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# Nash's News

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



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A moose walked into a bar, and the bartender asked “why the long face?”



Above: VLNAACF Members at Denali 2018 - Jerry Mustard, Carolyn Mustard, Kelly Oines, Dale Oines, Rick Larrick, Nee Nakprasit, Jill Larrick, John McCarthy, Wyan Grant, Melinda Harris, Beverly Ricketts (guest of Grundys), Don Oines, Linda Grundy, Scott Grundy, Liz Masi, Ed Masi, Ralph Glasgow, Roy Wilbur, Tony Martin, Brenda Wilbur, Katie (guest of Tony Martin).

#### Denali Park 2018:

The VLNAACF were guests of the AAMA on a very special visit to Denali Park on September 19th. The AAMA visits the Park during the Road Lottery annually, and often VLNAACF members have gone along. This year the Park Superintendent asked that we not use spaces on the road lottery days and he instead arranged National Park Service Approved passes for us to visit the park after the Road Lottery closed. It made for a very special visit, with our vehicles being the only ones on the road past the gate at Teklanika. Most folks drove as far as the Eielson Visitor Center, but five of the 23 vehicles went all the way to Wonder Lake at mile 85. We gathered for the group photo at 10 am, and the hardy souls who went to Wonder Lake came back out about 7 pm.

We owe special thanks to Tamea Isham of the AAMA for arranging this special trip, and a big “Thank You” to Denali National Park Superintendent Don Striker for making this special visit possible.

Right: Bull moose crosses the road just behind Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer in their '49 Ford (photo credit: David Jensen Photography).

Below: Mustard's 1970 Jeep, Cresap's '38 Chrysler, and Chase's '52 Plymouth Cranbrook, with Carolyn Mustard, Joyce Chase, Jill Larrick, Tom Cresap, and Bill Chase at the pull-out at the top of Polychrome Pass





Going to Walmart is cheaper than the zoo, and you can often see more interesting creatures.



Above, top then left to right: Melinda Harris and Ralph Glasgow ('88 Saab), ('57 Thunderbird - note photo at right with David Jensen on top of the Park Superintendent's Expedition taking the above photo), Hank & Wyan Grant ('68 Olds 442), Scott & Linda Grundy ('55 Plymouth Belvedere), Beverly Ricketts (guest of Grundy's), Kelly Oines, Dale Oines & Don Oines ('76 Cadillac), Rick & Jill Larrick ('55 Buick Century), Carolyn & Jerry Mustard ('70 Jeep CJ5), Roy & Brenda Wilbur ('91 Chevrolet 1/2 ton PU), Nee Nakprasit & John McCarthy ('65 Ford Falcon Sedan Delivery), Brian Anderson ('79 Jeep CJ-7), Ed & Liz Masi ('55 Studebaker President), Jennifer Isham, guest of Ishams, Brian Fay ('66 Mustang), Olivia (sister of Ted), Colleen & Ted Kimzey ('61 International Harvester PU), Katie (guest of Tony) & Tony Martin ('71 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, Diane & Dennis Allen ('34 Ford Fordor), Denali Park Supt Don Striker, Tamea & Art Isham, Gretchen Striker ('63 Chrysler Imperial), Gwyn & Michael Wiedmer ('49 Ford), Tom & Marcy Cresap ('38 Chrysler), Donny & Valerie Bell ('30 Ford Model A Sport Coupe), ('52 Plymouth Cranbrook - note Bill & Joyce Chase are off photo), Barry & Doris Fowler ('15 Ford Model T), Sachiko & Walt Sonen ('31 Ford Model A PU).



Above: The dining room at the Black Diamond was packed with members of the Anchorage Auto Musers of Alaska and the Vernon L Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks on Tuesday evening. Special guests were Park Superintendent Don Striker and his wife, Gretchen.



