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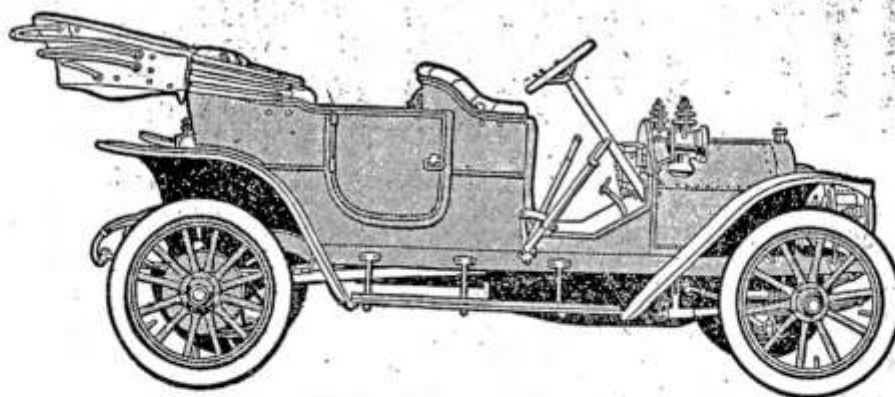


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Nash's News

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



WE ARE AGENTS FOR

The Chalmers-Detroit "30"

The 4-Cylinder, 5-Passenger, 24-30 H. P. Car

For \$1,500

You saw the announcement of this astounding car in last Sunday's papers. A millionaire's car—large and luxurious, speedy and powerful—brought within reach of many. A car that has no rival.

This car will be the sensation of this season. It is apparent already that the possible supply can hardly begin to meet the demand for it, for fifty times as many people can now own a powerful, high-grade motor car.

We are also agents for the Chalmers-Detroit Forty, formerly the Thomas-Detroit Forty—made by the makers of this new car.

But we can get only 50 of the Chalmers-Detroit "30" cars—the \$1,500 ones—and only 25 of the Chalmers-Detroit Forties.

With these we must supply Detroit and adjoining counties.

Ten of the new \$1,500 cars, and five of the Forties will be delivered to us in August and September.

Who wants these first cars? Orders will be filled in rotation. The first ones who order will get the first cars—delivery date guaranteed.

We have received our first demonstrating car, and are giving more than twenty demonstrations a day.

Most Convincing Demonstration Ever Offered.

Beginning a week from Monday we shall give a series of the most exacting demonstrating trips ever offered to the public.

Four times each day our demonstrating car will be driven to Pontiac and return, a daily schedule of 200 miles. The car will start from the Pontchartrain Hotel twice each morning and twice each afternoon. Places in the car will be booked for each trip.

Persons wishing to go on the Pontiac run are requested to notify us a day in advance.

Persons wishing a demonstration in our city demonstrating car please phone us, drop us a note, or call at store.

GRANT BROS. AUTO CO.

Telephones } GRAND 823
CITY 2458

Distributors of Chalmers-Detroit Cars.

742 Woodward Ave.

My Car!



Jeff and Christol Creamer stand with the Chalmers 30 at The Salmon Bake in 2016

The Creamer Family 1910 Chalmers-Detroit Motor Car

The Antique car you see here is believed to be the oldest surviving Fairbanks car still in drivable condition. The car was brought to Fairbanks from Seattle in 1912 by a dentist, Dr. Castle. He had the car shipped to Skagway on a steamship, then transported by the White Pass Railroad to Whitehorse, then by riverboat down the Yukon and up the Tanana to Fairbanks. After being in town for a while, he realized that there were few roads to drive on, so in 1916 he traded the car to Fred Noyes, a lumber mill operator, for lumber to build an office. Noyes wasn't really a driver per say but did enjoy the bragging rights of owning one of just a few cars in the community at the time!

Noyes left Fairbanks in 1918, leaving the car in a warehouse owned by friend, shirttail relative, and sometimes business partner Charles N. Creamer. Noyes passed away shortly after leaving Alaska, leaving the car to Mr. Creamer. C.N. wasn't a car driver either, having grown up training horses, driving stagecoach for Wells Fargo, and eventually owning freighting companies in Skagway, Yukon, and Fairbanks, so the car languished in

the warehouse until the late thirties when CN's nephew Buster Anderson got the car running and raced around town with it for several summers, giving rides and creating mayhem! The car ended up back in storage until CN's death in 1947, at which time his daughter Marion Creamer Wood sold the car to her brother, Charles A. (Charlie) Creamer, whom with his wife Anna owned Creamers Dairy on the north side of town.

