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# Nash's News

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



10 *MOTOR AGE* May 29, 1919

Some of the Cars Entered for 500-Mile



## 100 YEARS AGO TODAY AT INDY

You can tell an ant's gender by putting it in water. If it sinks - girl ant. If it floats - buoyant.

# GO FAST, TURN LEFT

- Willy Vinton

Since the beginning of time, man has always been competitive in one way or another. To me it meant many things, including who could get the furthest in the snow with a pedal tractor.

It seems at a young age it began with a love of cars and little things to make them go faster and still stay dependable for the long run. In teen years it was a little street racing from time to time, but nothing seemed to spark my interest as much as dirt track racing.



*This is what real competition looks like, both of these cars were mine, and they took each other out, needless to say words were spoken in the pits, and both drivers spent many hours repairing cars for the next weekend.*

modify them to do what we needed them to do for us.

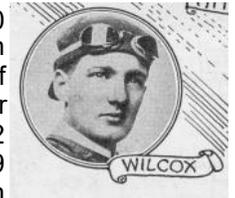
I have many great memories of racing, but I think the best memories were made right here in Fairbanks with the Greater Fairbanks Racing Association (GFRA). I built several race cars here, at one time having 4 cars running at the same time. The entire family was involved and spent many hours building these memories. I spent several years as the president of GFRA and it still gets in my blood from time to time.

## 100 YEARS AGO TODAY AT INDY

The newsletter came out today (Sunday) two days early so that we could commemorate the Indy 500 Race. One hundred years ago today was the 7th running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. Howdy Wilcox won in his Peugeot racer. That marked five races in a row that a European manufacturer won.

The Indy race started in 1911, but took a hiatus during the WWI years. The first race was won by Ray Harroun in a Marmon and then the second by Joe Dawson in a National, but foreign racers dominated for five consecutive races until 1920 when Gaston Chevrolet won in his Frontenac and started a long dominance by U.S. manufacturers.

The winning time posted by Howdy Wilcox was 5 hours and 40 minutes with an average speed of 88 mph. Last year the race was 2 hours and 59 minutes with an average speed of 167 mph. The first ten to finish in 1919 won \$50,000 each, with an additional \$20,000 to first place.



Back in 1919, the racers had to carry not only the driver, but a mechanic. That may have been important, since the track in 1919 was reported to have been very bumpy. Time trial max speed was 98 mph for the fastest car on the brick speedway.

For any auto fan, the Indy 500 is a bucket list must. No other car racing event in the world draws a larger crowd or a bigger party. We got hooked in 1998, and got season tickets for several years thereafter.



*This is the Mustang that won the state championship 2 years in a row, the first year out won 18 out of 23 trophy dashes. I built this from an insurance job that burned the interior of the car with 9K miles on it.*

We all seemed to begin (at our age) with either a six cylinder 235 Chevrolet, or Ford flathead V8 as the best to work with. I can't begin to tell you how many of each I have blown up over the years. But the availability of them was not a problem, either one could be picked up in most junk yards for \$10.00 to \$25.00, depending on the condition, and then we could



*This is my son Brain with the sprint car; he was 14 at the time.*



*Rick Larrick in the Pits with the McCormack Beloit #30 Car in 1998*

## NATIONAL NEWS

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### Indy 500 Pace Cars

John McCarthy

Vice President - Endowments

I recently saw a list of the Indy 500 Pace cars.

While I am not very interested in motor racing, the Indianapolis 500 is the king of car races. I always envisioned Indy 500 Pace cars as prestigious and powerful cars that led the race cars in their famous "rolling start." Packard certainly was in this category being the pace car in 1915 with a "6", in 1919 with a Twin Six, and in 1936 with a One-Twenty. Tommy Milton, a two time Indy 500 winner, was the driver of the 1936 120 Pace car and proposed that the Pace car be given to the 500 winner, which then became a tradition that exists to this day. Surprisingly, many of the pace cars do not fit the prestigious or powerful category.

