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Nash's News

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



Like the public service poster on the back of Philadelphia streetcar in 1918 warns us - if you venture out, be sure to wear your mask so you can't spit on anybody! Photo was from the October, 1918 Medical Library of the College of Physicians in Philadelphia publication during the Spanish Flu epidemic.

Now showing at a theater near you: No Close Encounters of Any Kind



Above: Ed McLaughlin taking an imaginary drive in the Isetta that will be ready to go after the mere addition of a few important parts. For now, Ed and the Isetta will be sheltering in place together.



It appears that Willy Vinton is making good progress on project while sheltering in his garage!

Social Distancing By Sheltering in Place (in the garage, of course)



Brent LeValley's '29 Model A Roadster is a Florida car now, where he can shelter in place with the top down. The car's claim to fame is that it rode in the same trailer from Alaska to Michigan as Tom Cotter's bear damaged Ford Cobra...



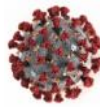
Jim Gibertoni has been spending lots of time isolated in his garage - see more details in the article on page 8.

Self isolate and stay at home.
Because if you die, your wife will sell your classic car for the price you said you paid for it.



Marlin Pruett is making progress on his want-ta-be Freightliner!

More Self-Isolation...



"Here we sit all covered up but ready to go,
Time to be rid of this everlasting snow;
But our owner says we'll still be under locks;
Until DOT has the roads free of those pesky rocks!"
- Poetry and photo from Jeff Cook



Carl Thompson is self isolating with his '70 Chevelle and his '80 GMC Pickup in his well equipped garage.



Carl Westphal says that "social distancing is hard on my back! - I stole a kids sled to slide the axle into the garage from the trailer."

Member Ads

For sale: Engine from 1980 Datsun manual shift. Condition unknown-complete. Comes with car it came out of. Bought car for the tranny.

Price: free-will load
Don Oines 452 4601 or 378 2501

Car parts need ride from Anchorage to Fairbanks. Anyone going to be making the trip? Happy to pay their way! David Karpik 614-477-0742
shelbyluva@aol.com

Looking for a set of used rims and tires for my hot rod truck - polished or chrome; no black ones. To fit a 1997 Dodge Ram 4wd 2500 -8 lug by 17"
[Jim.Gibertoni @ aaronak.com](mailto:Jim.Gibertoni@aaronak.com)

Wanted: Good right side rear quarter stain-less trim molding ahead of wheel well for '54 through '56 Buick Century or Special hardtop. Email Rick Larrick at larrickrick@gmail.com

Buying/trading for Alaska Commercial Fisherman Boat license plates (Resident, Non-Resident, Seine, and Triangle). All years, any condition. Bryce Crumb e-mail:
bttrfly123@att.net

FOR SALE: NOS Fuel pumps for 1950's and 1960's cars. Various, but must take them all. AC brand. Free to a good home, just pay shipping from Kenai. David Karpik 614-477-0742 shelbyluva@aol.com



FOR SALE: 1931 Ford Traditional Hot Rod. Custom built 1952 Mercury Flathead; 1932 Frame. \$25,000. Call for details. Ralph Moore 907-347-1675



BYLAWS CHANGES

The Board has compiled a number of proposed by-laws changes to update the club by-laws. These will be voted on at the next (May) Membership Meeting. A full copy of the by-laws with changes highlighted is available if requested by email from either Wilma Vinton or Rick Larrick.

Besides changing the revision date from 2016 to 2020, other changes proposed are highlighted in red or summarized below:

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE:

The purpose of this corporation shall be to:

Section 1. Further the preservation, restoration, and ~~education~~ ~~enjoyment~~ of automotive history and related automobilia.

Section 2. Share, ~~educate~~ and encourage ~~others-members~~ and the public to take an interest through organized activities, meets, rallies, displays, shows, parades, ~~classes~~, etc.

Section 3. ~~Educate and~~ aid individuals, museums, libraries, historians, and collectors dedicated to the preservation of automotive history.

ARTICLE XI: MEETINGS:

Section 4. A quorum for a general membership business or defined purpose meeting shall be no less than twenty-five

(25) voting members ~~and of which~~ at least two (2) ~~are~~ officers.

