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# Nash's News

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



## "Starting For The Ballgame, Fairbanks, Alaska"

*Attached is a photo I have not seen before. It was sent to me by a friend in FAI, and I think Lloyd Hoppner may have sent it to him?*

*The vehicles are parked in front of the Old Library at the intersection of 1st and Barnette, and the info from the email says it dates before 1917. Since it is part of the Johnson Collection at UAF Archives, it should be possible to get a nice big enlargement for the Fountainhead Museum, plus include it in the Nash newsletter?*

~ LaVonne & Dan Gullickson

## From The Editor

- Bruce McIntosh

As I was putting this month's newsletter together, going through the event updates (see pp 4,6, & 12) was a good reminder that, despite our recent Arctic blast, summer really is coming up on us fast. Today I'm even seeing the first bits of dirt showing up in the garden. In less than 30 days our first Wednesday Night Runaround is scheduled for May 24 at Pioneer Park.

If you're looking for a vehicle, several members have for sale ads this month, and they all look like mighty fine steeds (pp 8 & 9). The club had a booth at last weekend's Outdoor Show (p 10) and raffle ticket sales were steady throughout. If you haven't yet picked up your tickets to sell, contact Rochelle at Larson's Locksmith on 1249 Noble St.



Our next membership meeting is May 11, and plans are to have a couple of presentations. Local business *Midnight Sun Mobile Detailing* will share hints and tips on both cleaning and protecting our cars, and Olivia Dowling will fill us in on the upcoming Midnight Sun Festival, where we are planning a new show this June.



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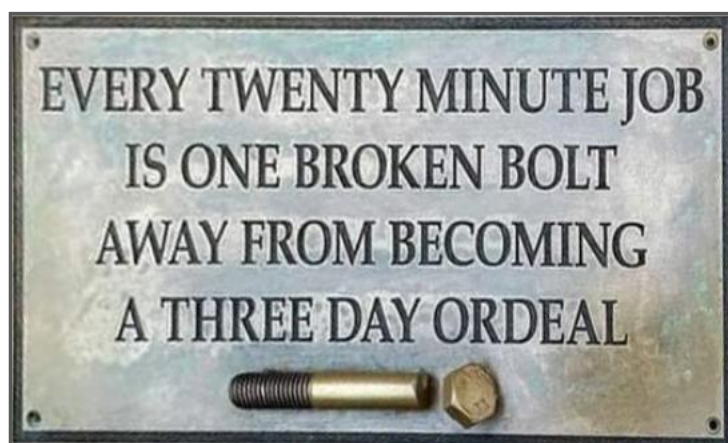
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*This was the 2019 Hershey trip with Bub and Rochelle Larson, they got to take a great ride in this beautiful 1910 Rolls-Royce Ghost. It is a very fast and large car for the time. It always puts a smile on the face of anyone who rides in it. We had a lot of great adventures on that trip, even had great luck at the auctions.*

*~ Willy Vinton*



## President's Headlights

- Doug Cline, President



With each passing day we get close to the end of our winter and the beginning of the short springtime. As temperatures warm, we start getting the itch to pull the vehicles out of the garage and get them ready for the new driving season. Most of you are probably like me and waiting more for the ice in the driveway to disappear before bringing the cherished treasures out. The roads are great, but I would need to get out of the driveway and that is a big IF right now.

I am looking forward to tuning my trucks up and getting them out once again. Last year I kept driving until a patch of black ice reminded me that a light, two-wheeled drive vehicle can make for some hilarious acrobatic driving to stay out of the ditch. Tune-ups on my 1949 trucks are easy. Doing a tune-up on my son's 1974 F250 is another matter. I've already begun the list of tasks: new exhaust system, tuning up the engine, and the fun part...removing the 10 pounds of form a gasket my uncle put on the valve covers and the oil pan before he gave it to my son. The truck was his mining truck from Central and he did what he had to do to keep it running without a NAPA next door.

As the weather warms and we start thinking about the fun we are going to have this summer with our vehicles, remember we need members to take some time and attend the membership meetings. In the fall, winter and spring; not just the summer. So far for the past two months we have been unable to vote or do business because we lacked enough people to form a quorum. We have more than 170 members and only need, until changed, 25 to show up for a meeting. I think I'll just leave that for you to ponder a while.

There are several issues coming up over the next few months, other than potential and scheduled events. We are looking at clarifying and amending the bylaws. In order to change the wording or amend the bylaws we have to have the input of the membership. Then we need the members to be able to vote. The idea is that we don't want just a few people making decisions for the group without input from everyone. I realize that many of you are happy with the way the club is going and don't see a need to make any comments. That may be all good, but we still value your opinions and want to hear from you. It is through the input of the members that we can come up with better and better ideas to make our time together not only beneficial for the group but fun. At the end of the day that is what's important, having fun with the antiques.