The Three Bears - "too hot", "too cold" and "just right"





# OCTOBER, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>CarsNCoffee</i> <i>Bentley Mall</i>
7	8	9 <i>Board Meeting</i> <i>Sam's Sourdough</i>	10	11 <i>Membership Meeting</i>	12	13 <i>CarsNCoffee</i> <i>Bentley Mall</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>CarsNCoffee</i> <i>Bentley Mall</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>CarsNCoffee</i> <i>Bentley Mall</i>
28	29	30	31	Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events, notices, and articles to <a href="mailto:vlnaacf@gmail.com">vlnaacf@gmail.com</a>		

## Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- Oct 9th: **Board Meeting**, Sam's Sourdough 6:30 pm (most have dinner before)
- Oct 11th: **Membership Meeting**, 7:00 pm AK BUFFET, dinner before (6pm).
- Dec 9th: **Annual Meeting / Holiday Party**, 4pm The Westmark.
- June 26 - July 4th, 2019: **Adventure Before Dementia Tour**



## Antique Auto Musers

- Wednesday, Oct 10th: **AAMA Membership Meeting**, 6:30 pm Day Break Center

## National AACA Events

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

## Member Ads

Buying 1930's Fairbanks li-  
cense plates any condition.  
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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Thomas Smith  
4 - Denise Lundquist  
5 - David Karpik  
6 - Tracy Brand  
15 - William Storey  
17 - Robbie Casey  
18 - Kenny Maxwell  
19 - Deborah Rockney  
21 - LaVonne Gullickson  
27 - Joe Procell  
29 - Gary Bodenstadt





## President's Headlights

- Mike Lecorchick

Fall has arrived and soon we'll be putting our cars, trucks and motorcycles into winter storage. The snow birds will disappear; others of us will get to work on the projects that have been sitting in our garages all summer (or longer) while we enjoyed the club's summer activities.

I have some work to do on the two cars that I drove this summer. The 1946 Ford needs a new turn signal system installed and the exhaust replaced. I'd like to pull the transmission out of the 1935 Chevy to see if I can seal up some of the leaks. Then, of course, there's the 1937 Ford truck that has been taking up massive space in my garage for more years than I care to admit! I'm hoping to spend most of the winter working on it and have it on the road next summer. The cab, rear fenders and running boards are mostly ready for paint but the front fenders, hood and grill are going to be a challenge. The plan right now is to work on the '37 and do the others in the spring or when the '37 is done.

Cars and Coffee will continue and the club will take up the fall business of election of officers and board members. The health and success of the club is determined by the active participation of the members and the leadership of the officers and board members. My time as president has at times been a challenge but mostly an enjoyable one. I look forward to working with the new president and officers.



# Most Improved Award 2018

It is that time of year when a very special committee in the club, made up of the past winners of the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club's Most Improved Vehicle Award, will start to work to find a winner for 2018.

The award was started in 2005 by then Club President, Willy Vinton. When asked about his inspiration for starting the award, Willy said the goal with the award was to give folks an incentive to do some restoration work, to do more hands on, and to just generate more interest in the hobby.

In preparation for the second annual award, Ron Allen worked with Willy to formalize the eligibility and judging requirements. As a minimum for consideration, the car must be a classic or antique as permitted by the AACA for membership, it must become finished (or nearly finished) sometime in the current year (2018), and must have a significant amount of hands-on work done by the owner. Modifications from the original design for uniqueness or high performance should neither add nor deduct scoring points.

There are four Judging Criteria. Each carries approximately equal scoring weight in the collective judgment of the committee. The four criteria are:

- 1) The total improvement done to the vehicle from the time of the owner's start of restoration to the completion in 2018.
- 2) The amount of hands-on work performed by the owner.
- 3) The quality of the work done.
- 4) The reason for the owner's interest in the car, the associated story, history, or etc.

Nominations are open for cars and their owners eligible in 2018. Traditionally, the judging committee is chaired by the prior year's winner. Dale Oines won in 2017 and is this year's chair. He will organize a judging team made up of several of the award's dozen prior winners, and he will present the award at the annual Holiday Party and Annual Meeting on December 9th at the Westmark.