Section 6. Rules of all meetings shall be governed by the By-Laws first, then by Robert's Rules of Order, ~~as applicable to small non-profit corporations.~~

ARTICLE XII: GENERAL FUNDS:

Section 2. Items not budgeted or exceeding the annual budgeted amount up to a maximum of ~~three five~~ hundred (500.00) dollars must be approved by the Executive Board prior to expenditure and shall be reported to the general membership at the next business meeting. Items in excess of ~~three five~~ hundred (\$ ~~300~~500.00) dollars must have the approval of the membership at a defined purpose or general membership meeting prior to disbursement.

Section 3. All expenditures and/or transfers of funds require the signatures of two (2) members of the ~~Executive Board of Directors~~ prior to disbursement or execution.

ARTICLE XIV: AMMENDMENTS:

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended after proposals have been submitted to the voting membership at least ~~2 weeks~~ ~~30 days~~ prior to the next membership business or special meeting for approval.

The above summarizes all meaningful or substantive changes. There are also some punctuation correction changes which have no impact on meaning or intent - these were covered at the March meeting.



CALENDAR

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Note:** CarsNCoffee is ~~CAN-~~ ~~CELLED~~ due to the pandemic emergency.
- **May 12th: Board of Directors Meeting,** The Cookie Jar (if open, else via conference call): Meeting 6:30 pm (dinner before).
- **May 14th: Membership Meeting,** FOUNTAINHEAD MUSEUM (if open); Meeting 7pm (no meal with this meeting)
- **JOINT MEET:** ~~Cancelled.~~

Antique Auto Musers

- **April 13h : AAMA Membership Meeting** at Turnagain Social Club (if not cancelled)

National AACA Events

- **May 7-9: AACA Central Spring National—Cancelled**

National AACA Events (CONT.)

- **May 13-16th: AACA Eastern Divisional Tour—Rescheduled to August**
- **June 7-11th AACA Sentimental Tour—Cancelled**

Other Local Events

This month (and every month for the past seven years) thanks to John McCarthy and Scott Grundy for early review and checking of the newsletter before publication.—Rick Larrick, Editor

President's Headlights

- Jeff Creamer



Greetings All!

The primary focus of us all lately has been keeping ourselves and our loved ones healthy, and I think we have been mostly successful. As of this issue, the Fairbanks area has gone 14 days without a report of a new case of Covid-19, so I am hopeful we are past the worst of it. My thoughts and prayers go out to those who have suffered through the illness or lost loved ones in the crises.

There has been much speculation about the measures put in place by our government officials, such as how long will these measures be in place? When can we travel again? When will restaurants open for dine-in? Without answers to these questions, it will be difficult to say how our activities will be affected. I am still hopeful that we will see a relaxing of mandates by the State so we can go ahead with our summer activities. I have not received notice of cancellation from the Carlson Center for the June car show, so my advice would be to fill out and send in your applications for the show. Personally, I think the odds are better than even we will be returning to a "modified normal" by the end of May.

I did receive a call from Doris Casey reminding everyone to look for stuffed animals on sale in the stores in preparation for July's Teddy Bear Car Show. Doris has been busy planning and organizing not only our show but the one in Arizona where they winter as well! We all should have that kind of energy!

Look for the minutes of the April board meeting in this issue. The board was able to meet on a "Zoom" application, which we may have to repeat for May as well. Any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. Keep an eye on your email for updates on meetings and activities, I will keep everyone posted on the latest plans.

Remember to keep up with the social distancing, use PPE whenever possible, and of course, "Wash your hands!"

Safe and happy travels,

Jeff Creamer



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

15 - Christol & Jeff Creamer
19 - Marily Naquin & Julio Merced
25 - Carolyn & Jerry Mustard

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Terry Smith
3 - Vickie Domke
5 - George Cromer, Jr.
6 - Angie Oines
6 - Linda Grundy
6 - Nancy Allen
7 - Walter Mingus
16 - Preston Smith
16 - Lorna Lounsbury

20 - John McCarthy
22 - Dale Durrwachter
22 - Samantha Chiu
25 - Jeff Casey
25 - Amy Weaver
28 - Janine Thibedeau
29 - Greg Oslund
29 - Christol Creamer

Not to brag, but I haven't been late for any appointments in a month now.



