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Nash's News

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



Photo by Rick Larrick

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DUES

Dues are now **DUE** for the 2022 year. They are payable by returning payment to the club post office box (preferred), dropping it off at Larson's Locksmith, or bringing payment to the November club meeting. NEW this year: you can PAY BY CREDIT CARD if you stop by Larson's Locksmith to see Rochelle or call her. Dues are to be paid by December 31 for the following year.

Individual dues are \$60.00

\$45.00 for National AACA
(paid through our local club),
and

\$15.00 for local dues

Joint Membership dues are \$75.00

\$45.00 for National
AACA (paid through our
local club), and

\$30.00 for local dues for
you and your associate
or spouse

Please pay promptly

- Thanks, Rochelle Larson



Elections for the Board of Directors

Its time again to elect the Board of Directors members. VLNAACF By-Laws require that we elect the following positions every year: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We also elect two of the four Directors (they serve a two-year term and are on alternate terms so only two are elected each year; incumbent directors continuing their term next year are Bret Helms and Wally Olsen).

The Nominations Committee called all of the members over the weeks prior to the October meeting to seek willing members to run for these positions. This year the Nominating Committee members include Wally Olsen, Joyce Tekin and Kelly Wilson. Please consider helping out with these important roles. The slate which they proposed at the October meeting was as follows:

This year's slate of officers to be voted on are:

President: Doug Cline

Vice-President: Willy Vinton

Secretary: Donna Wojciechowski (Incumbent)

Treasurer: Wilma Vinton (Incumbent)

Directors (2022-23)

Larry Veros

Thomas Smith

Nominations were not closed at the October meeting (we didn't have quorum), so they will still be open at the November Membership Meeting. Further notice or ballots will NOT be sent, since the nominations at this point are not contested for any position. A slate of uncontested positions may be elected by a majority vote on the floor. If, due to additional nominations, any position is contested, then the vote at the November meeting will be by ballot of those present. All official ballots are counted, as soon as possible (preferable at the November membership meeting) and the winners announced by the December Annual Membership meeting.



If you know how to fix broken hinges, my door is always open.

My Amazing Deux Chevaux:

-Ed McLaughlin

AACA National News:



**Editor's
Note**
Matt Hinson
Rummage Box
Editor

Welcome to my 22nd issue as Editor of the *Rummage Box*. I have been enjoying my recently purchased 1937 Buick Roadmaster Convertible Phaeton. I have been driving it quite a bit and enjoying the "top down" motor-ing experience for the first time in many years. In addition to regular drives to lunch or dinner, I was happy that I was able to drive it to our local Cars and Coffee in June. That was our first official Cars and Coffee event in many months. There were lots of people in attendance and I was able to sign up a new AACA member while there. A few days later, that new member also signed up one of his friends as a new AACA member. One other potential new member that I had spoken with at Cars and Coffee attended our local AACA Chapter's June meeting at my invitation and also joined the club. While this might be an unusual example of membership growth, it is an example of how easy it is to sign up new members with just a little bit of effort. Driving an antique car, being willing to talk enthusiastically about AACA membership, and having a few copies of a local chapter or region membership packet available with you to hand out to other folks who are interested in antique automobiles is all it takes to add new members.

Our local Chapter membership packet includes a "thank you for your interest" letter, a local chapter application form, a region membership form, a National AACA membership form, a region tri-fold information page, an

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Two young sisters in my 1937 Buick Roadmaster Model 80C at Cars and Coffee in June



Photo by Rick Larrick

Ed stands proudly by his "new" '85 Citroen 2CV the day it arrived

The 2CV was designed with unique requirements, different from any other car of its time, with the goal of being a cheap and reliable car for the French rural farmer. The design requirements called for a standard size car with 4 doors that could carry 4 adults, a cask of wine, and 110 lbs. of potatoes in comfort over the poorest roads. It should be able to drive 30 mph over a plowed field with a basket of fresh eggs on the front seat without any eggs breaking.

