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Nash's News

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



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events, notices, and articles to vlnaacf@gmail.com

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| | | | | | | 1 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall |
| 9 | 10 | 11 Board Meeting: The Bakery | 12 | 13 Membership Meeting: Fountainhead Museum (no meal) | 14 Sell Car Raffle Tickets at the Outdoor Show @ Fairgrounds | 15 Sell Car Raffle Tickets at the Outdoor Show @ Fairgrounds |
| 16 Sell Car Raffle Tickets at the Outdoor Show @ Fairgrounds | 17 | 18 | 19 RunAround (tentative - still have no PPR) | 20 | 21 | 22 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall |
| 23 / 30 | 24 / 31 | 25 | 26 RunAround (tentative - still have no PPR) | 27 | 28 | 29 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.
- **May 11th: Board of Directors Meeting,** The Bakery, 6:30 pm (dinner before).
- **May 13th: Membership Meeting,** Fountainhead Museum 7:00 pm (no meal).
- **June 5th: Member's Only Car Show** Old K-Mart Parking Lot
- **June 13th: Mondo Run;** Leave Cars'N Coffee at 10:30 am.

Antique Auto Musers

- **April 10th: Membership Meeting,** meet at Turnagain Social Club, 6:30pm

National AACA Events

May 20-15th: **AACA Founders' Tour,** Mountain States Classics Region, Davis, WV



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
- 5 - Katie Rice
- 6 - Linda Grundy
- 6 - Nancy Allen
- 7 - Walter Mingus
- 16 - Lorna Lounsbury
- 16 - Preston Smith
- 20 - John McCarthy
- 22 - Samantha Curry
- 22 - Dale Durrwachter
- 29 - Christol Creamer
- 29 - Greg Oslund

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

I just got a new life alert bracelet, so if I get a life, I'll be notified immediately.

TENTATIVE EVENTS CALENDAR - VERNON L NASH ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB OF FAIRBANKS

| Month | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| May 2021 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | 9 Mother's Day | 10 | 11 BOARD MTG The Bakery 6:30p | 12 | 13 MEMBERSHIP MTG 7:00p Fountainhead | 14 Sell Raffle Tickets @ Outdoor Show | 15 Sell Raffle Tick- ets @ Outdoor Show |
| | 16 Sell Raffle Tickets @ Outdoor Show | 17 | 18 | 19 RunAround | 20 | 21 | 22 Traditional Pio- neer Park Open- ing |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 RunAround | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | 30 | 31 Memorial Day | 1 | 2 RunAround | 3 | 4 | 5 MEMBERS' CAR SHOW – Old K Mart |
| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 RunAround | 10 MEMBERSHIP MTG Picnic (Lions Park) | 11 | 12 |
| Jun 2021 | 13 MONDO RUN | 14 | 15 | 16 RunAround | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | 20 Father's Day (Sourdough Show?) | 21 | 22 | 23 RunAround | 24 | 25 | 26 Chena Hot Springs Run |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 RunAround | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 RunAround | 8 MEMBERSHIP MTG Picnic (Howling Dog) | 9 | 10 Goldstream Tour – IVORY JACKS PARKING LOT SHOW |
| Jul 2021 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 RunAround | 15 | 16 | 17 GOLDEN DAYS PARADE CLUB PICNIC RAFFLE CAR DRAWING |
| | 18 | 19 | 20 Kaknu Kruisers Tour in FBanks | 21 Special RunA- round – Tour Creamer's History Tour | 22 Kaknu Kruisers Tour in FBanks | 23 Kaknu Kruisers Tour in FBanks | 24 Willy's Slo Rally |
| | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 RunAround | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 RunAround | 5 | 6 | 7 Delta Run – PPR? |
| Aug 2021 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 RunAround | 12 MEMBERSHIP MTG Picnic (Ch..Rvr. Waysid) | 13 | 14 |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 RunAround | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 RunAround | 26 | 27 | 28 MONDO RUN |
| | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 RunAround | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | 5 | 6 Labor Day | 7 | 8 | 9 MEMBERSHIP MTG Picnic (Fox Park) | 10 | 11 Fall Color Tour – Chatanika Lodge |
| Sep 2021 | | | | | | | |

Find us on



- By Bruce McIntosh, Facebook Moderator

www.facebook.com/groups/vlnaacf/

The club's Facebook page got a good response from the public last summer and, as of this April, we have 282 followers. With summer events fast approaching, we'll once again be keeping folks abreast of local club happenings. As we hopefully can get back to some sort of 'normal', with more in-person opportunities to get out and recreate, we should also be able to share some of the highlights afterwards. 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.