The Indianapolis race track opened in 1909 as a race track but more importantly as a test track for production cars from Indiana and surrounding states. Indiana in the early 1900's was famous for producing such cars as American, Apperson, Auburn, Cole, Haynes, Mamon, Maxwell, Overland, Pope, Simplex, Star, Stoddard Dayton, Studebaker and Stutz. All of these manufacturers needed a good test track and thus the Indianapolis track was born. It was not until 1911 that the first Indianapolis 500 was run and a Stoddard Dayton, a luxurious and powerful car produced in Indiana, was the first Indy pace car winner, followed by Stutz in 1912, and then Stoddard Dayton in 1913 and 1914. Prestigious and powerful pace cars were used until 1938 when a Hudson 6 with 83 HP was the pace car, 1940 when the first closed car a Studebaker Champion 6 two door sedan with 78 HP led the pack, 1947 when the first four door sedan a Nash Ambassador 6 with 112 HP was used, and 1948 when a Chevrolet 6 with 90 HP led the pack. From this point until 1976 when a Buick V-6 Turbo was used all

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## My Yenka Stinger

Dick Bellows

In 1969, I purchased a new Huger Orange Yenka Chevelle, with a 427 cu. in. motor, and 4 speed transmission. Back in the day, that was an awesome amount of power. The Chevelle would go 120 in a quarter mile; the fastest time I had was 9 1/2 seconds. I took the stock muffler off and put on glass pack mufflers. After I put on the Mickey Thompson cheater slicks I headed to the Great Lakes Dragway in Union Grove, WI. The first person I raced was Bob, our car club secretary's brother. Of course, I met Bob way before I met Donna. Bob had a 1969 AMX. I won the first race. The second race I lost. There was too much wheel hop at the line.



On Friday night we used to cruise Wisconsin Ave. in Milwaukee. At stop lights, the loud rumble idle would vibrate the store front windows. After four months, I lost my license so I had to sell the car.

## Merle Page

We can't do an issue with a racing theme, without mentioning club member Merle Page, who passed away in the summer of 2016 at age 95.

Merle was the accountant at Gene's Auto, and in 1963 bought a new golden Studebaker Avanti there that she kept until her death 53 years later. That car led Merle to join the Fairbanks Sports Car Club, and to race not only her Avanti - but it kindled such an interest that she bought a VW

Bug she fixed up for road rallies. She got so into the sport, she even moved to Spokane in 1967 with her now "D" Porsche powered race car to run the rally circuit, and brought home some trophies. She returned to Fairbanks in 1969. She then purchased an Austin America to run local rallies.

When our club organized in 1970, she was interested (as she was in all things Auto) and she bought a 1917 Buick just so she had a car old enough to join our club, and was an active member for the next four decades.

Ron Allen did a feature for our new sletter about Merle in 2006, and it was reprinted in the new sletter in 2016 at a tribute to her on her passing. Those issues can be found on the club webpage at [vlnaacf.org](http://vlnaacf.org)

- Rick Larrick



Merle's Avanti in the Golden Days Parade



Porsch powered VW "D" Race Car



# JUNE, 2019

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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<p><b>9</b> Poker Run / Picnic at NOAA- on the Old Steese Hwy</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> Board Meeting Sam's Sourdough</p>	<p><b>12</b> Run-around</p>	<p><b>13</b> Membership Meeting: LIONS PAVILION - picnic meal)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall MONDO RUN - leave at 11:00 am</p>
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Run-around</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall Evening Random Run-Around</p>
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<p>ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA TOUR</p>						

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 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.
- **June 9th: Poker Run to NOAA** 13.5 mile Steese Hwy for a picnic and tour (Jeff Creamer, PPR see pg 6)
- **June 11th: Board of Directors Meeting**, Sam's Sourdough, 6:30 pm (dinner before).
- **June 13th: Membership Meeting**, Picnic at LIONS PARK PAVILLION off Danby.
- **June 15th: Pack Boxes for Fairbanks Food Bank**; leave CarsNCoffee at 8:45am
- **June 15th: MONDO RUN** (Joyce & Paul Tekin PPRs see pg 6)
- **June 22nd EVENING RANDOM RUN-AROUND** (Charlie Bourque PPR)
- **June 26 - July 4th, 2019: Adventure Before Dementia Tour**



