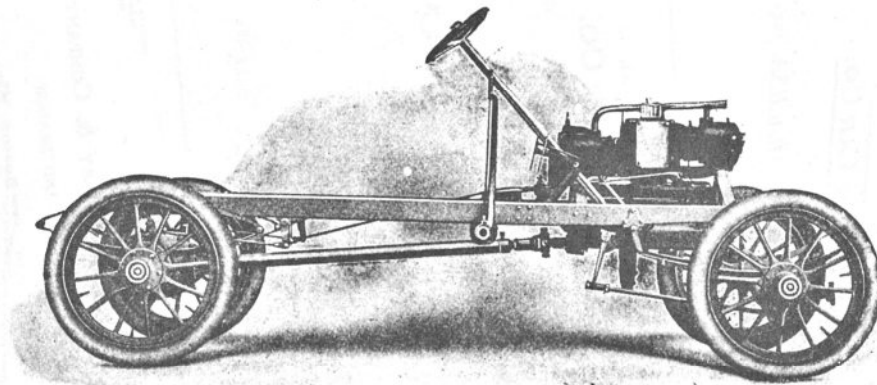
We will leave Cars N Coffee at 10:30 am for a short cruise on our way to North Pole for BBQ at the **Bad 2 Da Bone BBQ Wagon** Once at the BBQ Stand, we will display our cars in the parking area, and you are on your own for lunch!



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We as a classic car community are very generous! When summer arrives in all her glory, we get really busy with home, car projects, etc. We still contribute, in one way or another, to all of the activities. As a club, we have contributed hundreds of pounds of food to the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. I have personally known people who have had to go to the food bank for a meal. It can be a very humbling experience to ask for help.

I have 8 people signed up to volunteer at the Food Bank on August 18, 2018...we will leave Cars'N Coffee a little bit before 9 am. I am really looking forward to the day. Please consider volunteering, you'll reap joy; and I know I will be happy!!

The bag that I use for carrying the donation is with me every time we as a club are gathered together. Just let me know if you have something to donate.

Thank you for all the generosity !!

Theresa Chase



Last call to drive the Denali National Park roadway?

By Scott Grundy



Our Anchorage counterparts were initially denied access on their annual fall tour into Denali National Park. However, Bruce Campbell of the AAMA (who was a former commissioner of highways) worked his magic, again! He secured a date for us to travel in our **vintage vehicles** through Denali National Park. Yes, that's right, and the AAMA has invited our club to join them to tour Denali on **September 19th**. This is the day after the lottery closes. That means we will be the only cars and persons in the park for the whole day!! Weather permitting you may drive all the way to Kantishna if you wish. What an awesome opportunity – all you have to do is preregister.

The Superintendent will meet with us prior to entering the Park on the 19th - likely at 8:00 a.m. The AAMA is eager to have a large group to take advantage of this generous and unique offer. It's a chance of a lifetime as the AAMA may not get this opportunity again.

The roadway is mostly gravel, but Model T's & A's, Rolls Royce, custom Radio Flyer wagon, etc. have made this tour in past years. We will be by ourselves, so you needn't fear other vehicles. Again, this drive may not be available in the future and remember, **NO MODERN VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED**.

Please contact Scott Grundy for housing details and to register for this unique opportunity at 907-457-3526 or sgrundy55ply@gmail.com.



PHOTO ABOVE: Denali from the Eielson Visitor Center, with flag flying!

PHOTO LEFT: Antique cars stop at Polychrome Pass.

The phrase "Mile-A-Minute" seems really fast, until you're behind someone going 50 in a 60mph zone.

Member Ads



FOR SALE: 2004 Chrysler Pacifica, 4-door crossover minivan. V-6, 2-wheel drive.

Only 33,400 ACTUAL miles—barely broken in! Moon-roof, leather, etc., etc. LIKE NEW! (Small boo-boo in rear bumper).

Very nice car, very economical, very comfortable! White with tan interior. \$7,500... Bernie Saupe 457-3302 or 520-709-2869.

FOR SALE: 1973. VW Superbeetle CONVERTIBLE. 1600 cc, 4-speed manual.

Speedo shows only 49,000 miles. Runs & drives beautifully—radio needs repair.

Pumpkin orange, white top, black interior. No body damage, good tires, all original,

\$7,500... Bernie Saupe 457-3302. or 520-709/2869.



