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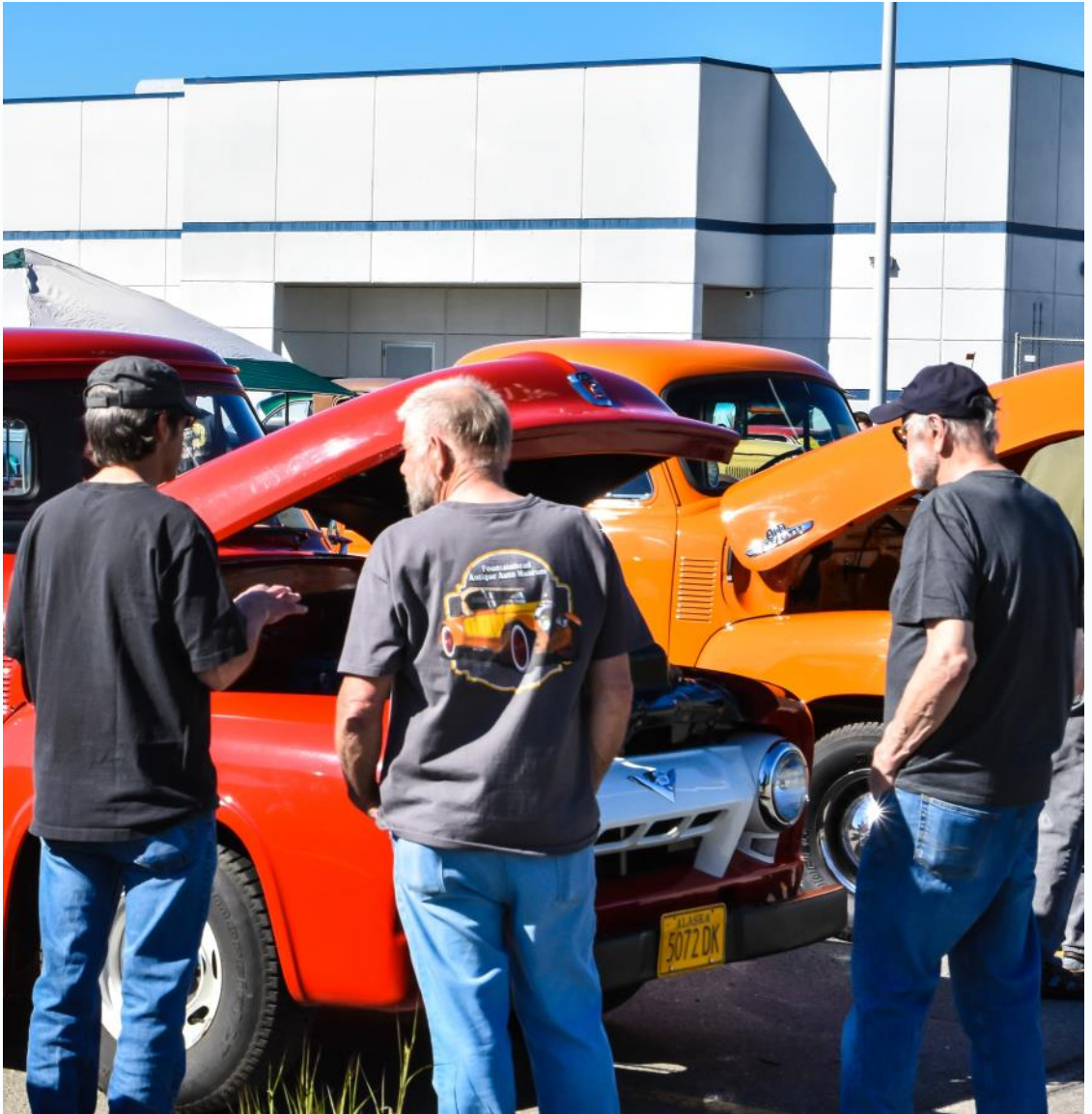


Nash's News

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



Finally SUMMER - and CAR SHOW / CLUB EVENT SEASON!





