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Nash's News

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



The 2021 Annual Membership Meeting and Holiday Party Dinner was held at the Fountainhead Auto Museum on Sunday, December 12th. We had 70 adults and 5 children attending, and everyone seemed to have a great time.

Top photo - Ed McLaughlin and Willy Vinton present Alec Arima with the Most Improved Vehicle award for his 1958 Willys Pickup.

Bottom photo - Outgoing Nash's News editor Rick Larrick is thanked for all the years of work he volunteered to the club.

Who The Heck Is Vernon L. Nash?

For the old hands in our club, this probably isn't much of a question. But for us newbies, the Vernon L. Nash part of our club name is curious. So, as a new member of the Board of Directors, I thought my first chore should be to find out who Vernon L. Nash was and why he was chosen as our namesake.

It is probable the club has records that would explain the decision to name the club after Vernon, but I'm too new to know who to ask about those records. Anyway, I have the internet, and I have Vernon's grandson, Chris Nash, and long-time club members like Willy Vinton and Jerry Krier to talk to.

Although Vernon lived and died before the internet era, I found several references to him. His full name is Vernon Lars Nash. He moved to Anchorage sometime before 1944 and then moved to Fairbanks in 1947. He lived here for the rest of his life. He was a plumber by trade, and he started and ran Nash's Plumbing and Heating. But for fun, Vernon Nash was an old car guy.

An article in the Daily-New Miner described the formation of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, Fairbanks Regional Group. The Fairbanks group qualified for membership because Vernon owned a 1915 Ford Model T dump truck (see picture below), and at least four other members had cars built in 1915 or before as well. In this article, Vernon is described as the club's Secretary. Although the article is not dated, a photograph of the members and their cars that accompanied the article is dated "1970".

In November of 1971, the Fairbanks Horseless Carriage club published a newsletter they called Arctic Tracks. The newsletter had several articles written by members including one by Vernon about rebuilding a 1926 Model T. He described how he found a 1926 Ford motor while in Spokane and he sent it to the "Antique Ranch" to be rebuilt. He then "bought a basket case from Colin McDonald" and scavenged all the other parts he needed here and there until he had a complete 1926 Ford Model T Touring car. (See the picture below).

In another edition of Arctic Tracks, dated December of 1974, Vernon is listed as the outgoing-1974 President. He wrote a "President's Message" describing the club's activities and noting how much better the Golden Days Parade was managed that year because "we were in the parade not a half hour ahead of it, as has been the practice in the past." He also reported that on November 9, 1974, he took his 1926 Model T out of winter storage, so it could be

used as a back drop for a Sweet Adeline program, but the temperature had dropped to 30 below and he had not yet gotten the car back home.

According to a website that purports to be "Serving Alaska's Motor Sports since 1986", the Fairbanks Regional Group of the Horseless Carriage Club decided the club's rules concerning membership and activities based on vehicle age were too restrictive, so they opted to affiliate with the Antique Automobile Club of America. This happened in 1986, and Vernon died that same year.

The website reported that the membership decided to honor Vernon by naming the new club after him. Also, Jerry Krier told me the decision to honor Vernon was based largely on his contributions to the club as a founding father, a past President and Secretary, and because he was an active supporter of the club for over fifteen years. But, I bet, another important factor was that Vernon Nash was an old car guy through and through.

- Larry Zervos



Vernon's 1915 Ford Model T Dump Truck

Photos courtesy of Chris Nash



2021 Annual Membership Meeting



Left - Pete Pinney, Executive Director of the North Star Community Foundation, accepts the club's annual charity donation for the SS Nenana and the Friends of Fox Springs from Willy Vinton and Mike Lecorchick.



Vernon's 1926 Model T Touring Car



January Birthdays

1 - Bruce McIntosh
6 - Dave Rockney
8 - Patty Meritt
8 - Patricia Cromer
16 - Marnie Hazelaar
19 - Dan Gullickson
22 - Bernie Saupe

January Anniversaries

8 - Mike & Diana Lecorchick
12 - Tom & Lori Hinchliff

February Birthdays

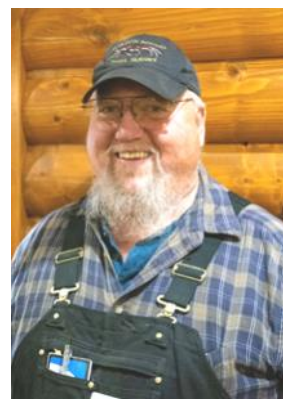
6 - Laura Therriault
8 - Vonna Husby
11 - Melinda Harris
12 - Michael Farrell
12 - Mebble Hansen
13 - Brier McLeod
14 - Richard Gresham
16 - Fred Husby
23 - James Clough

February Anniversaries

1 - Ed & Laurel McLaughlin
2 - Scott & Janeen Culbertson
2 - Dick & Joni Ellsworth
12 - Dan & Eliie Tempel
14 - Charles & Amber Bennett

From The Editor:

As many of you are aware, after ten years, Rick Larrick has hung up his hat as the editor of Nash's News and I'll be stepping into that role with this issue. First - apologies ahead of time for not being as punctual as you have come to expect from Rick. Despite good intentions, time seems to fly when you're plowing snow. And plowing, and plowing... but enough of that.



