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Nash's News

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



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The days are getting longer, the sun is getting stronger, and bit by bit those project cars remerge to remind you spring *really* is coming.



From The Editor

- Bruce McIntosh

Hot off the press - the (tentative) 2023 Club Event Schedule. We have a pretty good summer shaping up, but are still in need for folks to step up and help with taking the lead, especially for the Wednesday Night Runarounds. If you have somewhere you think people would enjoy seeing, this is your opportunity to take us on a nice mid-week cruise. Note the club web address below for the most up-to-date calendar of events. And don't forget Cars and Coffee every Saturday morning between 8 and 10 at Great Harvest Bread by the Bentley Mall.



Inside you will also find the story behind the 2022 Most Improved Vehicle, owned by Richard Bellows (pp 8-9), and get introduced to Larry Zervos, current member of the club's Board of Directors (pp 12-13).

Finally, it's also well past time to renew your membership for 2023. Information on dues and how to pay is on page 12. This may be your last issue of Nash's News.



You can reach your editor at nashnewseditor@gmail.com with questions, suggestions, news, stories, and for sale/wanted ads

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

VLNAACF 2023 Event Schedule

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>PPR/Notes</i>
April	Tue	11-Apr	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Thu	13-Apr	Membership Mtg	Taiga Center	
	Fri	21-Apr	Outdoor Show Raffle Tkt booth	Carlson Center	thru 4/23
May	Tue	9-May	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Thu	11-May	Membership Mtg	Museum	
	Sat	20-May	Cruisin' With Santa show	North Pole	non-club event
	Wed	24-May	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	Russ & Cindy Reason
	Wed	31-May	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	Mike Lecorchick
June	Sat	3-Jun	K-Mart Car Show	Old K-Mart lot	Willy Vinton/open show
	Tue	6-Jun	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Wed	7-Jun	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Thu	8-Jun	Membership Mtg	Chena Wayside	John McCarthy
	Sun	11-Jun	Mondo Run	Nenana	Donna Wojciechowski
	Wed	14-Jun	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Wed	21-Jun	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Sat	24-Jun	Fairbanks Midnight Sun Festival	Downtown Fairbanks	
	Sun	25-Jun	Chena Hot Springs Run	CHS	John McCarthy
	Wed	28-Jun	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	Paul & Joyce Tekin
July	Tue	4-Jul	4th of July Parade	Nenana/Ester/Fairbanks	location undecided
	Wed	5-Jul	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Tue	11-Jul	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Wed	12-Jul	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Thu	13-Jul	Membership Mtg	Howling Dog	
	Sat	15-Jul	Golden Days Parade	Fairbanks	morning
	Sat	15-Jul	Golden Spike Celebration	Nenana	afternoon

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July	Wed	19-Jul	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Sat	22-Jul	Raffle Drawing/Club Picnic	Pioneer Park	
	Wed	26-Jul	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Fri	28-Jul	Tanana Valley State Fair		thru 8/5
	Sun	30-Jul	Harding Lake Picnic	Harding Lake	Bob & Patty Meritt
Aug	Wed	2-Aug	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Sat	5-Aug	Willy's Rally	Fairbanks	Willy Vinton
	Tue	8-Aug	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Wed	9-Aug	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Thu	10-Aug	Membership Mtg	Airport East Ramp	
	Sat	12-Aug	Seekins Car Show	Seekins Ford	Willy Vinton
	Sun	13-Aug	Slow Poke Run	Fairbanks	Willy Vinton
	Wed	16-Aug	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	Russ & Cindy Reason
	Wed	23-Aug	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Sat	26-Aug	Mondo Run	Nenana	Rochelle Larson
	Wed	30-Aug	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
Sept	Wed	6-Sep	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Tue	12-Sep	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Wed	13-Sep	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	
	Thu	14-Sep	Membership Mtg	Airport East Ramp	
	Sat	16-Sep	Fall Color Run	Nenana	Paul & Joyce Tekin



When you wanted to make your truck your own, but couldn't quite fit it on a personalized license plate.

