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Nash's News

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



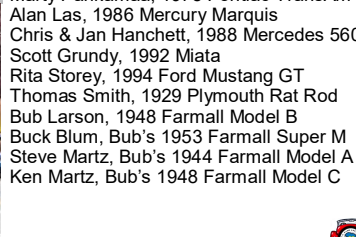
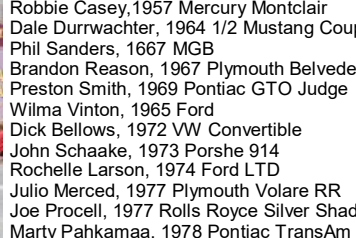
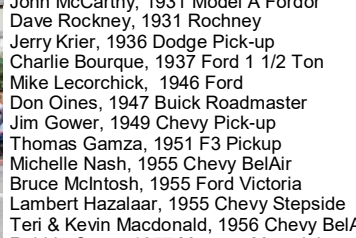
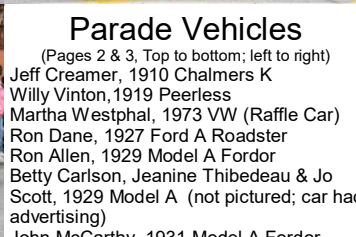
President Jeff Creamer presents the 2019 Raffle Car to the winner, Kelly Wilson

You know you are getting old when people stop laughing when you fall down, and worry instead.



2019 GOLDEN DAYS PARADE, July 20th

If the CEO of Apple bought an island, it would be an iLand.



Parade Vehicles

(Pages 2 & 3, Top to bottom; left to right)

Jeff Creamer, 1910 Chalmers K
Willy Vinton, 1919 Peerless
Martha Westphal, 1973 VW (Raffle Car)
Ron Dane, 1927 Ford A Roadster
Ron Allen, 1929 Model A Fordor
Betty Carlson, Jeanine Thibedeau & Jo Scott, 1929 Model A (not pictured; car had advertising)
John McCarthy, 1931 Model A Fordor
Dave Rockney, 1931 Rochney
Jerry Krier, 1936 Dodge Pick-up
Charlie Bourque, 1937 Ford 1 1/2 Ton
Mike Lecorchick, 1946 Ford
Don Oines, 1947 Buick Roadmaster
Jim Gower, 1949 Chevy Pick-up
Thomas Gamza, 1951 F3 Pickup
Michelle Nash, 1955 Chevy BelAir
Bruce McIntosh, 1955 Ford Victoria
Lambert Hazalaar, 1955 Chevy Stepside
Teri & Kevin Macdonald, 1956 Chevy BelAir
Robbie Casey, 1957 Mercury Montclair
Dale Durrwachter, 1964 1/2 Mustang Coupe
Phil Sanders, 1967 MGB
Brandon Reason, 1967 Plymouth Belvedere
Preston Smith, 1969 Pontiac GTO Judge
Wilma Vinton, 1965 Ford
Dick Bellows, 1972 VW Convertible
John Schaaake, 1973 Porsche 914
Rochelle Larson, 1974 Ford LTD
Julio Merced, 1977 Plymouth Volare RR
Joe Procell, 1977 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow
Marty Pakkamaa, 1978 Pontiac TransAm
Alan Las, 1986 Mercury Marquis
Chris & Jan Hanchett, 1988 Mercedes 560
Scott Grundy, 1992 Miata
Rita Storey, 1994 Ford Mustang GT
Thomas Smith, 1929 Plymouth Rat Rod
Bub Larson, 1948 Farmall Model B
Buck Blum, Bub's 1953 Farmall Super M
Steve Martz, Bub's 1944 Farmall Model A
Ken Martz, Bub's 1948 Farmall Model C



2019 GOLDEN DAYS PARADE, July 20th



Photo: Nee Nakprasit

That's why you don't feed the bear with your fingers through the fence, Charlie.

June 22 Random Run-Around

Ron Allen

Charley Bourque led a group of about a dozen old cars of curious club members from the sunny Lowes parking lot at 5:30 PM heading east on Chena Hot Springs Road directly into the ominous dark cloud that was moving directly toward Fairbanks. The rain soon came down hard on our group of travelers. The surprise destination was the home of Ron and Sharon Richards and their almost famous black bear "Delilah" in Pleasant Valley. Sharon greeted us at their gate in pouring down rain in her rain coat and directed us around the field to behind their house where we all parked in the grass. Fortunately the rain slowed to a mild drizzle so we could get out of our cars. Some of the well seasoned travelers brought their umbrellas out and the rest of us manned (or womaned) up and got well hydrated while enjoying a great presentation of Delilah by Ron Richards.

Delilah is an orphaned black bear the Richards have had since she was a cub at their animal park that closed about 30 years ago. She is 32 years old, which in human years is well over a hundred. Her companion, Samson, died of natural causes a few years ago. Delilah lives a comfortable life in a quiet secluded and wooded 3 acre fenced lot and eats a great diet of fresh fruits, eggs, meat and fish every day. The bears were both socialized and are like family to the Richards. Some of our braver members hand fed grapes through the fence to Delilah who gently nibbled the grapes out of their fingers. Charley was the last to do this as he yelled and jumped away showing only three fingers on his hand. Fortunately (or not) that finger met its demise long before this incident. Ron is a great story teller and probably has a dozen bear stories, but because all of us were getting soaked he only told his favorite heart warming story about the day Delilah broke out of her pen as a cub.