Dale and the award committee will be looking for the following information from club members who would like for their restoration work to be considered:

- 1) Year, make, and model of the vehicle.
- 2) Before and after photos (the after photos are the most important for the judging).
- 3) A brief summary of the work done, approximately when the work was done, and what hands-on work was performed by the club-member owner. Unusual challenges, difficulties, and successes should be mentioned.
- 4) Human interest information about the car—Why or how the owner obtained it, the history of the car or history of the owner with the car, etc.

Call Dale (488-5751) if you want to be considered. Material can be e-mailed to Dale (daleoines@yahoo.com), or mailed to the club address, or hand delivered at one of the club meetings. Once the award committee has several nominations, they will meet.

#### Past Winners:

Ron Allen (2005), Kirk Larson (2006), Dave Rockney (2007), Ed McLaughlin (2008), Bret Helms (2009), Don Oines (2010), Marvin Wright (2011), Charlie Jurgens (2012), Nathan Helms (2013), Mark Crook (2014), Willy Vinton (2015), Ralph Moore (2016), and Dale Oines (2017)



### SUNSHINE REPORT:

Sunshine Committee Report:

There were no card requests in September - two months in a row!.

- 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 .*

*For a postal mail address contact Tracy or a Board member.*

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Pat & George Cromer
- 5 - Nancy & Ron Allen
- 9 - Sue & Dan Schaaf
- 11—Donna & Jerry Krier
- 17 - Melody & Sam Simmons
- 20 - Andrea & Howard Thies
- 31 - Terry Putnam  
& Eugen Reed



David Hobson and his son (also David) stand with his '91 Silver Spirit, his '94 Jaguar XJ12, and his '57 Jaguar Roadster (his Silver Spur is the same "Magnolia" color as the one in the ad on page 7).

*Editor Note: David Hobson sent me this article, which was first printed in the Utah Jaguar Club newsletter in a column "My Other Car". In doing that, David was the inspiration for doing a "My Car!" series through this winter. If you would like your car featured, please contact me and we will work on the article and on finding some supporting ads, etc. to also appear in the newsletter that same month. David has a number of cars, including a '57 Jaguar XK140MC roadster, a '61 Buick Invicta, a '64 Porsche 356C Coupe, a '67 Jaguar 420G, a '70 Mercedes Benz 300SEL 6.3, a '74 Lincoln, a '74 Mercedes 450SL, and a '94 Jaguar XJ12.*

## MY OTHER CAR

### Rolls Royce Silver Spirit

By David Hobson

The Rolls Royce Silver Spirit and longer wheel base Silver Spur were produced from 1980 - 1999. The model was preceded by the Silver Shadow, which was the best selling RR in the history of the company. The Spirit was built on more or less the same platform, but with extensive restyling by Austrian engineer Fritz Feller.

It has been said that anyone can design a water pump for a Rolls Royce. However, it takes a genius to design one for a Chevrolet. Largely because of a lack of cost restraints, Rolls Royce tends to over-engineer their cars to a significant extent. I've often thought that the conversations with the engineering staff must be along the lines of "Why use three parts when a dozen will do the job just as well?" The brakes and self-leveling rear suspension work under about 2500 psi, and are

built under license from Citroen. While RR originally built almost all the components in their own factory, many are now contracted from outside suppliers. (The fuel system is by Bosch. Power steering components and transmissions have been by GM since their introduction into Rolls Royce motorcars.) Before WWII, Rolls Royce did not build their own bodies. A buyer purchased the chassis from Rolls Royce, then commissioned a suitable body from a coachbuilder. Post-war, almost all bodies have been made by the English firmPressed Steel, Ltd., then finished and installed at the RR factory. Post war, there were still custom bodies available is one wished to spend the extra money. With the passing of the frame-on-body Silver Cloud in 1966 and the introduction of the unit body Shadow, custom bodies were no longer an option except in a handful of Phantom V and VI models.

As a result of limited production, parts can be prohibitively expensive. However, independent suppliers like Flying Spares and IntroCar in England supply aftermarket parts for 1/3 to 1/2 the cost of those available through authorized dealers. And independent shops familiar with Rolls Royce can do service work at a much lesser cost than dealerships. While the fuel mileage is notoriously low (10 - 12 mpg), Rolls Royce ownership is not outside most people's budgets.