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

### Antique Auto Musers

- **June 12th: Membership Meeting**, meet at Turnagain Social Club, 6:30pm

### Other Local Events

- **June 16th: Sourdough Father's Day Car Show**

### National AACA Events

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Sam Simmons
- 1 - Melody Simmons
- 8 - Carl Westphal
- 8 - Willy Vinton
- 14 - Lambert Hazelaar
- 18 - Jerry Mustard
- 20 - Susan Cook
- 22 - Susan Bodenstadt
- 29 - Paul Tekin

# President's Headlights

- Jeff Creamer

Greetings All!

The summer season is kicking off well, we have been busy with activities, and the months ahead will be full! This month I would like to focus my missive on a subject that is a positive path our club can take: Community service and involvement.

Over the last couple of years, I have seen more interest from our members in service to the community. We are now doing regular visits to the Food Bank of Fairbanks (Thank you Teresa and Will Chase!), Doris and Robbie Casey have organized a car show to benefit the Pediatric Department of Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, and through a vote of the membership at our May meeting, we will be donating the entire proceeds of the sale of the car that was given to the club by Sara Crawford.

We all see different groups around the area that are volunteering time and effort to improve the life of others or the face of the community, whether it is fund raising for a cause or recruiting volunteers for assistance with a project or staffing events, and I would like to see the club becoming more active in these efforts as well.



I would very much like to hear from members if they have an organization in mind that could benefit from the Vernon Nash club joining them in their cause. All of us have seen the benefit of groups getting together to achieve a common goal, and I believe that we can be a positive addition to many of the groups and the activities they promote.

Think about what we can do to improve our community, and feel free to reach out to me with ideas, or bring them up at the meetings during our open forum times.

Safe and happy travels,

- Jeff Creamer

As a post script; I would be remiss if I did not offer my sincere condolences to Rick Larrick and his family on the passing of Jill. She was a much-loved member of our community and will be deeply missed by all that knew her. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you.

## SUNSHINE REPORT:

Sunshine Committee Report:

On behalf of the car club a sympathy card was sent out on 5/16/19 - to Rick Larrick & family for the passing of Jill Larrick.

- 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.*

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Judy and Bernie Saupe
- 6 - Joanne & Dan Portwine
- 6 - Susan & Gary Bodensadt
- 7 - Doris & Robbie Casey
- 11 - Linda & Scott Grundy
- 13 - Karine & Ron Dane
- 15 - Lois & Greg Oslund
- 20 = Denise & Peter Lundquist
- 22—Tammy & Kenny Maxwell

## Member Ads

For Trade: 1935 Fairbanks license plate. Will trade for a Fairbanks license plate I need. Still paying \$1,000 each for my Fairbanks license plate needs.

Bryce Crumb

## FOR SALE: 1978 Cadillac Eldorado.

This gem has 46,253 original miles and is a complete head turner. Rust free body and underbody. Well-loved and has never had a snow flake touch it. Was asking \$17,000. **NOW REDUCED TO \$12,000 o.b.o!** - must sell; owner has moved out of State.

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

Contact Cindy or Russ Reason for contact information for the owner of this car.



Finally my winter fat is gone. I now have spring rolls.

Mark your calendars! Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, I will be leading a tour out to the **NOAA Gilmore Creek Satellite Tracking Facility** for a bar-b-que and a tour around the campus. We will leave the Bentley Mall Parking lot at 11 am for a cruise out to 13-mile Steese Highway. Burgers and Brauts will be provided, please bring a dish to share. There is a RSVP requirement, as this is a secured government facility, so I will need all wanting to participate to RSVP to me with the names of those joining us. All persons must be US citizens, or legal resident alien (green card status).



The plan is to make it an abbreviated poker run, with 2 cards drawn at the start, a stop at the pipeline viewpoint for another two, and the final at the NOAA site.

Keep your fingers crossed for sunshine, and I look forward to having you join us!