Many thanks to Charley for organizing the event and many thanks to Ron and Sharon Richards for sharing Delilah with our group.





AUGUST, 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| <p>Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events, notices, and articles to vlnaacf@gmail.com</p> | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall |
| 4 | 5 | 6 Board Meeting Sam's Sourdough | 7 Run-around | 8 Member-ship Meeting: CHENA WAY-SIDE, Geraghty | 9 | 10 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall / SLO-POKE RUN, leave 10am. |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Run-around | 15 | 16 | 17 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Run-around | 22 | 23 | JOINT MEET - HEALY |
| 24 | 25 MONDO RUN, leave Pioneer Park 11 am | 26 | 27 | 28 RANDOM Run-around | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall |

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Note:** CarsNCoffee time is 8:00 to 10:00 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall.
- **Note:** Run-Arounds drive into Pioneer Park at 7pm sharp; then leave for cruise at 8pm, typically to River's Edge Resort.
- **July 31st: Random Run-Around** (Charlie Bourque, PPR)
- **Aug 6th: Board of Directors Meeting,** Sam's Sourdough, 6:30 pm (dinner before).
- **Aug 8th: Membership Meeting,** Picnic at CHENA WAYSIDE, on Geraghty Str.
- **Aug 10th: SLO-POKE RUN** (Willy Vinton, PPR)
- **Aug 16-17th: JOINT MEET WITH AAMA - HEALY** (see pages 16 & 17)
- **Aug 17th: Pack Boxes for Fairbanks Food Bank;** leave CarsNCoffee at 8:45am
- **Aug 25th: MONDO POKER RUN** (Rochelle Larson PPR)



- **August 28th: RANDOM RUN-AROUND** (Charlie Bourque, PPR)
- **Sept 14th: FALL COLOR RUN** (Paul & Joyce Tekin, PPRs)

Antique Auto Musers

- **Aug 10th: Joint Meet AAMA with Kaknu Kruzers,** Soldotna (PPR Jim Fredenhagen)
- **Aug 14th: Rolling Meeting**

Other Local Events

- **Aug 3rd: Pre-Show at McDon-alds,** Anchorage
- **Aug 4th: Jay Ofsthun Show** on the Park Strip in Anchorage
- **Aug 10th: Walmart Show,** Fairbanks

National AACA Events

- **October 9-12: AACA Eastern Fall National (HERSHEY SWAP MEET & SHOW)** - Hershey Region, Hershey, PA.

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

President's Headlights

- Jeff Creamer

Greetings All!

Here we are in August already! Each month of summer is full of events both with the club and in our community, as we tend to stack a full year of activity into the 4 months of mild weather we receive! Oh, the joy's of living in the North Country! July was no exception to this trend as we started the month with Independence Day, which saw parades in surrounding communities, the membership barbeque at the Howling Dog, (Thanks Ralph Glasgow!), the Golden Days Parade and annual picnic at Pioneer Park, and the Chena Hot Springs Run with PPR's Bret and Cindy Helms. When we add in the weekly Cars and Coffee and the Wednesday Night run-around's, we tend to be a busy group!

A big Congratulations goes out to member Kelly Wilson on her being the recipient of this year's raffle car! All of you will join me in wishing Kelly many years of care free, top down cruising in this very popular car! Kelly was very excited to get the call and it was an honor to be the one to present her with her prize. Thank you to Carl and Martha Westphal for heading up the raffle car activity this year, and thanks to all who helped with ticket sales, maintenance, storage, and logistics for this activity. We couldn't do it without you!

Remember to work on getting those charity letters to the board this fall! We have a generous pot of dollars to spread out in the community, and there are multiple organizations that are worthy of this generosity we are fortunate to be able to provide.

In closing, look forward to the August 8 membership meeting at the Chena Wayside picnic area, the Aug 10 Slow Poke run, and be sure to join us in Healy on the 16th, 17th, and 18th for the Joint Meet! We'll close out the month with a Mondo run and a Charlie Bourque Random Run Around. For those not enthused about a Slow Poke run, Walmart is sponsoring a car show on the 10th that could be an option. This event will run from 10-2, with car setup around 9:30 in the Walmart parking lot.

Safe and happy travels,
Jeff Creamer



SUNSHINE REPORT:

Sunshine Committee Report:

No cards to report.

- 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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Don McTaggart
- 3 - Charles Donahue
- 4 - Tom (Blue) Hinchliff
- 4 - Gene Hansen
- 4 - Terry Putnam
- 6 - Lois Oslund
- 9 - Dick Bellows
- 11 - Jeff Creamer
- 12 - Alan Monsma
- 17 - Rob Holt
- 18 - Sue Schaaf
- 21 - Marlen Pruett
- 25 - Scott Grundy
- 26 - Scott Culbertson
- 30 - Martha Westphal



Flat-earthers refuse to accept the gravity of the situation they are in.

MONTHLY MEETING: CHENA RIVER REC. SITE

Aug. 8TH

The location for the August car club membership meeting on Thursday, August 8, 2018 is at the day use pavilion at the Chena River Recreation Site (CHENA WAYSIDE). Access is off of Geraghty Street near the Airport Road O'Reilly's Auto Parts Store. Bring a dish to share. Meeting starts at 7pm with dinner before.



MONDO RUN - SUNDAY, August 25th. Leave Pioneer Park at 11 am. Poker Run. Rochelle Larson is the PPR.



