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Nash's News

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



Our raffle car display at the Outdoor Show in the Carlson Center in April.

From The Editor:

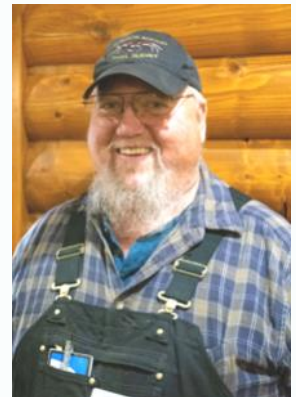
As I write this we're within a couple days of "Green Up". With the late arrival of breakup, I'm sure many of us are anxiously watching the calendar and the weather forecasts, making to-do lists for all the things we planned out over the winter, and hoping those last little piles of snow don't turn into big swarms of mosquitoes.

Well, we've probably had enough rain to rinse the last of winter's road brine away and by now the cobwebs are getting blown out of cars that haven't seen pavement in a while. Between gardens and building projects and visitors, Fairbanksans usually never have a problem staying busy over the summer.

To help you plan a bit more, in this issue of the newsletter you'll find a tentative overview of what you can look forward to this summer as far as club activities go. Some events could still use PPRs, so don't be shy about stepping up. Some dates are still in flux, but as an event gets nearer you can expect updates via email, Facebook, and at membership meetings. We still have raffle car tickets to sell, and sales at the Outdoor Show were impressive. Everyone that stopped by the table seemed to have a story to share about a VW Bug.

Finally, note that I have set up a new email address specifically for the newsletter. You can reach your editor at nashnewseditor@gmail.com with questions, suggestions, news, and for sale/wanted ads

- Bruce McIntosh



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A Genetic Predisposition to Old Cars

The esteemed editor of our newsletter said he thought the newest members of our Board should introduce themselves to the club by writing a couple of paragraphs in Nash's News about themselves. I told him the only things I could write about would take, at most, a sentence and certainly not a paragraph. He said then write about how you became interested in old cars. Now that is something I can write about.

When I was about nine years old I saw a car I immediately liked. My Dad said it was an old, battered 1933 Dodge coupe that no one wanted anymore. But it looked like it would be fun to ride in, and it looked better to me than my Dad's fat 1954 Chevrolet.

So why did a nine-year-old have such an immediate attraction to this old car?

I did a little research. There are a lot of articles about why people like old cars. None of the articles are based on rigorous study and all consist of opinion. But the articles do suggest several factors.

There is the investment factor. It is probably true that the value of most old cars at least keeps up with inflation and some cars increase in value a great deal. To collectors this is an important factor, but to hobbyists, I'm not so sure.

Another factor often mentioned is that old cars represent a slice of history. If you have an interest in cars and a significant interest in a particular era, you are more likely to buy a car from that time. Or if you buy a car built in 1933 say, you will want to know more about 1933 and the 1930s.

Of course, the design and the look of the car play a big role. Most people see old cars as being out of style like my Dad's opinion about the 1933 Dodge. To old car buffs though, the style of an old car represents a unique and time-tested beauty. In addition, because the car is different, it usually draws attention. Old car folks love that attention, and they love to talk about their car to anyone who will listen.

Almost all old car fans like to tinker, and most like to get their hands dirty. Some can manage major tasks, many cannot. The lack of mechanical ability, though, does not stop the tinkering. In addition, some of the more sophisticated owners spend significant time learning about the mechanics, engineering and designs from a generation or more ago. They see their car and its components as a step in the evolution from horses to self-driving cars, and they can talk endlessly about these changes.

The articles mention the role of the family and the family car. The car can become a part of the family and play a large role in the family's history. Often the car was purchased a generation or more ago and has been handed down from one family member to another. To sell the car would be to erase part of granddad's memory and that, of course, is unthinkable.

Another factor is the driving experience. Modern cars are high-tech driving marvels – everything an old car is not. The fact that we may have to set the spark advance, pull the choke, crank the car, pull hard on the steering wheel, double clutch or wind the windows up by hand are bothersome inconveniences to most people. But to the old car buff, these things are the essence of the driving experience.