Dan Gullickson sent in the above photo from the Seattle Times last month. Answers:

1. What is the building that the cars are all in front of?

Photo was taken in Seattle, in front of the Holy Names Academy and Normal School. Holy Names was, and still is, a Catholic secondary school for girls.

2. What is the occasion and date of the photo?

October 10, 1908 is the date, and the cars are filled with seniors and chaperones about to go on a "Senior Trip" tour of the city.

3. Why are all the cars right-hand drive?

Most American cars before 1910 were set up with the driver in the right hand position.

4. How many cars are in the photo?

There are 17 vehicles in the picture.

5. How many people are in the photo?

The headline that accompanied the picture says there are 99 (LaVonne and I counted 96) people in the vehicles. Since the question in the newsletter asks how many people are in the photo, the two children and an adult at the school entrance who are watching need to be included, for a final count of either 99 or 102. LaVonne and I counted several times, using good magnification!

6. Name the makes of the automobiles.

There were no responses, however one vehicle has it's script emblem on the radiator - perhaps that might help someone.

Dan Gullickson still has the file photo and would be happy to email it to anyone who wants to dig deeper. His email is

dan.lavonne.q@gmail.com

Let Dan know is you want another old photo with questions next month.

If you are looking for something socially distant to do in your garage...

The governor did NOT extend the studded snow tire deadline - spend a few hours changing out your winter tires on your driver cars to their summer tires.

Deadline is still April 30th!



Give Them a Reason to Stay

By Wayne Tuck
2019 Vice President - Membership

AACA signs up literally thousands of new members every year. I have spent much of my time over the past few years as VP -Membership encouraging our members at both the region and national level to do more recruiting. You have done exactly that. In fact, you have done even more than I should have expected. For that, please accept my sincere thanks and please continue to do the same. (Maybe even more?)

Now with thousands of new members signed up every year wouldn't you think our membership totals should be growing? Sadly, that is not the case. More members fail to renew their memberships every year than new members signed up. Yes, we lose some from age, deaths, disabilities and the like. This is normal attrition. There isn't much we can do about that. Why do so many members sign up, stay a year or two and then decide not to renew their membership? We didn't give them a reason to stay!

New members join for various reasons. Some join for the social aspects such as friendship, fellowship and human contact. Others like to drive their cars with a group. Some even seek technical information and a network of service providers. Some want to lead and be a part of the club leadership corps. Whatever the reason, AACA has the ability to provide it.

Retaining our current members is just as important as recruiting new ones. Does someone call a member that

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ALASKA TOTEM LICENSE PLATES

- Bryce Crumb



My collection in the photo:

1967 blue on white sample #00000 is an Irwin-Hodson prototype license plate. Only a couple made.

1978 three #1 license plates are Irwin-Hodson prototypes of return of Totem that never happened. Only a couple made.

1967 #10, and 1966 #27 are legislator license plates.

Color gold on blue (bead reflective gold). 1967 #30, and 1966 #7685 are white on blue (bead not reflective) error license plates.

Numerous low number license plates. Several interesting

numbers 98789, and 99899.

Series ended at 99999. My highest numbers 99903, and 99908.

96603 is mounted on a cardboard promotional display.

Interested in acquiring Totem legislator & other political, and low number Totem passenger license plates.



SUGGESTIONS & FEEDBACK

Rick -

4/20/20

This from Lambert, a not too involved member. Rick you have done a great job doing all you do with the news letter and always taking pictures at different events. Your faithfulness is above most. It seems to me that there could be interest from the hot rod community. Father's day event on Van Horn is a great example of people showing up with hardly any coordination to show and tell. I have always thought that Vernon Nash club was primarily for restored older cars and for older men. I am fine with how it is, just an observation of a group that could be drawn in for a broader interest. I'm sure there are young men and women working on their dream car in their garages we know nothing about. If they knew that there was a club and older men interested in what they were doing this might help them to want to be a part. Thanks for your time.

