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Nash's News

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



Photos from last year's Annual Membership Meeting & Dinner, Once again we will be holding our meeting at the Fountainhead Museum on December 11.

See the flyer on page 3 for more details and make plans to attend.

From The Editor

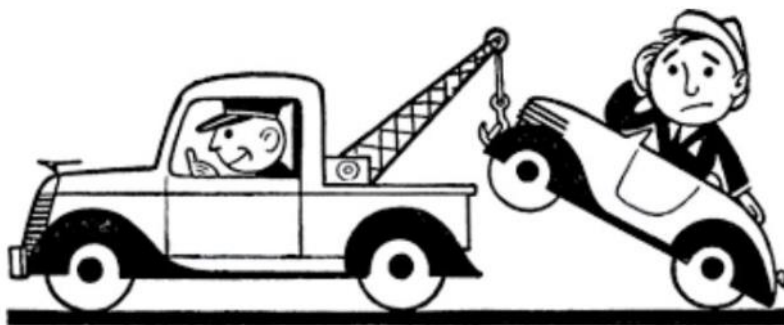
- Bruce McIntosh



Happy Thanksgiving! As we're entering the holiday season, it's a good time to reflect back on the year. The club lost two more long time members recently - Jerry Krier and Bernie Saupe. See pages 10 and 11. The biggest item on our calendar right now is the annual membership meeting & holiday party coming up Sunday, Dec. 11. If you don't have your reservations in yet, see the form on page 3.

The next issue of this newsletter is scheduled to come out in January, and it will be going on the every-other month schedule until spring, when our calendar picks up again. Aside from club news and events, one of the more important features are stories that come from our members. Phil Sanders recalls his first car on pages 8-9. If you have a story to tell, whether it's something you are working on now, or something you did in the distant past, I strongly encourage you to share it with your fellow club members. It's the member's contributions that really carry this newsletter, especially during this time of year when (for most of us?) our cars are put away for the winter.

Finally, it's also time to renew our memberships for 2023. Information on dues and how to pay is on page 6. Don't procrastinate too long!



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For the most current club calendar, visit the VLNAACF website at: <https://fairbanksaaca.org/>



2022 VLNAACF ANNUAL MEETING/HOLIDAY PARTY

Save the date! Mark your calendar for the annual business meeting to be held on **Sunday Dec. 11, 2022** at the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum.

This year we are going back to \$10 per person reservation fee and the Club will be covering the meal cost for members and immediate family. Guests will need to pay the cost of the meal, which is \$52.00 per person.

Please return this reservation form with reservation fee and guest payments at the Nov 10 membership meeting, or to Larsons Locksmiths, 1249 Noble St., or mail by Nov 25th to:

VLNAAACF
PO Box 71253
Fairbanks, AK 99707-1253

Social Hour (No-host Bar) 4:00 pm.

Meeting 5:00 pm.

Dinner 6:00 pm.

Gift exchange/ Door Prizes follows dinner. If participating in the gift exchange, each participant will need to bring a wrapped gender-neutral gift, suggested value \$25.

Menu: Prime Rib/Chicken Marsala, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables, Salads, Dessert tray.

Coffee, Lemonade and Iced Tea provided by the Club.

Please indicate the number of persons attending and fees paid:

_____ Members @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

_____ Guests @\$52.00 = \$ _____

(Make checks payable to: VLNAACF) TOTAL \$ _____

MEMBER NAME (S): _____

QUESTIONS/SPECIAL DIET NEEDS? CONTACT JEFF CREAMER (907) 378-9061

November Birthdays

- 1 - Charlie Bourque
- 1 - Rick Crisenbery
- 1 - Mike Lecorchick
- 2 - Joyce Tekin
- 4 - Dale Oines
- 5 - Pat Crisenbery
- 7 - Dan Tempel
- 8 - Rhonda Morgan
- 10 - Randy Britschgi
- 15 - Beccy Monsma
- 19 - Eugene Reed
- 25 - Jeff Cook
- 25 - Ruth Haynes
- 25 - Kelly Oines
- 27 - Rochelle Larson
- 29 - Donna Wojciechowski

December Birthdays

- 5 - Ron Dane
- 9 - Brenda Wilbur
- 13 - Paula Beal
- 17 - Lisa Casey
- 18 - Larry Crouder
- 26 - Dan Portwine
- 28 - Russ Reason
- 30 - Cindy Helms

November Anniversaries

- 10 - Wally & Irene Olsen
- 11 - Russ & Cindy Reason
- 12 - Terry Fogleson & Gail Gardner

December Anniversaries

- 13 - Richard & Tania Meiners
- 15 - Willy & Wilma Vinton
- 17 - Jeff & Sue Cook



President's Headlights

- Doug Cline, President



In my article last newsletter I mentioned wanting to drive my '49 Ford as long as I could. Well, that lasted about a couple more weeks. Not that the road conditions prevent continued driving but the freezing dynamic is different than where I grew up. Icy roads are no stranger and I have dealt with black ice each winter. The difference is when the roads begin to freeze above the permafrost it becomes slicker. This is where I ended up putting on a workshop demonstration of how to keep control of your vehicle.