Charlie Creamer kept the car in running condition and would bring it out for any occasion, especially if there were children wanting rides! Even though there is only seating for three on the car, somehow room was found for six or eight kids and teenagers on the car! Charlie started a tradition early on of regular attendance in the Golden Days celebrations and parades, with the car sometimes leading and always with a local or state dignitary riding along. For many years it was the "official" governors' car for the parade! The Chalmers was known as "Charlie's Pet" for a number of years! Charlie would bring the Chalmers out for exhibition "races" at the Rendezvous Racetrack out by Birch Hill, and though not usually a winner, running against decades newer cars, the old car

would give its best for him! The Chalmers also had the distinction of being the "first" car to cross the new Wendell Street Bridge when it opened in 1953, also the first for the new Cushman Street Bridge in 1960, AND the first car to cross the new Veterans Memorial Bridge (Barnette St.) in November (Veterans Day) 2012!

Charlie Creamer passed away in 1974, leaving the car to his son, Don Creamer. Shortly after, a mechanical problem with the clutch caused the car to be back in storage for the next 27 years, until a group of old-time motor enthusiasts, led by John Wright of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, convinced Don they could get the car running again, if only so the community at large would be able to witness and share in the history of this automobile and Fairbanks once again. After spending a winter in the garage undergoing a partial renovation, the car was once again put back on the road and lead the Golden Days Parade in 2001 after a 27-year absence.

Don Creamer passed away in 2003, leaving the car to his sons, Charles A, Donald Jr., Clifford (Gary), and Jeffrey (Jeff) Creamer. The Chalmers Detroit has undergone more significant repairs with the assistance of the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum and members of the Vernon Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks and is currently in the custodianship of Jeff Creamer.

While by itself, the 1910 Chalmers Detroit is not a car of great worth or beauty, the history of this car and the community in which it "lives" is something to celebrate, as well as 100 years of one-family ownership!

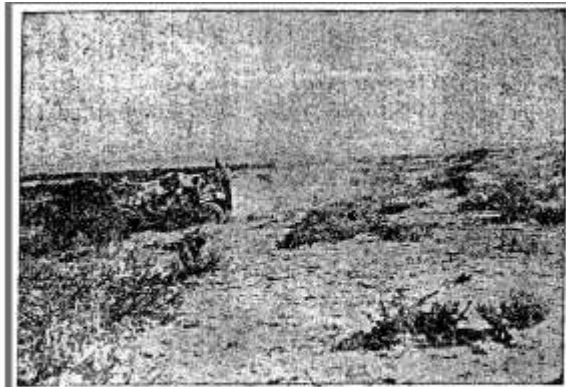
- Jeff Creamer



Charlie Creamer fuels the car at the dairy

Half the people I know are below average!

From the Detroit Free Press, June 6, 1909:



Through hundreds of miles of trackless wastes like these the "30" plugged unflinchingly.

Chalmers-Detroit "30" Completes Hardest Pathfinding Job in History of Automobiles

The Chalmers-Detroit "30" Flag-to-Flag Pathfinder reached Mexico City Thursday afternoon.

With its arrival there one of the most arduous and strenuous undertakings in the history of the automobile business was brought to a successful conclusion.

The Flag-to-Flag Pathfinder is the same car that was driven 208 miles a day for 100 consecutive days last summer and fall between Detroit and Ponce. All told, it has now been driven 35,000 miles within a year.

This is a world's record for endurance. This car has richly earned the name "Old Reliable" which the members of the Pathfinder crew have bestowed upon it.

Since leaving Denver on May 1, the car has traveled 2,400 miles over plains and mountains, through brush and sand.

One-half of the journey was through country where an automobile never had been used before, through a country without roads, without even a trail to point the way.

Twenty-five days of actual mowing were required to complete the distance.

The car carried four passengers all the time—sometimes five—complete automobile carrying outfit, photographer's supplies, food, water, extra gasoline, etc.—a total overload weight of 2,200 pounds, just equal to the weight of the car itself.