And then there is nostalgia. This is the most frequently mentioned explanation for old car people. The car reminds them of their first taste of freedom, of simpler, sometimes better times, or their first date. The car is a physical connection to these pleasant memories.

So, which of these factors explain my instant nine-year-old attraction to the Dodge? It certainly was not based on investment potential, attraction to a particular era, history or a memory. It was not based on my nine-year-old mechanical ability, the desire to tinker or to drive the car, and it didn't have anything to do with my family. It may have had some connection to the old style of the car, but other than comparing the Dodge to my Dad's fat Chevrolet, I had little awareness of style.

None of these factors explain my instant attraction to the old Dodge, and therefore, I conclude that I was born, perhaps like many old car people, with a gene that predisposes me to like old cars. Anyway, that is my explanation, and I'm sticking to it.

A Beauty
- Larry Zervos





A Beauty



An original factory photo of a 1933 Dodge Coupe.



Carl Jeglum

LaVonne & Dan Gullickson

Carl was a long-time member of the Vernon Nash club, joining up in 1981 after he got hooked on Model A's when we drove his daughter Andrea and hubby Dennis Parrish to their wedding reception at Aurora Air Service in ANNIE, escorted by the Aurora Air Service pilots. Carl returned the favor when he drove our Daughter Ann and new hubby Roger Weese to their wedding reception in 1999, leading the procession of Vernon Nash Cars that hauled the Wedding Party to Dredge 8.

Carl's car, "HENRY", was purchased in 1982 from Yellowstone Motors in Missoula, and arrived in pieces on an ARR flatcar. It took 6 summers to get HENRY together and running. Club members helped with the parts search, including George Clayton who donated the horn for HENRY!

Carl served as President of the club, twice, first in 1991, with his first wife Dorothy (Dot) as Secretary. His second turn at the wheel was in 1994, and his new wife Connie served as Secretary. Henry was sold to a member of the club when the Jeglums moved south. Carl continued his membership for several years contributing to the newsletter. He has a gift for gab and assisted me in writing the following song, which was based on a return from a McKinley meet. The incident occurred between Healy and Nenana. Jerry Krier stopped to help, but we already had our son coming with the parts!

Annie's Breakdown

*We wuz comin down the road, doin' 50 miles an hour, when a fan blade decided to break.
It bounced around a bit, cut a wire, the hood took a hit, and we coasted to a stop and set the brake.*

*I opened up the hood, found the blade, it wasn't good and a wire would have to be replaced.
So we called our son, he brought some parts on the run, we fixed her up, got into town a little late!*

*There's a moral to this tale, remember parts will surely fail, after all they're 'most a century old!
Keep LOTS OF parts on the shelf, ready for your "Santa Elf", who will bring them to you right away.*

Here is the letter we received this past week re: Carl's health situation --



A letter to our family members, friends and acquaintances

This is a difficult letter to write, but we want to share some important information with you.

Some of you already know that Carl has been diagnosed with an inoperable tumor that has invaded his bowel and has caused some internal bleeding. The long term outlook is not promising, but in the meantime he is feeling good, has no pain from this and is as cheerful and upbeat as usual. He is undergoing chemotherapy treatment to help retard growth of the tumor and so far has had no side effects from that.

He enjoys visiting with friends to share stories, memories, jokes, life experiences, etc, so we are issuing a blanket invitation to all of you to contact him. He says “Let’s revive some of the past activities we’ve shared; hunting, fishing, traveling, etc.” He will be happy to hear from you via email, snail mail, text or telephone. We are likely to be at home most of the time unless we are at a medical appointment. Pertinent contact information is shown below:

Mailing address: PO Box 126, College Place, WA 99324

Email address: c2jealum@pobox.com (shared with Connie)

Mobile Phone: 928-580-2716

Connie’s Mobile: 928-580-4494

Note: Our phones don’t ring if the calling number is not in our contacts list. If you are not getting through via phone, text or email us first and give us the number you will be calling from; we’ll add it to our contacts so our phones will alert us you are calling. Both phone numbers we listed in our message are mobiles.