There is a great deal of Rolls Royce lore associated with the marque. Several books are available detailing that information for anyone interested. For instance, did you know that a Rolls Royce has never been know to break down? At very worst, one may "fail to proceed." When asked about the Rolls Royce grill and hood conver-

sions available for VW Beetles in the 1960's, the comment by a Rolls Royce spokesman was "The cloak of a giant upon the wizened body of a dwarf." When air conditioning was finally introduced as a standard on the Silver Shadow cars, a reporter asked about owners who live in places like the Pacific Northwest, where air conditioning is not normally needed. The official comment? "If one does not wish air conditioning on one's Rolls Royce, one does not turn it on!" There are many similar quotes from company spokesmen over the years on a variety of subjects, many of them quite humorous. If a Rolls Royce Club gathering invite states "PMC only, please", it means that they would prefer that you bring your "Proper Motor Car" only.

Rolls Royce advertising has typically consisted of a long list of items which make the car unique, and therefore attempt to justify the exorbitant initial cost. However, due to the magic of depreciation, a fairly late model RR can be had for only a fraction of the original purchase price. I purchased both my Spirit and Spur models for well under \$10,000.

Another interesting example of Rolls Royce tradition and history is the radiator ornament properly termed "The Spirit of Ecstasy" [Ed note: see cover photo.]. Lord

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# STEP UP

Nominations are being solicited for all four officer positions and for two Director positions. The nominating committee will be calling you to ask for your name on our slate of officers. Nominations will close at the October Membership Meeting and the election will be at the November meeting. If you're ready to step-up and help lead our group, then Jeff Creamer is the head of the nominations committee and is the person to call.



## NATIONAL NEWS

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### How It Started

Fred Trusty  
VP Regions  
Western Division


I guess I've been a gearhead most of my life. As a kid I was the neighborhood bicycle mechanic. I knew how to adjust chains, handlebars, seats, and fix flat tires. Next it was go carts. I built my first go cart from old galvanized  $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe, scraps of plywood, wheels from a hand dolly, and a horizontal shaft Briggs and Stratton engine off of an old garden tiller. The steering wheel was a piece of plywood and the clutch was nothing more than a piece of pipe bent at ninety degrees with a pulley on one end that you pushed down on with your hand to tighten the belt. We had lots of fun with that contraption until one of the neighborhood kids ran it into my dad's car.

Fortunately, the car was parked. Unfortunately, my dad happened to be sitting on the porch. Even though I could have fixed the damage my dad made me disassemble it, the go cart that is. That was fine because I had my eye on a new way to go fast.

I was 14 years old so I knew that in less than two years I would have my driver's license. I would buy hot rod magazines and read them from cover to cover. I didn't understand half of what I was reading but I had a passion for learning about anything with an engine. I sure wish I had known about AACA back then.

I had a big decision to make in life at the age of 16. I could keep playing football but that meant no money, no car, plus you need both for the other hobby I was learning: girls. I thought I was on top of the world making \$1.65/hr. at the local grocery store. I saved every penny and bought a well-used 1965 Ford Custom. It was basically a stripped down Galaxy 500 but to me it was cool.

Paychecks went for chrome reverse wheels with wide white letter tires, an AM/FM 8 track player and of course pizza, movies and girls. After that it was a '69 Mustang Mach I, a '73 Camaro, a '70 Honda 175, a '72 Honda CB350, a Gremlin, a '54 Ford pickup, a Harley, and the list goes on and on. I would buy a car, drive it while I worked on it, then sell it and buy another one. I had fun, made some money, learned how to work on cars, and went through a lot of girlfriends. I wish I still had every one of them today, the cars that is.

The point is that there are still 14-year-old kids out there that have never heard of AACA. If we can find some of them, they might grow up to be gear heads like me. 