JULY, 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p><i>Newsletter submission deadline is always the 20th of the month. Send in your Member ads., events, notices, and articles to vlnaacf@gmail.com</i></p>				1	2	3 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall
4	5	6 Board Meeting: Wilma's Office	7 RunAround	8 Membership Meeting - HOWLING DOG, Fox	9	10 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall
11	12	13	14 RunAround	15	16	17 CarsNCoffee CLUB PICNIC - Pioneer Park
18	19	20	21 RunAround - Creamer's Dairy Tour	21	23	24 CarsNCoffee TEDDY BEAR SHOW - Pioneer Park
25	26	27	28 RunAround	29	30	31 CarsNCoffee Bentley Mall

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Note:** CarsNCoffee time is 8:00 to 10:00 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall.
- **Note:** Every Wednesday evening, gather at the Pioneer Park front lot at 6:45 pm for a Run-Around cruise. (W. Vinton / M Lecorchick, PPRs)
- **July 6: Board of Directors Meeting,** at Wilma's office
- **June 8: Membership Meeting,** HOWLING DOG SALOON in Fox. Picnic at 6:00 pm (club buys meat; bring a salad or dessert) Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
- **July 17: Club Picnic and Raffle Car Drawing** (see pg. 3)
- **July 21: Special RunAround - Creamer's Dairy Tour.** Model A Group from Anchorage will be in town July 19 through July 24 (see pg. 4)
- **July 24: Teddy Bear Show,** Pioneer Park (see pg. 3)



Antique Auto Musers

- **July 7: Membership Meeting,** Drive-about, starting at Turnagain Country Club, 6:30 pm

National AACA Events

- **July 1 - 3: Central Spring Nationals,** Auburn, IN.
- **July 22—24: Annual Grand Nationals,** New Ulm, MN



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Ron Allen
- 2 - Ellie Tempel
- 11 - Clutch Lounsbury
- 13 - Dick Ellsworth
- 14 - Tony Chiu
- 20 - Jerry Krier
- 20 - Marily Naquin
- 21 - Ed McLaughlin
- 22 - Rochelle Larson
- 22 - Bret Helms
- 25 - Peter Lundquist
- 25 - Carrie Jurgens
- 27 - Karen Chancler
- 27 - Judy Saupe
- 31 - Dan Schaaf
- 31—Jim Brand

Are they still bad habits if I like them?

The Teddy Bear Benefit Show is open to all vehicles.

Show time is 11am - 3pm. The back gate at Pioneer Park will be open from 10am until 11:15am only for cars to enter, and cars must stay for the duration of the show.

Registration is a new, or almost new, stuffed animal / teddy bear, or a donation sufficient to purchase a new teddy bear.

All proceeds go to the Pediatrics Department at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.



TEDDY BEAR CAR SHOW Pioneer Park

The Golden Days Parade

will be a Reverse Parade again this year. Also, they moved the date to July 24, the same day as the Teddy Bear Car Show. The Board of Directors has made the decision not to display our cars at the Reverse Parade, however some would like to drive through it with their cars. To accommodate those that may want to participate in both the Reverse Parade and in the Teddy Bear Car Show, Doris Casey and I have come up with the following schedule:

For those who want to participate in a group drive thru of the Reverse Parade July 24:

- 1) We stage at Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum parking lot at 9:30 AM
- 2) Leave at 9:55 as a group to go through the Fairgrounds Reverse Parade at 10 am.
- 3) From there, head over to the Teddy Bear show at Pioneer Park, if you want to participate in the car show. (back entrance will be open until 11:15).

If you have any questions regarding this plan, please let me or Doris know.

Wilma Vinton



July 17, 2021 VLNAACF Annual Picnic

Here is the schedule for our annual Picnic:

Saturday July 17, noon, meet in the front parking lot of Pioneer Park and leave on a downtown cruise at 12:30pm. Return to the park for a 1:00pm entry to the park and set up at the Square Dance Pavilion. Bring a side dish to share, main course provided by the club, and lunch will begin after the 2:00pm drawing. I have arranged with the park to have someone man the gate at 1:00pm. We will deal with later arrivals as needed, but please try to be in place for the scheduled entry time.