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And don't forget, in addition to the main page, we also have our own private members-only group. It's another way 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.

When They Were New



This is my father, Eddie McLaughlin, in his 1939 LaSalle. It was the first year they didn't have running boards. It had suicide rear doors and he had several people who on getting in went to step on the running board that wasn't there and they fell flat on their faces into the car. My father loved the program "All In the Family", but couldn't understand what they were singing when they sang "Everybody pulled his weight, **Gee our old LaSalle ran great.** Those were the days." I never got to tell him what the words were.

- Ed McLaughlin

National News:



Where Have All The Junkyards Gone?

By Don Barlup
VP - National HQ & Library

When I first got involved in the hobby in 1971, (I still have my first antique car, a 1940 Pontiac 50 years later.) junkyards were everywhere. I spent many an afternoon visiting my favorite yards, looking for treasures for that car. It was a plain Jane 4-door sedan with the only option being an under seat heater. It was sold new by N. E. Black Pontiac/Buick in New Bloomfield, PA to Earl Rempher, a local farmer, who had problems driving in and backing out of his small 1-car garage. All four fenders were a testament to his lack of driving ability.

Hap Gemmel's Salvage Yard, outside of York, PA was a gold mine. It covered both sides of a country road and had many classics and convertibles resting peacefully in the woods. He had no less than a dozen 40 Pontiacs in various stages of decay. A radio from one, a cigar lighter from another, a clock from another, etc. My plain Jane car soon became a well optioned ride!

The barn on the property was full of cars, trucks, and an assorted disarray of parts. You literally walked over parts to get to parts.

Hap, short for Harold, was a character who would rival any junkyard dog with his green and white checkered pants and red and white striped shirt (yes, both worn at the same time) he was a sight to behold. In the upper level of the barn sat a long forgotten early solid tire truck covered with all sorts of car parts. You could easily have walked past it. I didn't! Turns out it was a 1914 Hahn Huckster truck, which I still own. Hap named a price, I countered. Hap liked to flip coins – yes, I lost, but would have paid his price anyway.

Both Hap and the yard are long gone, but my memories of those frequent treks through that yard seem like yesterday. A housing development now sits on that hallowed ground.

That is where all the junkyards have gone.

President's Headlights

- Jeff Creamer

Greetings All:

Spring has sprung, the birds have arrived at the Creamers Refuge, and I've seen a few classics on the road already! It is time to get the cars checked out and be ready for the kickoff of the 2021 season!

We are still in need of PPR's for several of the activities. The Wednesday Night run-arounds will need a host (or two to make it easier!), we'll need someone to help get picnic areas reserved for the June, August, and September meeting, we already have locations picked so it's just a matter of making a couple calls to set it in stone. There are still a few weekends open if you have a good idea for an activity, so reach out to anyone on the board and we can help make it happen.

A shout out to all the Snowbirds, we would love to see and hear about your adventures in the warmer climates this winter, I know some of you had to take a picture or two! Please consider putting together a short story about an outing you had while the rest of us were up here freezing in the dark! Christol and I are on track to join up with you next fall, so keep us all posted where the action is!

In May, we will hold our first of the season in-person outdoor membership meeting at the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum parking lot on May 12, so bring your chairs and come out and

see how everyone weathered the winter! We're just a few weeks away from the first raffle ticket sales event, so please touch base with Phil Sanders about manning the table at the Outdoor/Home show May 14-16. Weather permitting, we will be kicking off the Wednesday night runarounds the third Wednesday of May. Looking forward to a summer social life again,

Safe and Happy travels.