## ANNUAL MEETING / HOLIDAY PARTY

December Annual Business Meeting is on December 9<sup>th</sup> at THE WESTMARK FAIRBANKS HOTEL, Located at 813 NobleStreet. It will be BUFFET STYLE the menu is,

Plated Salad  
PRIME RIB    Dijon Chicken  
Chef Choice 2 Vegetables  
Parsleyed Potato  
Rolls    Coffee

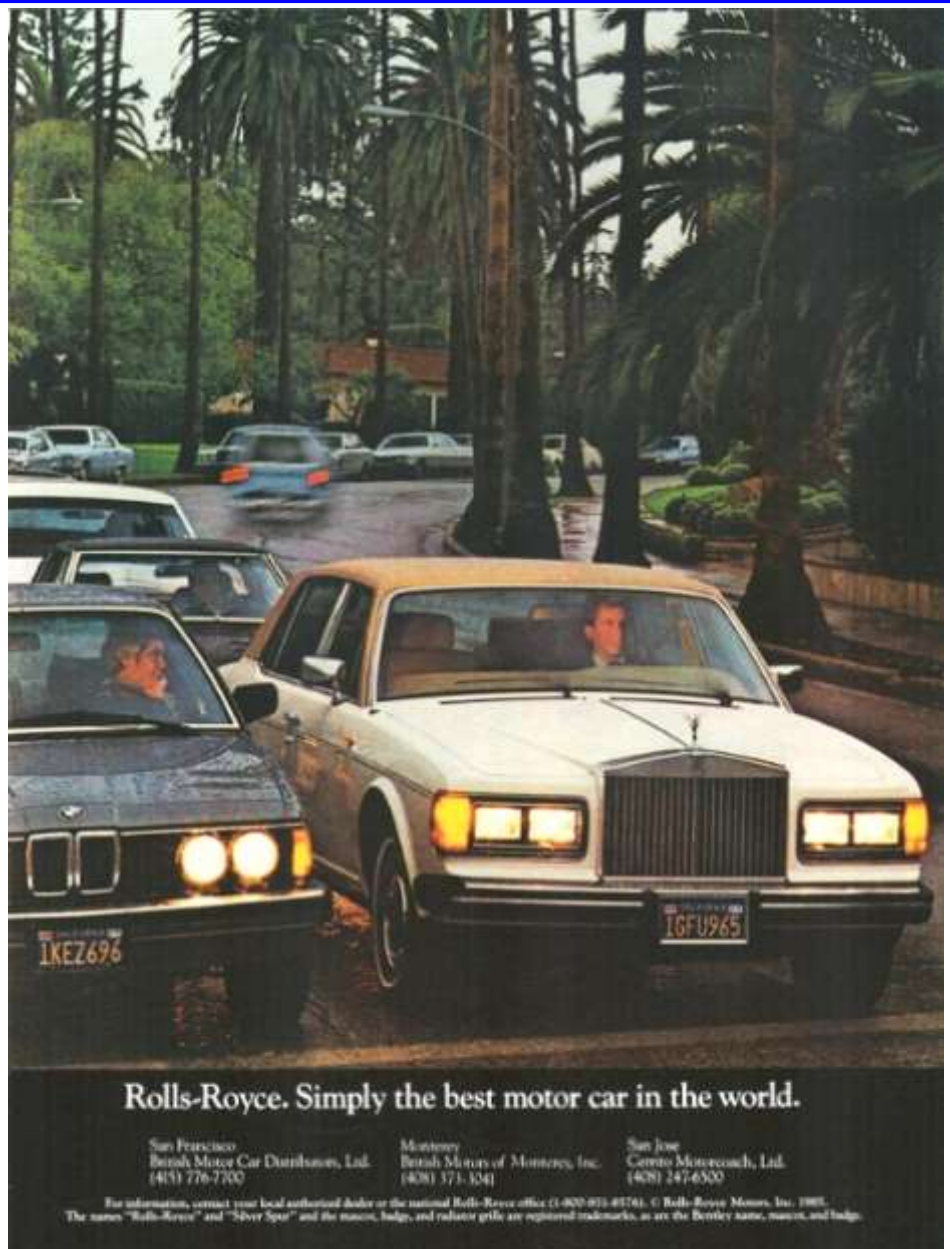
There will be an open bar from 4-5pm      Meal served at 5:10pm

A White Elephant Gift Exchange will follow after the meeting. A gift of \$20;00 --\$30:00 is suggested. You must bring a gift to exchange for a gift.