- Jeff Creamer





Creamer's Dairy History Tour

On July 21, the Wednesday Night Runaround will be a tour of the Creamer's Dairy buildings site by Jeff Creamer. We will leave the Pioneer Park parking lot at 7:00pm, travel along Lower 2nd/1st avenue to Cushman, then north to College Rd. and out to the Farm. There will be a walking tour around the buildings with a narrative and shared memories of life at the dairy. Sturdy walking shoes recommended, weather appropriate outerwear and mosquito repellent advised! See you there!

Member Ads

FOR SALE:

CAR TOOLS: If anyone is looking for car tools, I have lots of them.

Tracy McLeod tksplits@yahoo.com
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National News:

Bring an Extra Pair of Pants



By Fred Trusty
Vice-President - Membership

I want to tell you about an adventure I had while on the 2019 AACA Founders Tour in Seward, Nebraska. The Founders Tour is for vehicles from 1932 all the way up to vehicles 25 years old. This was a hub tour which means each day you travel from the motel to different attractions and back to the same motel each night. The tour would be covering about 150 miles per day so I decided to drive my 1966 Chevy Bel Air since it has air conditioning.

A couple of weeks before I left, I checked the mechanicals on the Bel Air and found the a/c compressor that was replaced 7 years ago was leaking and all the bushings in the front suspension were just plain worn out. Normally, I would have done the suspension work myself but I found myself really pressed for time so I took it to the auto repair shop that I have done business with for many years. They replaced the a/c compressor, inner and outer tie rod ends, idler arm, and center link.

The tour started on a Monday but the AACA National at Auburn, Indiana was the Saturday before the tour. Pretty tight schedule but doable. My plan was to leave Auburn right after the awards dinner and drive part of the way to Seward. I already had a motel room reserved about 5 hours from Auburn so I would have a leisurely drive to Seward on Sunday with plenty of time to unload the car from the trailer and relax on Sunday evening.

I slipped out of the awards dinner early and walked to my truck and trailer and what a shock. Someone had hit the trailer fender on the driver side and I had a flat on the other side of the trailer. On top of that the right side of the trailer was in very soft grass so the small floor jack I had would just sink into the ground. Fortunately, a man parked around the corner from me asked if I needed help. He had one of those little portable air compressors so we put air in the tire and I was able to pull it onto the asphalt where I changed the tire. Now I had no trailer spare for my long trip to Seward. Worse though was the fender would rub the tire if you hit a hole or uneven pavement. What to do? Fortunately, my trailer has removable fenders so I took it off and armed with a hammer and a piece of 2 x 4, I performed some metal bumping on the tailgate of my truck. It looked pretty good so off I went. I made it to my motel about 2:00 AM that night and had no problem falling asleep.

The tour was great. One day I rode with Dave Kontor in his 1967 Camaro and another day Dave and I rode with Marty Roth in his 1954 Cadillac convertible. We're lucky that we didn't end up in jail that day. One morning it was raining so Marty rode with me in the front seat and John and Paulette LaBarr rode in the back seat of the Bel Air. In Nebraska, the roads are mostly laid out in large grids and it's always windy. I had been complaining that morning that the wind was so strong it was causing the car to drift side to side. Right after lunch we were driving down a two lane road and came to a T intersection with a four lane highway. Not long after we turned right we heard a loud pop. Keep in mind that we're travelling about 60 mph down a flat perfectly straight four lane undivided highway. The car seemed to be drifting to the right so I turned the steering wheel to the left but nothing happened. I kept turning until it stopped. Then I turned it all the way to the right and nothing happened. I looked over at Marty and said, "We have no steering." Talk about that deer in the headlight look from my 3 passengers! A 1966 Bel Air has drum brakes front and rear and my car has no power brakes. If not adjusted correctly, drum brakes can pull to one side or the other so I decided to let the car coast as far as it could before I applied the brakes. Did I mention that there had been flooding in Nebraska and the drainage ditch on the right side of the road was full? We had semi-trucks whizzing by on the left which left us in the proverbial "stuck between a rock and a hard place" scenario. The car was slowing down but then it started to drift to the right. The right wheels were already at the edge of the emergency lane and the grass. Since I already had a shower that morning, there was no need for a bath. Time to gently apply the brakes. By this time the right side tires were already in the grass so when I hit the brakes they locked up and slid straight until we were stopped. And then came that big sigh of relief from everyone, ahah.