Jeff Creamer



## Mondo Run

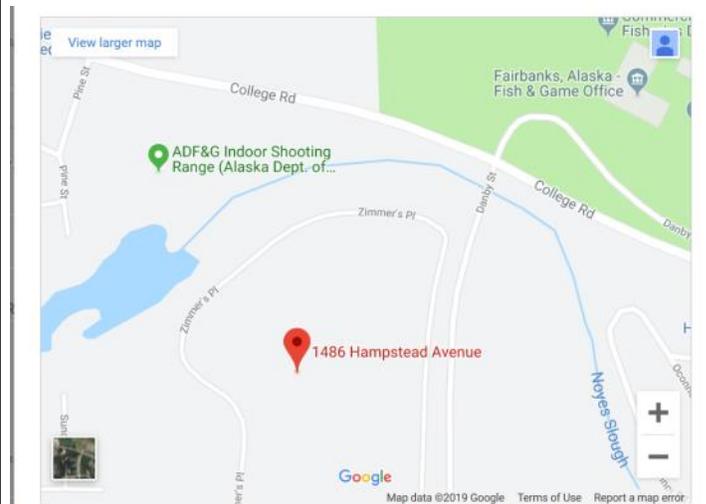
Paul and Joyce Tekin are planning a poker run on June 15<sup>th</sup> to the Monderosa.

We will leave the Cars N' Coffee parking lot at 10am,

*Bring your artistic skills and plan for a fun afternoon.*

### June 22 Random Run-Around

Leave Lowe's parking lot at 5:30 pm following Charlie



By embedding this map, you agree to the [terms of service](#).

Fairbanks Day

Ask Mike Lecorchick for details

## Membership Meeting at Lions Park Pavilion

### June 13th

Bring a salad or dessert to pass at 6pm for dinner (Club provides hot dogs)

Meeting at 7pm.



**VNAACF Monthly  
Membership Meeting  
May 9th, 2019**

President Jeff Creamer brought the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. There were 35 members present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE LECORCHICK AND SECONDED BY WALLY OLSEN TO ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING WITH A CORRECTION. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Secretary Donna Wojciechowski read the BOD minutes from the May 7 meeting.  
Treasurer's Report - No report given.

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson reported that we have 215 members. 35 single and 90 joint memberships.

**EVENTS:**

Car Show - The car show at the Carlson Center is June 1 & 2. Willy gave us an update and asked for volunteers to help at the show.

ABDT - Scott Grundy gave us an update. The dates for the ABDT are June 26th - July 4th.

Raffle Car - No report given.

Healy Car Show - The car show will be on Sunday May 12th in the Three Bears parking lot. John McCarthy gave us an update on the run into the park.

NOAA BBQ & Poker Run - The date for

this event is June 9th. We will leave the Bentley Mall at 11:00 The time is from noon -3:00. There will be burgers and brats. Jeff Creamer is the PPR.

Teddy Bear Car Show - The date for the car show is Saturday July 13th in the Lowe's parking lot. Doris Casey gave us an update Doris needs volunteers to help with the registration, 50/50, flyers, calling vendors, parking and set up. There will be a People's Choice Award. Pre-registration will be \$10 and \$15 the day of the show. This car show is open to the public.

Wednesday night runaround - Wally Olsen is the PPR.

Fairbanks Food Bank - Saturday May 18th is our day to help pack boxes at the food bank. We will leave cars & coffee at 8:45.

Pioneer Park's opening day is May 25th. They would like to have a car show with at least 6 cars.

Open Forum - Ralph Glasgow let us know there is a motorcycle show on May 18th at 4:00. All cars are welcome.  
**NEW BUSINESS:**

Car Donation Proceeds - The donated car the club received was bought by Affordable Used Cars for \$7250. After \$1000 is

donated to the United Way as requested by the donor, there will be a balance of \$6250. There were two options taken to the membership to vote on. Option 1 was to donate the balance to charities in town or to cover half the cost of the annual meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLY VINTON AND SECONDED BY JOHN MCCARTHY TO DONATE THE BALANCE OF \$6250 TO CHARITIES IN TOWN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rick Larrick gave us his newsletter needs. Rick would like to have stories on car racing. The newsletter will come out during the Indy 500 race.