Happy group on ABDT out for dinner in Whitehorse, YT - see article Page 10

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Mebble & Gene Hansen
- 4 - Amy & Darnel Weaver
- 9 - Theresa & Will Chase
- 9 - Beccy & Alan Monsma
- 11 - Cindy & Bret Helms
- 14 - Karmen & Greg Shoemaker
- 17 - Amy & Gary Pohl
- 20 - Dan & Vickie Domke
- 28 - Martha & Carl Westphal

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VNAACF Monthly Membership Meeting

Howling Dog Saloon

July 11, 2019



President Jeff Creamer brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 41 members present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK LARRICK AND SECONDED BY THERESA CHASE TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES FROM THE JUNE MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Secretary Donna Wojciechowski read the minutes from the July BOD meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Wilma Vinton gave the treasurer's report.

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson gave us an update. There are a total of 231 members with 43 single and 94 joint memberships.

EVENT/COMMITTEES:

Joint Meet - Wilma gave us an update. There are 10-12 people signed up for the event. Four people from the Anchorage

club.

ABDT - Scott Grundy gave us an update on the trip. A good time was had by all. There were 7 vintage cars and 1 modern. Doris Casey presented Scott Grundy a plaque in appreciation for his work on the trip.

Golden Days Parade - Wilma gave us an update. The parade is July 20th. The cars will line up at 9:00 a.m. with the older cars lined up first. There was discussion on members wanting to keep their signs that is on their cars during the parade.

Teddy Bear Car Show - Doris Casey gave us an update. The food carts invited back were Bad to da Bone, Spice It Up and Street Side. There will be a 50/50 and volunteers are asked to show up by 9:00.

Fairbanks Food Bank - Theresa Chase asked members for help to fill boxes on July 12th at 11:00 a.m. Delta Junction is in need of 97 boxes.

Annual Picnic - Bret and Cindy Helms are in charge of the meat for the picnic. We will meet in the parking lot at Alaskaland at 1:00. We will drive in together. The raffle car drawing is at 2:00 with the picnic to follow.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charity Letters - The BOD would like sponsorship letters from members along with charity letters. The BOD will need the letters by the October BOD meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

The club will be on the look out for next year's raffle car.

Donated Cars - Larry Sullivan (Sully) left four cars to the club when he passed away. Sully's request was after the club sells the cars half the proceeds go to Hospice and the other half to the club. The cars are: 2 - Crosley Station Wagons, 1 - 1950 4 door Austin and 1 - 1924 Model T pickup.

Friends of the Fox Spring will be having a fund raiser on July 19th at 6:00 p.m.

50/50 - The total was \$135.00 and the lucky winner was Cindy Helms.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DONNA WOJCIECHOWSKI AND SECONDED BY MELINDA HARRIS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Submitted by Donna Wojciechowski



Scott Grundy thanks Doris Casey for the ABDT Plaque

Below: Picnic at "the Dog"



If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?

Member Ads



CLUB CARS

As most of you know, the family of Larry Sullivan has given several of Larry's cars to the club. They will be sold at the listed price or for the best offer, with half of the sale price being donated to Hospice in Larry's name; the remaining being used by the club as the club sees fit. Contact Willy Vinton (388-8252 or email him at wwinton@gmail.com) to see the cars and make an offer.



1928 Chevrolet 2-Door
Runs / Original Car; needs some TLC
\$5,000 OBO

1924 Ford T Pick-Up

Was always a good driver; nice rig with good wood

\$7500 OBO



1950 Austin of England

Model 40 with sunroof
Nice car, with spare engine.

\$6500 OBO



1951 Crosley Super Wagon

(Red/White)
Runs, comes with rebuilt engine...

\$4500 OBO



1950 Crosley Super Wagon

Runs great!

\$4500 OBO



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

I am glad I went on the Adventure Before Dementia Tour again this year. It was hard doing it alone (traveling and being a tourist is always better with a partner), but I enjoyed the trip and, as always, enjoyed the company of very good car club friends.

There is a lot of truth to the saying that "you join for the cars, but stay for the friends".

This was another big issue since there is a lot going on here under the Midnight Sun during our short summer. The fun continues on into August and September as you can see from the Calendar and Events pages. However, car events slow down and winter project work soon commences - as does the need for articles for the newsletter. There are a lot of good stories of car history and adventure, much resting with our long time members. Write me an article (or email, or snail mail a letter and I will make it into an article).

- Rick Larrick

Member Ads



Stella Carpenter is selling the cars she an Ben collected over the years.
FOR SALE: 1947 FORD Tudor Sedan, 239 ci flathead V8, all original except upgraded to 12V with alternator. Older restoration, runs and drives well. Call Stella for price.

FOR SALE: 1930 Willis-Knight sleeve valve engine, older restoration. Call Stella for price.



FOR SALE: 1915 Model T Touring, that she and Ben used to drive every year in the Golden Days Parade. Call Stella for price.



Call Stella at 488-4251, or contact Ralph Moore at 347-1675 or email him at flathead81947@gmail.com for information and to see the cars.

FOR SALE: New dump trailer with three way gate - spread, split or flat tailgate; powder coated blue; loading ramps.

NEED SOMEONE ELSE TO OWN: 1949 Plymouth - look it over and take it home! Body good; engine bad.

Call Gene Hansen 388-4642

WANTED: 1960's Jaguar, any color. Must run; all else I will do. Amy Pohl aka Inspector Morse, or Endeavour.