In this issue you'll find an introduction from our new Club President Doug Cline. Newly elected board member Larry Zervos introduces us to our club namesake, Vernon Nash. Finally, members Ron and Nancy Allen want to remind us that winters don't always have to entail parking your cars in September.

If you haven't paid your club dues yet, this may be your last newsletter. The membership roles get updated at the March Board Meeting (see pg.7). Got your raffle car tickets yet (see pg. 9)?

Make sure to mark your calendars for the Annual Planning Meeting on Feb. 22, to be held in the Taiga Center at the Wedgewood. Come help plan out activities for the upcoming summer season, spread the volunteer load, and enjoy some pizza while you're there.

Finally, note that I have set up a new email address specifically for the newsletter. Hopefully this will help keep things organized and in one place, especially over time. You can reach your editor at:

nashnewseditor@gmail.com

with questions, suggestions, news, and for sale/wanted ads. Going forward - I'd like to get back on track these coming months with a schedule calling for newsletter submissions by the 20th of the month and getting the newsletter out to members by the end of the month.

- Bruce McIntosh

SUNSHINE REPORT:



Nothing to report for this month.

*Tracy McLeod is the Sunshine Contact. Please send her an e-mail if you know of a club member who could use a little "sunshine".
e-mail: tksplits@yahoo.com
Phone: 907-378-0718.
For a postal mail address contact Tracy or a Board member.*

President's Headlights

- Doug Cline, President

Welcome to 2022. We can all hope it continues to be better than 2020. My name is Doug Cline and I was voted in as the new club President. I retired from the Army in 2017 after 30+ years of service. Even while serving, I kept my hands working on my 1949 Ford F2. I grew up with antique vehicles and my father was an avid restorer. I can remember when I was almost 10, my father had me driving around the baseball field picking up the garbage cans in a 1950 Willys CJ3a. When I went to college I drove my father's 1949 Ford F1 (more stories later about that truck).

I have been fascinated by older vehicles my entire life. When you grow up around them it gets in your blood. I'm looking forward to being able to spend more time with the club and the fun times we will have.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a very Happy New Year



- Doug Cline

CALENDAR

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
- Feb 22: **Annual Planning Meeting** Wedgewood Resort Taiga Center 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Your input is needed! Pizza provided!
- Mar 8: **Board Meeting** @ Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- Mar 10: **Membership Meeting** Wedgewood Resort in Taiga Center 6:30 pm (note the earlier start time).

Antique Auto Musers

- Feb 26: Rondy Parade
- Feb 26-29: Fur Rondy
- Mar 9: Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Other Events

- Apr 1-3: Portland Auto Swap Meet

National AACA Events

- Feb 24-26: AACA Winter Nationals, Melbourne, FL
- Mar 10-12: Western Spring Nationals, Las Vegas
- Mar 20-26: Founders Tour (1932-1997), Mobile AL/Biloxi MS

VLNAACF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Jan 13th, 2022
Wedgewood Tiaga Center

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

Secretary Donna Wojciechowski read the BOD minutes.

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

Membership Report - Rochelle Larson reported that we have 197 members. 45 single and 76 joint memberships.

EVENTS/COMMITTEES:

Planning Meeting - The date for the event planning meeting has been changed to February 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Taiga Center.

Outdoor Show - Russ and Cindy Reason will be the PPR's. OLD BUSINESS:

Wilma will go to the bank with the amended bank resolution. NEW BUSINESS:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WALLY OLSEN AND SECONDED BY JOHN MCCARTHY TO APPROVE THE 2022 BUDGET. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting Time - At the December meeting a suggestion was made to start the meeting earlier. A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAUL TEKIN AND SECONDED BY SCOTT CULBERTSON TO CHANGE THE TIME OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO 6:30. After discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAUL TEKIN AND SECONDED BY SCOTT CULBERTSON TO AMEND THE MOTION

TO READ THE MEETING TIME WILL BE CHANGED TO 6:30 THROUGH THE MAY MEETING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Joint Meet - There was a discussion about whether members would like to continue the joint meet. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN MCCARTHY AND SECONDED BY MIKE LECORCHICK FOR THE CLUB TO CONTACT THE ANCHORAGE CLUB TO SEE IF THERE IS INTEREST DOWN THERE IN CONTINUING THE JOINT MEET. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Merritt's had a video presentation from 1982 of the old cars at the Harding Lake Cabin. There was a blanket drawing and Cindy Reason was the winner of the blanket.