In spite of its load and the hard going encountered, the only troubles were the breaking of a rear spring in a particularly rough spot in New Mexico, and the stripping of a gear trying to pull through a Mexican quicksand.

At Denver the Pathfinder was sent on its way by Governor Shafroth of Colorado. In Mexico City it was officially received by President Diaz, who complimented the Pathfinders on overcoming so many difficulties and promised to guard the entire course of the Flag-to-Flag Contest in honor with Mexican soldiers.

Upon its return from Mexico "Old Reliable" will probably be entered as another strenuous pathfinder trip.

All Chalmers-Detroit cars endure and give service as this Pathfinder car has. Inquire of the owners if this is not true. Let us give you the names.

Chalmers-Detroit "Thirty," \$1,500
Chalmers-Detroit "Forty," \$2,750

Chalmers-Detroit Motor Co.,
Detroit, Mich.
GRANT BROS. AUTO CO., Distributors,
742-744 Woodward Ave. Phone Grand 823.

Alaskan City Windshield Stickers



Various Alaskan cities have issued city windshield stickers at various periods of time to raise additional revenue for their cities.

I have been unable to find absolutely any information on which Alaskan cities issued city windshield stickers, or during which years they were issued. Also, I don't know anyone else who collects Alaskan city windshield stickers.

I can only share my humble collection of 14 Alaskan windshield stickers. Needless to say, Alaskan city windshield stickers

are rare:

Nome: 53, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 73, 78

Wrangell: 65

Sitka: 57

Alaskan city windshield stickers come in all sort of shapes, and most are very colorful with 3 or 4 colors.

My lowest number: #4.

I have absolutely no information as to whether Fairbanks ever issued city windshield stickers, or if so during what periods they were issued. Hopefully, some of the old timers can answer that question. Any takers?

My rarest Alaskan windshield sticker is a very colorful 1950's Alaska Visitor windshield sticker which came out of a very extensive 1950's travel collection.

(On back): Alaska Visitor

Date of entry

Name

Home Address

Make of car

Engine no.

Expires in 90 days or date of employment.

Bryce Crumb btrfly123@att.net



The Chalmers - Detroit leads the opening of the new Veterans Memorial Bridge (Barnette Street) in November, 2012

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- **Note:** Cars'NCoffee time is now 9:00 am each Saturday through the winter at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall.
- **Foodbank** - pack boxes each 3rd Saturday; leave Cars'N Coffee at 8:45 am
- **Note Meeting Day Change: Monday, November 5th: Board Meeting, Sam's Sourdough 6:30pm.**
- **Thursday, November 8th: Regular Membership Meeting** at the AK Buffet: 7:00pm meeting; dinner before (most arrive by 6pm).
- **Tuesday, December 4th: Board Meeting, Sam's Sourdough 6:30 pm.** Newly elected Board Members are invited.
- **Sunday, December 9th: Annual Meeting / Holiday Party** at the Westmark Hotel (no regular membership meeting in December)
- **Thursday, December 20th:** Submission deadline for the January - February newsletter issue.
- **June 26 - July 4th, 2019: Adventure**



Before Dementia Tour

- August 16th & 17th: **Joint Meet**, Healy

Antique Auto Mushers

- **November 7th: Membership Meeting**, meet at Daybreak Center, 7:00pm

National AACA Events

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

Please note that there will be NO December Newsletter. The next newsletter will be for January - February, and will issue at the end of December.

DUES

Dues are now **DUE** for the 2019 year. They are payable by returning payment to the club post office box (preferred), dropping it off at Larson's Locksmith, or bringing payment to the November club meeting. Dues are to be paid by December 31 for the following year.

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
- Thanks, Rochelle Larson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Charlie Bourque
Mike Lecorchick
Rick Crisenbery
- 2 - Joyce Tekin
- 4 - Dale Oines
- 5 - Pat Crisenbery
- 6 - Nate Jankowski
- 7 - Dan Tempel
- 10 - Randy Britschgi
Stella Carpenter
- 12 - Gary Olson
- 15 - Beccy Monsma
- 16 - Hunter Binder
- 19 - Eugene Reed
- 25 - Jeff Cook
Kelly Oines
Ruth Haynes
- 27 - Rochelle Larson
- 19 - Donna Wojciechowski

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Ron Dane
- 6 - Ralph Moore
John McDonald
- 9 - Brenda Wilbur
- 13 - Paula Beal
- 14 - Lori Hinchsliff
- 15 - Doug Cline
- 17 - Lisa Casey
- 21 - Karen Lane
- 25 - Mordina Andrew
- 26 - Dan Portwine
- 30 - Robert Holmes
Laurel McLaughlin
Cindy Helms

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None!