If you have not already looked through the calendar of events, I would ask that you do. This year we have some options. Since we have no agreeable weekend, at this time, it doesn't look like there will be a Joint Meet. However, we are always welcome to join Anchorage or Kenai for their events and they are welcome to join ours.

## President's Headlights *(continued)*

- Doug Cline, President

The Fourth of July this year is another example of choices. There are potentially four different July 4th parades we can join: Fairbanks, North Pole, Ester and Nenana. Then there is the Golden Spike Ceremony in Nenana a few days later. Nenana is currently looking for someone with a 1923 vehicle to help with the ceremony.

With all the events currently scheduled and those that we can attend, this is going to be a fun summer. Pull those vehicles out of storage, clean the dust off and tune them up. I even drive mine to and from work during the summer. It is amazing when you have a newer vehicle and can't drive the speed limit people get angry but, when you have an antique people will stay right with you, without complaint, just to check it out. The thumbs up makes it great.

Enjoy the warm weather. Enjoy your vehicle. Please come to the meetings or at least work on a proxy so that your voice can be heard. The club is only successful when the members are involved in one form or another. I look forward to seeing you on the road and seeing you at the next meeting.

### May Birthdays

Terry Smith	2-May
Timothy Schackman	2-May
George Cromer Jr.	5-May
Nancy Allen	6-May
Linda Grundy	6-May
Walter Mingus	7-May
Preston Smith	16-May
Lorna Lounsbury	16-May
John McCarthy	20-May
Gail Gardner	20-May
Dale Durrwachter	22-May
Jeff Casey	25-May
Greg Oslund	29-May
Christol Creamer	29-May

### May Anniversaries

Jeff & Christol Creamer	15-May
Julio Merced & Marily Naquin	19-May
Jerry & Carolyn Mustard	25-May





## AN UPDATE FROM THE VEEP

Greetings fellow members!

A few events have come up or changed since we had our planning meeting in February so I figured I should let you know!

First, we have several venues planning 4th of July activities, (which we normally don't plan anything for as most of us make other plans for that holiday weekend), but as these folks have reached out to us with invitations I thought it would be best to share the opportunities.

I will list the activities here, and if you want to participate I request that you RSVP to me at my email so I can reach out to the hosts with a head and car count for their planning purposes.

- 1) July 4 Pioneer Park celebration: Car show in Bartlett Square (Civic Center Parking), Noon to 4 pm, (Staging 11 to noon, Moore St. entrance).
- 2) July 4 Nenana Independence Day Parade: Sponsored by Discover Nenana, parade begins at 10 am, sponsor will offer awards for floats and other entries. They are also looking for a period car (1915-1925?) to have the Grand Marshall ride in. The owners of the Roughwoods Cafe ( Kari and Rick Irish) will be doing a Bar-B-Que buffet as well, \$40 PP or \$70 per couple.
- 3) July 4 Ester parade. This one is a come as you are type, no RSVP needed, keep an eye on the News Miner or social media for times and location (bribes for the judges are helpful if you want to "win" a prize).
- 4) July 4 North Pole Independence Day Celebration and Parade. As of this writing I haven't heard back from them with details, I will update all later.
- 5) July 15, 10 am, Golden Days Parade. The date was changed from the 22nd due to Eielson having an open house/airshow and the Chamber of Commerce didn't want to conflict with the Air Force. Line up will be at 9 am on lower 2nd as usual. PPR contact will be established at the May meeting.
- 6) July 15, AK Railroad Golden Spike 100 Year Anniversary, all day celebration with Golden Spike ceremony at 1 pm. Discover Nenana is hosting this celebration as well, and has invited the club to join them early with a pancake feed (free!) in the morning. I will have further details as they become available. For those who wish to participate in the Golden Days Parade, there will be enough time to get to Nenana after the parade and arrive before the spike ceremony.

Thanks for staying with me this far, and again, if anyone is interested in any of these events, Please RSVP to me so I can let the hosts know what to expect regarding our participation!

Another note, we still need PPRs for Wednesday Night Runarounds, so get creative (or not) and sign up to lead a Runaround! In talking with the FNSB Parks director, they think the idea of going into the park like we used to at 7 pm, once or twice a month, would be a welcome activity so we could schedule that in too.

Regards,

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This winter, club member Joe Milligan has been working on a 1963 Ford Econoline hot rod project. Incorporating the Econoline with a Ford Fusion driveline, the truck sports a lengthened body and sheet metal changes that will make the truck unique and should prove to be a comfortable driving street machine with the modern Ford driveline. The truck is shown here on its way to a welding shop for more body panel welding. Expect to see the finished vehicle in the near future on the streets of Fairbanks and at upcoming Vernon Nash Car Club events.