Email ladyash117@gmail.com or call 479-9453

Every Plate Has A Story

By Bryce Crumb

I recently acquired a 1933 Fairbanks license plate, and want to share its story. I acquired it from Leslie Duneheew, a North Pole resident. 1933 is the birth year of her deceased husband Bill. Bill and Leslie Duneheew were members of the Vernon L. Nash Antique Car Club.

Bill and Leslie opened an antique shop in 1978, Bill passing away in 1988, and Leslie continued running the antique shop until 2003. Leslie doesn't recall when Bill acquired his birth year 1933 Fairbanks license plates, however, Leslie says that it was sometime prior to the 1978 opening of the antique shop.

Please, let me know which club member shared with Leslie I was acquiring Fairbanks license plates - I would like to give you a special finders fee, a first issue 1966 mint Alaska Historic Vehicle license plate, only 200 issued, as my special thanks.

Bryce Crumb bttrfly123@att.net



Member Ads



FOR SALE: 1929 Ford A 2 door Asking price ~~\$13,000~~ \$11,000 final

1936 Plymouth 4 door asking price ~~\$9,000~~ \$7,500

Mohammed Shubair
My contact # (907)799-3881



For sale 1957 Ford Skyliner. Restored in 2012, looks and drives nicely. Everything works as it should. 292 Y block engine, auto transmission, Michelin wide white radial tires. She is a real attention getter and fun to drive. Asking ~~\$32,500~~ \$29,000. Spare parts and instruction books included. Owned by Bruce & Marl Campbell in Anchorage. Call Scott Grundy for details 457-3526 sgrundy55ply@gmail.com

Paying \$750 for 1940's Anchorage AK license plates in nice condition. Still paying \$1,000 for my 1930's Fairbanks, AK license plate needs.

Bryce Crumb bttrfly123@att.net

WANTED: 1949—1955 FORD F-1 Front Brakes & Hubs. - Ralph Moore 347-1675

FOR SALE: 1940 LaSalle Model 52. New tires, battery, master brake cylinder. \$16,000. Contact Amy Ash or Gary Pohl at 479-9453.

Email: ladyash117@gmail.com or garypohl@acsalaska.net



FOR SALE: 1929 Ford all steel Roadster Traditional Hot Rod.

Rear Rumble Seat.
401 V8 Buick Nailhead from a 1964 Rivera.
Stainless Steel Headers and Exhaust along with Magna Flow mufflers.

Manual Transmission.
Quick Change Rear End.

Appraised at \$32,000 will take \$28,000.

Contact Bret Helms 907 978-9358

When you want to make sure a piece of paper doesn't get folded, put it in a folder.

Adventure Before Dementia Tour 2019

Whitehorse, Dawson, Tok

By Phil Sanders



The 2019 ABDT started promptly at noon, June 26th in the Foodland parking. Scott and Linda Grundy in their 1955 Plymouth Belvedere headed the group. They had done all the pre-planning including reservation, scheduled attractions and meal suggestions. Key players included Rick Larrick in his beautiful 1955 Buick Century, Bub and Rochelle Larson drove their unique 1966 Ford crew cab truck pace car, the Casey's, Doris, Robbie, and granddaughter Alea, drove their jet black 1964 Ford Fairlane 500, and Ed McLaughlin was in his high miler 1990 Geo Metro FXI. Ron and Nancy Allen towed their 1929 Model A Ford. Bruce McIntosh couldn't get his classic ready and acted as sweeper in his Ram truck. Phil Sanders and Tony Boyd, in a most unsuitable MGB, rounded out the tour.

We traveled the 204 miles from Fairbanks to Tok rolling in right on schedule for dinner at Fast Eddies. Scott had contacted Duke and Shirley Marshal at Iron Age Reclamation and scheduled a tour after dinner. When we arrived Duke and Shirley treated us like old friends. Duke walked us through acres of cars from 1950 to 1980, of every make and model. All of my first American cars were there. My first car, a 1950 Plymouth Business Coupe was there. Also a 1953 GMC 5 window pickup truck, a 1964 Ford Falcon, a 1957 Ford Galaxie 500 station wagon, all there in various stages of disrepair. The final stop was the viewing of Duke's 1929 factory 20c Fronty model T.

The next morning I stepped out the

motel room to the smell of gas. I looked under the MG and to my surprise my car was not leaking. It was Robbie's Fairlane 500. A poor quality hose clamp was the issue and a trip to the RV Center across the road solved the problem. We were off right on time to Haines Junction. We stopped at the borderline and took tourist style photos with one foot in Alaska and one foot in Canada. Next stop was the customs. Everyone's papers were in order and we lined up waiting for the last car to clear. As the last car finished the agent came running out. He wanted a picture of all the cars!

The next stop was Beaver Creek. Right behind the visitor center was a most unusual museum operated by Sid Van der Meer. Sid has been collecting Alaskan and Canadian mining stuff for a long time. The first point of interest was a like-new 1958 red MGA. Sid said that it was his favorite and drove it regularly in the summer. Sid asked if we wanted to see his workshop. The museum was made from old mining cabins and sheds nailed together. We entered his workshop to find a 4 bay garage that was dry walled, taped and painted white with excellent lighting. Not one piece of junk anywhere. In Bay 1 was a mid 50's Buick he was selling in Whitehorse. Two other bays had collectable muscle cars in mid restoration. We spent so much time with Sid we had to eat in the car to stay on schedule.

We arrived in Haines Junction on time with no problems short of the hot weather. Robbie & Doris's granddaughter Alea cooled herself by sticking her feet out the Fairlane's window most of the way. We were melting

but Alea went for a 2-mile run and caught up with us at the ice cream shop where we were recovering.

