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Nash's News

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



Photo: Phil Sanders

I remember when Halloween was the scariest night of the year. Now, it's Election Night.

COVER:

Storefront in Normandy, France decorated for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. See article by Phil Sanders, on this page.

D-DAY CELEBRATION IN NORMANDY

- By Phil Sanders

National News:



Hershey Memories

By Don Barlup

VP—National HQ & Library

This year, for the first time since 1954, we will not be walking the flea market. Granted, in 1954 you could walk the flea market in 15 minutes, give or take 5 minutes.

My first walk was at age 11 in 1958 with my father. Everything was inside the old stadium, cars at the one end and flea market at the other. Maybe a good half hour slow walk!

Flash forward 10 years to 1968; I was working at the Hershey Motor Lodge as Assistant Food and Beverage Manager. In those days, the lobby was a drive-thru. I had an afternoon off and heard the car show was in town. I headed to the Blue Field (now part of the park). The field was about half full and I had no problem covering it between my lunch and dinner shifts at the Lodge.

A couple of the years passed, I joined AACA in 1971 (looking forward to my 50-year pin next year) and have walked Hershey each year since, even with a broken leg on crutches. About 10 years or so ago, I finally realized the legs and feet could no longer take the abuse, so I started vending in the Red Field.

My fondest remembrances were taking \$50.00 along to spend, finding what I needed for my 1940 Pontiac, having lunch, and going home with money left over. Those were the days!

Of course, we can't forget the mud! Some years it was so bad that you actually lost your shoes or boots in the muck. I remember one vendor who was in the low part of the Blue Field, parts floating and a sign posted "Gone Fishing".

Yes, we will miss the Hershey flea market and car corral this year, but it will make next year's anticipation even greater.

See you at the Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey!



Jean-Camille and his Jeep

Last April my daughter Allison, Katie and myself had the opportunity to experience some of the 75th anniversary celebration festivities of D-Day in Normandy France. We were there a couple weeks earlier than the actual celebration. The locals had been busy with preparations including hanging banners from every lamppost all along the coast from Utah Beach to Sword Beach, with the picture, name, unit,

and home town of many that were lost during the invasion. It was a humbling experience. The locals were so thankful for the forces that liberated them from the Germans, and have not forgotten the sacrifices of others.

We were staying in the small coastal town of Port-en-Bessin. After the invasion this small port became the terminal for a pipeline from England to supply fuel to the Allies. We set out in our trusty Fiat 600 and had just rounded the corner from the B&B when I spotted an open garage door with a gentleman working on an original 1945 Jeep. I had to back up a half a block on a one way street, to the concern of my passengers, but the danger that I put them in was well worth it.

The fellow's name was Jean-Camille and he had a very interesting story to tell. It was a good thing that



Photo: Phil Sanders

Port-en-Bessin harbor

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Allison is fluent in French otherwise much of the story would have been lost. He was ten years old when the German's took over the small fishing port. They closed all fishing and mined the harbor and surrounding beach approaches, Utah, Omaha, Gold, and Sword. The four years of occupation for a ten year old were difficult. Lack of fishing took away their primary food source. The Germans were not friendly. After the invasion the allies were willing to share rations, candy and gum with the locals. They swept the harbor and did what they could with the other mined areas. After four years the fishermen couldn't wait. The fleet departed only to have some destroyed by mines. There were GI's around and they

heard the locals complaining about no fish and decided to help out. They had the locals attention when they threw dynamite into the harbor and up floated lots of fish. Jean said those were the first fish they had in four years.

His Jeep was an original from 1945 and he had restored it. He was just doing the final touches so he could participate in a 200 Jeep parade on the D-Day anniversary. He said Jeeps have been an important part of history. His small garage was a mini-museum with items such as an American flag and Jack Daniels bottles. His tools were more organized than mine! He was going to take the Jeep out later in the day and invited us to flag him down and he would give us a ride. Car people are so friendly no matter where you are!

HOW TO "ZOOM" WITH THE BEST!

The Board has moved all club meetings through the month of January, 2021 to the web format "ZOOM". A notice or invite will be sent to all members before each meeting, but the log-in details remain the same for every meeting at least for November, December and January, including Board Meetings and all Membership Meetings. Without the Annual Meeting / Holiday Party, there will be a regular membership meeting (via Zoom) on the 2nd Thursday of December (December 10th).