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 - Wilma & Willy Vinton
- 16 - Penny & John Binder
- 17 - Susan & Jeff Cook
- 22 - Angie & Don Oines

SUNSHINE REPORT:

One card request was received: I sent a sympathy card to Pat and George Cromer on 10/9/18 as Pat's sister passed away. Thanks! 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.

President's Headlights

- Mike Lecorchick

Well, I did it! I made the trip down to Hershey, Pennsylvania for the fall AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet. I've been to many swap meets and flea markets but nothing like this!

The event is held in a giant parking lot for the Hershey Amusement Park. Surrounding almost the entire event (which I estimate is 200 acres) is what they call the "car corral" that held more than 1000 vintage cars (1993 and older; no street rods) for sale. As a car is sold and moved out, another is brought in. The entire parking lot is covered with venders of new and used vehicle parts and auto memorabilia.

I spent three days roaming around and could have spent another three and possibly still not have seen it all. I did manage to find a few things to buy but didn't buy the '53 Chevy convertible Willy was pushing me toward!

A few days later I was in Coolspring, Pennsylvania... a very small town just north of Punxsutawney, home of the weather-forecasting groundhog. Coolspring is the home of the Coolspring Power Museum. The museum has a collection of over 275 stationary engines showcasing the history and evolution of the internal combustion engine technology. The museum collection includes stationary gas hit and miss engines, throttle governed engines, flame ignition engines, hot tube ignition engines and hot air engines. The engines range in size from fractional horsepower up to 600 horsepower. The oldest one I remember seeing dated from 1881. The collection is housed in more than 35 buildings and also includes outdoor displays. If you're interested in early engines this is one place you should visit.



1867 N.A. OTTO & Co.

"OTTO & LANGEN" ENGINE

Operating Cycle	Non-compressing Atmospheric power stroke
Unique Features	No crankshaft - Torque from rack & pinion gear by Franks Reuleaux sprague clutch to main shaft
Brake Power	5 HP at approximately 100 RPM
Bore & Stroke	5.9" Diameter x 3.5" stroke
Weight	2375 lbs
Fuel	Iluminating (coal) gas or hydrogen enriched fuel
Fuel Consumption	47 cu-ft per HP - per hour
Ignition	Internal carrier flame ignition with external pilot
Speed Control	Flyball governor restricting exhaust from cylinder

Known as the "Otto Langen" engine, the design was developed between 1861 and 1867 by Eugen Langen and Nikolaus A. Otto in Germany as a way to replace the labor intensive steam engine. Their engine was first introduced to the world in 1867 at the Paris Universal Exposition where it won a gold medal for efficient operation, which was twice that of its closest competitor.

Otto & Langen's engine company eventually became the world famous Gasmotorenfabrik Daimler, the oldest continuously producing engine corporation in the world. Between the years of 1867 and 1877, more than 5000 atmospheric engines were built in sizes ranging from 1/2 HP up to 3 HP by several licensed companies in Europe. A rarity today, only 11 survive with a handful in operating condition. A few of the remaining examples are displayed at institutions and museums around the world.

The complete task of constructing this full size reproduction spanned decades. Significant research was necessary before an accurate project could even be considered. To start with, a thorough understanding of the engine's internal design required visits to museums and research libraries, both domestically and overseas. Then, the research necessary had to be applied to the designing, building and testing of many historic model engines to affirm all operating principles.

The presentation of this reproduction is based on the design typical of Otto & Langen's first year of production. Details including everything from the flange, dual slide valve system and governor system could be found on the earliest engines.

Owner / Builder: **Harvard**
 Design and Construction: **Warner Gossling**
 Date: 2005
 Summer 2018 - May 2017

Only borrow tools from pessimists - they don't expect them back.



**VLNAACF Membership Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2018
Location - AK Buffet**

Vice President Scott Culbertson brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 37 members present. Donna Wojciechowski read the minutes from the October 9th BOD meeting

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JULIO MERCED AND SECONDED BY ROBBIE CASEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Report - Scott Culbertson gave the treasurer's report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRENDA WILBUR AND SECONDED BY THERESA CHASE TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership Report - Scott Culbertson gave us an update that we have 241 members.