Jeff Creamer



Jeff took his "Chevy to the Levy" - or at least over to Creamers Refuge Field to watch the geese arrive.

Welcome Back, Bob Meritt!

- by Patty Meritt



Patty Meritt, Bob's daughter Mattie, and Bob Meritt with the 66-B in 1978

Bob and I recently renewed our interests in antique cars and I wanted to let the Vern L. Nash Antique Car Club members know a little about Bob's former involvement in

and model. Fortunately it had a distinct bumper and by research, working with the Willys Overland Knight Registry (WORK), Bob was able to confirm the car was a 1930, model 66B. At the time he was searching, only 6 were known to be left in existence.

Meanwhile, the research led Bob to other Willys Knight cars. First, he found and purchased a red 1930 model 87. Bob finished the unrestored interior and in doing



The 1930 Model 87, sold to Ed Christiansen. It then went to Bill McKnight, and is now owned by members Rod and Birgit Bensen



Vern Nash, Ben Carpenter and Bob Meritt at a meeting in 1971

the club. Bob was an early member, serving as Historian in the 70-71 year and as President in 1972. Interest in the club was initially spurred by a quest to find a car like his Grandpa owned in the 1930s.



Grandpa's car

Bob had just one partial picture of his Grandpa's car, only showing the back bumper and the attached trunk. Although he knew it was a Willys Knight, he was unsure of the year

so, he learned about the skill needed in auto upholstery.

Then, shortly after, Bob found and purchased a 1931 model 66D, in a deep blue color, but he was still seeking the 1930, 66B, the one "like Grandpa's".

In 1971, he located and purchased a 66B in Overland Park, Kansas, then had it shipped to Seattle, where many of the parts were re-chromed and the upholstery was restored. This car had a unique route to Fairbanks. While it was being restored in Seattle, there was a boat strike. Realizing this would make it



The 1931 Model 66D sold to Ben and Stella Carpenter.

difficult to ship the car north, Bob's Friend, Jerry Friz, a pilot, offered to bring the car up in an empty Hercules plane. Hustling, the restorers quickly got the car delivered to the plane. Soon after, Bob waiting in Fairbanks, first laid eyes on this very special car as it rolled out of the cargo bay on a cold February day in 1972. The story was published in its entirety in the Willys Overland Knight Registry magazine in the spring of that year.

The 1930 66B had a life of glo-

Nine of ten people who are afraid of hurdles never get over it.



The 66B in the belly of the Herc, and being unloaded here in Fairbanks in February, 1972

ry, parading in Golden Days and earning the Spectator's Choice award in 1972 at a Vern Nash Antique Car Club show in the old Penney's parking lot.

Bob also had a 1951 Pontiac he enjoyed taking on club outings.

As life moved on, Bob drifted

ed to re-activate our old car hobby, Bob went looking for a car with a Knight sleeve engine. We searched for the old Willys he had originally brought to Fairbanks, and discovered they were not for sale.

Then

Bob remembered Rudy

Domke had also owned a Falcon Knight. With the help of VLNAACF member Scott Grundy, we located its current owner, Richard Gresham, and found he was willing to sell. We look forward to enjoying the car club events and finishing the work that Rudy had begun to bring this car



Rudy Domke explaining to eldest son, Paul Meritt, that it will soon rain on he and his wife, Jenny's wedding day (Paul teaches at West Valley).



1951 Pontiac Chieftain Deluxe in 1976

away from his participation in the club to raise a family and he developed new interests such as sailing & snow machining. Bob sold the red Willys 1930 to Ed Christiansen and the blue 1931 one to Ben and Stella Carpenter. The 66B was owned by our friend Rudy Domke for a while, and he used it to drive our son and his new bride from the church to the reception in 2006. This car is now owned and loved by VLNAACF members Scott and Janeen Culbertson.

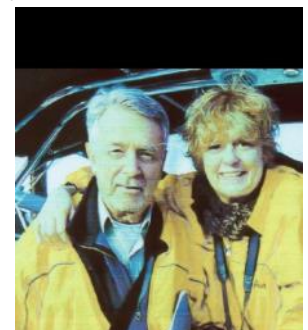
However, Bob never forgot the unique aspect of the Knight engine that he so admired. Knights are unusual because of their sleeve valve design. So recently, when we decid-



Nancy and Ron Allen with the Falcon-Knight

fully back to its former glory.

