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*Antique auto news from
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northern region of AACA*

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Asking someone "so, how have you been coping with the dementia?" is a great way to shatter their reality.

CAR BEQUETHED TO CLUB; PROCEEDS TO GO TO CHARITY

Fellow Members,

This month we were the recipient of a donation from a friend of the Fairbanks community, which was unexpected yet greatly appreciated. Member Vonna Husby was able to secure the donation of a 2012 Ford Fusion Hybrid! The car was donated by Sarah C. Crawford to VLNAACF, and all that she requested is, if we sell the car, that we donate \$1,000.00 to the United Way in her name.

After much discussion amongst the Board of Directors, it was decided to sell the car and approach the membership with options on disbursing the proceeds (less the thousand dollars to United Way). After looking at different options to sell the car, it was decided that accepting an offer of \$7,500.00 from Affordable car sales would be the best path forward. This method would be the better of cleaning, storing, advertising, and showing the car, and possibly going through a prolonged sales process.

One of the topics we presented to the membership at the March meeting is the disposition of the proceeds of the sale. The options are as follows:

1. Donate the entire proceeds to 501(C) 3 registered charities:
2. Use \$3500 of the proceeds to fund the members portion of the 2019 Annual party, (which had been determined by the Board to be 50% of the cost of the meal) with the remaining funds to be given to the top 3 501(c) 3 charities presented by the Board.

These options were presented to the Membership at the March Meeting and will be voted on at the April meeting. However, a wrinkle developed between the Board meeting and the Membership meeting! Without going into the gory details, we are not yet able to receive clear title for the car, so the transfer won't take place for another few weeks while said details are worked out. Though I

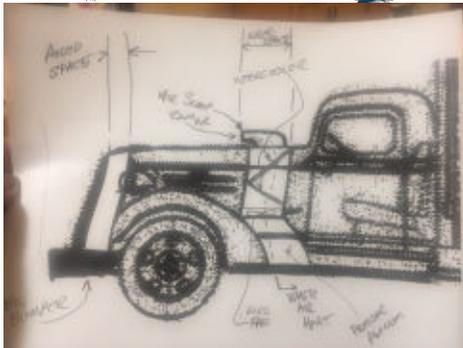
am confident that the donation will take place, and by the next time we meet it should be an accomplished fact!

- Jeff Creamer



Our Board meets each Tuesday of the week of the Membership Meeting in the back room of Sam's Sourdough, where in 2010 the club did a project to photograph, frame, and hang each of our member's cars on the walls. Thus the great collection of old car photos and ads that were lost in the 2009 fire at Sam's Sourdough Restaurant were replaced with photos of our cars. Photo above is the meeting on 3/12 where the car donation was accepted per the adjacent article.

WORK IN PROGRESS



Jim Gibertoni's drawing of "Da Plan" for the '37 Chevy truck, which was pictured in last month's newsletter.

A hobby is a regular activity that is done for enjoyment, typically during one's leisure time. My current hobby is building a very unique non typical custom hot rod. Starting with a 1997 Dodge Ram 2500 w/ 4WD with a 5.9 Cummins 12v, I stripped off all the Sheetmetal and sold that portion. I kept the chassis and powertrain intact and complete including the Diesel / auto tranny. I am sticking a 1937 one and half ton Chevy cab on it with a homemade bed (yet to be designed).

About three feet is being cut out of the 1997 Ram frame. I estimate the end product to be 1,000lbs lighter than the donor Ram was.

Nothing on the chassis / powertrain / drive line will change except the driveshaft length other than rebuilding. My intent is to stand on the shoulders of 1,424 design engineers and test drivers at Mopar and capitalize on their great time tested beloved Ram truck. I specifically picked the 1997 Dodge Ram 2500 5.9 4wd because every article I read said that specific truck is one to pick.

Going into this project I understand there are substantial challenges ahead (makes me feel alive), I am in a new arena! I have crossed the Rubicon River, hence a hobby.

The starting line was August 15, 2018. Projected completion September 2020.

Current status:

- Engine modifications done, painted, and reassembly starting March 30. I wanted something with a little Snort to it, originally it had 180 hp Projected is 400hp.
- Transmission and transfer box rebuilt with a few installed mentioned goodies.