EVENTS:

Joint Meet - Scott Culbertson gave us an update.

Raffle Car - Carl Westphal gave us an update.

Annual Meeting - Paul and Joyce Tekin gave us an update. The annual meeting is on December 9th at the Westmark. The menu will be the same as last year which will be Prime Rib and Dijon Chicken. Paul and Joyce would like to have the \$10 reservation fee ASAP or by the end of November This is Paul & Joyce's last year for making the arrangements for the meeting.

Fairbanks Food Bank - Theresa Chase gave us an update. The next date for members to volunteer is October 20th. Theresa made a request that the club purchase 100 turkeys for the food bank for Thanksgiving. After much discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARL WESTPHAL AND SECONDED BY JOYCE TEKIN THAT THE CLUB HAVE A DRIVE FOR MONEY DONATIONS OR A TURKEY DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR THANKSGIVING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS:

501C3 - Scott Culbertson gave us an update. Scott explained to the membership the regulations that the club must follow and the amount of work that is involved in the club becoming a 501C3.

Most Improved Vehicle - At this time, there are no nominations for Most Improved Vehicle for 2018. Since it was published in the newsletter, we will continue the search for the 2018 selection. If Dale Oines does not find any car(s) to look at we will hold and continue this in the spring with the Carlson car show being the optimal time for viewing recently completed projects. At this time everything remains the same.

Election Committee - Jeff Creamer gave us an update. Ballots will be at the November meeting. Candidates Jim Gibertoni, Phil Sanders, Howie Thies Joe Procell and Bruce McIntosh will be on the ballot. Phil Sanders, Jim Gibertoni and Bruce McIntosh gave us a bio about themselves. Nominations were closed with no nominations from the floor. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRETT HELMS AND SECONDED BY BLUE TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS THAT ARE ON THE FLOOR PASSED

UNANIMOUSLY.

50/50 - The total was \$125 and the lucky winner was Paul Tekin.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF CREAMER AND SECONDED BY CARL WESTPHAL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary



**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 5th board meeting. The officers and board of directors will select the top three and present them to the membership at the November 8th Membership 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

It's only a matter of time before modern cars require anti-virus software.

NATIONAL NEWS

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Dear Regions & Chapters,

YOUR Library and Research Center is recognized as a world-renowned resource for the collectible vehicle community. The Library's team of professional librarians strives to continue setting the standard in celebrating, collecting, preserving and sharing automotive legacy.

The collection contains over 1-million items and includes books, sales literature, brochures, company documents, owner's booklets, periodicals, service manuals and many more items relating to the automotive industry and hobby.

I urge you to remind your members that, as members of AACA, they are eligible to receive 1.5 hours of remote research every year. Whether it be a question on color chips for a '55 Chevrolet, accessories for the '29 Packard or racing information from 1909, we can help!

Regions & Chapters are also encouraged to take advantage of the library by borrowing a film from our collection of over 300 titles. You can show these films at club events and return them when you are finished. The film collection is diverse and includes comedies, documentaries, instructional guides and AACA events from the 1940s, 50s and 60s.

Continue to check us out on the internet at www.aacalibrary.org. You can also find us on Facebook, YouTube and Tumblr. When you are in Hershey please stop by and say hello – we are open Monday – Saturday, 8am-4pm. On site research is always free and there is never any charge for admission.

See you soon!

Chris Ritter, Librarian, AACA Library & Research Center
501 W. Governor Road Hershey, PA 17033
717-534-2082



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

A top quality newsletter is getting more difficult as fewer people submit articles for publication. It appears that an active and growing car club may also be getting more difficult with the vacancies for elected office this year.

As you have noted from the newsletter issue banner, this is the November - December issue. There will be no separate December issue sent out. The same will happen for the January - February issue; there will be no separate February issue. Hopefully, in March, regular monthly issues will resume. If you want to help insure that monthly issues will resume, please take the time to sit down and write something - a story about your car, a car-related place you visited on vacation or on your winter snow-bird travels, etc. If you are leading an event, please write up a promotional article at least an issue before so that people know what to anticipate and can plan ahead.