There is a Reservation Fee of \$10.00 per person planning to partake of the meal. The money needs to be in by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> for a head count of people planning to partake of the Buffet. The money may be given to Rochelle Larson, Paul or Joyce Tekin. For more information Please call Paul or Joyce at 488-2992

All members' meals will be paid by the VNAAAC any guests will pay \$32.00. Children under 12 pay half price. Mark the date now December 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Paul and Joyce Tekin---488-2992



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You never realize how boring you are until someone asks you what you do for fun.



**MONDO RUN, August 19th:** We had a wonderful day for a drive to the Monderosa for lunch. The drive was beautiful and the top 3 poker winners were as follows. Will Chase got 1st with 3 of a kind, Donna Wojciechowski got 2nd with 2 pairs, Paul Tekin was 3rd with pair of ace's. We had some other prizes and the winners of those were Bill Storey, Don McTaggart, Ross Beal & John McCarthy. - Rochelle Larson



## BRUNCH RUN, August 25th:

Russ and Cindy Reason planned a run to N. Pole but the BBQ wagon went to a wedding reception! So, with flexibility always necessary for car club events, they led us on a fun run to the Ivory Jack's Restaurant in Goldstream. We had the perfect amount of folks to fill a table with good food and great conversation! The Reasons are relatively new to our club and it was enjoyable getting to know them better. Plus, with my heater going it was a "convertible day!" Thank you Russ & Cindy! - Scott Grundy

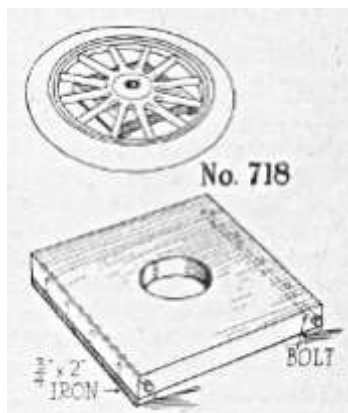


Above: Will & Theresa Chase, Cindy & Russ Reason, Wally Olsen



## 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



### HUB REMOVER (No. 718)

When it is necessary to remove the hub from a wooden wheel, difficulty is encountered if the hub sticks, and if ordinary methods are used there is danger of marring the wheel or injuring the hub. A square piece cut from a heavy plank with a hole in the center large enough to allow the hub to be pushed through, and reinforced at the ends with two bolts and two steel members, may be used to advantage. The wheel is placed over the hole and the hub is hammered off. - A. J. Hettrich, Foss-Hughes Co. (Pierce Arrow), Philadelphia





The one thing people never thought the phone would make obsolete is the flashlight.

## Alaska Judiciary License Plate



By  
Bryce  
Crumb

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I grew up in Syracuse, New York snow country. My brother still lives there, and he said they had 180" of snowfall last winter.

Another thing New York has a lot of is different types of judiciary license plates. New York currently has 10 dif-

ferent types of judicial license plates.

Fast forward to Alaska. Alaska has issued one and only one judiciary license plate: Judiciary 1970/71 base renewed with stickers through 1975. Only 200 were issued. I have four in my collection including #12,17,33, and 80. I have a 1970/71 Alaska Judiciary license plate available for trade.

Many Alaskan's don't even know that Alaska ever issued a judiciary license plate. If, I were a judge I wouldn't want a judiciary license plate... kinda like a deer walking around with a bullseye painted on it. Would like to hear from any member having an Alaska Judiciary license plate.



## Nominations for Annual Charity Donation

The club typically makes an annual donation of \$1000 to a service organization or charity. If you know of a 501 C charity or organization that could benefit from this donation, please ask them to submit a letter requesting the donation.

The letter should state the objective of the organization and the intended use of the donation. To be considered, the letters must be submitted before the November 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The officers and board of directors will select the top three and present them to the membership at the November meeting for a vote.