50/50 - The total was \$135 and the lucky winner was Jill Larrick.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAUL TEKIN AND SECONDED BY WILLY VINTON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:55 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Submitted by Donna Wojciechowski



Members sign up to help with various jobs at the Carlson Car Show and/or to fill out entry forms for their cars after the meeting.

My friend David lost his ID .... Now he's just Dav.



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

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the pace cars were V-8's. The cylinder count dropped to 4 cylinders for 1984 with a Pontiac Fiero, 1985 an Oldsmobile Calais convertible (the roof was cut off of a sedan), 1987 a Chrysler LeBaron Turbo, 1988 an Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Turbo, and 1990 the final four cylinder car - a Chevrolet Beretta.

Things didn't always go as planned. In 1962 a Studebaker Avanti was supposed to be the pace car but production was delayed and a Studebaker Lark Daytona V-8 was the replacement, and in 1991 a Dodge Stealth which was made in Japan was scheduled to be the pace car but the UAW objected and a pre-production version of the Dodge Viper took its place.

Chevrolet's first pace car was a 1948 Stylemaster convertible, but Chevrolet is the leading marque pacing the Indy 500 twenty-eight times, including nine Camaro's, fourteen Corvette's and even an SSR convertible pickup in 2003. Surprisingly Corvette was not the pace car until 1978 but has since been the pace car fourteen times. Since 2002, a Chevrolet has been the pace car every year. Oldsmobile comes in second being the pace car eleven times. Ford is third being the pace car seven times (including one Thunderbird and three Mustangs), followed by Buick and Chrysler at six times each.

The following are the manufacturers and the number of times they have been the pace car: Chevrolet 28, Oldsmobile 11, Ford 7, Buick and Chrysler 6, Dodge, Pontiac and Studebaker at 4, Cadillac, LaSalle, Mercury, Packard and Stoddard Dayton 3, Lincoln and Mamon 2, and one each for Cole, Cord, DeSoto, Duesenberg, HCS, Hudson, Nash, National Sextet, Plymouth, Premier, Rickenbacker and Stutz. Of the twenty-seven marques that have led the pack at Indy, only seven remain.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Museum are in Indianapolis, Indiana, and an excellent place to visit. In addition to approximately seventy-five vehicles on display there is a considerable amount of Indy 500 memorabilia, and you can also ride around the Indy track in a small bus.



## 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  
Need not be present to win

**\$5.00 / ticket or 5 for \$20.00**

Only 3,500 tickets

Permit #2437

**WIN this CAR!**

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

**Raffle Ticket News / Status:** Jeff Creamer took the car to Healy and sold all the tickets that he had with him. Last I heard there was one brick left at Larson's. So if everyone has been selling the tickets they have in their possession we are doing pretty well on sales. Any one with unsold tickets should have them available for the car show if the club sells the last of our tickets. I have new exhaust tips and a new shifter on order and they will be here this week. Russ Reason said if I bring the raffle car in to him they will balance the tires and check the front end alignment. As long as no parts are needed he won't charge us anything (Front End Shop). Jeff is leaving town so the car will be at my house for the next couple weeks.

- Carl Westphal



I get angry when my cell phone's battery dies. My therapist suggested I find an outlet.

## Ghost Town Find

By Bryce Crumb



In 2018 a treasure hunter searching for artifacts in an abandoned Alaskan mining ghost town from the 1930's, searching through an old abandoned mining house, underneath a pot belly stove found an Alaskan license plate, a 1938 Alaska For Hire #39. I acquired it from an Alaskan friend having it professionally restored.

Every time I see it hanging upon my fireplace room wall, I think about the story behind it, imagining for a moment a 1930's Alaskan ghost town coming to life with a 1938 Alaska For Hire vehicle driving down its streets long silent. Enjoy the stories, and have another beer. While you're sipping a beer... If you're only looking where others previously have looked, how do you expect to find anything? Cheers. Happy hunting.



### EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

As the PPRs (Primary Persons Responsible) for the upcoming events write short articles for the newsletter promoting those happenings, the 1921 snippet from Life Magazine is a good reminder of what you might want to include in your announcement.