FOR SALE: 1978 Cadillac Eldorado. This gem has 46,253 original miles and is a complete head turner. Rust free body and underbody. Well-loved and has never had a snow flake touch it. ~~Asking \$17,000.~~ **NOW REDUCED TO \$12,000 o.b.o! - must sell; moving out of State.**

The Arizona beige car was painted at American Sunroof with the Demitasse brown painted on the hood, and the front half of the roof is also painted Demitasse brown.

Contact Cindy or Russ Reason for contact information for the owner of this car. snobounders@gci.net 488-8299



WILLY'S WACKY RALLY - June 30th

Photos by Wilma Vinton

Willy's Wacky Rally started out with eight brave souls and their cars. Right from the beginning we knew it was going to be crazy, and wondered if all would make it to lunch.... The third clue- "Head away from the big orange door" found heads being scratched..... the big orange door from the night before's reconnaissance had DISAPPEARED! Luckily a small amount of the orange was still present (it was a garage door that had been closed, but was now open) and disaster was averted. However the next clue that went awry was a bit more difficult to come back from. A key clue had been inadvertently left out, causing folks to turn 3 streets early and the following clue directed everyone to turn right into a very narrow alley.... With a few quick phone calls (luckily everyone was asked to provide phone numbers just in case) all was set right and the rest of the rally went without anyone lost. The scavenger hunt included such items as a pine cone, a napkin with a company logo, and a pencil. Drivers were very creative in their attempts to gather all of the requested items. Winner,

with the most points won for answering the questions and bringing in the requested items was Rochelle Larson and her navigator Tracy McLeod. Lesson learned.... Drive the route after the clues have been typed to make sure that 1) they are all there and 2) there is not more than one way you can go with the same clue! Anyway, it all ended well with a great lunch with good friends at Gallo's. See you all next year!



Photos by Wilma Vinton

- Willy Vinton





The Creamers Dairy History Tour 2018

- JULY 7th

It was a great day for a walk at the Creamers Migratory Waterfowl Refuge! A group of about 25 members met at the Farmhouse parking area and went on a historical walking tour of the building area with a short walk on the trail around the barns. My brother Chuck joined me, and together we gave some insight to life on a dairy farm in the middle of Alaska from the early to mid-1900's. We talked about the challenges of the long winters, hand milking the cows, planting and harvesting the

fields, what equipment was used and how we maintained it, along with several other topics.

Chuck and I shared stories of the people that helped the family operate the dairy, and several anecdotes about behaviors of friends, siblings, and ourselves! The tour finished up at the Farmhouse/Visitors Center, so everyone had the opportunity to see some of the historic photographs on display inside. Next year I hope to plan the tour on the day that the Friends of Creamers host a history day, as

they also have excellent Power-Point presentation that relates a lot of the history of the evolution of the farm dating back to around 1905 when the area first was used for grazing herds and agriculture.

Many thanks to those who participated in this year's walk, it was an enjoyable experience and many questions answered about the Creamer Family operation at the dairy! See you next Year!

Jeff Creamer



VNAACF Monthly Membership Meeting

July 12, 2018

Howling Dog Saloon, Fox

President Mike Lecorchick brought the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

There were 55 members present.

The BOD minutes from the July 12 meeting were read by Donna Wojciechowski.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WALLY OLSEN AND SECONDED BY MELINDA HARRIS TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES FROM THE JUNE MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Wilma Vinton gave the treasurer's report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF CREAMER AND SECONDED BY CINDY HELMS TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson reported that we have 234 members. 46 single and 94 joint.

EVENTS:

ABDT - Scott Grundy gave us an update on the dates of the 2019 event. The dates are June 25-July 4th.

Raffle Car - Rochelle gave us an update on ticket sales. As of July 10th we still have over 1000 tickets to sell.

Teddy Bear Car Show - Doris Casey gave us an update. The car show is on July 28th in the Lowe's parking lot. The

cost is \$10 if you preregister or \$15 the day of the show. The show will start at 10:00 a.m.

Joint Meet - Mike gave us an update. At this time, there are 3 people signed up.

Delta Poker Run - John McCarthy gave us an update. The Clear Water Poker Run is on July 14th. We will leave after cars & coffee at 10:30.

Golden Days Parade - Wilma gave us an update. The parade is on July 21st and will start at 10:00 a.m. We will need to line up at 9:00. Wilma would like everyone entering a car to preregister since the cars are lined up by year. If there are children under the age of 18 you will need to sign a waiver.

Annual Picnic - We will need to be in the parking lot at Alaskaland between 1:00-1:30. We will drive in together at 1:30. The picnic will be across from the square dance hall. The raffle car will be at 2:00 with the potluck to follow. The club will buy the chicken and members are asked to bring side dishes or dessert.