- Both differentials have been completely disassembled, rebuilt, painted and reinstalled including ABS brakes.

- Cab has been repaired and rebuilt, done and ready to bolt down.

The word "ABSURE" comes to mind and may be on the license plate.

Again my intent is a class in its own at the show!

To me, building the hot rod is 88.5% of the fun. Driving and showing it is the balance. The internet is my backup for YouTube how to videos.

I have been told by many a professional this would be hard. They're pointing out the obvious. I like hard. Please just keep telling me I can't do it! It makes my day.

I can't wait to show up at Cars and Coffee one Saturday @ -40f in my 4wd hot rod 🤖👁️👁️👁️. Yes it will be a daily driver, for all 12 months.

I highly recommend retirement!
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Jim Gibertoni HSD

(High School Diploma... this s Jim's humor, Ed.)



I named my dog "5 Miles" so I can tell everyone I walk 5 miles every day!

**YUMA, ARIZONA
FOOTHILLS CRUISERS
TEDDY BEAR
CAR SHOW / DONATION**



Theresa Zivira (left in photo above), Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Pediatrics at Yuma Regional Center, and Sue Hanson, an MSR at Yuma Regional Medical Center, check out their favorite teddy bears during the February 16th visit by the Foothills Cruisers Car Club. Left, Doris Casey holds a handmade teddy bear that was among the 1000 teddy bears that the car club collected for donations at their show. Doris is organizing our Teddy Bear Car Show again for this summer with Lowes. Can we do better with our show on July 13th than the 1000 Teddy Bears that the Yuma, Arizona club collected? Start collecting and pass the word! Photos by Yuma Sun photographer Randy Hoeft, and reprinted with permission of the Yuma Sun.



Members of our Vernon L. Nash club at the Park drive-through last September, which was also hosted by the AAMA.

The Antique Auto Musers of Alaska (the Anchorage AACA Club) has invited us to again join them for a special tour into Denali Park and to help the management of Denali Park and the town of Healy celebrate their special relationship.

There is a Car Show as part of Healy's celebrations on Sunday, May 12th. It will be held at The Three

Bears mall in Healy from 10am - 4pm. The AAMA will be caravanning up from Anchorage on Saturday so they can have cars cleaned up and be ready for the show on Sunday, and we have been asked to join them.

Sunday evening will be a dinner at The Black Diamond Café on Otto Lake (same place as we dined with them last fall).

**HEALY ANTIQUE CAR TOUR
MAY 2019**

- **MOTHER'S DAY CAR SHOW**
- **DRIVE IN TO DENALI PARK**

Monday morning, May 13th, the Park Road at Denali National Park will be opened up to just antique cars (25 years or older) as registered with the AAMA for the event.

Rooms are scarce, so you should reserve now. Best bet is probably the Totem Inn (907) 683-6500.

If you plan to go, you must call or email Tam Isham of the Anchorage Club. Phone is (907) 688-3671; email is isham@gci.net.





APRIL, 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| March 29, 30 & 31st: RAFFLE TICKET SALES @ A WOMEN'S AFFAIR | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 <i>CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall</i> |
| 7 | 8 | 9 <i>Board Meeting Sam's Sourdough</i> | 10 | 11 <i>Membership Meeting: AK Buffet</i> | 12 | 13 <i>Cars'Coffee Bentley Mall</i> |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 <i>CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall</i> |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 <i>CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall</i> RAFFLE TICKET SALES @ THE OUTDOOR SHOW |
| 28 RAFFLE TICKET SALES @ THE OUTDOOR SHOW | 29 | 30 | Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events, notices, and articles to vlnaacf@gmail.com | | | |

Suggestion: Print or cut this page out and tape it to your refrigerator so you don't miss any of our fun times!