Joining meetings via ZOOM:

The monthly BOD and General Membership meetings will continue to be held on Zoom through the January 2021 meetings, at which time a decision will be made to continue on Zoom or start meeting in-person. Access to the Zoom format can be either by computer/notebook or by telephone with the provided phone number. The computer link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9074563978>.

Simply click on the link and follow the instructions on the page when it opens.

A few helpful tips:

a: When on the meeting, please disable your camera as it uses a substantial amount of bandwidth and slows down the audio and responses.

b: Please self mute while in the meeting, this will help with background noises interrupting the speaker, and you can unmute when you want to speak.

c: If you look at the lower portion of your screen, it will have a place where you can click on a hand symbol so the speaker or moderator can know you would like to speak, (like raising your hand when in-person).

Joining meetings by phone:

To Dial in, use the following phone number, [1 669 900 6833](tel:16699006833) US (San Jose), and at the prompt enter the following access number: [9074563978](tel:9074563978)#, using the pound symbol as the last digit. this will connect you to the meeting and please use *6 (star six) to mute/unmute.



Photo: Phil Sanders

Banners on lights

Find us on



- By Bruce McIntosh, Facebook Moderator

The club's Facebook page got a good response from the public last summer and, as of October 20, we have 252 followers. With summer events in the rear view mirror, this winter I hope to dig through the club archives and feature some posts highlighting the club over the years. Members are always encouraged to share items on our club's Facebook page with friends, family, and other

groups, and to also share their own photos and stories, whether it be club events or Alaska related car happenings:

www.facebook.com/groups/vlnaacf/

And don't forget that, in addition to the main page, we also have our own private members-only group. With the snow season back and everyone sticking closer to home, it might also be a great time to stay connected by sharing personal stories and projects that would be of interest to other folks. The club's group is set to private, so only members can see who belongs to it and what has been posted. No one outside of the group has access to it. If you're already a member of the club, joining the group is easy. Simply request to join, agree to the rules, and wait for an admin to approve your request. A link can be found on the main page through the "Visit Group" button.



Member Ads



For sale: 1988 Mercury Grand Marquis, 5.0/AOD, 140k miles, clean title. Originally bought for the drivetrain but changed directions. Solid, comfortable car that, aside from the peeling clearcoat, mostly needs little stuff. \$1100. Contact Bruce McIntosh at 322-4685 or bcmcintosh@gmail.com



For Sale: 1955 Ford Town Sedan, older restoration needing some love, 272 Y-block, Fordomatic auto, 6V, KYB shocks, Diamond Back radial WWWs with very few miles. Yes, that is '56 side trim. Clean title. \$6000. Contact Bruce McIntosh at 322-4685 or bcmcintosh@gmail.com

Buying: Buying pre 1937 Alaska license plates in any condition to help my friend Roger (see my column): Passenger, Alaska City, Sample, For Hire, all types.

Bryce Crumb e-mail: bttrfly123@att.net 386-365-7064.



1962 Thunderbird. 72,000 miles, last registered in 1970. New sheet metal to replace two small areas of rust. Running engine, 1960s elegance, needs paint, minor bodywork, driver's seat covering. Originally white with red interior. \$2,800 obo. Come take a look. drhobson@hotmail.com or (907) 987-5292

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Charlie Bourque
- 1 - Rick Crisenbery
- 1 - Mike Lecorchick
- 2 - Joyce Tekin
- 4 - Dale Oines
- 5 - Pat Crisenbery
- 7 - Dan Tempel
- 8 - Rhonda Morgan
- 10 - Randy Britschgi
- 15 - Beccy Monsma
- 16 - Hunter Binder
- 19 - Eugene Reed
- 24 - Debbie Rogers
- 25 - Jeff Cook
- 25 - Kelly Oines
- 25 - Ruth Haynes
- 27 - Rochelle Larson
- 29 - Donna Wojciechowski

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Ron Dane
- 6 - Ralph Moore
- 9 - Brenda Wilbur
- 13 - Paula Beal
- 14 - Lori Hinchliff
- 17 - Lisa Casey
- 21 - Brandon Reason
- 26 - Dan Portwine
- 28 - Russ Reason
- 30 - Laurel McLaughlin
- 30 - Cindy Helms

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 - Irene & Wally Olsen
- 11 - Cindy & Russ Reason

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 - Wilma & Willy Vinton
- 17 - Susan & Jeff Cook
- 22 - Angie & Don Oines
- 30 - Maria & Walt Mingus

President's Headlights

- Jeff Creamer



Greetings All!

In reflecting back on the last two years of my service to the club as President, it will come as no surprise to everyone that this period has seen unprecedented changes to the way we live, work, play, and interact within our club and the community.