~ John McCarthy





## MEMBER ADS

**FOR SALE:** 1956 Buick Roadmaster Model 73R, 4-door hardtop. Black exterior with mint green interior. 79,200 miles, I am the third owner after two Buick dealers owned the car. Well maintained locally by Steve Martin of X-Ray Motors and Chad Paulson at Fairbanks Chevrolet Buick GMC. Car has PS, PB, PW and Power Seats. Factory Air. Original radio updated and can connect I-phone for music. All original owner's manual, shop manual, service manual and sales brochure with color charts come with the car. Car will be available mid to late May once snow is gone and rocks swept off the roads. Car will be serviced and new rear seal installed prior to sale. \$42,500 OBO. Jeff Cook: cook1@gci.net. 907-687-0370.



**HELP WANTED:** Owner of a 1955 Packard 400 needs assistance from anyone who knows more about electrical systems than he does. The turn signals and brake lights have defied his ability to troubleshoot the problem. Willing to compensate for time and parts for the repair. Prefer work be done at his residence because of the safety concern of no rear lights. If interested, please contact Lew Wood at 907-699-6098.



## MEMBER ADS

**FOR SALE:** 1963 Plymouth Fury, 361 big block, aluminum intake, Demon carb, Pertronix ignition, headers, front disc brake conversion, PS,PB, Torqueflite 727 push button shift, fresh fluid change, new battery & starter. After market stereo & amp. \$8,500 Call Terry 907-590-4713



**FOR SALE:** 1932 Studebaker Dictator \$12,200. Comes with many spare parts, including full drive train. Has overdrive. Rick Larrick – email or text 907-687-2036.





*Donna Wojciechowski manning the VLNAACF raffle ticket booth at the Outdoor Show in the Carlson Center last Saturday. Don't forget to pick up your books of raffle tickets at Larson's Locksmith!*

## **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 May membership 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 were to be paid by **December 31, 2022** for the 2023 calendar year, and are now overdue.

**Please pay promptly-**

## SUNSHINE REPORT:

This month I sent two cards:

Sympathy card to Wilma and Willy Vinton to the loss off their brother-in-law,

- and -

Get well card to Rochelle Larson as she broke a rib.

*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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*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 am to 10 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall.
- **May 9: Board Meeting @** Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **May 11: Membership Meeting @** Taiga Center, 6:30 pm.
- **May 24 - Wednesday Night Runaround** 6:30 pm @ Pioneer Park. First of the summer!

### Other Events

- **May 20: Cruis'n With Santa @** Hotel North in North Pole. Registration starts at 10 am, show is 11 am - 4 pm.

### Antique Auto Mushers

- **May 20-22: AAMA/Alaskan As** trip to Homer..

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>



## 2023 LONG DISTANCE TOUR

Ed McLaughlin wants to go to Dawson City for Canada Day and to Eagle for 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Approaching his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday, Ed wants to see the Can-Can Girls, enjoy the parades, and visit the Robert Service cabin again. Ed will drive his Citroen 2CV, leading whatever group we can put together on this long distance tour. Rick Larrick will go for sure, and knows that there are still plenty of accommodations available in both Dawson City and Eagle for other club members wishing to join this old car caravan.



Plans are to make it leisurely trip. The group will leave Fairbanks on the morning of Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, driving the 203 miles to Tok where they will stay overnight at Young's Motel and dining at Fast Eddies. Early Friday, they will depart for Chicken (77 miles) and then on to Dawson City via the Top of the World Highway – 183 miles total, catching the ferry across the Yukon by evening. Plans are to stay at The Downtown Hotel for 3 nights in Dawson City, enjoying the parade and Canada Day festivities on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and staying over the full day Sunday to enjoy the many museums, Dredge 4, the restaurants, and establishments. Early the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the group will queue up for the first ferry back across the Yukon, and then drive the 73 miles to Eagle. In Eagle, we will stay 2 nights at the Falcon Inn, enjoying the Historical Society dinner at the Order of the Redman Hall on the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Independence Day Parade and celebration at the Judge Wickersham courthouse on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, the group will drive the 170 miles to Tok, again staying at Young's Motel, and then make the return trip to Fairbanks on the 6<sup>th</sup> to end this 8 day / 7 night adventure. Total driving distance is 832 miles. This is the same trip the club took ten years ago, with 16 members and 8 old cars (details of that trip are in the August, 2013 newsletter which you can read on the website).

If you are interested in going along on this “Adventure Before Dementia Tour”, you will need to make your own lodging arrangements (don't wait – rooms will fill quickly), but please contact Rick Larrick ([larrickrick@gmail.com](mailto:larrickrick@gmail.com) or call or text 907-687-2036) to coordinate the trip so we can all caravan together.

~ Rick Larrick

## 2023 LONG DISTANCE TOUR



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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, May 9** 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, May 11**, in the **Taiga Center**, behind the **Fountainhead Museum**. Meeting starts at **6:30 pm** and is open to everyone. In the plans are presentations from Mid-night Sun Mobile Detailing and Olivia Dowling regarding the Midnight Sun Festival in June.



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