I also have a history of loving old cars (a 1967 Mustang and a 1950 MGTD), and we recently purchased one which we look forward to telling you more about an upcoming newsletter.



Bob Meritt and wife Patty Meritt





The Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club, Inc. (HET Club) is an organization dedicated to preserving the products of the Hudson Motor Car Company of Detroit, Michigan. Hudson produced vehicles for 45 years, from 1909-1954, and then merged with Nash-Kelvinator on May 1, 1954 to form American Motors Corporation which produced a Nash-Hudson from 1955 until 1957. The HET Club was founded in 1959 by Meritt Marks (1919-2003), and is a world-wide service organization. In August of 2020, with enough Alaska member support, the Alaska Chapter of the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club was officially chartered. As a chartered member of HET Club international, it's a place for Alaskan's who own, want to own, or are just interested in Hudson, Essex, and Terraplane automobiles.

This summer the chapter will be having its 5th annual meet on Saturday, July 3rd, to be held at the Alaska Museum of Transportation & Industry in Wasilla. The club will also have cars at the 49th State Street Rodders weekend event across the street at the Menard Center on July 2nd & 4th. We are looking to expand our meets, now and in the future, to include other 'orphan cars' - Studebaker, Diamond T, Nash, Hupmobile, Kaiser, etc., that is any marque or brand of vehicle produced by a company that has since discontinued business entirely. If you've got a quirky, odd classic we would love to see you. For future plans, we're also giving some thought to moving the next meet north to Fairbanks in the summer of 2022.

For more information on the HET Club, visit their website at <https://hetclub.org>.

- Bruce McIntosh



Member Ads

FOR SALE: 1963 GMC 4x4 long bed Fleetside. All body parts and engine have been stored in a shop; the chassis has been outside, where the engine, transmission and transfer case have been covered. All new bed sides are in boxes and there is new wood for the bed. If interested, Rochelle Larson can provide you the contact information.

FOR SALE: 1954 Chevrolet BelAir Sport Coupe. Very nice condition;



needs nothing. \$28,000 OBO. Call Peter Lundquist for contact information for the seller. Peter can be reached at drac@acsalaska.net or 907-322-2651.



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

- Rick Larrick

Wow. When I sent out the newsletter reminder notice on 4/15, I literally had nothing for this month's newsletter - but it sure did fill up nicely. That is what is important about the newsletter - it belongs to the club so as to promote club activities, and to publish and share stories and information about and by club members with the rest of us. Please don't be selfish or shy with your stories - share them in future issues of this newsletter!

We share a copy of the newsletter with several other AACA Regions - to get ideas and to just see how it is done in other clubs. I accidentally included that copy list with my mailing of the final appeal for submissions, since as of Monday, 4/19, I still had nearly nothing. Dave Johnson, Editor of the newsletter for the North Central Florida Region down in Gainesville, reminded me of the article in their January issue about Frank Montgomery, and suggested that we might use it in Nash's News. It is on the next page. Obviously, it helps to share and to ask. Article is much appreciated, Dave!

As mentioned in the first paragraph, the newsletter is a product of the contributions of our members. I just received notice that the newsletter has won us another Master Editor Award for 2020. This is the 8th consecutive recognition of the quality of content that is presented in Nash's News. A special thanks to John McCarthy and Scott Grundy who have reviewed nearly every one of those issues for possible corrections and to suggest upgrades. Please do your part. Help keep the streak going by contributing your stories. As we get into our summer activities, the newsletter is dependent on the PPRs (Primary Persons Responsible) for future events for a promotional article about that event, and then for photos and a story or write-up about that event (I help, but it is really up to the PPR to get the information out!)

- Rick



The Wild Adventures of Frank Montgomery

An AUTO-biography

November 02, 2020

Originally printed in the AACA North Central Florida Region

You asked for a little about me, Alaska, and how I became a car nut. Hmm, well, first I was born... and then I wanted a car.