Crawling under the car revealed that the nut on the pitman arm was gone and the pop we heard was the stud coming out of the socket. Obviously, the cotter pin was never in-

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President's Headlights

- Jeff Creamer

Greetings All

June has been a busy month at the Creamer house! Christol and I traveled to Oregon to pick up our RV, and spent almost 3 weeks returning home to Fairbanks. Visits to family and wine country in Oregon (along with a birthday celebration for Christol!) and family in western Washington consumed about 2 weeks of our time (along with quite a few "getting to know you" issues with the RV!) and after surviving the transiting Canada issues, we finally made it home June 9. Now we are going to be busy closing out our life in Fairbanks and preparing for new adventures being full time RV'ers! Looking ahead for July, I would like to remind everyone to get your raffle ticket stubs turned in to Rochelle ASAP as we are only a few short weeks away from the drawing. On that subject, I found a great way to sell tickets is at a garage sale! Having the car there is a bonus as I was able to sell over 200 tickets when our daughter had her sale. Get with Phil Sanders if you have any activities that will be drawing a crowd!



An update on my 51 Chevy title woes; I had the Inspector General of Arizona launch an investigation into how someone was able to title my car, therefore making my title invalid, and it turns out that the car was titled with the style number rather than the serial number and there are at least a dozen cars titled around the lower 48 with the same number! I have since filed paperwork with AK DMV to get the number changed on my car so I can complete the sale. Hopefully it will be all straightened out by the next newsletter.

A tip of the motoring cap to Willy Vinton and Mike Lecorchick for organizing the Wednesday Night runarounds, let's give them some input for new destinations or routes to take this summer!

July cruising activities will include Ivory Jacks on the 10th, The picnic and raffle drawing at Pioneer Park on the 17th, and Doris Casey has the Teddy Bear car show on the 24th, so look for details on these in this newsletter. The 31st is still open if anyone has something they would like to do. July Membership meeting, dinner at 6 and meeting at 7, at the Howling Dog on the 8th, bring a dish to share and the club will provide the Brats. Board meeting the 6th at Wilma's office at 18th & Peger across from the DMV.

Safe and Happy travels.

Jeff Creamer



There is something wrong with my car; it works only every other day. Could it be the alternator?



2021 car show at the FDI Warm Storage

Since the Carlson Center has been closed for any events, we decided to have an open car show that would invite anyone to come in and show their cherished ride. The turnout was great with over 100 cars showing up, and it brought in a few cars that are new to the Fairbanks area.

It was a big hit with all who came, at least all with whom I spoke, and some folks suggested that we might consider having another one later in the summer as well. After a year of no events, I think everyone was ready to get out and be social with their cars, be them old or newer.

The food truck Tu-Chies, put out some great food and said they did well and were happy with the turnout. The ice cream truck, Golden Heart Treats, reiterated that and both loved the cars and people. They have asked to be invited again for our next show like this one.



With the weather as it was, it seems a hard one to follow and improve on, but I did receive some good ideas from attendees for future improvements. If you have ideas, please share them.

Thanks to all the people that volunteered to come in and help, lots of raffle car tickets sold and a couple new members signed up. Its this kind of help that makes it all work.

Thanks again

Willy Vinton



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* more photos are on the club's Facebook page



Date: You said you were “interesting”. What I really said: I am into resting!



MONDO RUN

The weather was beautiful on June 13th for our first poker run of the season to the Monderosa. For something a little different this year we met in the parking lot at Fred Meyer West and we left at 11:00am. We stopped at our usual stops and at one it did drizzle on us a little, but that didn't dampen our spirits. Before long the drizzle stopped. I believe there was around 15-20 cars and a nice group of people. The total for the poker pot was \$125. The lucky top three winners were Nee with a straight, Nancy Allen who had three 6s and Rochelle Larson with three 3s. After lunch there was an invitation to visit the newly opened railroad depot in Nenana and a tour of a tree farm not far from the Monderosa.