Believe me when I say that he is not acting glum and gloomy about this. That would be so totally out of character for him that no one would believe it anyway. Of course we wish the outcome could be different, but we can’t make that happen, so we have no choice but to accept this as it is. He is doing that with his natural, inborn, uncomplaining and downright cheerful attitude.

He is looking forward to hearing from you.

Connie

April Birthdays

1 - Joni Ellsworth
3 - Roy Wilbur
15 - Wilma Vinton
19 - Joanne Portwine
19 - Bob Meritt
12 - Julio Merced
14 - Ron Frey
22 - James Farnham
23 - Dennis Dussman
26 - Ross beal
26 - Doris Casey
26 - Cindy Reason

May Birthdays

2 - Terry Smith
5 - George Cromer Jr.
6 - Nancy Allen
6 - Linda Grundy
16 - Preston Smith
16 - Lorna Lounsbury
20 - John McCarthy
20 - Gail Gardner
22 - Dale Durrwachter
25 - Jeff Casey
29 - Greg Oslund
29 - Christol Creamer

April Anniversaries

1 - Richard Bellows &
Donna Wojciechowski
30 - Rick & Pat Crisenbery

May Anniversaries

15 - Jeff & Cristol Creamer
16 - James & Lorita Clough
19 - Julio Merced & Marily Naquin
25 - Jerry & Carolyn Mustard

SUNSHINE REPORT:



Sympathy card for Dave Rockney, loss of his mother.

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 or Text: 907-378-0718.

For a postal mail address contact Tracy or a Board member.

President's Headlights

- Doug Cline, President

Growing up in a family that enjoyed everything about antiques and not just vehicles was very interesting. I remember playing modern records on a wind up Victrola. Worked as well as any stereo but only one speaker.

Growing up in Eastern Washington we had the Winthrop Antique Auto Rally each August. Each year I would drive the 1949 Ford truck and my father would drive his 1929 Model A. For those of you who haven't had an opportunity to see or hear about Winthrop, WA, it is a very small town at the foot of the Cascades on Hwy 20. Really wasn't even a bump in the road until a couple used their money to transform the town into a 1890s Western town and tourism blossomed. The first week of August would be the rally. One year we even had a drag car from Don Garlits.

The event would have a poker run one day and a shine and show the last. The cars would all line up about 2 miles out of town and then be announced as they entered the town. After passing through town the cars would park along a blocked off main street for people to get a close look at them. We would always start at one end and check out all of the entries.

One year while my father was checking out the cars he noted that there were about 10 Model A's in the show. Finally, he came across one that he found really interesting. He pointed out to me the fine details that the person went into for the restoration. The seat fabric. The bugs etched into the windows. He was amazed at the level of fine detail and was giving the owner kudos.

That was, of course, until I told him it was his car...