Lambert Hazelaar



EDITOR'S LEFT

(on) **BLINKER**

- Rick Larrick

With a barrel of oil priced less than a pizza, are old car prices soon to follow?

Now may not be the best time to sell your classic car, but it might be a good time to buy. Sane people don't buy a car unseen, and with auctions now online, it is only rational that classic car prices will soon collapse. That said, it might not be all bad for our hobby. With prices collapsing, it should make it more affordable for new folks to get into the hobby. With prices collapsing, maybe folks will again find the pleasure in doing their own work, instead of feeling the need to have others do it (justified on what they perceive the value of their "classic" to be). Again, here is an appeal for some "backyard mechanic" and "how to" articles to be shared by our members in future "Nash's News" newsletters.

Just my opinion, Rick Larrick



Tested positive for the CarZona virus! It's highly contagious.



WORKS IN PROGRESS



Dan Portwine shared these before / after photos of his COVID project, 6 years after the project started. His patience, persistence, and quality work sure do shine!

Steering Offset

- Jim Gibertoni



Here is a solution to alignment of steering column / pedals on a car build. This box I got for my project gave me what I needed to reposition the steering column. Features are:

- Chain driven action
- Improved road feel Vs using U-joints
- Mounts on the firewall
- Uses common 3/4"-36 spline couplers
- 4 1/2" wide x 1 1/2" thick x 4" longer than the offset
- Available in 8", 10", 12", 14" or 16" offsets
- Selected as the 2006 Best Engineered New Product at SEMA



In the photos above of my truck, the steering offset unit is still wrapped in yellow protective tape, so I wouldn't get it scratched up while installing it.



VNAACF Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2020

By Zoom

President Jeff Creamer brought the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held as a zoom meeting.

Board members present: Jeff Creamer, Ralph Moore, Wilma Vinton, Donna Wojciechowski, Mike Lecorchick, Bruce McIntosh, Jerry Mustard and Phil Sanders.

Member guest: Rick Larrick

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE LECORCHICK AND SECONDED BY PHIL SANDERS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PHIL SANDERS AND SECONDED BY BRUCE MCINTOSH TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Report - Wilma Vinton gave the treasurer's report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE LECORCHICK AND SECONDED BY DONNA WOJCIECHOWSKI TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership Report - No report given.

EVENTS/COMMITTEES:

Committee reports - No report given.

FT WW MWR/Eielson Events - No report given.

Carlson Car Show - Events are

canceled through mid May. The club is not cancelling the car show yet and will be revisited and we will have more info by April 17th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joint Meet - Bruce McIntosh gave an update. The joint meet will be postponed indefinitely or cancelled.

Facebook Page - There was discussion on what Bruce is looking at doing to make the Facebook page more user friendly.

Webmaster - No report given.

By-Law Changes - There will be a vote by the membership in May for approval of the By-Law changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Events Schedule - Due to the pandemic the event schedule is up in the air. The membership will be informed when we can continue with our events.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Rick will need all articles for the newsletter by April 20th.

The April membership meeting will be cancelled.

There was discussion on having the May meeting as a zoom meeting. More info about the May meeting will be coming in the month of May.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DONNA WOJCIECHOWSKI AND SECONDED BY MIKE LECORCHICK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:46 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by

Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary



SUNSHINE REPORT:

No requests for cards were received, thus no cards were sent. This is good news, as this is the second month in a row no card requests were received.

- 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.



No-one expected when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to Twilight Zone.

RAFFLE CAR NEWS



Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto
Club of Fairbanks
Annual Antique Car Raffle
2020

WIN this CAR!



1997 BMW Z3

88,000 miles / 1.9 liter L-4 engine / 5-spd manual transmission

Drawing: July 18th, 2020 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

There are plenty of posters still available if you need one for your front door so that you can sell tickets from home while isolating there.

Willy Vinton has the posters, and Rochelle Larson has ticket books.



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hasn't shown up for a couple of meetings? Do we communicate well with our new members? Do we show them we are interested in their wants and needs? Does our club provide the activities that are needed to keep everyone's interest? These are all questions we should be asking ourselves.