It was enjoyable to drive my truck to work each morning. The older vehicles do take a little more time to warm up than newer. I drive from behind Ft. Wainwright to Eielson each day for work. The defroster is so inefficient on the truck I needed to keep a rag in the cab to keep the frost from building up on the inside. Keeping the window slightly cracked helped. I would get to the railroad tracks just before North Pole when you could see a little benefit and the windshield would be clear by the time I got to Moose Creek.

Back to the workshop demonstration. I had just passed Moose Creek and was about a mile from Eielson. What makes antique vehicles interesting, especially on ice, is the play in the steering. Keeping straight by a little to the left and a little to the right can lead to loss of control without much trouble. I was just under 50 mph and the truck suddenly began a slow slide to the left. Let off on the gas and removed the drive to the wheels by pushing in the clutch. I think the cars around me were astonished I was able to maintain the vehicle in my own lane. As the truck was slowing down, I would alternate sliding from the left to the right and back.

What should be surprising but today is just seen as youthful lack of experience is that people would pass a vehicle that didn't appear to be in control. Why go near a vehicle that could easily slide into you while you are passing? Doesn't make any sense. Generational differences.

As my truck slowed and continued the slide, I was able to make my way to the wake up strip on the side of the road. This provided a degree of traction allowing me to regain control. Eielson is a left lane exit. By the time I regained control I was going about 25 mph and moved into the left lane. About a dozen cars came up behind me as I did the last quarter mile to the exit but I wasn't going to push it.

Later that morning one of my co-workers were amazed about the passing drivers. In the same area she was passed by two trucks that went around her and lost control. One ended sliding off to the right and the other spun into the center area. Regardless of the vehicle, slow is fast when you are dealing with ice. People from Texas and Florida don't always understand that and it can be comical to watch (but ready to help them if they end in the ditch).

When I was a kid driving the truck, I didn't think about it as much as I do today. Although there is also a difference between a 25-year-old vehicle and a 73-year-old vehicle. I think I would rather enjoy driving it when I can and go a little slower. I want to be able to enjoy this truck when it hits 100. Enjoy the vehicles but we have to treat them the way we treat our friends and family. The older they get the more rest we have to give them. They are as fun as when I learned to drive.

Thank You

I would like to give a big "Thank You" to the club for the get well card sent to me while I was in Washington for surgery. The Sunshine Committee has no idea how much it made my day . It was a wonderful reminder of the great people who make up and volunteer in the club.

The card was a Blessing of open love and greatly appreciated.

- *Joyce Tekin*



DUES ARE DUE!

Membership dues are now DUE for the 2023 calendar 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 October or the November club meeting.

⇒ Individual dues are \$60.00 (\$45.00 for National AACA and \$15.00 for local club dues).

⇒ Joint Membership dues are \$75.00 (\$45.00 for National AACA and \$30.00 for local club dues) for you and your associate or spouse.

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, 2022** for the following year.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

- * Sympathy card to Donna Krier and family
- * Sympathy card to Judy Saupe and family
- * Get well card to Joyce Tekin

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".

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Phone or Text: 907-378-0718.

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



CALENDAR

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Note:** Cars-N-Coffee time is 8:00 to 10:00 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall.
- **Dec. 6: Board Meeting** @ Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **Dec. 11: Annual Meeting/Holiday Party** @ Fountainhead Museum.
Social Hour (No-host bar) @ 4:00 pm
Meeting @ 5:00 pm
Dinner @ 6:00 pm
Program and gift exchange follows dinner. See flyer on page 15 for cost and more details.
- **Jan. 10: Board Meeting** @ Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **Jan. 12: Membership Meeting** @ Taiga Center (behind museum) 6:30 pm.

Find us on 

Bruce McIntosh manages the public Facebook page of the [Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks](#) page, and moderates the [Members Only: Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks](#) page.

WEBSITE NEWS

Wilma Vinton is the webmaster for our club website. 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>

My First Car By Phil Sanders

My first car was a 1951 MG TD. I had just finished the book *The Red Car* by Don Stanford. It was a story about a young boy who finds a beat up MG TC and restores it with help of an older mechanic. After reading the story I knew exactly what car I wanted. Being only 14 years old and the second of four boys, I knew it would be a long time before I would have an MG of my own. My dad was a Ford guy mostly, but for himself he drove an Austin or Mini Cooper. When growing up, the family car was always a Ford station wagon.

I must have talked continuously about the MG I was going to buy, if and when I could scrounge up the money. I worked mowing lawns and babysitting since I was 12 and was saving my money for my car. I think Dad secretly wanted to have an MG also. One day, out of the blue, he tells me he had found an MG TD. The owner's children had no interest in the car, they wanted a color TV. He bought the car for \$500.00 and we drove it home.



Brother Steve pretending to be a mechanic and me driving. The color was all factory correct, with no repainting.