50/50 - The total for the 50/50 was \$90 and the lucky winner was Phil Sanders.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLY VINTON AND SECONDED BY MIKE LECORCHICK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:13 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Submitted by Donna Wojciechowski,
Secretary



Member Ads



For sale -- 1947 Ford COE. Both including 1 grill for 3,000.00. Have glass and headlights along with original seats.

Contact Rochelle Larson

WEBSITE NEWS

Wilma Vinton is taking over as webmaster 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>

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.

DUES ARE DUE!

Dues are now **DUE** for the 2022 calendar year.

At the March Board Meeting the membership list for the current year is revised to drop all unpaid members. Club membership dues are to be paid each year by December 31st.

They are payable by returning payment to the club post office box (preferred) or by dropping it off at Larson's Locksmith.

NEW this year - you can pay by credit card if you stop by Larson's Locksmith to see Rochelle or call her (907-590-8593).

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

Our Fairbanks friends often ask what we do in Tucson during the winter. Besides enjoying the warmth and sunshine Ron and I have also developed a fairly busy social life. We have been busy since we arrived in the beginning of October.

The weather in Tucson makes it possible to enjoy driving an old car all winter long. Ron and I belong to a Model A Car Club, and in late October we had a car run through Gates Pass in the Tucson Mountains, out to the Sonora Desert Museum followed by a potluck at a building of a member who is working on turning the very large building into a car exhibit.

Ron likes to trail ride on his side by side with a group of likeminded friends. There are many interesting and sometimes challenging trails to explore around the local desert and mountains. I even enjoy the sport and often join Ron on the excursions.

In mid November, Ron and I and another couple took a four day adventure to Bullhead City, AZ/ Laughlin, NV to go to the old gold mining town of Oatman, AZ. Oatman is known for the burros which travel down the mountain every day so that the tourists will feed them. They are very bold animals and will nudge you, reach into your pockets or stick their heads through your car window just to inform you that they are hungry. They do not look malnourished, and like many of us just enjoy more food then they need. The burros are descendants of the donkeys that were used in the mining days to pack freight to the gold mine.

Another man pleaser in Laughlin was the Riverside Casino Car Museum. It was opened in the early

1980's and holds about 60 cars and 12 motorcycles. Most of the cars of the classic 1950's and 1960's era. The museum is about the same size as Fountainhead but does not have the clothing exhibit or the media touches. I took one picture of the 1907 Reo so I could stay in good standing with my boss, Willy.

The last special event of the fall was a visit from Fairbanks friends, Jeff and Crystal Creamer. We attended a tribute concert of George Strait music at the Gaslight Theater and ate the best pizza in Tucson. Jeff and Crystal also joined us and friends from Minnesota and Canada for a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner.

Our January plans include a visit from Willy and Wilma Vinton for a train trip from Williams, Arizona to the Grand Canyon. Following the Grand Canyon trip we will be going to the Scottsdale car shows so Ron can get his car fix.

Ron and I just wanted the Fairbanks folks to know we do not spend our time in Arizona just looking at each other all the time. We have found so many wonderful activities to keep us busy.

- Ron & Nancy Allen



Photos courtesy of Ron & Nancy Allen



**Books of tickets are available for the 2022 raffle car.
Contact Rochelle or stop by Larson's Locksmith on Noble St.**



Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks Annual Antique Car Raffle 2022

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

WIN this CAR!

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



1974 VW Super Beetle

Volkswagen
1600 cc engine—60 hp
4-Speed Standard Transmission

Drawing: July 23rd, 2022 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

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, March 8 at the FOUNTAINHEAD MUSEUM GARAGE**. Meeting starts at **6:30 pm**; no food. Board Meetings are open to members.

The **Membership Meeting** is **Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 pm (note time change!)**. Location is the Wedgewood Resort Taiga Center, north end of the Fountainhead Auto Museum; food will not be available.

The **2022 season Planning Meeting** is **February 22** in the **Wedgewood Resort Taiga Center**. Meeting will firm up activities, events, locations, and people for the coming 2022 summer season. All members are encouraged to attend and contribute. Meeting starts at **7:00 pm. Pizza provided!**



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