- Donna Wojciehowski



In the Depot Clerk's Office

After our June 13, 2021 poker run and meal at the Monderosa Restaurant in Nenana, some of the car club event participants opted to visit the historic Alaska Railroad depot located in downtown Nenana and then to check out the tree farm at Woodland Farms just north on the Parks Highway.

The Friends of the Tanana Valley Railroad (FTVRR) are restoring and renovating the circa 1923 railroad depot in downtown Nenana and will operate a railroad museum, gift shop and bed and breakfast out of the facility. Lots of this effort and expertise has been provided by Garry Farnham and his son James (members of the FTVRR and the VLNAACF) and other FTVRR members who have been spending lots of hours cleaning, plastering, painting and making ready for the coming tourist season. Our trip to the Monderosa coincided with the inaugural opening of the facility. I think all club members that visited were impressed with the restoration's progress and quality of work being performed.

After leaving Nenana, our next stop was Woodland Farms at milepost 311 Parks Highway where we were greeted by Don and Jenny Kratzer, owners of the 212 acre tree farm they call home. We toured the fields where the Kratzers have been growing landscape trees for the past 40 years. They supply all sizes of birch, spruce, larch, long needle pine and other Alaska hardy trees and shrubs to municipalities, landscape contractors, and individuals throughout the state of Alaska. While wandering the farm, Don told us a couple stories about establishing the farm and explained some of the qualities and uses of different types of landscape trees. We were able to tour the rest of the acreage and check out the many tree varieties and their stages of growth before our return trip to Fairbanks.

For more information about the Nenana depot, check out the Alaska Railroad Museum and Nenana Depot Facebook page or the room rental information provided on the Air B&B website. For information about trees and Woodland Farms, you can call them at 907-832-5233 and leave a message. For all participants, a fun poker run, great meal, interesting tours of the depot and tree farm, combined with excellent weather, made for a very pleasant and fulfilling day.

-John McCarthy



Listening to Don Kratzer at the Woodland Farms Tree Farm

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stalled, the nut was not tight, so it backed off. Several other drivers on the tour stopped to lend a hand with a jack and some tools. John Nikodym went to the next little town and bought a nut and cotter pin assortment at Napa Auto Parts. Less than an hour later the roadside repair was finished and I was on the way again. I can't understand why my passengers rode back with someone else. Rumor has it that Marty had to get back to the motel to change his pants. We laugh about it now but this was an adventure that we will never forget. Part of the fun of the old car hobby are the friends and the memories you make.

And yes, two mechanics lost their jobs because of this negligence. In the next issue we will cover what not to do and say if you're driving a 1954 Cadillac convertible and get pulled over by the sheriff in a small Nebraska town.



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1— Brenda & Roy Wilbur
- 8 - Paula & Ross Beal
- 19 - Kelly & Dale Oines
- 25 - Ruth & Al Haynes
- 28 - Katy Rice & Dave Karpik

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



EDITOR'S LEFT (on) BLINKER

- Rick Larrick

It is looking more and more certain that this will be the last season for the newsletter, at least for a while. Discussion at the last membership meeting was that it seems everyone is on Facebook, the club has a website, and Membership Chair Rochelle Larson sends out email notices for all activities, so it may well be that the usefulness of the newsletter is over. That is compounded by the fact that no-one has stepped up to take over the newsletter production.

- Rick



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 10th, LIONS PARK PAVILLION

President Jeff Creamer brought the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

There were 31 members present.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WALLY OLSEN AND SECONDED BY PAUL TEKIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's Report - Donna Wojciechowski gave the treasurer's report.

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson gave an update. The club has 178 members. 40 single and 69 joint memberships.

EVENTS/COMMITTEES:

The club has permission to sell tickets at Larson's Locksmith. We will be selling tickets at the Farmer's Market and Phil is looking for members to help sell tickets there.

June 13th is the Mondo poker run. We will leave the Fred Meyer West parking lot at 11:00.

An update was given on the Wednesday night runarounds. Everything went smooth.

June 26th is the Chena Hots Springs Poker Run. Brett and Cindy Helms are the PPR's. Brett gave us an update. We will be leaving after Cars & Coffee. Due to the construction on the Hot Springs Rd. we will be taking an alternate route. We will take the Richardson Highway to Badger to Nordale Road, then Nordale to the Hot Springs Rd.