Nancy had biscuits and gravy ready for everyone at 7:45 the next morning, which left us more than adequately fueled up for the 100-mile run into Whitehorse.

With 60 miles in, Tony driving, the right rear tire goes down. Bub and Rochelle were following us with our spare. I tried to flag them down but could not get two arms out the window so they thought I was waving them on. Ron and Nancy did stop, thankfully, then raced off to catch up with Bub and Rochelle and my spare. It took only a minute to remove the spinner and the rim.

Bub and Rochelle came to the rescue with our spare and five minutes later we were



Photo by Phil Sanders

Phil poses roadside after waving at Bub

back on our way.

A quick side trip to Takhini Hot springs, before we arrived in Whitehorse, was a great place to soak away the road fatigue. This put us in Whitehorse about 1:30pm. After a short rest we were off again for pictures at the SS Klondike river steamer. It was great to see Ron and Nancy tooling around town in the Model A.

Tony and I toured the SS Klondike starting with a very informative movie about early Whitehorse and the river steamers. We missed the reservation at the Klondike Rib and Salmon but all who ate there were pleased with the meal. After the SS Klondike Tony and I went to Front and Main across from the White



Duke Marshall discusses the Model T Racer with Bub Larson



Sid Van der Meer discusses the MGA with Tony Boyd and Ron Allen

Try not to find very much wrong with your children. Perhaps they have patterned themselves after you.

Pass and Yukon Route railroad station to sample Bake Café's personal sized hand made pizzas.

We had previously dropped the flat tire off at Fountain Tire. By 9:00 the next morning they had it ready! Integra Tire supplied us with a new tube in case of an emergency. Naturally we thought our tire issues were solved. Tony and I went back down to the McBride Museum, saw all the gift shops on Main and then a great lunch at Bullet Hole Bagels. When we returned

We got to Dawson City, checked in, washed cars, relaxed and prepared for dinner at Klondike Kate's. The next day was parade day and our cars were lined up on 4th street ready for action. What a photo op it was when a McLaughlin car stopped next to Ed McLaughlin from our tour.

First in the parade were the walkers and bikers, the old fire trucks with the dancers from Diamond Tooth Gerties, civic clubs, then us, followed by the bandstand truck that was being towed. The spectators young

rent events happening today.

Tony and I headed out to the "free panning claim" on Bonanza Creek. Eight miners were already there and the gold wasn't, not a fleck. No poke of gold to spend at Diamond Tooth Gertie's that evening. The early show at Gertie's was a fun show and just the right length.

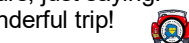
We were up and leaving "Awesome Dawson", bright and early. We all crossed on the ferry without long waits. The Canadian's side of the border was packed nicely with little dust and the group moved at 45MPH. Once we crossed into Alaska the roads were no longer packed and produced huge clouds of dust. In Chicken, we ate, gassed up, and rested for the final leg into Tok.

The road from Chicken to Tok was mostly paved and we made good time. After checking in, washing the cars, and dining was complete, we assembled in an alcove at the motel. Scott was looking for feedback on this year's tour as well as ideas for future tours. Bub Larson told the story about himself as an 18 year old helping move a broken down Overland Train power unit from the Yukon to the North Slope. To finish off a relaxed evening, the club poet laureate, Ed McLaughlin recited Robert Service's poem "The Three Bears." It's always nice to have some culture in the tour. "Thanks Ed."

It was parade day again on the 4th of July. Along with the six original cars we were joined by Paul and Joyce Tekin in their red 1964 Mercury Comet, Theresa Chase in her 1969 Camaro, and Will Chase in his 1950 GMC pick up truck. The club had a great turn out at the Tok parade. And Tony and I made it back to town for my family's 4 of July celebration. The MG had made the trip with no mechanical issues. I think the trip did the car a world of good.

They dubbed us 'The Boys' and sometimes wanted to know where "The Boys" were. Well now you know. Traveling with this group was fantastic. They are such good friends and are eager to include new people into the tours. Tony and I felt privileged to be a part of the group. One take away for me was when Linda counseled me on any new car purchase. She advised to never surprise your wife with a trip to Anchorage to pick up your new classic auto. Always consult with her first. To my wife Katie, "I might be looking for a more suitable car for future tours, just saying!"

Thanks Scott for a wonderful trip!



Alea caught the festive spirit!



Left to right: Ed McLaughlin, Bub Larson, Rochelle Larson, Scott & Linda Grundy, Ron & Nancy Allen, Rick Larrick, Alea with Doris Casey, Tony Boyd, Phil Sanders, Robbie Casey and Bruce McIntosh

to the car the newly repaired tire was flat. Tony stayed with the car and I walked to Fountain Tire. They had a service truck take me to the car and retrieve the flat tire. I had them put in the new tube and kept the patched old one for a spare. We were back on the road!

Tony and I went to the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Center and saw the largest weather vane in the world, a C-47 airplane! After dinner a group photo at Miles Canyon swinging bridge rounded out the day. Tony and I added a trip to see the fish ladder, which was really long and most impressive. The salmon won't reach this part of the river until August. The dam was churning away making power.

The group left Whitehorse promptly at 8:30am to make the 330-mile trek up the Klondike highway to Dawson City. The cinnamon buns at Braeburn Lodge lived up to Scott's hype of being 12 inches square! The road was well maintained and we ran 60 MPH the entire way. Around Stewart Crossing a fire was within 2.5 miles from the road and laying out a lot of smoke. It was hard on lungs and eyes.

and old were waving and cheering. We were doing the same plus honking! Speeches were given by the First Nation Chief and the assistant Mayor, followed by free cake and watermelon for all.