A team of Citroen engineers led by a former WW1 aircraft designer transformed these requirements into a car. For reliability testing, the two cylinder air cooled engine was run continually at full throttle for weeks. The cylinder heads were machined so precisely that no gasket was required. The body of the car follows aircraft practice with sling seats, light weight panels, and a canvas top instead of a heavy steel roof. The car was labeled an "umbrella on 4 wheels." The body

was placed on a tubular frame under which was attached the inter-connected four wheel independent suspension that gave the 2CV its unique soft ride.

The engine and transmission are located ahead of the front wheels to give the front wheel drive maximum traction. Its unique push pull gear shift sticks straight out of the dash and its door hinges require no parts. The driver can raise or lower the head lights according to the load in the back and the seats can easily be removed to make room for a larger load.

In the late 1960's and 70's, the 2CV became popular for students and the hippie generation. In the 1980's, the 2CV was seen as a cheap second car. When production stopped in June 1990 the car became much sought after by collectors. I was fortunate to be able to purchase a perfectly restored 2CV Special and look forward to many miles of happy driving.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Rick Crisenbery
- 4 - Dale Oines
- 7 - Dan Tempel
- 8 - Rhonda Morgan
- 10 - Randy Britschgi
- 15 - Beccy Monsma
- 19 - Eugene Reed
- 25 - Jeff Cook
- 25 - Kelley Oines
- 25 - Ruth Haynes
- 29 - Donna Wojciechowski

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9 - Brenda Wilbur
- 13 - Paula Beal
- 14 - Lori Hinchliff
- 15 - Doug Cline
- 26 - Dan Portwine
- 30 - Robert Holmes
- 30 - Laurel McLaughlin
- 30 - Cindy Helms

From The (New) Editor:



As many of you already know, after ten years, Rick is hanging up his hat as the editor of Nash's News and I'll be stepping into that role with the next issue. For those folks that I haven't met yet, this might be a good time to introduce myself. I joined the club in 2015. At the time I was weaning myself away from an expensive, time-consuming hobby (dog mushing) and was scratching an old itch I had for cars. I was born in Detroit and grew up in a place and time where almost everything was tied, in some fashion, to the automobile industry. After college I came to Alaska for a summer adventure, wound up staying, and eventually found myself working for the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.

In 2017, after thirty three years of spending my summers away from home in remote field camps, I retired and suddenly had my whole summer free again. I began to attend some summer club events, joined in on the last Adventure Before Dementia Tour to Whitehorse and Dawson, and two years ago joined the board as a Director. When Covid hit in the spring of 2020 and suddenly everything was moving on line, I asked out loud if anyone was keeping the club's Facebook page up to date. Which, of course, was as good as volunteering for the job. From there, after much consideration, I raised my hand again for this position.

Rick has done a great job turning our club's newsletter into what it is. I hope to keep it up and carry on with what you've come to expect here. The content is largely dependent on contributions by members, as it should be, since this is a newsletter for members, and about members. If you have thoughts, ideas, or stories to share, please contact me. At our last membership meeting Rick passed on a big box of early photo albums and it's been something to browse through and see right from the start the enthusiasm that has kept this club active and growing for half a century. I'm looking forward to being a small part of that.

- Bruce McIntosh



Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Note:** CarsNCoffee time is 9:00 to 10:30 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall.
- **Nov 9: Board Meeting** @ Fountainhead Museum Garage
- **Nov 11: Membership Meeting** Wedgewood Resort Tiaga Center 7pm
- **Dec 7: Board Meeting** @ Fountainhead Museum Garage
- **Dec 12: Annual Meeting / Holiday Party**, Fountainhead Auto Museum. Reception 4pm / Dinner 5pm / Meeting 6pm / Gift Exchange after

Antique Auto Mushers

- **Nov 10: Membership Meeting**, Hope Community Resources Auditorium off International Road. 6:30 pm



National AACA Events

- **Nov 11-13: Special Winter Nationals**, Phoenix Region, Phoenix, AZ
- **Nov 14-17: Western Divisional Tour**, Phoenix Region, Phoenix and Central Arizona
- **Feb 10-12: Annual Convention**, Philadelphia, PA



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

No couples reporting an Anniversary in November!