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Note:** CarsNCoffee time still 9:00 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall.
- **March 29, 30 & 31st: RAFFLE TICKET SALES @ A WOMEN'S AFFAIR**
- **March 30th: Garage Tour:** Ray Martsolf's garage. Noon 'til 2pm. (see page 9)
- **April 9th: Board of Directors Meeting,** Sam's Sourdough, 6:30 pm (dinner before).
- **April 11th: Membership Meeting,** AK Buffet, 7:00 pm (dinner before).
- **April 20th: Pack Boxes for Fairbanks Food Bank;** leave CarsNCoffee at 8:45am
- **April 26, 27 & 28th: RAFFLE TICKET SALES @ THE OUTDOOR SHOW**
- **June 1st & 2nd: Carlson Center Car Show** (Move-in May 31st.)
- **June 26 - July 4th, 2019: Adventure Before Dementia Tour**
- **August 16th & 17th: Joint Meet, Healy**



Antique Auto Musers

- **April 10th: Membership Meeting,** meet at Turnagain Social Club, 6:30pm
- **May 13th & 14th: Healy / Denali Tour** (VLNAACF invited—see page 3)
- **May 18, 19 & 20: Homer Trip**

National AACA Events

- **April 4 - 7th: AACA Southeastern Spring Meet** - Hornet's Nest Region, Charlotte NC

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Joni Ellsworth
- 3 - Roy Wilbur
- 4 - Theresa Chase
- 8 - Tammy Pruett
- 8 - Hank Grant
- 8 - Wil Courtney
- 12 - Julio Merced
- 13 - Greg Shoemaker
- 15 - Wilma Vinton
- 19 - Joanne Portwine
- 22 - James Farnham
- 23 - Dennis Dussman
- 24 - Don Oines
- 26 - Doris Casey
- 26 - Ross Beal
- 26 - Dan Domke

President's Headlights

- Jeff Creamer



Greetings All!

It's been a busy month and promises to get even more eventful as we transition to warmer weather and the summer season ahead! We are in the process of becoming the beneficiaries of a donation of a 2012 Ford Fusion Hybrid! Look for details elsewhere in the newsletter.

One event that was discussed at the planning meeting is the Healy Car Show in May sponsored by the Anchorage club Antique Auto Musers of Alaska. Again, look for more details and contact info in this newsletter. It would be great to see more participation from our club with theirs!

The open forum portion of the March membership meeting seemed to be well accepted; we had discussions ranging from the demise of Studebaker to where to find the best deal on shipping to Fairbanks. The few members I spoke with after the meeting liked it and definitely want to keep it on the agenda for the future! Bring your anecdotes, projects, problems, and solutions to share with the club!

The Club is in need of a specific skill set in the form of a Webmaster. No "Free Wheeling" here! The position is well compensated, with the salary equal to the club President and Vice-President combined! We are looking for someone to manage the content of the site, take and post pictures and captions of cars, activities, and post member submitted material as well. If this is something you may be interested in, please contact any of the club officers and we'll get you pointed in the right direction.

Thanks to all who have signed up to sell Raffle Tickets at the Women's Affair and the Outdoor show. Check in with Carl Westphal if you haven't signed up yet to see if he has some slots that need filling. It's a fun opportunity to meet new people and share activities we do in the community. A big Thank You! to Vonna Husby for the booth share at the Women's Affair, it is a well appreciated chance to increase our sales and share what we do!

- Jeff Creamer

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Sunshine Committee Report:

I sent one sympathy card ;

to Peter and Denise Lundquist for the loss of Peter's brother.

- Tracy McLeod

Tracy McLeod is the Sunshine Contact. Please send her an e-mail if you know of a club member who could use a little "sunshine".

e-mail: tkplits@yahoo.com .

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

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Donna Wojciechowski & Richard Bellows

30 - Pat & Rick Crisenbery

Stand-up comics probably go to work on sit-coms because their legs are tired.

Carlson Center Members Only Car Show

Coming Soon!

Willy Vinton is chairing this year's show and he and the Carlson Center have discussed some big plans! This year, the Cub Scouts of Ft. Wainwright will be running the Pinewood Derby races in the lobby during our show hours, which should be great fun!

Willy needs your help with some of the tasks getting ready for the Car Show - things like soliciting door prize donations and selling vendor booth spaces. He will also need help with set-up, registration, and marshalling in cars, as well as the usual number of volunteers to staff the club table during the show. The door prize and vendor solicitations need to happen soon, so if you can help, please give Willy a call at 388-8252, or see him at the Fountainhead Museum to volunteer. Willy will also have a sign up sheet at the April and May meetings for jobs at the show.