The answer is easy. Yes, AACA can provide all of the activities and services any member could want. Moving forward, membership retention should be put near the top of our club's priority list. Let's make sure we give every single one of our members good reasons to stay.

CAR SHOW NEWS

The 2020 VLNAACF Carlson Center Car Show is still scheduled for June 6th and 7th with set up on June 5th. If all things go well and the COVID-19 is under control, we plan to still hold it. It really depends on whether the Carlson Center is allowed to open for public use by then. If things change, we will contact members by email.

If it is a go, we will start lining cars up around 3pm on Friday the 5th of June, with the intent to start rolling them in to the Carlson Center at 5pm. There will only be one award given again this year-- the People's Choice Award. The show runs from 10:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday and 11:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday. Doors will open an hour earlier for you to be able to come in and spruce up your car before the crowds arrive.

It is very much appreciated if there are lots of willing volunteers to help make this event run smoothly. We will need help in the following areas:

Telephone Committee: Help notify members of the dates and confirm car registrations.

Pre-Show Work session: May 30th at 11am at Vinton's house; we will staple all of the voting forms and door prize entries together and pull the pre-registered cars plaques.

On-Site Check-in: June 5th from 3pm to 5pm

Show Set-up & Marshall Cars in June 5th from 2pm to 8pm

Car Show Host Table: 2 hour slots starting from Saturday June 6th at 10 am to 6pm and Sunday June 7th from 11am to 5pm.

Ballot Counters: Twice on Saturday at 1pm and 4pm and twice on through Sunday at 1pm and 4:00pm.

Valve Cover Race Set-Up: for the Valve Cover Races held Saturday and Sunday

Vendor Solicitation to bring vendors into the show,

Door Prize Solicitation and Collecting

Finally, we have a tradition of providing food for those that are working at the show. Potluck donations are welcome. We usually have about 10 people at any given time.

We will have a signup list available at the May car club meeting for you to sign up to help out. Again your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or want to get your name in early to help out, please contact Willy or Wilma at 388-8252 or 388-7766 or email Wilma at wlvinton@gmail.com.

- Wilma Vinton

Registration form is on the last page of the newsletter



Carlson Center Car Show

June 6th & 7th (Cars in on June 5th)

2020 SHOW REGISTRATION

Member(s) Name: _____

Vehicle 1 Year: _____

Vehicle 1 Make: _____

Vehicle 1 Model: _____

Vehicle 2 Year: _____

Vehicle 2 Make: _____

Vehicle 2 Model: _____

If there is room (space is limited to 90 cars), will you show a 3rd car? If so,

Vehicle 3 Year: _____

Vehicle 3 Make: _____

Vehicle 3 Model: _____

Please arrive at the back lot of the Carlson Center between 3:30 and 5:30 pm on Friday, June 5th to verify registration of your car(s) and spot it in the proper space by model year. Cars must not be removed from the Carlson Center until Sunday, June 7th after show end at 5 pm and before 6 pm. You must be a paid up member of the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club to put a vehicle in this show.

You will need to sign a form for the Carlson Center *at the time of show registration* for each vehicle stating:

There is 1/8 or less tank of fuel in the vehicle.

You have current liability insurance on the vehicle.

You have a working fire extinguisher in or around your vehicle / display.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE CAR SHOW. BRING IT TO THE MAY MEETING, MAIL THE FORM TO THE CLUB P.O. BOX, DROP IT OFF AT LARSON'S LOCKSMITH, GIVE IT TO WILLY VINTON AT THE FOUNTAINHEAD MUSEUM, OR SCAN A FILLED OUT COPY AND EMAIL IT TO WILMA VINTON AT wlvinton@gmail.com

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NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **Thursday, May 14th - at the The Fountainhead Museum.** Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.; No dinner.

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, May 12th - at the back room at THE COOKIE JAR.** Meeting starts at 6:30 pm, with dinner before. Board Meetings are open to members.

Both Meetings subject to cancelation based on COVID-19 restrictions



Dan Portwine sent this photo (note the license plate) that he saw in AZ.



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