Joe Procell Potluck - This event will be on July 29th. The location has been changed to the Salcha Senior Center and will start at 1:00. There is a covered pavilion there. Joe will supply the meats and members are asked to bring side dishes or dessert.

Fairbanks Community Food Bank - As a partner with the food bank, members are asked to volunteer on August 18th from 9:00-11:30. Volunteers will be build-

ing boxes and please see Theresa Chase who will have volunteer forms for us to fill out.

August Membership Meeting - The August meeting is scheduled to be at the Tanana Lakes Rec area. Who's making the arrangements?

September Membership Meeting - Joyce Tekin gave us an update. The September meeting is scheduled to be a cruise meeting on the Tanana Chiefs Stern Wheeler. After talking to them, Joyce was told that it would cost the club \$750 to rent the boat. The cost of the dinner is \$38/plate and with our discount the cost is \$22/plate.

Veterans Stand Down - Mike was asked if the club would like to bring cars to the Stand Down. The date is August 18th from 7:30-3:00. We do not have to stay there the whole time. Mike said the busiest time is 7:30-10:00.

Good of the Order - Mike would like ideas for speakers at the membership meetings.

50/50 - The total for the 50/50 was \$220 and the lucky winner was Lynn Grundy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF CREAMER AND SECONDED BY THERESA CHASE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Wojciechowski



When I die, I want to go peacefully, like Gramps did. In his sleep. Not yelling an screaming, like the people in his car.

NATIONAL NEWS

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Let'em Ride

Fred Trusty
Vice President -
Regions -

I want to share something that happened to me at a local church cruise event last year. It was the end of a hot summer day and I was ready to get home to some air conditioning. I was loading my chair and cooler in the bed of my 1929 Ford Model A truck when a woman and her son stopped to look at my truck. The boy looked to be about 8 years old. She asked me what year it was so I told her a little bit about the truck. As they were walking around the truck she was telling her son that this is what trucks looked like in 1929.

The lady thanked me for bringing the truck and as they started to walk away I asked the boy if he wanted to ride in my truck. The look on his face was priceless! His eyes got big as he looked up at his mother shaking his head up and down. He climbed in and we took a short ride in the subdivision. He had never seen a truck that didn't have seat belts and one that you had to manually shift gears.

His mother took a picture of him and the truck and I told him to tell all his friends that he rode in a 1929 Ford Model A truck. He thanked me for the ride as I shook his hand. It brought back memories of the first time I was invited to ride in a Corvette when I was 12 years old. It really doesn't take much effort to plant those old car hobby seeds. Just give 'em a ride.



Photo by John McCarthy

July 25th Random Run to Aurora Pointe Lodge

On our July 25th Wednesday Run Around, we visited the construction site of the Aurora Pointe Lodge, a building being constructed for northern lights viewing (mainly for tourists), or to hold banquets, weddings, or other parties.

The structure is part of the Taste of Alaska properties located on an original homestead off Chena Hot Springs Road and offers a panoramic view of the Tanana Valley and Alaska Range. The lodge is scheduled for completion in September 2018.



As most years, the World Eskimo International Olympics (WEIO) Queen and her Court rode with the VLNAACF at the start of the Golden Days Parade. Above is Willy Vinton with the new Queen and her court in the Fountainhead Museum's Pierce Arrow

Confucius say "Man who run in front of car get tired".

JOINT MEET INFO:

Date: Friday evening August 3rd to Sunday morning, August 5th

Place: Mat-Su Valley

Host Club: Anchorage Auto Musers

Hotel: Best Western Lake Lucille



The hotel in Wasilla is the Lake Lucille Best Western. \$152 + tax. (Normal rate is \$180/nite) 907-373-1776 The reservation code is AACA (Fri-Sun 3-5 August) It sounds like keeping the room until Monday would not be a problem for people staying for the Anchorage Show N Shine.

Our Friday Night BBQ and car games will be at the MATI transport museum. The have indoor meeting rooms that we can use in case it rains. The Saturday Car Games will also be at the Museum at 9am Saturday morning. In the afternoon, the group will tour the Engine 557 Restoration Work Shop and drive up to Hatcher Pass (Pie at the Hatcher Pass Chalet, if desired). Awards dinner location on Saturday evening to be announced.

For those who stay, Sunday is the Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show N Shine on the Anchorage Park Strip. This is Anchorage's largest car show, typically with 300-400 cars.