My father was a Civil Servant employed by the Dept. of the Navy throughout WWII and the Korean Conflict. A civilian with Chief's rating, his trade was Refrigeration Engineer. He got off his ship in Sitka and took a posting with the Territory of Alaska at Alaska Cold Storage. That's how I came to be born in Sitka, Alaska in 1953. In 54 Dad moved us to Anchorage, Alaska when he took a Supv. Engineer job at Ft. Richardson.

We lived in Anchorage's first effort at suburbia: Nunaka Valley. Just across the street from our cracker box house was a family by the name of Borders. Bud Borders was an avid dirt track racer. He raced 40s/50s modified circle trackers. His little girl also raced a midget sprint car. They had two or three race cars and a couple of midget cars in their driveway and front yard. I was only around 4-6 years old, but as just a little guy I was pretty impressed. That's probably where it started.

In 1960, Dad moved us down to the Kenai Peninsula to Sterling, Alaska where we homesteaded 160 acres on the NW corner of Robinson Loop Road. He bought an old military surplus Case tractor that had been an aircraft tug at Elmendorf AFB. Oddly, it had live PTO. He bought an old two-bottom plow, a four-gang disc, and a large Ag style tiller. He put me on that tractor when I was around 8 or 9 and we put in about 50 acres of hay. A few years later he bought a second tractor, an Allis Chalmers WD-45 with its secondary clutch that worked so well for maintaining implement speed yet reducing ground speed if necessary. Loved that old tractor. Seems like I lived on it for several summers. Maybe this is where it started.

Dad was a GMC man. He had a number of Advanced Design trucks. I don't remember all the model years, but mostly early 50's. None of them were new. A few were a bit rough, but one was really nice. (That's the one I rolled when I was only 11. Oh, you want to hear *that* story? It would take too long. But, it has to do with the "corner of Robinson Loop Road" I mentioned before.) So, I learned to drive in Dad's old pickups probably around age 9 or 10. Maybe this is where it started.

How did I acquire the car bug? Maybe it was the crusty old homesteader that used to drift his red 53 Mercury like an early NAS-CAR driver around the corner in front of our house. You could hear the gravel splashing and pinging off his car long before his car and cloud of dust came into view. As a kid I

was pretty impressed. Maybe it was the older boys up the road. A die-hard Ford family. One of the brothers had a 49 Shoebox and a 61 Starliner. One brother had a 68 Torino. Maybe it was another classmate's family who were dyed-in-the-wool Buick people. They drove 50s era Buicks and restored several 30s era Buicks. At that time I didn't even know what "restored" meant. Their Dad had an old style mechanics shop named Moose Horn Garage. He introduced me to Hemmings Motor News back when it was a little monthly publication about the size of a Reader's Digest.

I dragged a 57 Buick Special home one day. Big plans. My Mom was so proud. Had a rod sticking out the side of the block. That car never got past square #1 and sat on the farm for years till Mom had it dragged away when I was in college.

My first operable vehicle was a 1953 Chevy 3100 Custom cab. "Custom" might be a stretch, lest you think it was nice or something. Hardly. A touch rough actually. Paid \$75 for it. Started and ran, but blew water out the tailpipe. Moose Horn Garage milled the head and did a valve job for \$15. I bought gaskets for \$6. Bingo, I had a truck for < \$100. Loved that old truck. Having been badly injured in a motorcycle/auto accident in July of 69, I was unable to use my left foot. These old trucks had both Choke and Throttle pulls on the dash. I could advance the Throttle a bit, clutch with my right foot, and get rolling. The rest was trucker-style with no clutch. Got pretty good at that.

By around 7th/8th grade I was pretty much a car nut. My bedroom was full of models. I read everything I could find about the car scene in the States. Loved the Customs, Gassers, Dragsters. I was in to Rat Fink, which my Dad did not like at all!

Summer of 71, before my Senior year of HS, I bought a low mile 70 El Camino. It was an L48 350 with M20 (300 hp and 4 spd). To me, as a 17 year old kid, I felt like the luckiest guy in the world. But not just because of my car.