After the parade everyone went their separate ways to enjoy the many attractions and 10 different restaurants Dawson has to offer. One highlight was a trip to the cemetery to visit the grave of Joe Vogler. They found it fitting that aspens were growing on the gravesite. Dining was at the Drunken Goat Taverna, a Greek restaurant where the food and service were excellent. The final day in Dawson started at the DANOJA ZHO Cultural Center for Tony and I. A short introductory movie gave the history of the First Nation People and cur-



Ed McLaughlin next to a McLaughlin car from Dawson City.

TEDDY BEAR SHOW

July 13th



Oh ye of little faith, for those who thought your cars might get wet, you missed a good show! And SURPRISE, we had a beautiful day in the sunshine.

We had 38 cars registered but only 22 brave souls showed up with their cars, and everyone had a good time! Street Side Café was there for delicious food and Tilden Morgan had his vendor truck there for car paraphernalia (signs, cups, shoes, shirts). Rochelle Larson won the 50-50 of \$223 and graciously donated \$100 back for more teddy bears. Thank you!!

Robbie Casey won the plaque for People's choice with his 1957 Buick Super. Gary Tupper won the Lowe's choice with his 1968 Mercury Cougar and received a gift card from Lowe's. We had Charlie's truck full of donated bears again. Ha ha ha ha We made \$1065 to purchase more bears. Will let you know when we get them so we can deliver them to the hospital.

Thanks to all who participated especially the girls who managed the registration and 50-50 tables, Theresa Chase, Rochelle Larson, Cindy Helms, and Donna Wojciehowski. To the guys who parked the cars, Greg Oslund, Robbie Casey, Bret Helms, John McCarthy. To John McCarthy and Charlie Bourque for hauling bears and supplies. Also thanks to

IREMS and Wilma for the flyers and our son Thomas Casey for the posters.

Our club couldn't have done this without you all! Looking for bigger and better show next year. The kids at FMH love the animals. you all brought a lot of smiles to their faces.

Thank you, Doris



Gary Tupper (above) thought he won the money, but instead he won the Lowe's Choice Award... Rochelle Larson won the raffle money...



Robbie Casey won the People's Choice Award with his Buick

Small photos by Scott Grundy

Marty Herzog

Oct 8, 1928 - June 18, 2019

Former member, Mary Herzog passed away this month. Marty was a very active member of our club from 2001 for ten years until he sold his 1965 Sunbeam Tiger to then member Kelly Rivers. Marty was a mechanic and body man, in addition to many other skills and trades, and in the 1990's he used those skills to fully restore the '65 Tiger. While a member, Marty rarely missed a run-around or car show. The photo on the left is 2003 in Pioneer Park, and the one at the right is 2008 at the Carlson Show talking with Charlie Jurgens. Obituary was in the July 14th Fairbanks Daily News Miner.



If you boil a funny bone it becomes laughing stock. That's humerus.



Nancy didn't join us on the junk yard tours - this one in Tok at Iron Age Restoration.

Photo by Scott Grundy

Left to right: Rick Larrick, Tony Boyd, Linda Grundy, Phil Sanders, Bub Larson, Ed McLaughlin, Rochelle Larson, Robbie & Doris Casey, Ron & Nancy Allen

Experiencing ABDT from the Female Perspective

- Nancy Allen

Ron and I traveled the ABDT (Adventure Before Dementia Tour) to Whitehorse, Dawson and Tok this season, and I want to share my female perspective of the trip.

1. First Scott Grundy, alias the Cat Herder, thankfully does have a

good understanding of the excretory system. On the road trip there were many opportunities provided to stop and tap a kidney making the trip much more comfortable. Also the number of flushable toilets had increased from prior trips making it even better. There was no speeding past a rest stop like my Dad used to do and then hearing the words "I hope you didn't have to go."

2. I also was enlightened by some very unusual bathroom door handles with the best being a eight inch spike nail to slide back and forth to hold the door closed.

3. Distances traveled each day were careful-

ly planned for comfort, although one leg involving Scott's conversion between kilometers and miles from Tok to Haines Junction made for the longest 300 hundred miles I had ever driven. Scott would say Haines Junction is just down the road, but that road took 8.5 hours to travel.

4. Ed McLaughlin was very thankful and gave me way too much culinary credit for slapping some Wasabi mayo on a piece of bread with some meat. He really got bread, meat and water when I made a road trip lunch for him.

5. I had the first time experience of making a tailgate breakfast of biscuits and sausage gravy for the whole group using Ron's mother's recipe. Phil Sanders had never had B and G before. Can you imagine a life without the cholesterol and animal fat of B and G? He is not missing that opportunity any longer.

The trip was fun. Thank you Scott for all of your planning and your lovely bride of 59 years for putting up with your herd of cats.



Ed McLaughlin entertained us with the story of The Three Bears by Robert Service on our last night in Tok



Mounties hold Nancy and Linda captive in Dawson



They're Only Original Once

Fred Trusty
HPOF Chairman

I have heard some misconceptions lately about the HPOF class so let's take a closer look at the Historical Preservation Original Features Class or as a lot of people call it, The Original Class.

HPOF was created in 1988 to reward and provide incentives to keep vehicles in their original unaltered state and provide a living history of how factories manufactured these vehicles. They also serve as a record of how these vehicles should be restored.