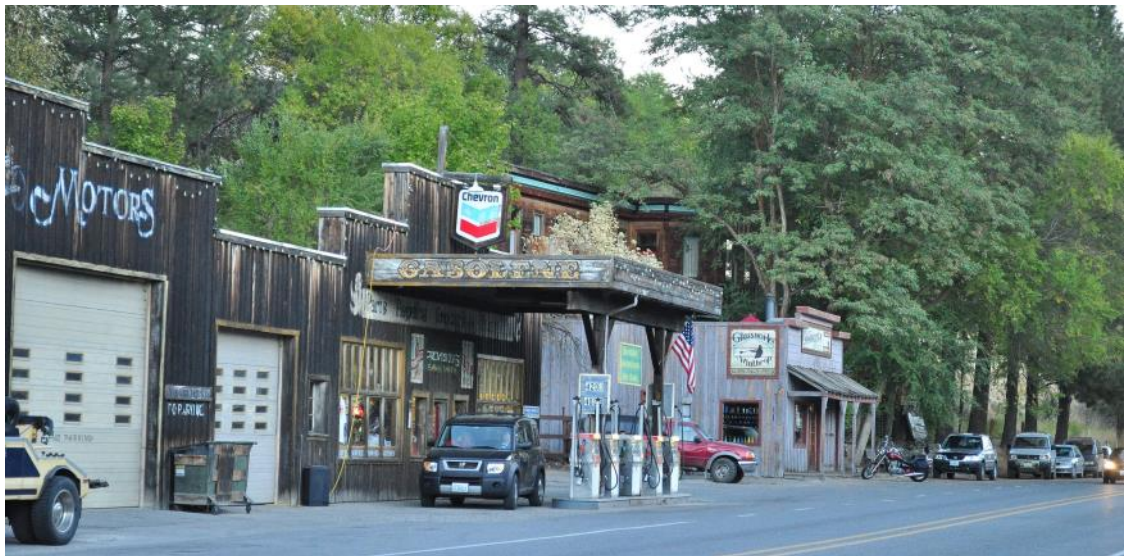
He was always fun.

Doug Cline



Winthrop, WA

*photo courtesy of Joe Mabel,
Wikimedia Commons*



Chena Hot Springs Poker Run

Bret & Cindy Helms

Join us for a leisurely drive to Chena Hot Springs and a chance to play a fun game of poker. We'll end our journey with a nice potluck and, if you choose, you can stay for a nice swim. The club will furnish the meat so all you'll need is a dish to share and a chair.

We'll leave from cars and coffee at the Bentley Mall on Saturday, June 25th at 10:00am.

Please RSVP to: helmsbret@gmail.com



Member Ads

Whether you're looking to buy, sell, swap, or bargain, this could be your ad.



WEBSITE NEWS

Wilma Vinton has taken 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.

CALENDAR

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Note:** Cars-N-Coffee time is back to 8:00 to 10:00 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall.
- **May 25: First Wednesday Night Runaround** - weather permitting. Meet out front in the Pioneer Park lot at 6:30 pm. We usually get rolling around 7:00 pm.
- **June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Wednesday Night Runarounds**
- **Jun 7: Board Meeting @** Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **Jun 9: Membership Meeting** Tanana Lakes Recreation Area, 4400 S. Cushman St. Arrive early for food and socializing, meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
- **Jun 11: Mondo Run** - Rochelle will lead. Meet in the Bentley Mall parking lot and leave after Cars-N-Coffee, 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- **Jun 25: Chena Hot Springs Poker Run** - led by Bret & Cindy Helms. Meet in the Bentley Mall parking lot, bring a dish and a chair, 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Other Events

- **May 21: Cruis'n w/Santa** - Hotel North Pole, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tentative List of Upcoming Club Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Contact / PPR / Location</u>
Wed	5/25	Wednesday Night Runaround	Weather Dependent
Wed	6/1	Wednesday Night Runaround	Mike Lecorchick
Tue	6/7	BOD Meeting	
Wed	6/8	Wednesday Night Runaround	Willy Vinton
Thu	6/9	Membership Meeting	Tanana Lakes Rec Area
Sat	6/11	Mondo Poker Run	Rochelle Larson
Wed	6/15	Wednesday Night Runaround	Patty Merritt
Wed	6/22	Wednesday Night Runaround	Patty Merritt
Sat	6/25	Chena Hot Spring Poker Run	Bret & Cindy Helms
Wed	6/29	Wednesday Night Runaround	Paul Tekin
Wed	7/6	Wednesday Night Runaround	John McCarthy
Sat	7/9	Poker Run	Joyce & Paul Tekin
Tue	7/12	BOD Meeting	
Wed	7/13	Wednesday Night Runaround	Jerry Mustard
Thu	7/14	Membership Meeting	Howling Dog Saloon
Sat	7/16	Willy's Rally	Willy Vinton
Sun	7/17	Harding Lake Picnic & Show	Patty Merritt
Wed	7/20	Wednesday Night Runaround	Jeff Creamer
Sat	7/23	Golden Days Parade	Willy Vinton & Rochelle Larson
Sat	7/23	Golden Days Picnic & Raffle Drawing	
Wed	7/27	Wednesday Night Runaround	
Sat	7/30	Teddy Bear Car Show	Doris Casey
Wed	8/3	Wednesday Night Runaround	
Fri	8/5-8	Trip to ANC; Jay Ofsthun Show	Bruce McIntosh
Sat	8/6	Willy's Slow Poke Run	Willy Vinton
Tue	8/9	BOD Meeting	
Wed	8/10	Wednesday Night Runaround	
Thu	8/11	Membership Meeting	East Ramp Pavilion
Sun	8/14	Mondo Poker Run	Donna Wojciechowski
Wed	8/17	Wednesday Night Runaround	
Sat	8/20	Seekins Car Show	Willy Vinton
Wed	8/24	Wednesday Night Runaround	
Sat	8/27	Delta Run?	
Wed	8/31	Wednesday Night Runaround	