2019 was a pretty successful year; we had large donations which enabled us to support several non-profit organizations in the community; we participated in another history making Adventure Before Dementia Tour to our Canadian neighbors in Western Canada; we enjoyed many outings with our fellow enthusiasts traveling to local destinations, hosted a couple successful car shows, had a parade, some great picnics, and overall did what we enjoy doing; sharing our love of historical automobiles with our community!

2020 started off as usual, new faces on the Board and a successful planning meeting. Then came March and news that a deadly and contagious virus the like of which we had no living memory of had invaded our nation! It had a profound effect on our usual activities, the majority of which did not happen this year. I, and most of you I'm sure, missed having our Carlson Car Show, the Golden Days Parade, the Teddy Bear Car Show, and all the other community events we have come to love to participate in.

What the future holds is anyone's guess. I would like everyone to join me in being optimistic that a vaccine/cure for the Covid-19 virus will be found; that the leaders we elect this year will make decisions that benefit our states and nation and lead us with positive results; and that by the spring of 2021 we will have a healthy country again!

It has been a privilege to serve all of you, and I wish to thank our Directors and Officers for all the support they have provided. Without their help, I would have foundered long ago! I strongly encourage all of you to take a shot at service to the club as a Director, Officer, or Person of Primary responsibility (PPR) for any of our activities, it is a great way to get to know your fellow club members, and to get to be known as well!

Thanks again to all for your support, and I'll see you on the road!

Wishing you safe and happy travels,

Jeff Creamer

President, VLNAACF



MOTOR CAR RUNS ALASKAN RAILROAD

- Reprinted from the Monterey American (Monterey, CA) November 20, 1920

O.P. Gaustand of Fairbanks, Alaska, is owner and operator of one of the "farthest north" railways in the world. His railroad "system" consists of 15 miles of wooden rails that stretch between the head of navigation on the Tolovana river to the rich placer mines above, some 75 miles overland from Fairbanks. The motive power of his railroad is a 1916 Dodge Brothers motor car, and it has done such heroic work for the past two seasons in imitating a genuine steam locomotive that Mr. Gaustad dropped into the salesroom of the Albertson Motor Company, Dodge Brothers dealers in Los Angeles, while visiting that city recently, and told an interesting story of his "railroad" and the game country on the Tolovano River it traverses. Mr. Gaustad went to Alaska in the big rush of '98.

"I have a sawmill half way between the Tolovana placers and the head of navigation on the river," he said. "For two years I have operated the railroad to haul logs to my mill, and from there to haul the sawed lumber to the

mines. The track is 15 miles long, and is of wooden rails. The Dodge Brothers car is of course equipped with flanged wheels, and hauls a little train of three cars behind it."

"In this fashion I have hauled loads as high as six tons without a murmur from the car. In addition to the lumber, I haul all supplies from the head of navigation on the river to the mines, and get \$60 a ton for transporting it. Sometimes I make eight or nine trips a day, and this year the car covered over 4,000 miles in the course of the season."

"For six weeks of our summer there is something like 23 hours of daylight every day. In Fairbanks in the summer, we start our ball games at 10 o'clock at night because it is not so warm then. It is still magnificent where my railroad is, and three times this summer, I scared up moose along the track and even chased one for a ways down the right-of-way."

"The war brought great hardship to the gold miners of Alaska, for, owing to the depreci-

ated value of the dollar, their gold is worth but little more than half what it was five years ago. Consequently many of the mines are shut down, for the producers figure it is not worthwhile to pay excessive labor costs to mine gold worth only half price.

"With the advent of better roads, Alaska will be a great market for motor cars and trucks, for transportation is Alaska's greatest need just now. Few people realize the immense distances in Alaska. From my railroad, for example, it is 1100 miles to tidewater, via the Yukon River."

"At the present there are something like 80 cars in Fairbanks. The gasoline I burn in the Dodge Brothers car costs me 85 cents a gallon, and I get an average of 15 miles a gallon, even with the heavy loads I haul. Until this year, the valves in the motor car had never been cleaned, and the car has given remarkable service when you consider the extraordinary nature of the conditions under which it was required to operate."