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

MY CAR: I would like to start a series of six monthly articles beginning this fall about "MY CAR", with each month featuring a member's car with photos and an article. The idea started with an article sent to me from David Hobson about a pair of his cars, and so now I am soliciting five more articles, one to appear each month starting in October. If you would like your car featured, please make sure you have photos taken and start thinking about your article - please let me know you will be providing a feature article about your car, and I will plan space in a future issue. Even if your car is one we see out at many events, I'm sure our members / readers would enjoy the story about how you acquired it and about all its special features for that model and year. We can couple that with a vintage ad for that car, etc. Please let me know if you will be submitting material for an article on "MY CAR".

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

Greased Stick for Lifting Parts (No. 576)

A stick with some stiff grease on the end makes an excellent device for picking up nuts, bolts, screws and other parts that have fallen into inaccessible places. It is not as powerful as a big magnet, but it has the advantage that it is not limited to iron and steel. - Stoddard - Dayton Garage, Eugene, Ore.





ALASKA VANITY PLATES

Vanity license plates are a lot of fun. My favorite Alaska vanity license plate in my collection is my Alaska "BINKY" vanity 2015 Bear license plate.

Binky, an 850 pound polar bear, lived in Alaska Zoo in Anchorage (1975-1995). On July 30, 1994, an Australian tourist climbed over the outer of two fences surrounding the polar bear exhibit to get a close-up photo of Binky. As 29 year-old Sydney woman Kathryn Warburton attempted to climb over the second inner fence, Binky the 850 -pound polar bear stuck his head through the bars grabbing her thigh in his jaws. Kathryn Warburton survived the attack, though she suffered a broken leg, and bite wounds. Binky kept the women's tennis shoe for 3 days before it could be retrieved by zoo officials.

Caught on video, the story took off internationally, and an image of Binky with tourist's tennis shoe hanging from his mouth was featured on T-shirts, mugs, bumper stickers, etc. The most famous Binky souvenir is a T-shirt featuring Binky tennis shoe in mouth "Send more tourists-this one got away." They call wild animals "wild" for a reason. The next time you're thinking about doing something really stupid...Pause...Think about Binky.

Bryce Crumb

For the SEP issue , I will be writing an article on Alaska Commercial Fishing Vessel License Plates. I have 13 different ones in my collection, and would love hearing from anybody else who has any in their collection, or any information concerning them.

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Francis E. Stanley Is Dead

Steam Car Pioneer Succumbs to Injuries Received In Automobile Accident

Article reprinted from *THE AUTOMOBILE*, of August 8, 1918.

NEWTON, MASS., Aug 1 - Francis E. Stanley, one of the Stanley brothers of Newton, Mass., famous pioneers of the carriage industry, died as a result of an automobile accident near Ipswich, Mass., on July 31st. Mr. Stanley was returning from a trip through Maine, and was in the car alone at the time.

Where the accident occurred the road is high crowned, and Stanley is reported to have driven at a considerable speed. The car slewed and overturned, and Stanley was pinned beneath it. Help was soon at hand and the injured man was rushed to the hospital at Beverly, but he died on the way.

The mention of Stanley's name carries with it memories of the early days of the automobile history. The Stanleys originally came from Maine, having been born (the brothers were twins) in Kingsfield, Franklin County, on June 1, 1849. At one time they lived in Lewiston, ME., where they learned the works of an early steam vehicle experimenter, E. F.

Fields.

During his youth, F. E. Stanley worked as a carriage maker, portrait artist and photographer, and later the two brothers engaged in the manufacture of photographic dry plates at Newton, Mass.

Their attention was again directed to automobile development by an exhibition at the Brockton, Mass., fair in the fall of 1896. They set to work to build a steam runabout, and produced a machine light in weight, attractive in appearance, silent in operation and comparatively powerful.

The first machine was sold in August, 1898, and its success induced the Stanley brothers to make plans for manufacturing the vehicle on what was then regarded a large scale. By the end of the year they had a lot of 100 cars going through the plant, and more that this number were being sold. Some of the major parts were being made by outside concerns, and the work at the Newton plant, which comprised a frame building at which the experimental work had been done, and a machine shop erected during the spring of 1898, was practically limited to their sampling. However, the various

parts were all designed by or under the direction of the Stanley brothers, who also supervised the manufacturing operations.

In the spring of 1899 John Brisben Walker, at the time publisher of the *Cosmopolitan* magazine, and quite a prominent figure in national affairs, purchased from the Stanley brothers the right to their steam car, as well as the plant at Newton, Mass., and secured the services of the Stanleys for a period of one year. The deal, which involved a cash payment of \$250,000 to the Stanleys, occasioned much discussion at the time, partly on account of the large sum involved and partly because the Stanleys had as yet no basic patent on their vehicle.