There are two major areas evaluated in HPOF; **maintenance and preservation**. An HPOF vehicle is one that retains its original components and features not restored or altered. It must be an authentic vehicle as the dealer could have prepared for delivery to the customer with any feature, option, or accessory in factory literature or company directives for the model year of the vehicle. *These are the same standards as class judging.*

With HPOF, if a component serves the purpose for which it was intended, it's acceptable in most cases. For example, a bumper with some scratches and dings would be fine but one where all the chrome has flaked off and has holes rusted through would not be acceptable. There must be enough of the original vehicle left to be an example to a restorer.

Maintenance - Maintenance items are parts that will eventually have to be replaced if the vehicle is driven. Examples are batteries, belts, brakes, compressors, fuel pumps, hoses, alternators, tires, water pumps, and many other parts. Maintaining a vehicle is vital to its longevity so replacing maintenance items is not only accepted but it is encouraged and will not have a negative effect on the certification of the vehicle. Note that period correct replacements should be used and installed correctly.

Preservation - Many damaged exterior items can be replaced with NOS parts or better examples from salvage with no effect on the certification of the vehicle.

Examples include bumpers, hoods, fenders, running boards, trunk

lids, and most trim pieces. The same thing goes for many interior items as well. Searching the local salvage yards, swap meets, eBay, Hemmings, or other sources to find a correct replacement might take a while but part of the fun of the old car hobby is the hunt.

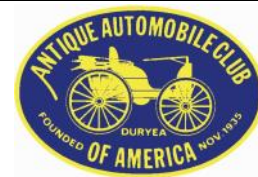
Now we're going to open the doors and look at the interior. Wouldn't it be nice if every 25-year-old plus vehicle's interior looked the same as it did on the show room floor? Since most vehicles are driven as basic transportation their first 25 to 30 years of existence things happen. Kids spill things, the sun's ultraviolet rays take their toll, and basic wear and tear contribute to the deterioration of the interior's materials resulting in that used car look and smell. But with HPOF, that's OK, because it's all about originality.

If a component serves the purpose for which it was intended that's acceptable in most cases. Cracks in a leather armrest are acceptable as is some wear on all the other components. If a seat has a small tear, then repair the tear but there's no reason to recover the entire seat. It may be worn and faded but that's fine since it's still original. There are situations where an entire seat might have to be recovered but if the rest of the car is original one seat won't keep it from being HPOF certified. Broken or missing door handles, window cranks, and other knobs and handles can be replaced with NOS or salvage parts.

What about aftermarket parts? Remember, it must be an authentic vehicle as the dealer could have prepared for delivery to the customer with any feature, option, or accessory in factory literature or company directives for the model year of the vehicle. Sorry, but that AM/FM 8 track, cassette, CD, MP3, CB, XM, ESPN, ESPN2, Bluetooth unit that slices, dices, and makes Julianne fries and has a gazillion watts of power is not a factory authorized option. The fuzzy dice hanging on the rear view mirror or any other gadgets are not dealer installed options, either.

The main point is that the vehicle must have original components. NOS and salvage replacement parts are acceptable replacements if they are installed correctly. Small repairs to larger components are also acceptable.

Exterior paint is probably the most controversial subject in HPOF. As pointed out in each previous article, the definition of an HPOF vehicle is one that retains its original components and features not restored or altered. It must be an authentic vehicle as the dealer could have prepared



for delivery to the customer with any feature, option, or accessory in factory literature or company directives for the model year of the vehicle.

Most vehicles are daily drivers for the first 20 – 25 years of their existence. Chips in the paint from rocks, door dings from parking lots, and the relentless ultraviolet rays from the sun all contribute to the overall deterioration of the exterior. The good news is that with HPOF that is acceptable, in most cases. But what happens if your HPOF car has a small fender bender? One choice would be to buy a reproduction fender, if they're available. But, if you replace that fender then it's no longer original and it would receive a deduction. The best option would be to find a NOS stock fender or one from a salvage yard. But you say, "how do I find one that is the same color as my car?" As I said before, part of the fun of the hobby is the hunt. If you do the math, installing a reproduction fender is not enough to drop you below the threshold, so until you can find that NOS or salvage fender use the reproduction but try to match the paint's gloss to the rest of the car. What about parts that aren't so easily replaced? Let's say there's rust around the back window that's causing water to get into the trunk area? Left alone it will lead to the deterioration of the package shelf and trunk. I guess you could just drive it on sunny days and as we all know; it never rains at AACA National Shows. Eventually though, you'll have to face the dreaded rust worm. Remove the window, treat the rust, and repair any damaged metal. Now you have a few inches of primer all around the window opening. What next? Repaint the entire car? If you do, the car isn't original any more. In this case, do your best to "feather" in the repaired area. Yes, it will easily be seen but you have just demonstrated to the judges that you understand the concept of preservation so there should be no deduction.

Next time we'll take a look at convertible tops, glass, wheels and tires. Remember, they're only original once.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above was a combination of three columns from The Rummage Box. Next issue will continue the series.

The most likable cats are the ones who act like dogs.



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.—
Rick Larrick, Editor

ALASKA ROADS

Hagerty ranks Alaska #11 out of the 50 states in terms of the best place to own an antique car. We got dinged for the Surety Bond and the short length of the driving season, but got surprisingly good marks for the quality of our roads and our traffic. The traffic and road quality scores were from the *U.S. News & World Report* roads index, which ranks Alaska 5th in the nation for short commute time, and 28th in the nation for road quality. Alaska's total Hagerty grade was 735, as compared to the #1 state (Minnesota) which scored 840 out of 1000. The information source was Hagerty.com "How Classic Car Friendly Is Your State?"