- Rick Larrick, Editor



TURKEY DRIVE

In our continued effort to support the local food bank, at the last meeting the general membership voted to support a turkey drive for the Thanksgiving season. The suggested donation of a turkey or twenty dollars will be collected at cars and coffee by Carl Westphal or Theresa Chase, or can be delivered to the Food Bank yourselves any time on or before our November 17th work day. We will use the collected funds to purchase turkeys and deliver on behalf of the car club.

Thank you for your support!

- Carl Westphal



Member Ads

WANTED: Buying early Alaska license plates (All types) in any condition.

Bryce Crumb bttrfly123@att.net, (386)-365-7064.

FOR SALE: 49 PLYMOUTH P15 BODY STYLE. BODY GOOD ENGINE BAD. \$1000 OBO..

GENE HANSEN 388 4642

WANTED: Good wing windows with spring bolt intact. 1961 – 1963 F100 Ford pickup

Ross Beal 907-978-4833

If all the left-handed people in the world disappeared, the world would be all right.

I was born in Detroit and grew up there in the 60s during the height of the big American iron era (and Motown). Cars were just a way of life then -



A much younger Bruce working on his Firebird

either you worked directly in the industry, or you supported the industry. My great grandfather, grandfather, and my dad all spent a little time working for Mr. Ford, and I even did my own short stint in a machine shop making windshield repair tools. As teens with fresh driver's licenses, we were lucky to hit the tail end of the muscle cars, when they were cheap and readily available. Many a weekend was spent either working on our cars, or cruising Telegraph and Woodward Avenues. I was pretty brand-agnostic in high school and owned a '65 Merc, '68 Galaxie, '66 VW, '69 Chevelle, '72 Cutlass, and a '68 and '69 Firebird. That '69 had a 400 with an M-22, could usually get a gasp or two out of the passenger, and is the one car I still regret selling to this day.

Within days of graduating from Michigan State in 1982 I hit the road to Fairbanks with some buddies and never looked back. I had some great adventures that summer and when winter rolled around I got myself hooked on dog mushing. I eventually went to work for the Department of Fish & Game, homesteaded a parcel in the late 80s north of Healy, and finally moved back to Fairbanks in '97 to attend grad school at UAF. All that time sled dogs were the hobby that consumed most of my money and free time. It was about 10 years ago when I decided it was time to start winding down my dog team and was

ELECTIONS ARE November 8th

Folks on this page have accepted nomination for election for the two open Board of Directors seats, and responded to my request for a brief bio. If elected, they will serve 2 years. Use the ballot on Page 13 to vote for two. Mail the ballot or bring the ballot to Larson's Locksmith so that it is received by 5pm on November 8th, or vote in person before the November 8th Membership Meeting which starts at 7pm at the AK Buffet.

- Jeff Creamer, Nominating Committee

getting the itch to get back into cars. Of course, by that point, most of the cars of my youth were no longer cheap.

In 2011 I wound up buying a '55 Ford off of Craigslist, followed a couple of years later by a '49 Hudson that was love at first sight. The Hudson was (is) going to be my "retirement" project. Another couple of years and I bought another '55 Ford from John McDonald, and he was the one that suggested joining the club. In 2015 I pulled the last of the dog stakeouts, built a long desired garage and, after 33 years of working for Fish & Game, finally retired in the summer of 2017. That was really the first full summer I had spent at home on the road system since 1983.

Although I attended meetings and helped out with the past couple of car

Jim Gibertoni says via phone text that he has spent 44 years in Fairbanks, first on the Pipeline and then starting and running Aaron Plumbing and Heating for 35 years.



Jim has restored a 1929 Caterpillar Tractor (see photo of Jim getting a Car Show award for that effort in 2017), and at car club events can be seen driving the 1950 Chevy Pick-Up he also restored.

Jim lives with his wife in Fairbanks all year around. He has been a pilot for 42 years and for the past twenty has been a Civil Air Patrol mission search and rescue pilot. He is active in the Fairbanks community, and has attended most of our VLNAACF events since joining in his retirement.



shows, this last summer was my first chance to get out and enjoy a few events with the club. Turns out, just as when I was a teen, it's a lot more fun to cruise with other people that have the same interests than it is to drive around by yourself. Who'd have thought it? One Wednesday night run-around in particular left a strong impression with me. I had the bad fortune to lose a distributor on the Steese on the way out of town, but I also had the very good fortune to be with some folks that went well above and beyond to help me get my car safely off the road and back home. To me, that says a lot about the folks in the club, and I'd be happy to try and contribute something back to this group by serving on the board.