VETERAN'S DAY

- Bryce Crumb

I spent 10 years in the Army Medical Corps, and another 24 years working at VAMC hospitals. I contacted my friend Clinton in Anchorage and suggested that it would be nice to do something special for veterans on Veterans Day. Clinton is a 27 year veteran with 100% disability. Clinton is a member of American Legion Jack Henry Post 1, Anchorage, Alaska. Clinton and I will be donating a special display on Veterans Day when Post 1 is packed. Clinton is donating an Alaska Ex. Prisoner Of War, and an Alaska Pearl Harbor Survivor license plates which he is having mounted on a plaque. I will be donating an Alaska 1949 Fort Richardson license plate which is Fort Richardson's first year dated license plate. An Alaska undated Elmendorf AFB license plate from the mid 1950's. An Alaska Territorial Guard license plate. In future I will write an article on Alaska Territorial Guard license plates. Clinton is having my license plates also mounted on a separate plaque.

Bryce Crumb e-mail: bttfly123@att.net



"I never vote for anybody. I always vote against." ~ *W. C. Fields*

2021 AACA National Activities Calendar

Feb 11-13	AACA Annual Convention	Philadelphia, PA
Mar 17-20	Special Winter Nationals	San Juan, PR
Mar 19	Special Grand Nationals	San Juan, PR
Apr 8-10	Southeastern Spring Nationals	Concord, NC
Apr 20-23	Southeastern Divisional Tour	Howey in the Hills, FL
May 6-8	Central Spring Nationals	Auburn, IN
May 20-25	Founders Tour	Davis, WV
Jun 2-5	Eastern Divisional Tour	Eastern Shore of MD
Jun 17-19	Eastern Spring Nationals	Saratoga Springs, NY
Jul 11-16	Vintage Tour	Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA
Jul 22-24	Grand Nationals	New Ulm, MN
Aug 20-21	Western Fall Nationals	Loveland, CO
Sep 9-11	Southeastern Fall Nationals	Greenville, SC
Sep 12-17	Revival AAA Glidden Tour	Saratoga Springs, NY
Oct 6-9	Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey, PA
Nov 4-6	Special Western Nationals	Phoenix, AZ
Nov 7-10	Western Divisional Tour	Phoenix, AZ



From the Spokane Chronicle, Nov. 3, 1920:

CALENDAR

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Note: CarsNCoffee is ON:** It is held each Saturday in the parking lot in front of the Great Harvest Bread Company at the Bentley Mall from 9:00 until 11:00 am.
- **Nov 10th: Board of Directors Meeting**, Wilma Vinton's office at Interior Region EMS on Peger Rd. (also via Zoom).
- **Nov 12th: Membership Meeting**, Via ZOOM
- **Dec 8th: Board of Directors Meeting**, Wilma Vinton's office at Interior Region EMS on Peger Rd. (also via Zoom).
- **Dec 10th: Membership Meeting**, Via ZOOM

Antique Auto Musers

- **Wed, Nov 11th : AAMA Membership Meeting** leaves Turnagain Social Club for rolling meeting.

National AACA Events

- See table of 2021 events at the top of this page.

HARDING WINS BY TWO VOTES AT FAIRBANKS

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Nov. 3.— Fifty per cent of Fairbanks' census enumeration voted and 200 children in public schools, not of voting age, took a straw vote yesterday, returning a majority of two for Harding and naming a republican candidate for congress by a majority of five votes.

FALL COLOR RUN TO CHATANIKA LODGE



Photo by Wilma Vinton

On Saturday Sept. 12 we held the last event of the year . We had nineteen members and one guest. Willy brought his childhood friend, Terry.

A caravan of fourteen cars headed out on a nice sunny morning for a poker run and fall viewing to the Chatanika Lodge.

Many stops on the way for choosing cards and viewing the beautiful fall colors. Our stops allowed us to get caught up on fellowship and the latest car news.

We arrived at the lodge about 12:30 pm. Everyone was hungry and Shirley had the back room all ready for us and in no time all were enjoying lunch.

Above: Cars stop at the Pedro Monument for a card draw.

While waiting for orders to arrive, Joyce tried to teach everyone to read Paul's mind. No one seemed to figure it out but we had a fun time.

The winners of the poker run were:

Paul Tekin - 1st. place with 3 jacks

Cindy Helms - 2nd place with a pair aces

Donna Wojciechowski - 3rd place with a pair kings

A big "THANK YOU" to Wilma for taking pictures and to Rochelle for helping with cards.

Everyone be safe and as always Paul and I "Thank You" for letting us do these Poker Runs.