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

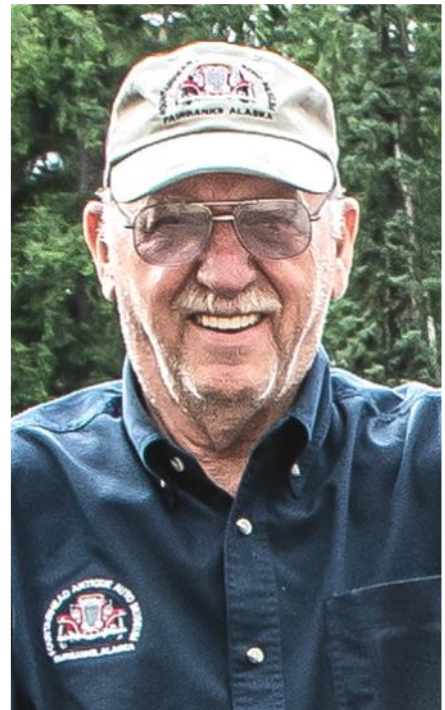
- 15 - Wilma & Willy Vinton
- 17 - Susan & Jeff Cook
- 30 - Maria & Walt Mingus

President's Headlights

- Willy Vinton, Vice-President & Interim President

Well, the year is slowly winding down, and the winter is gaining on us, so lets all make sure we have all our cars in storage and prepped for the winter months.

I just got back from Hershey on Monday night, so am trying to get caught up on workload. I noticed from the last membership meetings that we have some new blood stepping up to help run this club, and that makes me happy to see. Lets all make sure that we step up and help when we can with heading up some of the functions we do throughout the year, even if its just to offer some input to help out with planning. We have a great group of folks. I know all do not have the same free time, but maybe we can all help in some way, and make these "new bloods" feel welcome and thank them for stepping up. Looking forward to another great year.



Willy Vinton 

SUNSHINE REPORT:

No card requests were received during the month since the last newsletter.

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.

For all of you fans of the Burma Shave jingles often appearing in the footer of pages in this newsletter, I hope you read the story by Dennis Peterson in the latest AACA "Antique Automobile" magazine pages 84 & 85! - Rick Larrick

An Unusual Source ... of Marital and Driving Advice

by DENNIS L. PETERSON

ANGELS WHO GUARD YOU WHEN YOU DRIVE USUALLY RETIRE AT 65 BURMA SHAVE	DON'T PASS CARS ON CURVE OR HILL IF THE COPS DON'T GET YOU MORTICIANS WILL BURMA SHAVE
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One can find simple marital advice in the most unexpected places, and every married couple, no matter their age or how long they've been married, can benefit from some words of wisdom. The last place one might expect to find advice for marital bliss and domestic tranquility is roadside advertising, but that's where millions of drivers received sage advice from 1925 until 1963 ... at least men did, and women generally seemed to approve.

Before long, the content of the messages began to shift from touting only product benefits (e.g., brushless, fewer pulls and pricks, and a smoother shave) to offering advice on a variety of topics, often with a humorous twist or a play on words ... but always featuring the product, Burma-Shave brushless shaving cream. Topics included testimonial-type messages, savings to be gained, war-related messages (during World War II), and even driving advice.

LAWYERS, DOCTORS / SHEIKS AND BAKERS
MOUNTAINEERS AND UNDERTAKERS
MAKE THEIR BRISTLY BEARDS BEHAVE
BY USING BRUSHLESS / BURMA-SHAVE

LET'S MAKE HITLER / AND HIROHITO
LOOK AS SICK AS / OLD BENITO / BUY DEFENSE BONDS
BURMA-SHAVE

For me, the most interesting types of messages were those that addressed every man's quest for romance and domestic peace. All of them, of course, offered Burma-Shave as the key to achieving both goals.

HE MARRIED GRACE / WITH SCRATCHY FACE
HE ONLY / GOT ONE DAY / OF GRACE! / BURMA-SHAVE

The squirrels must be gathering nuts - three of our members are missing...