#### Seven Wonders of the World

- I wonder who \_\_\_\_\_
- I wonder what \_\_\_\_\_
- I wonder why \_\_\_\_\_
- I wonder where \_\_\_\_\_
- I wonder when \_\_\_\_\_
- I wonder how \_\_\_\_\_
- I wonder which \_\_\_\_\_



### JILL ANN LARRICK

Sept 3, 1947 - May 15, 2019



Jill Ann Larrick died peacefully in her sleep early in the morning of May 15<sup>th</sup>. She and her husband, Rick, have been residents of Fairbanks and active members of our club for the past dozen years, and frequent visitors for many before. Jill is survived by her husband of nearly 49 years, Carl Richard (Rick) Larrick; by son Carl Andrew Plumb-Larrick of Cleveland, Ohio, and his wife Abigail and children Levi (12) and Rosie (7); and by Christopher Richard Larrick and his wife Heather Krawiec and their son Quetzal (20) of Fairbanks, Alaska. Jill is also survived by brothers Jan Sprinkel in Annapolis, Maryland, and Jay Sprinkel in Sarasota, Florida.

Jill was an active participant in all club activities, always volunteering to serve at raffle ticket tables, etc., and one we could always count on for a great desert at our pot-luck picnics.

By profession, Jill was a teacher, graduating from Miami University in 1969. Jill's warm, welcoming, curious, and giving personality and intelligence was a blessing to her friends and family and those she interacted with in our club. She was always accepting, always loving -- and always game for new adventure even when held back by physical limitations. Generations of family and friends were warmed by her gifts of hand-knit sweaters and baby-blankets. A generous and thoughtful friend to adults, Jill was also magical with children and was deeply cherished -- as a parent, grandparent, teacher, or friend -- to all and any of those lucky enough to know her.

Before Jill and Rick retired to Fairbanks, Rick's career in the paper industry took them to St. Cloud, MN; Escanaba, MI; Park Falls, WI; Hawkinsville, GA; Kalamazoo, MI; Atlanta, GA; and Astoria, OR. Everywhere she lived, Jill became active in the community and often church, usually through teaching or child-care roles. She was a warm and supportive friend to everyone with whom she became close, and always there to help in every group or organization she supported. Throughout their marriage, Jill and Rick always had an "old car", but really got started in the antique car hobby in the early 90's in Kalamazoo, becoming active in the Antique Studebaker Club, the Classic Car Club of America and the Checker Owners Club, buying some true antiques and going to Hershey each year. They have been active members of the Vernon Nash Antique Auto Club here, participating in most local and long-distance tour events in their antique automobiles -- most often their distinctive blue-and-white 1955 Buick.

A Celebration of Life memorial get-together will be held at the Square Dance Pavilion at Pioneer Park on Tuesday evening, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. Friends and VLNAACF members who want to express condolences to the family are welcome. Bar-b-que sandwiches and refreshments will be provided, and guests may wish to bring a salad or dessert dish to pass. Club members have permission from the Borough, and are encouraged to drive their antique cars into Pioneer Park and to park at or near the pavilion (modern cars are not allowed).



Many thanks for all the support in recent days after Jill's death. Support from our club has been very helpful in getting me through. Thanks for all the phone calls, emails, Facebook comments, and kind words of condolence - and a special thanks for those who stopped in to talk, and to those who brought food. I hope to see many of you on this Tuesday evening at Pioneer Park.

Thanks to John McCarthy, Scott Grundy and Jeff Creamer who helped with a lot of the necessary follow-ups on promised newsletter contributions for me when I was unable to do them as the newsletter deadline neared. I apologize for any white space or formatting issues. As every month, thanks to John and Scott for early proof-reading review of the newsletter before we publish.



### JOINT MEET COMMITTEE HELP STILL 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 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 [wvinton@gmail.com](mailto:wvinton@gmail.com).

Today's forecast: Partly crabby with 50% chance of mood swings...

# 2019 Vernon L. Nash Classic Car Show



WIN THIS '73 Permit #2437  
CONVERTIBLE!

Permit #2347

## Carlson Center | June 1-2

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

\$5 adults | kids free!