Car registration forms will be in the May newsletter, and will be available at the April and May Membership Meetings. You must be a paid-up member in order to register your car for the show.



2019 Vernon L. Nash Classic Car Show



WIN THIS '73 VW
CONVERTIBLE!

Permit #2347

Carlson Center | June 1-2

Sat 10a-6p | Sun 11a-5p

\$5 adults | kids free!

For more information, visit fairbanksaaca.org or email vlnaacf@gmail.com



NATIONAL NEWS

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Being Invisible

**Wayne Tuck
Vice President
Membership**

Are you one of our invisible AACA members? Do you only get the car out of the garage for an old car event? Do you get it out in the driveway only to clean it and put it away when you're finished? Are some of your friends and neighbors not even aware that you are an old car fan?

Yes, many of us are invisible to the public as far as our old car hobby goes. If so, we are missing many opportunities to promote our hobby to others. Try taking your car out to the convenience store to pick up a loaf of bread and see how many folks will come over and ask questions about the car. Drive to work and see if the car doesn't attract a lot of attention.

We spend a lot of time talking about attracting youth to our hobby. Try picking up one of your children or grandchildren at school with an old car. Don't just stop at the curb to pick them up. Park the car and see how many young people are attracted to it. Take it to a high school sports event and not only students, but their parents also will ask questions.

Have you ever been asked about your activities with an old car and replied "I belong to AACA" and received the response "What is that"? Maybe we should reply "I belong to the Antique Automobile Club of America, the largest and oldest car club in the world". Be proud of your club. Do you carry trifold brochures, contact information and membership applications with you in your car? Don't be caught speechless or unprepared when these opportunities arise.

So get that car out and drive it. Get out in your community. Be proud to be seen in public with your pride and joy. Don't be invisible!



FREE WHEELING

- Rick Larrick

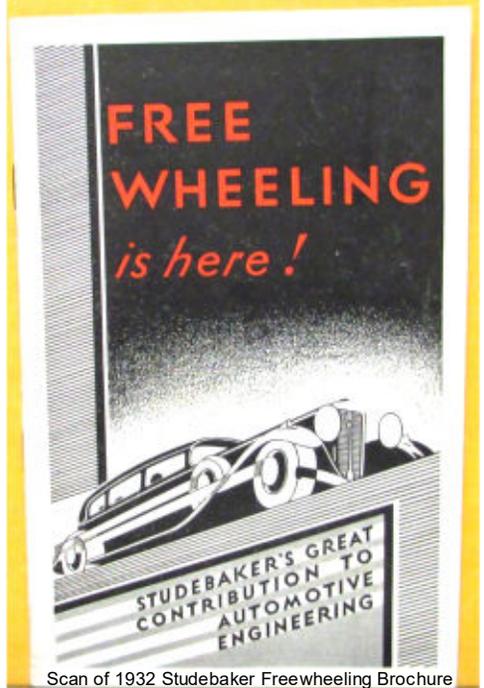
Freewheeling was a non-overdrive option that was available on many cars from the fall of 1930 through 1933, then went away. It also got adapted as a word almost immediately to describe a style or attitude and became so pervasive in use that today, that the dictionary ignores the real source of the word and only has definitions and examples related to "free and loose in form or manner", "heedless of social norms or niceties", "not repressed or restrained", "loose and undisciplined", etc.

Patent 2010718 was granted to the Studebaker Corporation in November 1930 for a "Freewheeling Transmission" as assigned by Guy M. Hartsock of South Bend, Indiana. The patent is quite detailed and complete in showing the over-running clutch and other arrangements required for the unit. Object of the invention was to "provide a novel form of overrunning clutch structure in a variable speed transmission mechanism to provide free wheeling at certain speed settings".

When an equipped car is operated with Freewheeling engaged, two things happen: 1) the car has no "engine braking" in that when the car's driveshaft is going faster than the engine rpms would drive it, the transmission disengages and the car coasts, and 2) when above just a few mph the car can be both upshifted and downshifted between 2nd and 3rd without engaging the clutch (so if you do "California stops" you never need the clutch except to get started the first time!).