Shortly after having acquired the Stanley rights, Mr. Walker disposed of a half interest in them to Anzi Lorenzo Barber, and asphalt magnate. For a time Messrs. Walker and Barber managed the business jointly, but later two companies were organized to manufacture the little steamers, the Locomobile Company of America, of which Mr. Barber was president, and the Mobile Company of America, of which Mr. Walker was the head, abouts of substantially identical design, known as the Locomobile and the Mobile respectively.

After their years' contract with the Locomobile company had expired, the Stanley brothers set to work to bring out a car of improved design, and eventually they bought back the factory plant in Newton, which had gone to the Locomobile company in the deal whereby they took over the Stanley business. Although there was a serious slump in the demand for steam cars not long after the Stanleys had started again under their own name, they made a success of their new venture, and the Stanley steamer is still being produced to-day, many improvements in its design having been introduced in the course of time.

About a year ago, the Stanley Car Co., was reorganized, and the two brothers retired from its active management. Mr. Stanley is survived by his wife, by a son, Raymond Walker Stanley, now in France, and two daughters, Mrs. Edward M. Hallett and Mrs. Prescott Warren, both of Newton, Mass.



History of the Adventure Before Dementia Tours

By Scott Grundy, Cat Herder Jr.

The story begins in 2008. Lynn & I are also members of the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska (AAMA) in Anchorage. This club is composed of many who are eager to drive their vehicles almost anywhere. They had just completed a tour to Yellowknife, Canada and announced their next trip was up the Dempster Highway to Inuvik, NWT,

In 2009 I proposed our first tour, but we needed a name for our group. Our club's unofficial "Poet Lauriat," Ed McLaughlin called me one evening and informed me he was talking with a chap from Australia who informed him there was an Aussie group called "The Adventure Before Dementia Tours." All loved it, so our group was named! But I caution you – It's

Chase joined the Grundys to spend a really fun weekend with the AAMA celebrating the annual Wagon Trail Festival in Hope. We had a great time! Had I not cancelled, I suspect one or two more cats would have joined this festive weekend.

Where are we going in 2019? I'm working on a "Holiday Tour." First to Whitehorse, then to

VLNAACF Adventure Before Dementia Tours

2009	Whitehorse – Skagway – Haines	1360 miles*
2010	Valdez - Cordova – Whittier – Hatcher Pass	804 miles*
2012	Cantwell – Seward – Majestic Valley	1053 miles
2013	Dawson City – Eagle	904 miles
2014	Homer – Seldovia	1200 miles
2016	Beaver Creek – Haines – Skagway – Whitehorse	1287 miles
2017	Wiseman – Galbraith Lake – Manley Hot Springs	592 miles
2018	Kodiak	1300 miles*

** does not include ferry mileage*

Canada via Whitehorse and return over the Top of the World & Taylor Highways to Tok, AK. I was really intrigued. So "we" purchased a 1955 Plymouth 4-door and I spent a couple of months changing fluids and fussing with her (Edith) in hopes she would make the nearly 2,300-mile round trip without difficulty. Other than a flat tire she did and we had a blast!! I was determined to get our club involved in such fun, so I asked many questions of the AAMA leader (aka Cat Herder), Bruce Campbell. He's a real character and became my mentor – hence my "Junior" handle.

properly pronounced with an Aussie accent!

Gee, what happened during the missing years you ask?

Well, in 2011 I interfaced with the AAMA on a joint tour to Kennicott – McCarthy to join the National Park Service's celebration of the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Copper River & NW Railway that's no longer there. The AAMA arranged road access over a private bridge to the communities. It was a very special trip.

I cancelled the 2015 tour to Hope and Soldotna as it attracted little interest. But in retrospect I shouldn't have as Will & Theresa

Dawson City to celebrate Canada Day on July one, and finally to downtown Tok to join their Independence Day parade! Whitehorse is always interesting and Dawson City is always fun, fun, fun! Plus, there's lots of interesting stuff to visit along the way! We'll depart Fairbanks after lunch on June 26 and return home after the parade in Tok on July 4. One also has the option to shorten the 8.5 day experience by joining our group in Dawson City and/or Tok! Best stay tuned and consider joining us for fun, camaraderie and to exercise your vehicle next summer!!

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NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **Thursday, August 9th - at CHENA RIVER RECREATION SITE off Geraghty Street.** Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. - ; members bring sides, salads and desserts. See Pg. 8.

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



Melinda Harris stands with the Raffle Car before the Ester 4th of July Parade



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