That summer was also very special to me because I met Ramona K. Crumpacker. Her family moved from Kent, Washington to Kenai, Alaska where her father became the pastor of our church there. She and I did our Senior year together at Kenai Central High School, graduating in 1972. That fall she, her brother, and I went to Bible College together in Portland, Oregon. Ramona and I married in August of 1974. While in college we drove our 70 El Camino. Several of my friends at school were car nuts as well and we did our fair share of wrenching and bench racing.

By the time I was out of college and we'd been married a year or two, the El Camino was pretty tired. Sold it. Bought a used 73 Capri. Fun little car. Drove it to Alaska when we moved home in 76. It was not a very good Alaska car. And the winter-time wreck didn't help it either.

Out of college, we moved back to Alaska. I went to work for Chevron USA the spring of 1976 as a Roustabout. Bottom of the totem

pole, but I thought I had died and gone to heaven. Best job I had ever had up to that time. While there, I became a Flow Measurement Specialist / Instrument Tech, and then Production Operator. Eight years later in 1983, I went to work for Arco Alaska as an Operator on the Alaska North Slope, Kuparuk River Operations. Very exciting times in Alaska. I was really happy to be able to get in on the ground floor of something so new and grow up with it. I became a Lead Operator in 1994 and worked in that capacity till I retired in 2017.

While we lived in Alaska we raised our three girls and we stored our eight cars. Girls in the house, of course, and the "boys" out in the shop. When the girls grew up and were off to college and later getting married, we had to sell off our cars to make ends meet. But here's a list of the cars we owned and when we bought them.

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1967 Olds 98 Convertible | |
| (my late father's car) | -1976 |
| 1967 Chevelle SS396 | -1981 |
| 1969 Yenko Chevelle | -1983 |
| 1967 El Camino 396 | -1985 |
| 1967 Corvette 427-435 coupe | -1992 |
| 1988 SS Monte Carlo | -1992 |
| 1970 ½ RS Z28 Camaro | -1995 |
| 1969 SS RS 350 Camaro | -1995 |

Times were changing. Our girls were grown up and gone. On the North Slope the major oil companies had relaxed their in-state residency requirements. They also expanded our work shift options from the fixed "one week on / one week off" schedule to a voluntary 2 & 2 schedule. One of our daughters went to UF for college. After a few trips to Gainesville we decided we loved it here. After looking at a cost of living comparator on the internet, I saw we could live here for about 20% less. I changed to the 2&2 schedule and we moved to Gainesville the fall of 2001. Our moving day was going to be my last day of work that shift... 9/11... 2001. So much for well laid plans! But it all worked out OK. We had sold nearly everything we owned. We jumped in our car with a few suitcases and headed off like a couple of newlyweds. There were no flights any where at that time. We drove to Haines, Alaska got on the Alaska Marine Highway and took the ferry to Bellingham, Washington and then made our way to Florida.

I retired in 2017 after 41 years in the Oil Patch. I never really thought we'd be able to get back into cars like we had been in Alaska, but somehow the shop has filled up a bit again.

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1967 Olds 98 Convertible | - had since 1967 |
| 1985 Delta 88 Royale Brougham Coupe | |
| 1962 Pontiac Grand Prix | |
| 1965 Chevrolet Impala SS 396 | |

These days I do some cleaning, detailing, driving, and enjoying, but very little mechanical work. But when I do, it basically consists of putting a rear end in an easy chair.

I never have short stories. Sorry.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mar 11th, Via ZOOM

President Jeff Creamer brought the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 26 members present.

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

Treasurer's Report - No report given.

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson gave us an update. The club has 163 members. 37 single & 63 joint memberships.

EVENTS/COMMITTEES:

Raffle Car - Phil Sanders is the PPR. We will need volunteers for 2 hour slots at the outdoor/home show in May to sell raffle tickets. Rochelle read the times that need to be filled.

Facebook - No report given.

The application has been sent in to Pioneer Park for the annual picnic and raffle drawing which is July 17th.

June 5th will be the car show. Wilma & Willy are the PPR's.

June 13th is the Mondo poker run. Donna Wojciechowski is the PPR.