Thanks,

Bruce McIntosh



Bruce McIntosh's '49 Hudson and two '55 Fords

Editor's Note: All five Board of Director candidates were contacted by Jeff Creamer asking for biographical information. Only Jim Gibertoni responded with a phone text of key background points and Bruce McIntosh with the article on this page.

- Rick

If you lost your right hand, your right hand would be left.

2019 VLNAACF ELECTION BALLOT

This will constitute as the voting ballot for the Vernon L Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks 2019 Officers and Board of Directors. Please detach/print this form and do one of the following:

- Mail it to VLNAACF P.O. Box 71253 Fairbanks, AK 99707 (postmark by 11/01/2018)
- Drop it off at Larson Locksmith 1249 Noble St.
- Bring it with you to the membership meeting: Thursday November 8th, 2018, by 7pm.

If you are viewing this with your computer and are unable to print the form, copies are on hand at Larson Locksmith for your convenience and will also be available at the November 8th Membership Meeting.

The following incumbents are running unopposed:

President: _____ ☐

Vice-President: _____ ☐

Treasurer: Wilma Vinton ☐

Secretary: Donna Wojciechowski ☐

Past President, Mike Lecorchick, fills the First Director position, and Directors Ralph Moore and Carl Westphal have one year left in their term. Please vote for two of the five candidates below for the two year term expiring in 2020:

Board of Directors – Please vote for only TWO individuals:

Jim Gibertoni ☐

Bruce McIntosh ☐

Joe Procell ☐

Phil Sanders ☐

Howie Thies ☐

All ballots will be tabulated at the November 8th membership meeting and results announced before the meeting adjournment.

1992 Group Photo



Bill Yingst, Mary Roehm, Grandma Nash, Jerry Roehm, Ed McLaughlin, Shirley Nash, Donna & Jerry Krier, Klint Chace, Ardis Anderson, Bill Chace, Don Ronkin, Darryl McCulloch, Judy Saupe, Gary Nash, Berney Saupe, Stan Broom, and Ben Anderson—photo by Joyce Chace

I wanted to blow up 50 balloons for the party, but could only afford one due to the cost of inflation.

From the Detroit Free Press, July 27, 1909:

NEW AUTO FIRM HERE

Fairview Motor Company Organized and Already Financed, Will Soon Start Work on \$150,000 Plant.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES TO BE ITS SPECIALTY

Stockholders Are Those of Chalmers-Detroit Motor Co.—Report That Firm Has Absorbed E. R. Thomas Co. Not Denied.

Another link is soon to be added to Detroit's chain of enormous automobile industries. Hugh Chalmers, president of the Chalmers-Detroit Motor Co., announced to The Free Press last night that a new company, known as the Fairview Motor Co., has been organized and is already financed. The officers of this company will be the same men who are now in control of the Chalmers-Detroit Co.

In ten days or two weeks contracts will be let for the construction of a plant to cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. This plant will be situated directly west of the plant now occupied by the Chalmers-Detroit Co., which recently purchased ten acres of land adjoining its plant on the west.

To Make Commercial Cars.

"While the Fairview concern is a separate corporation, it is really financed and owned by the stockholders of the Chalmers-Detroit Co.," said Mr. Chalmers. "It is our purpose to manufacture commercial cars exclusively in the new building. In our present quarters we do not turn out commercial cars. The Fairview Co. will devote itself to putting out taxicabs, trucks and other vehicles to meet commercial demands."

The addition of the Fairview plant means that the capacity of the Chalmers-Detroit Co. plant practically will be doubled. When the Fairview building is completed, two enormous buildings for the Chalmers-Detroit Co. will have been erected in one year, one of which, an addition to the present building, is now under construction. The Fairview Co. building will be of concrete construction and modern throughout.

Thomas Rumor Not Denied.

There is also a well-founded rumor that the Chalmers-Detroit Co. has absorbed the E. R. Thomas Co., of Buffalo. When asked if this were true, Mr. Chalmers said: "I do not like to say anything about that at this time. I would not deny it and I do not wish to affirm it."

If this report is true, it means that the Chalmers-Detroit Co. will manufacture as complete a line of motor vehicles as any automobile concern in the country.