The donation will be presented at the annual Meeting/Holiday Party, and a representative of the organization will be asked to attend and accept the donation.  
- Mike Lecorchick



## Sept 8th Pike's Landing Poker Run

Photo by Scott Grundy

Above, clockwise: Scott Grundy, Joyce Tekin, Paul Tekin, Ron Allen, Donna Wojciechowski, Nee Nakprasit, Theresa Chase, Rochelle Larson, Will Chase, Don Oines, Julio Merced, Jeff Creamer, Willy Vinton, Diana Lecorchick, Mike Lecorchick, Richard Gresham, and John McCarthy front center.

Right: Jeff Creamer models his prize apron.



Photo by Theresa Chase

The Sept.8<sup>th</sup> Pike's Landing Poker Run started out from Bentley Mall parking lot with a 13 car caravan heading out on over an hour long ride. We stopped at key locations to choose a card and to enjoy a beautiful fall day.

The scenery was spectacular, with the sunlight setting the yellows and gold colors of leaves on the trees on fire. We reached Pike's

Landing with 17 hungry members. The meals were delicious and Paul and Joyce provided cake for dessert.

The Poker winners ;  
1<sup>st</sup> place ---Donna Wojciechowski  
2<sup>nd</sup> place---Willy Vinton  
3<sup>rd</sup> place---John McCarthy  
1<sup>st</sup> ace---Richard Gresham  
No "FREE MEAL" winners

We had a good time of fellowship guessing the answers to some riddles and watching a COOKIE EATING CONTEST . Sorry to say no winner but John, Will, Jeff and Paul gave it a good try.

- Paul & Joyce Tekin





## **VNAACF Monthly Membership Meeting**

September 13, 2018

President Mike Lecorchick brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 38 members present and 1 guest.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA WILBUR AND SECONDED BY SCOTT GRUNDY TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Donna Wojciechowski read the BOD minutes from the September meeting

Treasurer's Report - Wilma Vinton gave the treasurer's report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY THERESA CHASE AND SECONDED BY JULIO MERCED TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson reported that we have 241 members with 49 single and 96 joint memberships.

### **EVENTS:**

Denali Road Drive - Scott Grundy gave us an update on the drive. On September 19th, the clubs will meet with the park superintendent. We will be allowed to drive to Mile 62 of the park road. No modern cars allowed.

Annual Meeting - Joyce and Paul Tekin gave us an update on the annual meeting. The meeting will be on Decem-

ber 9th at the Westmark. There will be a no host bar from 4:00-5:00. Dinner will be at 5:10. The menu will be the same as last year and there will be a \$10 reservation fee. The Tekins will need to have a head count by December 1. After dinner, there will be a gift exchange. The minimum amount for the gift is a suggested \$20-\$30. This will be Joyce & Paul's last year for organizing the meeting. We will be looking for volunteers for next year.

Joint Meet - Wilma Vinton gave us an update. The Anchorage club is willing to go along with a date change. Next year's joint meet will be August 16-19th. Wilma is looking for volunteers to help with next years event.

Food Bank - Theresa Chase gave us an update. The club is scheduled through the end of the year for every 3rd Saturday to volunteer to help bag food. Everything went smooth in August.

Teddy Bear Car Show - Doris Casey gave us an update. Some people thought the \$10 registration was too much. It was agreed to keep the registration fee at \$10 for next year.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Logo Items - Rochelle Larson gave us an update. The jackets have been discontinued, but they are almost the same as the old ones.

Charity Donation Letters - Every year we donate \$1000 to a charity organization. The organization should be a 501C non profit and we will need to have the letters to the BOD before the November 6th board meeting.

Election Committee - The committee will be asking for nominations to fill the BOD positions that will be open. The election will be held during the November membership meeting.

John McCarthy presented the club picture to the owner of the Great Harvest Bread Co.

Mike Lecorchick would like some ideas on guest speakers for the winter meetings.

50/50 - The total for the 50/50 was \$122 and the lucky winner was Rick Larrick.