June 26th is the Chena Hot Springs poker run. Cindy and Bret Helms are the PPR's.

August 28th is the Mondo poker run. Rochelle Larson is the PPR.

September 11th is the Fall Colors poker run to Chatanika. Joyce & Paul Tekin are the PPR's.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership Dues - AACA raised the yearly membership dues. After March 15 the dues will be \$75 for a joint membership and \$60 for a single membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

The May 13th membership meeting will be at the car museum. The club needs someone to call and set up reservations, if needed, for the June meeting at the Lion's Park, the August meeting at the Chena Wayside and the September meeting at the Lion's Park in Fox. The July membership meeting will be at the Howling Dog Saloon.

The lucky winner of the \$50 door prize is Ed McLaughlin.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF COOK AND SECONDED BY MIKE LECORCHICK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by
Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Apr 8th, Via ZOOM

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILMA VINTON AND SECONDED BY MIKE LECORCHICK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Report - Wilma Vinton gave the treasurer's report. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRUCE MCINTOSH AND SECONDED BY JEFF COOK TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership Report - No report given.

COMMITTEES/EVENTS:

Facebook - No report given.

Jeff has gotten no response from Pioneer Park about our application for use of the park this year.

There is a need for PPR's for some of our events this year.

OPEN FORUM:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOTT CULBERTSON AND SECONDED BY DAN GULICKSON TO DEDICATE THE 2021 CAR SEASON TO BUB LARSON AND DON OINES. After discussion, the motion was amended. THE MOTION WAS AMENDED BY SCOTT CULBERTSON AND SECONDED BY DAN GULICKSON TO DEDICATE THE 2021 CAR SEASON TO INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS LOST IN THE LAST 2 YEARS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILMA VINTON AND SECONDED BY SCOTT CULBERTSON TO HAVE A POSTER MADE TO INCLUDE MEMBERS LOST TO DISPLAY AT CAR SHOWS, PICNICS AND ALL OTHER EVENTS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Willy feels the club will no longer be able to use the Carlson Center for the car show once the Borough takes over the Carlson Center. The club will need to be looking for a new venue from year to year.

Jeff will be resigning as president in August.

He will be leaving the state the third week of August. The club will be looking for a new president then.

Good of the order:

Rick is still looking for someone to take over the newsletter job. Rick will train and help the new person.

Jeff Cook was the lucky winner of the \$50 door prize.

Our May meetings will be the start of in person meetings. The next BOD meeting will be May 11th at the Bakery Restaurant. The meeting will start at 6:30. The next membership meeting will be May 13th at the Fountainhead Car Museum. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK LARRICK AND SECONDED BY MIKE LECORCHICK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:44 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by
Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary



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Raffle Car Report

- Phil Sanders, Raffle Car Chairperson

Car Raffle Update:

We still have an abundance of raffle tickets at Larson's. The roads are dry, no reason not to stop by. The Covid canceled our December's members dinner which is where Car Raffle tickets were distributed. This year it is important that we remember to take time to stop and pick some up at Larson's. We are fortunate to have the tickets at such a central location. The Car Raffle is a major revenue source for the Club. This car was raffled off a few years ago and it really has great appeal. It has only has gotten better since then. The new owners invested in many upgrades, the car is in wonderful condition.

STOP AND PICK UP TICKETS FROM LARSON'S

We are still looking for help at the outdoor show:

Friday May 14. Paul Tekin could use help from 4:00-6:00

Saturday May 15 Donna could use help from 10:00-12:00

Sunday May 16 Donna could use some help from 11:00-1:00

Sunday May 16 Wilma could use some help from 1:00-3:00.

If you can help out give me a call or email: sanders.phillip@gmail.com 907-371-8003

- Phil

SUNSHINE REPORT:

There were no requests for sympathy or get well cards during the months of March or April; good news, I think!

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 IN PERSON at the Fountainhead Museum - probably in the parking lot so bring a lawn chair. Membership Meeting is **Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 pm**.

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, May 11th at The Bakery Restaurant**. Meeting starts at 6:30 PM; please dine at the Bakery before. Board Meetings are open to members.



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