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Oct 14th
Wedgewood Tiaga Center



Photo by Rick Larrick

Not quite a quorum of 25: Members listen to Mike Lecorchick who presided at the meeting in the Tiaga Center near the Fountainhead Car Museum

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

Mike Lecorchick brought the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

There were 24 members present.

Donna Wojciechowski read the minutes from the October BOD meeting.

CORRECTION - There is a correction from the September membership minutes. There was a motion made at the September meeting to approve the July meeting minutes. The minutes approved should have been the August minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Lecorchick gave the treasurer's report.

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson reported that we have a total of 189 members. 43 single and 73 joint memberships.

EVENTS/COMMITTEES:

Annual Meeting - The annual meeting will be on December 12th at the Fountainhead Antique Car Museum. Social hour will be at 4:00. The club will need the \$20 registration fee by November 30th.

Raffle Car - The 2022 raffle car will be the VW Super Beetle.

Most Improved Vehicle - Bret Helms gave an update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charity Letters - The BOD voted to raise the charity amount to \$2000 this year. The BOD has received one charity/sponsor letter so far. The letter is from Kids Voting and sponsored by Phil Sanders. Charity letters are due before the November BOD meeting.

Election Committee - Member volun-

teers are Doug Cline, Larry Veros and Thomas Smith to fill vacant BOD positions. Nominations will be needed by the November meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

Mike would like members to think about having a different person each week plan the Wednesday night runarounds.

50/50 - The total for the 50/50 was \$80 and the lucky winner was Ross Beal.

Rick would like to have all articles and ads for the newsletter by November 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

- Submitted by Donna Wojciechowski, Secretary



She said she missed me. Usually that would be good, but she's reloading.

Member Ads



Local Widow selling her husband's toy that he ordered and purchased from the factory and delivered to Fairbanks in 1982.

1982 Chrysler LeBaron 2 dr. Convertible. Brown with tan Top, orange leather interior. Excellent condition.

Has 13,165. miles! Has been garaged all its life, and not driven at all the last 15 years.

Has a brand-new battery and 4 extra new tires.

\$9,995. or best offer. Contact Rochelle at:

rochelle1987@hotmail.com or 590-8593



Also for sale from same owner: **1978 Lincoln Town Car**, very dark green exterior; green leather interior. It has around 52,000 miles and has 4 new extra tires as well. They had an offer of \$13,500., on it, but the deal fell through.



FOR SALE:

1 pair (bare) SB
"double hump" 461 heads.

\$150

Contact Richard Meiners @
rameiners@hotmail.com

WEBSITE NEWS

Wilma Vinton is taking over as web-master for our club website, and is working to update some of the very out-of-date material that has been resident there.

You can see the current newsletter, download any past newsletters, check out the officers listing, or view the full roster of our members with their cars listed along with emails and phone numbers.

VLNAAC Website:

<http://fairbanksaaca.org>



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AACA national brochure, and a local chapter information sheet. If your region or chapter does not have similar membership packets prepared, I recommend that you put some together. Having an organized packet to hand out to potential new members makes recruiting much more organized and easy to do.

I also offer to let any young people who express an interest in my antique cars have a seat behind the wheel and encourage their parent(s) to take a photo. Planting a seed that is likely to help grow membership many years down the road always results in smiles.

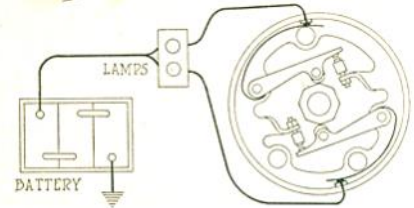
Find us on 

Bruce McIntosh manages the public page of the **Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks** page, and moderates the **Members Only: Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks** page.