I am not sure I ever paid him back for the purchase but it was mine! Dad was a jack of all trades and a solid mechanic. He was confident we could restore the MG. His strength was painting, through trial and error only, but he was meticulously accurate at mixing Dulux enamel. He brought home little cloth bags with ties, and had me mark every part I took off. We didn't do a frame off restoration. The car ran fine but the transmission was in need of repair. One day he came home with a blank rod that he made into a shift shaft for the transmission. It worked perfectly. The paint prep was all mine to do. He taught me to spray primer, and did I ever spray primer. The rounded fenders were primed at least 14 times and sanded with 600 grit wet or dry paper. His job had him away for a week at a time and I would just prime and sand. We finally sprayed the final coats of paint. It was not painted the original MG colors. I wanted it to be two tone, Black fenders and Dove gray body.

I cleaned and polished parts including what was in the little cloth bags. After two years we reassembled those parts into a super looking car. Those little bags marked with what they were and where they went were my salvation. I couldn't remember where things went but the bags were well marked. I'm sure my Dad wouldn't have known either. When I went to install the dashboard I could not for the life of me remember where it was or what condition it was in. I found it tucked neatly under my bed, completely finished. I had finished the oak with numerous coats of clear. After two years I had not remembered refinishing it at all. I was as surprised as my Dad.

When I turned 16 the project was complete. What a great first car. Dad would sometimes borrow it to drive around and to work. I'm sure lots of his friends from work had heard about the project. Many of my friends told me they have MG's today because of my Dad and my MG project. Thanks Dad!



Our finished MG TD project.

Jerry Krier



Jerome "Jerry" L. Krier, 91, of Fairbanks, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, at Providence Hospital in Anchorage. Jerry passed peacefully with his youngest son Todd and granddaughters Olivia and Emily by his side. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Jerry was born July 20, 1931, to Leavern B. and Irene M. (Achen) Krier in Dell Rapids, South Dakota. The family lived on a farm, and this is where Jerry developed his work habits, waking at 5:30 in the morning to have chores done before school and continuing his chores after school until late evening. Throughout his working life, Jerry was always early to rise and ready to put in a long day. He was in his element when he had a crew to work with and a job to accomplish.

Jerry was always very active in the Fairbanks community, over the years being a Boy Scouts leader, a volunteer fireman, and a member of many fraternal and community organizations including Pioneers of Alaska Igloo No. 4, Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 1037, Kiwanis Club, Moose Lodge, Lions Club and Elks Lodge. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Pioneers of Alaska Igloo No. 4 Foundation and the Board of Directors at Denali State Bank.

Jerry was all about cars, trucks and anything else with an engine. Becoming the owner of a service station was the perfect job for a guy who loved cars and loved to help people with their cars. Over time, he grew a collection of antique cars, and he and Donna were active members in the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks. In recent years, he would share his calendar for the day, telling his family that his plan was to start with a drive through town and around Farmers Loop in the 1967 Mustang, then trading for the 1936 Dodge pickup for a drive up to Chatanika in the afternoon.

Jerry and Donna took full advantage of living in Alaska, enjoying hunting, fishing and many other outdoor activities throughout their years, even participating in four-wheeler adventures well into their 80s. During the early years, the meat on the table at many family dinners was likely to be moose, caribou or even bear. Salmon became a mainstay, with Donna's salmon chowder and Jerry's grilled salmon enjoyed by many over the years.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Leavern and Irene Krier; brothers Joseph Krier and Arthur Krier; and son Terrence Krier. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Donna Krier; sons Gregory (Amy) Krier and Todd (Debbie) Krier; daughter Debra Krier; grandchildren Jessica Krier, Sheldon (Sarah) Krier, Emily Krier and Olivia (Davin) Matteson; and great-grandchildren Madalyn Krier and Macey Krier, all of Fairbanks and Anchorage. He is also survived by brother Andrew (Marilyn) Krier of Alta, Iowa, sister Carol (Bill) Manners of Edina, Minnesota, and many nephews and nieces and their families.

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Bernie Saupe



Longtime Alaskan Bernie Saupe passed away at the age of 86 on Wednesday, Oct 26, 2022. He was born in Sheldon, Iowa in 1936. Bernie first moved to Alaska in 1952, and lived in and out of the State ever since. He loved to drive, and he and his wife Judy traveled the Alcan Highway more than 54 times, usually camping along the way. Judy and Bernie had recently moved to Minnesota to be near family.

The Saupes owned and operated Saupe Enterprises on Illinois Street for many years and had many friends in Alaska and around the world. Bernie had an infectious smile and a twinkle in his eye at all times.

Bernie was preceded in death by his parents, Jeanne (Harms) and Frank Dude Saupe; brothers, Lynn, Owen and Raymond; and by his son, Rod.

Survivors include his wife, Judy; daughters, Sheryl Saupe Frey and Julie Saupe (Steve Crupi); granddaughters, Taylor Frey Lilja (Andrew) and Kendra Frey; and great-granddaughters, Zoë and Madeleine Lilja.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

The **Annual Membership Meeting** is **Sunday, Dec. 11** in the **Fountainhead Museum**. See page 3 for details and to register.



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