Joyce & Paul Tekin



FUTURE MEETINGS

If you have not yet heard the word, all club meetings, starting in October and running at least through the month of January will be held on-line, via ZOOM. There will be NO in-person club meetings. A group still informally meets for Cars 'N Coffee on Saturdays, but the club has no official in-person events due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This also means that the club Annual Meeting / Holiday Party in December is cancelled, and the club will hold a regular membership meeting on the second Thursday in December, but via ZOOM.

First nuclear submarine USS *Nautilus* visits Seattle and crew secretly buys Bar's Leak on

June 3, 1958.

By David Wilma

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On June 3, 1958, the USS *Nautilus*, the world's first nuclear submarine, visits Everett and Seattle. In Seattle, crewmen dressed in civilian clothing secretly buy 140 quarts of the automotive product Bar's Leak (originally identified as Stop Leak -- see comment in Sources below) to repair a leaking condenser system. The *Nautilus* is enroute to the North Pole on a Top Secret mission to cross the North Pole submerged.

The *Nautilus* was commissioned in 1954 and featured a nuclear power plant instead of the usual combination of diesel engines and battery-powered electric motors. The *Nautilus* was capable of remaining underwater without the necessity of surfacing to recharge the batteries and without refueling. U.S. Navy leaders realized the military importance of the Arctic Ocean in the Cold War. The Arctic is covered with ice year round, but navigation under the ice was a possibility. The *Nautilus* was ordered to transit the North Pole underwater in a Top Secret mission dubbed Operation Sunshine.

On June 2, 1958, the *Nautilus* arrived in Everett and spent the night there. The following day, with a load of dignitaries and journalists, the submarine ran to Seattle and docked at Pier 91. A leaking condenser unit threatened the secret mission to the North Pole, but security concerns and time precluded repairs through the usual channels. Experts hit on the idea of using Bar's Leak, an automotive stop-leak product developed for leaking radiators.

Commander William Anderson ordered crewmen to change into civilian clothing. The men fanned out across Seattle in taxicabs to buy cans of Bar's Leak at local service stations.

The sailors in mufti returned with 140 quarts of Bar's Leak, half of which was poured into the condenser. The leak stopped.

Just after midnight on June 9, 1958, the *Nautilus* cast off and headed north. While running on the surface in Puget Sound, the crew painted out the large numbers on the sail (conning tower) and the bow to conceal the sub's identity.

In the Chukchi Sea, Commander Anderson ran into heavy ice and a shallow bottom (at the time the floor of the Arctic was not mapped), and broke off the mission. Later in the summer, the *Nautilus* successfully crossed the Arctic, completely under water.

The event received worldwide publicity and changed the complexion of the Cold War. The crew was celebrated with a ticker-tape parade in New York City and President Dwight D. Eisenhower awarded the *Nautilus* the Presidential Unit Citation. Commander Anderson revealed the Seattle episode in his book *Nautilus 90 North*, published the following year.

The condenser unit aboard the *Nautilus* never leaked again.



USS *Nautilus* (SSN-571), 1955

Courtesy National Archives



USS *Nautilus* (SSN-571) at Pier 91, June 1958

Sources:

Commander William R. Anderson with Clay Blair Jr., *Nautilus 90 North* (Cleveland and New York: The World Publishing Co., 1959), pp. 133-137; Commander William R. Anderson with Clay Blair Jr., *Nautilus 90 North* (New York: The New American Library, 1959), 89-90; Clayton Parks, of Bar's Products to David Wilma, Deputy Director, www.historylink.org, email communication, April 8, 2003; Henry Londean, "Sub Nautilus Here On Last Year's 'Gas,'" *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, June 4, 1958, p. 30. Note: In the hardcover first printing of his book, Commander Anderson named the product in question Stop Leak. In the subsequent New American Library (Signet Key Book) paperback edition, he corrected the name of the product to Bar's Leak. The firm Bar's Products produces Bar's Leak.

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We cannot allow this year to end. That would be admitting that 2021.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sept 10th, Howling Dog Saloon

President Jeff Creamer brought the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Due to Covid -19 events are subject to change.

Due to lack of a quorum there will be no business conducted at this meeting.

There were 20 members present.

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

Treasurer's Report - Jeff Creamer gave the treasurer's report.

Membership Report - No report was given.

Events/Committees:

Most Improved Vehicle - The most improved vehicle committee will consist of Ralph Moore, Phil Sanders and Willy Vinton.

Election Committee - The election committee will consist of Phil Sanders and Melinda Harris.

Chatanika Fall Color Run - Joyce Tekin gave us an update. We will leave at 11:00 after Cars & Coffee.