Thanks to John McCarthy

March Birthdays

Johnie Newman	10-Mar
Rick Larrick	15-Mar
Will Chase	18-Mar
Leslie Yamamoto	19-Mar
Tim Schackman	30-Mar
Donna Krier	31-Mar

March Anniversaries

Tim & Jymi Sickels	10-Mar
Lambert & Marnie Hazelaar	12-Mar
Charlie & Carrie Jurgens	14-Mar

April Birthdays

Joni Ellsworth	1-Apr
Roy Wilbur	3-Apr
Theresa Chase	4-Apr
Wil Courtney	8-Apr
Tammy Pruett	8-Apr
Bob Meritt	9-Apr
Julio Merced	12-Apr
Ron Frey	14-Apr
Wilma Vinton	15-Apr
Joanne Portwine	19-Apr
James Farnham	22-Apr
Dennis Dussman	23-Apr
Ross Beal	26-Apr
Doris Casey	26-Apr
Cindy Reason	26-Apr

April Anniversaries

Richard Bellows & Donna W.	1-Apr
Rick & Pat Crisenbery	30-Apr



President's Headlights

- Doug Cline, President

Like me I'm sure everyone is just about done with winter and looking forward to the day we can get back on the road for some real fun. We just recently held the planning conference for the upcoming year's events. There is still a lot of white space on our calendar. Mostly in the area of Wednesday Runarounds. If you have any ideas for a fun evening, please step up and grab one of the open Wednesdays.

We had a great turn out for the planning meeting, and I hope we continue to have this continue for our membership meetings. It is much more fun and exciting when we have good participation. Remember, you can also call into a meeting and be there virtually.

Hopefully, everyone is being safe this winter. This time of year is the most fun part of the winter. We are warming up and then no, we are not. Roads are clear and mother nature decides to add more snow. I walk out into my garage and look at my trucks and just want to take them out. Nobody really complains about vintage autos going slow so chains would be an option but I'm more worried about the other people on the road.

I'm sorry this article is a little short this time. Lots going on for me getting ready for the High School track season and work. Please take the time to come to our membership meetings or call in so that we can have your ideas, votes and discussion.

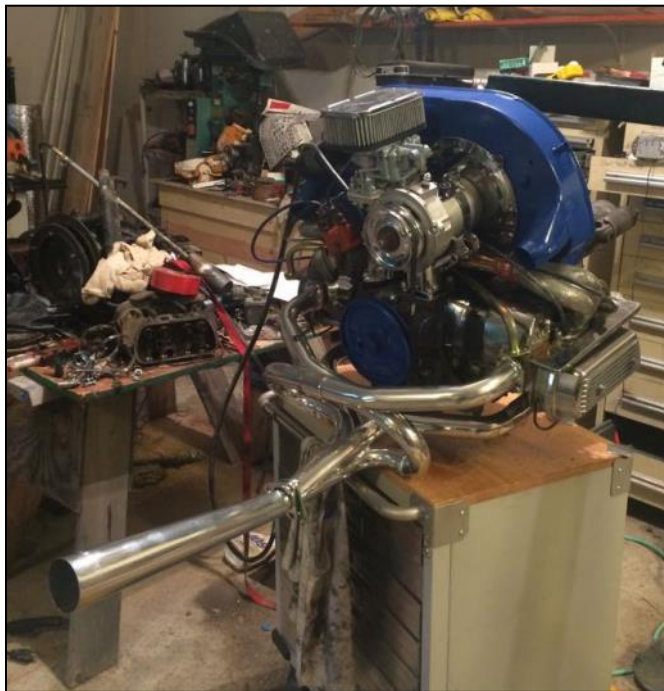


2022 Most Improved Vehicle Award

- Richard Bellows

I was nominated in 2022 for Most Improved Vehicle for my 1972 VW Super Beetle Convertible. In 1984, I was installing a water softener for a customer on Badger Road. I noticed several cars on the property and one was the VW. It was in pretty bad shape, but I just had to have it. There was no title so I contacted a tow company and they held it in storage for a month. After I was able to get the title, I started working on the body. I installed a new engine I ordered from California. The paint job was done by myself and Jose. It was painted with a souped up Rustoleum paint with a hardener epoxy primer. New tires were put on the car and a new convertible top. After watching U tube videos, I was able to put the top on myself. I called all the business in town that I thought would be able to do the top for me, but no one wanted to touch it.