July 17th is our annual picnic and raffle car drawing. Since there is no Golden Days parade that day there was discussion on meeting up at noon and cruising around town. After that we will head over to Pioneer Park to have our picnic and raffle car drawing. The drawing will be at 2:00 p.m. The club will provide the meat and members are asked to bring side dishes and dessert.

July 24th will be the Teddy Bear Car Show and will be held at the Pioneer Park. The hours will be from 10:00-3:00 and the registration fee will be new or like new teddy bears. The back gate will be open from 10:00-11:00. The gate will be locked at 11:00 and we will be required to stay there for the duration. John McCarthy volunteered to man the back gate. We will probably park the cars by the pickle barrel.

On July 24th for a second year the Golden Days parade will be a reverse parade.

OPEN FORUM:

Since Sam's Sourdough Restaurant is closing John McCarthy called to find out if the club would be able to retrieve the pictures of our old cars that were hanging on their walls. The answer was no. They go with the restaurant when it is sold.

John McCarthy asked if there was interest in having a group picture taken like 5 years ago. The consensus was yes. There will be more information at a later date.

Willy Vinton gave us a synopsis of the June 5th car show and it was agreed upon that it was a success.

July 6th is the next BOD meeting which will be at Wilma's office and the membership meeting will be on July 8th at the Howling Dog Saloon. There will be a potluck at 6:00 and the meeting will start at 7:00. The club will provide the main dish this year and members are asked to provide the sides and desserts.

50/50 - The total was \$133 and the lucky winner was John McCarthy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROCHELLE LARSON AND SECONDED BY WILLY VINTON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:50 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by
Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary



Does a person who uses lots of profanity speak in cursive?



Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks Annual Antique Car Raffle 2021

Find us on  and at <https://fairbanksaaca.org/>

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

WIN this CAR!



1994 Ford Mustang GT Convertible

5.0 L V-8 Engine, Automatic Transmission, Power Steering,
Power Windows, Power Brakes, Power Top, Leather Interior

Drawing: July 17th, 2021 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

Automobile Repairshop Short Cuts

These short cuts and repairshop kinks are taken from the 1918 book of the above title as published by the U.P.C. Book Company

Lubricating Spring Leaves (No. 572)

The lubrication of the spring leaves may be accomplished most simply yet effectively by painting the sides of each spring with graphite and oil once a month. The working of the springs will draw this oil in a few hours. Dirty oil from the motor will be found satisfactory. - Fred Jaeger, Mitchell Service Station, New York

Greased Stick for Lifting Parts (No. 576)

A stick with some stiff grease on the end makes an excellent device for picking up nuts, bolts, screws and other parts that have fallen into inaccessible places. It is not as powerful as a big magnet, but it has the advantage that it is not limited to iron and steel. - Stoddard-Dayton Garage, Eugene, Ore.



SUNSHINE REPORT:

Sunshine Committee, Tracy McLeod

I had only one card request, and that was for Joyce Tekin - a get well card for her knee injury.

Just a reminder - please let me know if you see a need for a get well or thinking of you card for someone in the club. I appreciate all of you who let me know.

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.

Pick up your raffle tickets at Larson's Locksmith. Tickets and 11x17 glossy posters are available for you to pick up and post at work or to ask various stores to post for us.

VLNAACF No. 0001

Name

Address

Phone

Y Member N



Win a 1994 Ford Mustang GT Convertible

"Is there a Ford in your future?"

Drawing July 17, 2021 at 2:00pm

Drawing to be held at the Pioneer Park Square Dance Pavilion
Need not be present to win. Only 3,500 tickets

\$5.00/ticket or 5 for \$20.00

Permit # 2437



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NEXT MEETINGS

The **Membership Meeting** is IN PERSON at **THE HOWLING DOG SALOON in Fox**. Membership Meeting is **Thursday, July 8th at 7:00 pm**. Picnic before starting at 6pm - Club will furnish the meat; bring a salad or dessert to share.

The Board Meeting is **Tuesday, July 6th at WILMA'S OFFICE**. Meeting starts at 6:30 PM; no food. Board Meetings are open to members.



Seen at the June 5th car show



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