The next membership meeting will be on October 11 at the AK Buffet.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LYNN GRUNDY AND SECONDED BY CARL WESTPHAL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:38 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by:  
Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary





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Montague of Beaulieu was an aristocratic Englishman who was an early motoring enthusiast. Rolls Royce was becoming upset about the poor taste shown by some of the early radiator ornaments fitted to their cars, so they commissioned and official "mascot" created by sculpture Charles Sykes which was introduced in 1911. Montague's mistress, Eleanor Thornton,

oriented vehicles for the Bentley marque (Bentley Turbo R and Arnage are two examples.) In the late 1990's, RR Ltd had fallen on difficult economic times due to lack of sales, and the company was put up for sale. The German company BMW expressed interest, only to be out-bid by VW, who ultimately bought the company. However, unknown to VW until after the sale, the Rolls Royce name was not included with the purchase. BMW purchased the name from the



Photo by David Hobson

was the model for Syke's design, which is the reason it is sometimes referred to among RR owners as "Eleanor in her nightie."

Another interesting bit of history: Bentley and Rolls Royce were originally two entirely separate companies. However, in the early 1930's, RR purchased the Bentley company out of receivership, and started building Bentleys as "The Silent Sportscar." By the mid-1960's, Bentley had simply become a re-badged Rolls Royce with a different grill aimed at buyers who didn't want to flaunt their wealth. By the 1980's, RR began to modify the existing RR models into more performance-

now-separate Rolls Royce aircraft engine company, and proceeded to build a new factory at an entirely new location. One can only imagine the irritation of the Brits at having their two prestige automobile companies owned by India, a former colony. Thankfully, all the new owners have allowed the existing companies to maintain a good degree of autonomy.

The best car in the world? In the early days of motoring, Rolls Royce could easily make a solid case for that claim. However, by the late 1930's US car companies had surpassed Rolls Royce in the opinion of many people, and were licensing things like the GM designed front suspension on the Phantom III. With sales of only a few thousand cars per year after WWII, Rolls Royce could no longer afford the R&D costs required to match those of larger companies in the US and Germany. However, in terms of beautiful craftsmanship in leather and wood, and in rich heritage, Rolls Royce still stands alone. In terms of the enjoyment of driving, I personally prefer a modern Jaguar or Mercedes Benz S Class. However, there's something magical about owning and driving a Rolls Royce.

David C. Hobson



1982 British postage stamp commemorating the RR Silver Ghost and the Silver Spirit

## NOTICE

Joyce and Paul Tekin have been hosts for the annual business meeting / holiday party for many years and would like to retire this great opportunity to someone else. They are willing to share all they have done and how to do it with the new host.

Please consider this opportunity as a great way to serve in our club. It is fun and easy to do.

If interested please see Joyce or Paul or call 488-2992.



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As with Paul & Joyce's notice above, we seem to grow dependent on certain individuals to do certain tasks, just because they have done it for the past number of years and they do a good job.

There are several flaws in that thinking:

One is that those currently in a role may feel "tired" or "worn out" or "used" in doing the same function so long and having everyone just expect that they will do it again (and again).

Another, which is more important, is that we fail to grow by any measure as a club if we let the same people lead all the time. We need fresh efforts, new ideas, and people in leadership who have ever larger pools of knowledge, friends and contacts - all to make the club grow and to keep it fun for all of us involved.

As this is the season that we are electing new officers, and those new officers will be looking for a contingent of new PPRs (primary persons responsible) to lead activities and events, please consider what you can do. I am pretty confident that you won't offend any of us who have been doing the same ole / same ole for a while if you volunteer to replace us. You will find our reaction to be grateful and our response to be to give you more help and support that you would have ever expected. If people step up, then we have graceful transitions and the club is not left with any hard to fill unforeseen vacancies.

- Rick Larrick



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### NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **Thursday, October 11th** - at our usual meeting place - **The AK BUFFET**. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.; most members have dinner there before.

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, October 9th** — at Sam's Sourdough . Meeting starts at 6:30 pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



Hank Grant's '68 Olds 442 after driving the length of the Park Road with the Denali 2018 tour.



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