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, *Outgoing Editor*

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

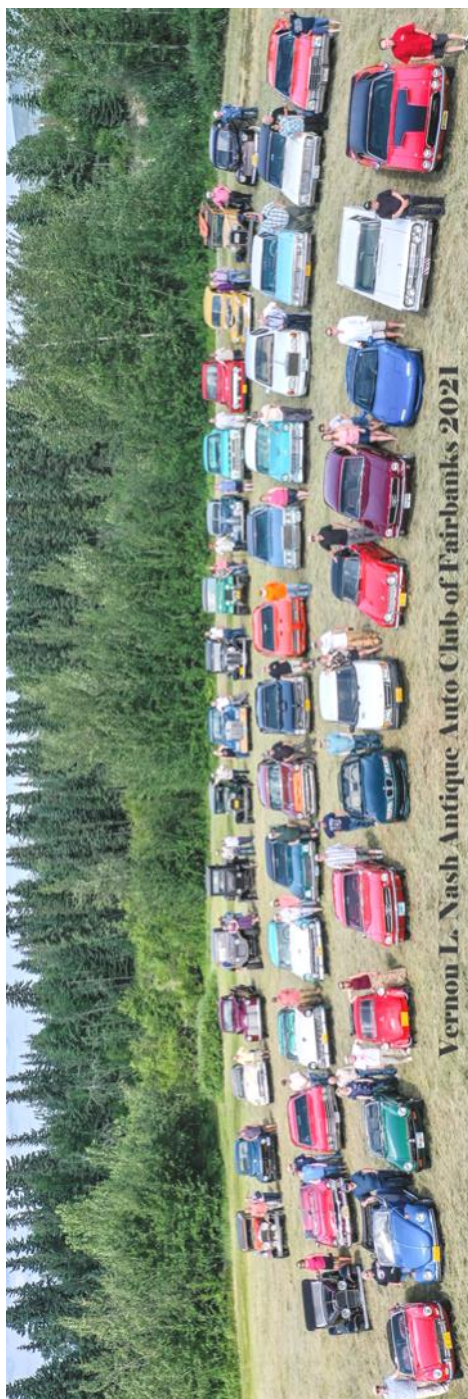


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On the new Cadillacs the ignition system is provided with two breakers which must operate in unison; if one separates a little before the other it will burn away rapidly. A very delicate apparatus for making this adjustment can be made with two ordinary 6-volt lamps. They are mounted in a piece of fiberboard and are connected in parallel with the battery, a common wire running from the lamps to the negative terminal. The two free ends of these two wires are connected to small metal plates which are mounted on fiber. These are placed back of the two springs on the breaker mechanism, preventing the springs from touching the metal casing and consequently insulating the mechanism of the timer from the rest of the car. At the same time the terminal at the side is short-circuited. Current flows up through the lamps, through the breaker appointments and then through the car back to the battery again. When either circuit is closed the corresponding lamp will light, and when broken the lamp will be dark. The motor is turned over very slowly by hand until the point is reached where the second lamp goes out, then the other breaker is adjusted until its lamp lights. The two breakers are now approximately in synchronism, and by varying the adjustment in each slightly one way or the other both lamps will light and go out at exactly the same instant. - G. J. Anderson, Crescent Automobile Co. (Cadillac) Jersey City, N. J.

CLUB PHOTO

12" x 36" copies are still available from Rochelle at Larson's Locksmith, or directly from Alaska Camera.



Last Chance for you to help your favorite local charity:

ANNUAL CHARITY DONATION LETTERS DEADLINE NEARS

Well, the annual meeting is nearing, and if you have a non profit charity organization that you would like to present to the board, please let me know. As of this moment we only have one, and I am sure there are many more out there that could use some of our help. So if you have one you would like to have us support, take the time to contact them and get a letter from them and send it in asap. Thanks.

Willy Vinton

From the September meeting minutes is more information on the charity award nominations. First the total amount to be awarded this year is \$2,000! Second, as usual, any charity which has received an award in the past 3 years is not eligible this year. Those are:

Boys Read, Girls Read

Friends of Creamers Field

North Star Imagination Library

Alaska Health Fair

Senior Center-Meals on Wheels

Most Improved Award 2021

This is the last chance to enter your finished project car for the 2021 Most Improved Vehicle Award. Nominations must be in by the board meeting on November 9th at the absolute latest.