Alec Arima presents Richard Bellows with the Most Improved Vehicle Award for his 1972 Volkswagen Super Beetle. Alec won the award last year for his 1958 Willys Pickup.

Photo: Donna Wojciechowski





The March membership meeting was held in the Fountainhead Museum on 3/09.

DUES ARE NOW VERY PAST DUE!

Membership dues are now PAST 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 2023 calendar year.

Please pay promptly-

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Nothing to report 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".

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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.
- **April 11: Board Meeting** @ Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **April 13: Membership Meeting** @ Taiga Center (behind museum) 6:30 pm.
- **April 21-23: Outdoor Show Booth** @ Carlson Center. The club will have a booth to sell raffle tickets all 3 days.
- **May 9: Board Meeting** @ Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **May 11: Membership Meeting** @ Fountainhead 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>

Larry Zervos



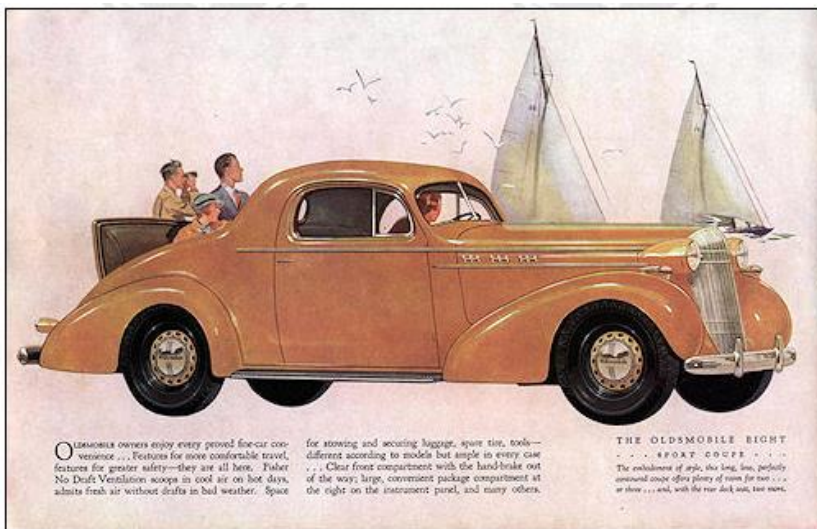
About a year ago, out of the blue, a guy named Willy Vinton called to ask me if I was interested in joining the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club --- AND --- serving on the Club's Board of Directors. I have always had an interest in old cars and I knew of the Vernon L. Nash Club, so I said I was interested in joining the Club, but I did not think I should become a Board member because I did not know anything about the Board's activities and its work.

But as most of you know, and as I soon learned, you do not easily say "no" to Willy. So now I am one of the newer members of the Board of Directors!

My name is Larry Zervos – it's a Greek name. I first came to Fairbanks in August of 1965 to attend the University. I fell in love with the place and while I would leave at times, I always returned. I returned to Fairbanks in April of 1973 and almost immediately fell into a job with Alaska International Airways. I was a part of a crew sent to T-3, an ice island in the high Arctic Ocean, to help repair a C-130 Hercules aircraft that crashed there. I returned in 1979, this time with my wife, Karla, and a law degree.

I have a life-long interest in old cars but have had limited hands-on experience with them. I owned a 1936, L36, Oldsmobile coupe while in high school. I loved that car and have been looking for a replacement ever since.

Although I am new and inexperienced with Club activities and matters, I hope to learn as much as possible and help when and where I can. I sincerely appreciate being part our Club.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, April 11** at the **FOUNTAINHEAD MUSEUM GARAGE**. Meeting starts at **6:30 pm**; no food. Board Meetings are open to members.

The next **Membership Meeting** is **Thursday, April 13, tentatively** in the **Taiga Center**, behind the **Fountainhead Museum**. Meeting starts at **6:30 pm** and is open to everyone.



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