The officers of the Chalmers-Detroit Co. are: President, Hugh Chalmers; vice-president, Howard E. Coffin; second vice-president, James J. Brady; secretary, Frederick O. Bezner; treasurer and general manager, Roy D. Chapin.

The Creamer car is a 30hp Roadster model, from 1910, identical to the 1909 model pictured (photo from the National Motor Museum, UK). The Chalmers - Detroit was the successor to the Thomas - Detroit, which had been in production since 1906, and according to The Beaulieu Encyclopedia, it became one of the more popular American cars up through about 1919. The company was owned by Hugh Chalmers who had been vice-president of the National Cash Register Company. Peak production was 21,000 cars in 1916. Chalmers leased its property to Maxwell near the end of WW1, and never again did independent production, with the facilities eventually becoming part of Chrysler Corporation.



The Thomas - Detroit was marketed by E.R. Thomas (maker of the Thomas Flyer), but made in Detroit by former Oldsmobile personnel, Howard E. Coffin and Roy D. Chapin, and designed to sell for a lower price than the Thomas, which continued to be built through at least 1918 in Buffalo, New York. Some of the financial maneuvering and merger activity about the Chalmers company can be seen in the accompanying 1909 article from the Detroit Free Press.

- Rick Larrick 🚗

Annual Meeting / Holiday Party

Mark your calendar for the annual business meeting to be held on Dec. 9th at the Westmark Hotel.

There will be a cash bar starting at 4pm with music provided by Dan & Sue Schaaf. A buffet meal will be provided at 5:10pm.

The meal will be buffet style including the following :

- Plated salad
- Prime Rib
- Dijon Chicken
- Chef choice of 2 vegetables
- Parsley Potatoes
- Rice Pilaf
- Coffee

There is a \$10.00 reservation fee for members so please make them as early as possible. Money can be given to Rochelle Larson, Paul or Joyce Tekin. Guests pay \$32.00 and children under 13 years are free, over 13 years pay full price.

After the business meeting a Chinese Auction gift exchange will be held. If you would like to exchange please bring a gift valued at about \$20 (you may spend more if you like).

Your hosts for this event are Paul and Joyce Tekin please contact them if you have any questions.

Hope to see everyone there for a fun evening and the last meeting of the year.

Paul & Joyce Tekin 🚗



HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE

If you wish to participate in the "Chinese Auction" type Gift Exchange at the Holiday Party Dinner, don't forget to bring a gift. One gift per person participating—can be marked for "Man", "Woman" or non-gender. Cost should be about \$20 or so. Bring a gift and then choose a gift (and try to keep it).

Holiday Party Dinner

(Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Annual Meeting & Dinner)

Please return this form with your reservation fee(s) and guest payments at the November 8th club meeting, or to Larson Locksmith, 1249 Noble St., or mail no later than Friday, November 23, 2018 to:

VLNAACF
Box 71253
Fairbanks, AK 99707-1253

DINNER at the Holiday Party will be a BUFFET meal at the Westmark Hotel Gold Room on Sunday, December 9, 2018

**Cut out or copy and send in
with your check to make your
reservation for the Holiday
Party / Annual Meeting.**

Social Hour (Cash Bar) 4:00 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm
Program 6:00 pm
Gift Exchange

The dinner is a buffet meal. Meat choices available on the buffet are:

PRIME RIB
DIJON CHICKEN

Salads will be served at your table. Sides on the buffet include 2 vegetables, parsley potatoes and rice pilaf. There are rolls & butter, & coffee or tea.

_____ Members @ \$10.00 Reservation Fee* = \$ _____

_____ Adult Guests & Children over 13 years old
@ \$32.00 Meal Cost = \$ _____

_____ Children 6-13 @ free

Make your check payable to:

VLNAACF

TOTAL = \$ _____

MEMBER NAME (S): _____

*Reservation Fee is split 50% for cash door prizes and 50% for our selected charity

QUESTIONS / SPECIAL DIET NEEDS?: Call Paul or Joyce Tekin at 488-2992

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NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **Thursday, Nov 8th** at the AK BUFFET Meeting starts at 7:00pm; come dine before the meeting starts at 6pm.

The Board Meeting is **Monday, Nov 5th** — at Sam's Sourdough . Meeting starts at 6:30pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



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