For more information, visit [fairbanksaaca.org](http://fairbanksaaca.org) or email [vlnaacf@gmail.com](mailto:vlnaacf@gmail.com)



## 2019 ADVENTURE BEFORE DEMENTIA TOUR WILL BE A DANDY!

By Scott Grundy

Please don't miss this fun tour to WHITEHORSE

DAWSON CITY and TOK!

**Full 8.5-day tour:** We will depart Fairbanks on Wednesday, June 26 and return after the July 4, Independence Day parade in Tok. We'll participate in two parades (Canada Day & our Independence Day), and experience many other fun and meaningful things in-route and at our destinations!

**Shorter 5-day tour:** The always helpful John McCarthy has volunteered to lead a group of you "cats" on a tour directly from Fairbanks to the always fun Dawson City! Assuming the group can travel at highway speeds with their vehicles (or trailer slower moving vehicles), John plans to drive from Fairbanks to Dawson City (387 miles) on June 30 and participate in all activities in Dawson City and Tok.

Contact Scott Grundy your Cat Herder (Jr.) for tour details and hotel reservation information at [sgrundy55ply@gmail.com](mailto:sgrundy55ply@gmail.com) or 907-457-3526. Again, please join a version of this dandy tour!

Plateaus are the highest form of flattery.



Group photo by David Jensen

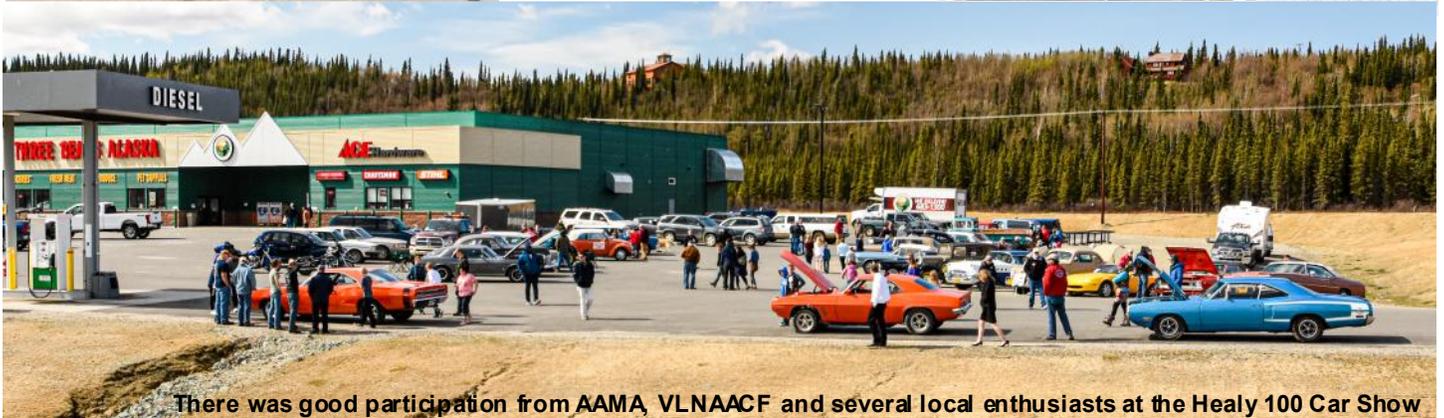
## HEALY CAR SHOW / DENALI PARK RUN

with the Anchorage Antique Auto Musers



The raffle car drew attention and many tickets sold.

We had a good turn-out from both clubs for the Mothers' Day Healy 100th Anniversary Car Show, and a couple of us Fairbanks folks tagged along for the drive on the Denali Park Road. We had great weather, saw the mountain, and saw some wildlife.



There was good participation from AAMA, VLNAACF and several local enthusiasts at the Healy 100 Car Show

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### NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **Thursday, June 13th** - at the **LIONS PAVILION PARK OFF DANBY RD.** Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.; Potluck picnic- bring salad or dessert.

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, June 11th** — at Sam's Sourdough . Meeting starts at 6:30 pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.



Layla waits patiently for David Jensen in Denali



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