Automakers claimed better mileage when using freewheeling - most citing 12% as average fuel improvement and also claiming 20% reduced oil consumption.

Studebaker first introduced Freewheeling on select models for the 1931 year and then really promoted it along with Fast-Action Synchronized Shifting on its cars in 1932 (along with safety glass all-around, Startix, all cars bodies wired for radio, and many other new features). Studebaker had Freewheeling on its cars in 1931 through 1933 only. By 1932 it was also offered by Auburn, Pierce Arrow, Packard, Franklin, and Chevrolet - and through 1934 on some Dodge models. If engaged, the car would quickly coast faster than the engine speed on a downhill. With no engine braking, and with most cars still having mechanical brakes requiring much pe-



Scan of 1932 Studebaker Freewheeling Brochure

dal pressure added to a tendency to fade when hot, long steep hills became very dangerous. And drivers of cars with freewheeling caused lots of accidents at intersections as drivers didn't anticipate the braking force required without the engine engaged.

A number of States passed laws against coasting with the engine not engaged (some are still on the books in many states), and there was lots of negative publicity about accidents caused by use of Freewheeling. By late 1934, no auto manufacturer offered the feature and it wasn't seen again until a few years later on the Borg-Warner Overdrive, which depended on it. But, with the overdrive transmission, freewheeling would disengage when the OD disengaged, and was thus a bit safer.

Freewheeling is important for bicycles - you want the wheels to keep turning when you stop pedaling. Technically, freewheeling, is also a key invention which is key to the automatic transmission. Today, most automatic transmissions are freewheeling in all gears lower than the selected gear, which is why you can manually downshift the selector at speed to provide more engine braking on hills. But you don't find cars with freewheeling manual transmissions after early 1934.

I have freewheeling on my '32 Studebaker Dictator. It's great for parades! It is also good for short stop-and-go driving between stoplights or signs in a crowded neighborhood, like downtown. I can tell you from experience, however, that it is scary (and hard on the knee of your braking leg) on steep downhills...



For those of us who are 70 or more, we have spent 10% or more of our life on Mondays.



Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks Annual Antique Car Raffle

RAFFLE TICKET SALES EVENTS

Upcoming sales events for raffle tickets are:

- March 29, 30 & 31st: RAFFLE TICKET SALES @ A WOMEN'S AFFAIR
- April 26, 27 & 28th: RAFFLE TICKET SALES @ THE OUTDOOR SHOW

If you can help, and have not yet signed up for a time, please call Carl Westphal at 322-1760, or contact Rochelle Larson at 590-8593 or at the lock shop to put your name on the schedule. You will get a pass to enter the event, so you will not have to pay your own admission in order to staff our ticket sales booth.

RAFFLE CAR WORK DAY

Carl will be scheduling work days to make some minor repairs and to polish and wax the raffle car on at the old K-Mart Building. Call Carl to let him know you can help.

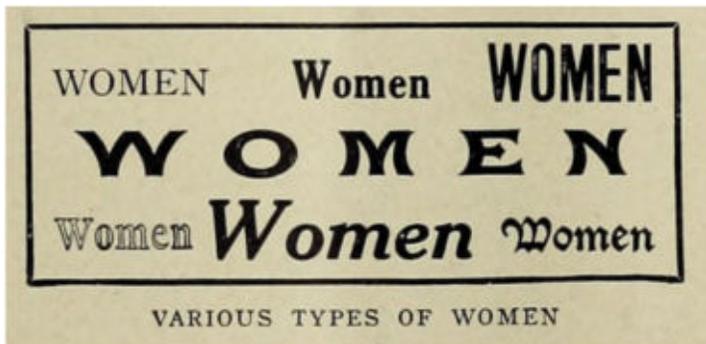
See any car club member for tickets or buy them at Larson's Locksmith, 1249 Noble St., Fairbanks