Open Forum:

Melinda Harris told us about a 1951 International pickup that a friend of hers has for sale. Price is negotiable, not running and in dry storage.

New Business:

Nominations for the BOD will be open in October and the election will be in November.

50/50 - The total was \$70 and the lucky winner was Mike Lecorchick.

The next BOD meeting will be on October 6th and the next membership meeting will be October 10th.

President Jeff Creamer adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by
Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary

Nominations for Annual Charity Donation

The club typically makes an annual donation of \$1000 to a service organization or charity - this year the Board authorized TWO donations of \$1000 each. If you know of a 501 C charity or organization that could benefit from one of these donations, please ask them to submit a letter requesting the donation.

The letter should state the objective of the organization and the intended use of the donation. To be considered, the letters must be submitted before the November 10th board meeting. The officers and board of directors will select the top three and present them to the membership at the November ZOOM meeting for a vote.

Club rules say we cannot award these gifts to any organization who has received one of these charity donations in the past 3 years. The donations will be announced at the December 10th Zoom Membership Meeting, and the President will arrange to present the checks to the recipients.

NOTICE:

The 2020 Election of Officers will not be held due to a lack of candidates this year. There are enough people to fill all the Board of Directors seats, though there are not *any* candidates for President or Vice President. The Board of Directors will address this issue at the next BOD meeting (November 10), which will be conducted via Zoom, and options will be presented to the membership at the November 12 General Membership meeting. (See meeting joining instructions in the newsletter - page 3.)

**Jeffrey J (Jeff) Creamer
President, VLNAACF**

Due to Covid19, we are asking rioters to work at home and destroy their own stuff.



MEMBERSHIP MEETING Oct 8th, Via ZOOM

The October Membership Meeting was by Zoom - as will be all meetings through January

President Jeff Creamer brought the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Due to Covid-19 events are subject to change.

Due to lack of a quorum no business will be conducted at this meeting.

There were 20 members present.

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

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

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson gave us an update and we have 200 members.

COMMITTEES:

Most Improved Vehicle - Phil Sanders gave an update. The committee has old pictures of Ed McLaughlin's car and Jerry Mustard and Ralph Moore will get some new ones.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charity Donations - The BOD will need all sponsor/charity letters by November 6th. This year there will be \$1000 to 2 charities.

BOD nominations - At this time, all positions are open. Melinda Harris was nominated from the floor for the position

of Vice President. Melinda accepted the nomination. Nominations are open in October and the election is in November. Jeff will send out an email on the election process.

OPEN FORUM:

Rick Larrick will be moving out of his shop. Rick's rent has been \$850/mo with heat included. You pay the electric. The landlord will keep the rent the same for a club member. The shop is 1400 sq.ft.

Due to Covid-19 all BOD meetings and membership meetings will be zoom meetings through January, 2021. The BOD will review after January.

Cars and Coffee will return to winter hours on Saturday mornings from 9am-11am at the Great Harvest Bread Co. This get together is indoors so please wear a mask.

The next BOD meeting will be November 10th and the membership meeting is November 12th.

Rick will need all articles and ads for the newsletter by October 20th.

President Jeff Creamer adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by
Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

- Rick Larrick

It is really good to see many of our current Board stepping forward to serve another term. This has certainly been a difficult year on one hand, but having cancelled most activities since March, I guess that means that we can just re-schedule for 2021 and most of the planning is done! :-)

That said, we have a real crisis. We cannot go on, nor will AACA let us go on, without leadership. We need a President and a Vice-President. Please, someone step forward.

I am happy to report I sold the three cars I was advertising (the 1924 Studebaker Touring, the 1922 Studebaker Roadster, and the 1925 Franklin 11A). That allowed me to give up the garage / shop I have rented for the last 13 years and consolidate to my home garage in the Chena Ridge neighborhood. Now that I am living alone, I can take up all the garage space for my stuff, and nobody will get upset if I rebuild a carburetor on the kitchen table!

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



SUNSHINE REPORT:

The only card sent in the past two months was to past member Don Ronkin in sympathy for the loss of his wife Connie.

Sunshine Committee
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: splits@yahoo.com.
For a postal mail address contact Tracy or a Board member.



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NEXT MEETINGS

The Membership Meeting is **Thursday, November 12th - Via ZOOM**. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9074563978> .

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, November 10th - at Wilma's Office at Interior EMS (and via ZOOM)**. Meeting starts at 6:30 PM. Board Meetings are open to members.

(December's meetings are Dec. 8th (Board) and Dec. 10th for the Membership Meeting.)



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