Creamers Dairy History Day

On July 21, 2019, the Friends of Creamers Field sponsored a Creamers History event at the Migratory Waterfowl Refuge on College Road. Overall it was a nice day to be out at the refuge, though the addle brained PPR (that would be me....) had the time down wrong, and had everyone meet 2 hours before the event kicked off! That led to an extended visiting period with the members of the club who came out, but at around 2 pm the video presentation and walking tours of the farm buildings commenced, preceded by ice cream (of course) served before the tours. Nine cars and a Harley Trike made the short run to the refuge, and the visitors to the refuge were pleasantly surprised and enjoyed the walk thru and viewing the cars.



Photo credit: Jeff Creamer

- Jeff Creamer

The invisible cows were herd but not seen.

Joint Meet 2019

Wilma Vinton

It is time again for VLNAACF to host the annual Joint meet with the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska (AAMA) out of Anchorage. The Joint Meet will be held this year on August 16-17, 2019 in Healy.

We will kick the event off at 6:00 PM at the Healy Community Center, (adjacent to the Tri-Valley Fire department) with a potluck picnic. As the Hosts of the Joint Meet, our club will provide the meat and our members will provide the side dishes for the meal. The AAMA will provide the desserts. Willy and I will keep you posted as to whether we will be able to do valve cover races, but start prepping your valve cover race cars, just in case. (In order to have the races, we need to find someone who can bring the track to Healy).

We have identified some possible lodging sites: Hotel Reservations may be made at Totem Inn: 907-683-6500 (\$182-192/night) OR Midnight Sun RV & Campground: 907-683-1200 (range from \$41-46/night depending on hookups required). If you don't want to stay the night, you can come down on Saturday morning for the car games, garage tour, and car show, end your evening with a banquet and head back home to Fairbanks. We have the daylight for it!

The itinerary is as follows:

Friday:

BBQ will commence at 6:00 p.m. *Location: Tri-Valley Community Center Usibelli Spur Rd, Healy AK by Fire Department.*

Car Tour after Dinner- Take a drive into Denali Park Village, check out the old Denali bus resurrected by a volunteer workparty at Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum. It is a 1925 Fageal bus used to transport visitors to the park by Bobby Sheldon in the '30s.

Saturday:

The **car games** will start at 10:00 a.m. *Location: Gravel Pit just before Otto Lake Rd on left (this may change, but will keep you posted).*



Gladys balances her "Champaign" as Scott and Linda run the Car Games in 2013

Lunch- after the car games we will gather once again for lunch, bringing whatever is left over from our picnic Friday night and anything else members want to provide. It will start around 12:00 noon at Otto Lake



Dinner at the Joint Meet in Healy in 2013

Pavilion. Mile 1/2 Otto Lake Road - Healy, AK

Garage Tours: - 1:30 PM – Willy has arranged a couple garage tours of collectors that live in Healy.

Car Show: Gather at Three Bears after the garage tours for an impromptu Healy Car Show

Awards Banquet: The Saturday Awards Banquet evening will be held at the Black Diamond Restaurant *Location: One Mile Otto Lake Road.* The social half-hour with a no-host bar will start at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at about 6:30 p.m. [Menu: Family Style meal that includes: First Course- Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Corn Muffins, House Made Chili; Second Course - Corn on the Cob, Roasted Salmon, Roasted Chicken, Barbeque Pork Ribs House made BBQ Sauce, Grilled and Roasted Vegetables; and Dessert- Back Country Cobbler.](#)

If you plan to attend the Joint Meet this year, please complete the registration found on the next page of this newsletter and submit to the event coordinator Wilma Vinton (388-7766 or wlvinton@gmail.com) by Friday, August 2nd, 2019.

I encourage you to come join in the fun, even if it is only for one or two of the events. It is very enjoyable to catch up with our Car Club neighbors in Anchorage, see a little more of our beautiful state and share the love or our cars and their history with the locals.

Willy and I want to thank Liz Masi and Scott Grundy for all of their hard work so far in making the arrangements. I greatly appreciate their help in putting together such an amazing agenda. We will need help with the car games and the BBQ, so if you are planning to come and would like to volunteer, it would be greatly appreciated!



Before was was was, was was is.

REGISTRATION

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Healy, Alaska**

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Overview:

Friday:

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VLNAACF participants need to bring a side dish (salads, veggie snacks, chips, etc.) to complement hamburgers and sausages. (the AAMA folks will provide desserts.)

Car Tour after Dinner

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Please detach and return this form with your registration information.

Name of attendee(s): _____

Contact e-mail(s): _____

Contact home phone #(s): _____

Cell phone #(s): _____

Number who will COMPETE in the car games _____

Saturday evening awards banquet:

Number attending _____ @ \$36.50 each (includes tip - pay Black Diamond that evening for your meal.)

Menu: **Family Style meal** that includes **First Course:** Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Corn Muffins, House Made Chili; **Second Course:** Corn on the Cob, Roasted Salmon, Roasted Chicken, Barbeque Pork Ribs House made BBQ Sauce, Grilled and Roasted Vegetables; **Dessert:** Back Country Cobbler

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NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **Thursday, August 8th - at Chena Wayside Park** Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.; Potluck picnic - bring salad or dessert.

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



Larry Sullivan
2014 Golden Days Parade



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