1973 VW Superbeetle Convertible

49,000 miles / 1600 cc engine / 4-spd manual transmission

Drawing: July 20th, 2019 at 2:00pm
Pioneer Park Square Dance Pavilion

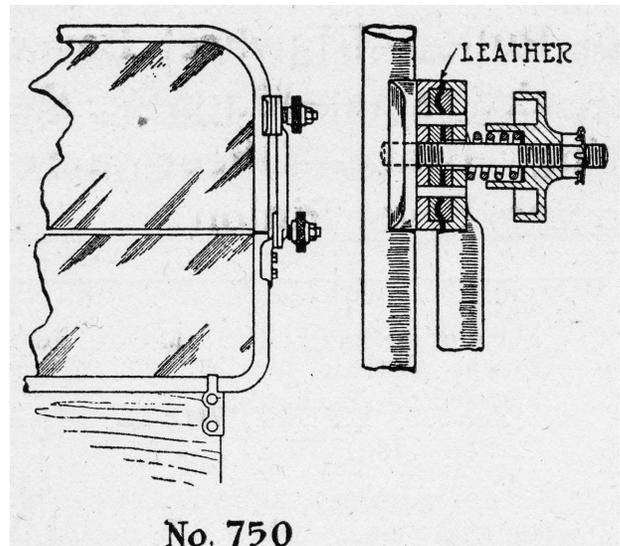
Editor humor:



From Life Magazine, April 1910

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



No. 750
Windshield Repair

Upper halves of windshields do not always stay put, especially when worn; there is a tendency for the upper section to fall over. In the construction shown, the position of this part is determined by a pair of discs at each end. These are held in contact by stiff coil springs, and additional friction is obtained by having a series of raised points on one disk and cupped ones on the other. Sometimes the springs may be adjusted; but if not, or if this is not sufficient, a leather washer placed as shown will do the trick. - S.P.M

I love being over 70; I learn something new every day, and forget 5 others...

Windshield Sticker Update



By
Bryce
Crumb

bttrfly123@att.net

After checking with a number of older lifetime Alaskans around Alaska, nobody has ever seen Alaska City Windshield Stickers anywhere except for Nome & Sitka.

I have confirmed Nome City

Windshield Stickers from at least 1953-79.

I have confirmed Sitka City Windshield Stickers from at least 1957-80. Previously, I only knew of the 1957 Sitka City Windshield Sticker, which I have in my collection. However, recently I acquired a 1980 Sitka City Windshield Sticker from an old lifetime Alaskan.

I had 14 Alaska City Windshield Stickers while writing original article in 2018, I now have 17.



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

For our club (or any club) to be successful, it takes teams of people who step up and volunteer to do the many tasks needed. Throughout this issue, there are appeals for help with activities (raffle ticket sales, Car Show committee, Joint Meet Committee, Raffle Car Work Day, etc.). It seems like most of us wait until Jeff or the person responsible for the event asks us to help. That is not fair to them, or to the club. They do not have some magic intuition or insight into who is qualified and who might have the time. Please take the first step and call and volunteer. If you want more specifics on what might be needed, call or email either President Jeff Creamer or Vice-President Mike Lecorchick.

Since this is such an eclectic and "free-wheeling" newsletter, I thought that the advertising button that advertised that feature for Studebaker in 1932 would make a good end photo for my column...



JOINT MEET COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

Wilma Vinton would like several people to work with her as a committee to plan the JOINT MEET which is hosted by our club in Healy on August 16th & 17th. At this point it is just the committee to explore activities and hotel accommodations, etc. But sub-committee chairs are also needed. Call Wilma at 388-7766 or email wlvinton@gmail.com.



Image from Shutterstock, signed model and property release is on file.

Garage Tour March 30, 2019, 12:00 - 2:00pm. Come socialize and check out Ray Martsof's latest truck project. There may also be a car or two in his collection that you haven't seen. Address is 2715 Waugstroe Drive (west side of town: out Chena Pump Rd., past The Pump House, then right on Roland Rd - Waugstroe is off Roland on the right). Direct any questions to event coordinator John McCarthy @ 907-347-5056 or to Ray Martsof @ 907-479-3210.

The Borough is still looking for donations to Mary Siah Pool, so I gave them a glass of water.