There are four Judging Criteria. Each carries approximately equal scoring weight in the collective judgment of the committee. The four criteria are:

- 1) The total improvement done to the vehicle from the time of the owner's start of restoration to the completion in 2021.
- 2) The amount of hands-on work performed by the owner.
- 3) The quality of the work done.
- 4) The reason for the owner's interest in the car, the associated story, history, or etc.

The award committee will be looking for the following information from club members who would like their restoration work to be considered:

- 1) Year, make, and model of the vehicle.
- 2) Before and after photos (the after photos are the most important for the judging).
- 3) A brief summary of the work done, approximately when the work was done, and what hands-on work was performed by the club-member owner. Unusual challenges, difficulties, and successes should be mentioned.
- 4) Human interest information about the car—Why or how the owner obtained

it, the history of the car or history of the owner with the car, etc.

Call Ed (452-5234) or Bret Helms (456-2349) if you want to be considered. Material can also be e-mailed to either Ed (mcbug@gmail.com) or to Bret Helms (helmsbret@gmail.com), mailed to the club address, or hand delivered at the November board meeting. Once the award committee has several nominations, they will meet.

Past Winners:

Ron Allen (2005), Kirk Larson (2006), Dave Rockney (2007), Ed McLaughlin (2008), Bret Helms (2009), Don Oines (2010), Marvin Wright (2011), Charlie Jurgens (2012), Nathan Helms (2013), Mark Crook (2014), Willy Vinton (2015), Ralph Moore (2016), Dale Oines (2017), Greg Helms (2018), and Ed McLaughlin (2020). There was no award in 2019.



HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE

If you wish to participate in the "Chinese Auction" type Gift Exchange at the Holiday Party Dinner, don't forget to bring a gift. One gift per person participating—can be marked for "Man", "Woman" or non-gender. Cost should be about \$25 or so. Bring a gift and then choose a gift (and try to keep it).



Holiday Party Dinner

(Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club Annual Meeting & Dinner)

Please return this form with your reservation fee(s) and guest payments at the November club meeting, or to Larson Locksmith, 1249 Noble St. by Nov 30th, or mail no later than Friday, November 26, 2021 to:

VLNAACF
Box 71253
Fairbanks, AK 99707-1253

Dinner at the Holiday Party will be a buffet meal at the
FOUNTAINHEAD AUTO MUSEUM on Sunday, December 12, 2021

*Cut out or copy and send in
with your check to make your
reservation for the Holiday
Party / Annual Meeting.*

Social Hour (Cash Bar) 4:00 pm

Dinner 5:00 pm

Program 6:00 pm

Gift Exchange

The dinner is a buffet meal. Meat choices available on the buffet are:

PRIME RIB with trimmings

CHICKEN MARSALA

Caesar salads will be available on the buffet and sides on the buffet include garlic mashed potatoes and assorted vegetables. There are rolls & butter, coffee, tea or assorted non-alcoholic drinks, and of course, dessert.

_____ Members @ \$20.00 Reservation Fee* = \$ _____

_____ Adult Guests & Children over 11 years old
@ \$54.00 Meal Cost = \$ _____

_____ Children of members, age 6-11 @ free

Make your check payable to:

VLNAACF**

TOTAL = \$ _____

* can pay with credit card at Larson's Locksmith

MEMBER NAME (S): _____

*Reservation Fee covers \$400 in \$50 door prizes, with the rest for our selected charity

QUESTIONS / SPECIAL DIET NEEDS?: Call Willy Vinton (388-8252)

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NEXT MEETINGS

The **Membership Meeting** is **Thursday, November 11th at 7:00 pm**. Location is the Wedgewood Resort Tiaga Center, north end of the Fountainhead Auto Museum; food will NOT be served. Park to the north or west of the Fountainhead Auto Museum.

The Board Meetings are **Tuesday, November 9th and December 7th at the FOUNTAINHEAD MUSEUM GARAGE**. Meeting starts at 6:30 PM; no food. Board Meetings are open to members.



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