**Books of tickets are still 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

May 2022							>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
		BOD Meeting VLNAAC		VLNAAC Membership Meeting			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
						Cruising With Santa- North Pole	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
			First Wednesday Night Runaround- Weather permitting				
29	30	31					

For the most current club calendar, visit the VLNAACF website at:

<https://fairbanksaaca.org/>

June 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Wednesday Night Runaround - Mike Lecorchick	2	3	4 VLNAAC Car Show
5	6	7 BOD Meeting VLNAAC	8 Wednesday Night Runaround - Willy Vinton	9 VLNAAC Membership Meeting	10	11 Mondo Run- Donna W PPR
12	13	14	15 Wednesday Night Runaround - Patty Merritt	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Wednesday Night Runaround - Patty Merritt	23	24	25 Chena Hot Springs Poker Run - Bret & Cindy Helm
26	27	28	29 Wednesday Night Runaround - Paul Tekin	30		

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July 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Wednesday Night Runaround - John McCarthy	7	8	9 Poker Run - Joyce & Paul Tekin
10	11	12 BOD Meeting VLNAAC	13 Wednesday Night Runaround - Jerry Mustard	14 VLNAAC Membership Meeting	15	16 Willy's Ralley
17 Harding Lake Picnic and Show- Patty Merritt	18	19	20 Wednesday Night Runaround - Creamers Tour- Jeff C	21	22	23 Golden Days Parade - Willy & Rochelle Golden Days Picnic and Raffle Drawing
24	25	26	27 Wednesday Night Runaround	28	29	30 Teddy Bear Car Show
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August 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Wednesday Night Runaround	4	5 Anchorage Roadtrip - Bruce McIntosh	6 Anchorage Roadtrip - Bruce McIntosh Willy's Slow Poke Run Anchorage: Jay Ofsthun Pre-Show Show & Shine
7 Anchorage- Jay Ofsthun Car Show- Bruce McIntosh	8 Anchorage Roadtrip - Bruce McIntosh	9 BOD Meeting VLNAAC	10 Wednesday Night Runaround	11 VLNAAC Membership Meeting	12	13
14 Mondo Poker Run- Rochelle	15	16	17 Wednesday Night Runaround	18	19	20 Seekins Car Show - Willy
21	22	23	24 Wednesday Night Runaround	25	26	27 Delta Run ?
28	29	30	31 Wednesday Night Runaround			

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September 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		BOD Meeting VLNAAC	Wednesday Night Runaround	VLNAAC Membership Meeting		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Fall Colors Poker Run- Paul & Joyce Tekin						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, June 7 at the FOUNTAINHEAD MUSEUM GARAGE**. Meeting starts at **6:30 pm**; no food. Board Meetings are open to members.

The **Membership Meeting** is **Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 pm (note time change!)**. Location is at **Tanana Lakes Recreation Area at 4400 South Cushman St Ext.**



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