VNAACF Monthly Membership Meeting March 14, 2019

President Jeff Creamer brought the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. There were 29 members present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE LECORCHICK AND SECONDED BY THERESA CHASE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION THAT THE FOOD BANK HOURS FOR VOLUNTEERS IS 9:00-11:30. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Donna Wojciechowski read the BOD minutes from the March 12 meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Wilma Vinton gave the treasurer's report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BUB LARSON AND SECONDED BY PAUL TEKIN TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

EVENTS/COMMITTEES:

Garage Tours - John McCarthy gave us an update. There will be a garage tour on March 30th at

Ray Martsof's house from 12:00-2:00. The address is 2715 Waugstroe. John or Ray can be contacted for directions.

Raffle Ticket Sales - The club will sell raffle tickets at the Woman's Affair which is March 29th-31st and at the Outdoor Show which is April 26th-28th. Sign up sheets are being passed around for members to sign up to volunteer.

Spring Run - The Anchorage club invited our club to join in on the spring run into the park. On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th there will be a car show at the Three Bears in Healy from 10:00-4:00. Then on Monday, May 13th, the two clubs will drive into the park as far as we are allowed. Classic and antique cars only.

Joint Meet - Wilma needs a committee to help her with this event. She needs 3 or 4 people to help.

Food Bank - The day for the club to volunteer is March 16th. Volunteers will leave Cars &

Coffee at 8:45.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Forum: Jeff Creamer would like to have an open forum at the meetings so that the members are more involved in the meeting. The open forum will be a time to talk about any projects that people are working on.

2012 Fusion - Jeff Creamer gave us an update.

The club is looking for ideas on guest speakers.

The club is looking for a webmaster to keep our website updated.

50/50 - The total is \$106 and the lucky winner was Charlie Bourque.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILMA VINTON AND SECONDED BY BUB LARSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:44 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Submitted by Donna Wojciechowski

Last night I opened my electric bill at the same time I opened my water bill. Needless to say, I was shocked!

Member Ads

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

Bryce Crumb 386-365-7064

bttrfly123@att.net

COVER: Cover is a scan of the 1932 brochure by Studebaker Corporation advertising the new Free-wheeling feature.

This month (and every month for the past six years) thanks to John McCarthy and Scott Grundy for early review and checking of the newsletter before publication.

100 years ago this month:

From the Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1919:

POOLS TO BE DIVIDED
FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 26.—The Fairbanks and Nenana ice pools, which have grown to considerable proportions, will be divided half and half between charity and the winner. The pools are formed each year by Alaskans desiring to wager as to the time the ice will break in the Tanana river. More than \$2000 is already in the pool here.

From the Minneapolis Star Tribune, April 20, 1919:

Fairbanks Looks for Big Year for Mines

Fairbanks, Alaska, April 19.—Considerable progress in the quartz mining activities of this camp is the outlook for the year 1919, with a resultant increase in the production of gold, according to mining authorities.

In the Ester district prospects are especially promising. There several satisfactory hundred-ton mill run tests were made at the Eva mill, as a result of which it is said at least two more mills will be shipped in "from the outside" upon the opening of navigation. On the Smith, Mohawk and other claims on Eva creek much development work has been conducted during the winter, and a number of claims have each several hundred tons of ore ready for the first spring runs of the mills.

Ten Years Ago in the Newsletter:

From the April, 2008 Newsletter:

RAFFLE CAR PROGRESS

By Ron Allen

The 1960 Falcon two-door wagon raffle car has been providing weekend entertainment for club members electing to assist and learn some new restoration tricks at the same time. The floor pans have been repaired and preserved to get ready for new carpet. New carpet, door panels and headliner have been received. John McFaul, an automotive painter by trade and former upholsterer provided a headliner workshop for members while installing the new headliner on March 16. Thank you John for your excellent work and presentation. Also thank you to the Jurgens for donating time and space for the workshop and for the generous donations of food, drinks and deserts. Raffle tickets may be checked out or purchased from Willy Vinton or Ron Allen.



Above, John McFaul positions the new headliner. This became a rather tricky and labor intensive effort requiring windows to be removed.

Below, Scott Grundy and Sam Simmons intently listen to John McFaul's presentation about installing the headliner.



Above, Charley Jurgens welds in a repair panel on the floorboard.



Above, Scott Grundy and Ray McLeod put some finishing touches on the new front seat cover

Photos by Ron Allen



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NEXT MEETINGS

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



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