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Nash's News

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FIRST ANNUAL AUTOMOBILE SHOW 1928 FAIRBANKS ALASKA 1928

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Read the entire FDNM article on pp. 12 & 13.

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From The Editor

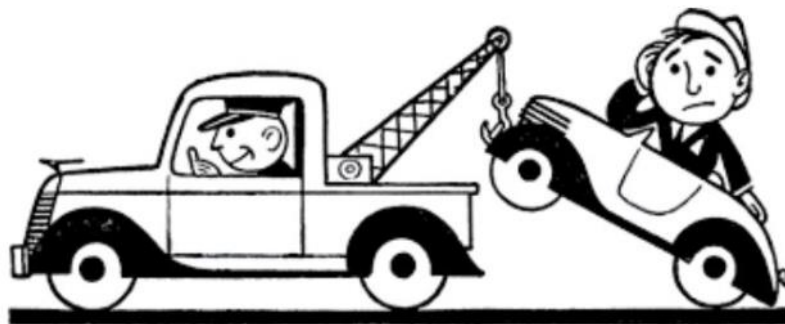
- Bruce McIntosh

Here it is, almost June, which means plans are finally coming to fruition. We have a lot going on this month in the club - both the Mondo Run and Chena Hot Springs Run, along with three car shows, Wednesday Night Runarounds, and Cars & Coffee on Saturday mornings. Hat tip to all the folks that are making things happen, and if you get a chance, don't be shy about offering to lend a hand.

George Dalton forwarded a great article about the first car show in Fairbanks in 1928, as reported by the FDNM and republished by Joan Skilbred in the Pioneers of Alaska newsletter. See the photo on the front page and read the transcribed article on pp 12 & 13.

Rick Larrick updates us on this year's Adventure Before Dementia Tour (ABDT) to Dawson and Eagle on page 7.

Now let's keep our fingers crossed for some of that Fairbanks weather we all brag about. The rain is good for gardens and wildfires, but it sure would be nice to get some strategic dry spells to wash and wax.



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



We had a good turnout for the May membership meeting, held in the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum, on May 11. Here, guests Joe and Kevin of Midnight Sun Mobile Detailing gave us a rundown on the services they provide and took questions from the audience. The following Saturday evening they gave us a hands-on demonstration on this years BMW raffle car. See page 10.



The first Wednesday Night Runaround of the year on May 24th at Pioneer Park.

President's Headlights

- Doug Cline, President



Another year and another Memorial Day is upon us. It is a time to reflect on those that fought and died for this Nation. As a Veteran this weekend is meaningful for me. Take a moment and reflect on the freedoms that have come from those brave individuals in uniform. They have given us freedom from prior tyranny. They have fought to maintain a young country's freedom. Fought brother versus brother to ensure that we were true to the words "all men were created equal." Fought to prevent further colonization in the western hemisphere. Fought against European aggression and then against fascism. They fought against the spread of communism.

Teddy Roosevelt told us that we should speak quietly and carry a big stick. Our military has had the bravery to fight their own fight. They have held steadfast while fighting someone else's fight. The United States has done something no other nation in the world has accomplished; we have conquered three quarters of the planet...and then gave it back. We have always been protectors and the big brother of the weak. That alone separates us from every other major power in the world.

Take some time to shake the hand of a veteran or service member and tell them "Thank you!" For those of you in the club that are veterans, I thank you and appreciate your service to this Nation.

This is the beginning of the summer season and a great time for our favorite hobby of antique vehicles. The rapid rise in temperature and melting of the snow pack has left us with fewer than normal vampires, I mean mosquitoes. I did an oil change and tune up for both of my trucks the past two weekends. Of course, it highlighted the need for other repairs...big surprise.

I drove both of my trucks to work on Eielson and people loved the trucks. When I drove the second truck to work, I received questions about why I repainted my truck. They forgot I have an F1 and F2. It was funny that they did notice.

I will be heading out of town for the State Track Meet in Palmer and then heading to Eastern Washington to spend some time with my mother. Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and kick off to the summer season. Enjoy the nice weather.

June Birthdays

Willy Vinton	8-Jun
Carl Westphal	8-Jun
Digna Cline	14-Jun
Jerry Mustard	18-Jun
Susan Cook	20-Jun
Diana Lecorchick	27-Jun

June Anniversaries

Dan & Joanne Portwine	6-Jun
Scott & Linda Grundy	11-Jun
Tim & Debbie Palmer	13-Jun
Greg & Lois Oslund	15-Jun
Dave & Deborah Rockney	17-Jun
Dan & Lavonne Gullickson	18-Jun
Peter & Denise Lundquist	20-Jun
Joe & Lynne Krizek	24-Jun



AN UPDATE FROM THE VEEP

Greetings fellow members!

The 2023 Crusin' with Santa car show, hosted by the North Pole Racing Lions, was a great place to be May 20th. Over 100 cars/trucks/bikes were on display, along with several food trucks offering a scrumptious variety of treats, and several vendors selling handcrafted and other wares.

Our booth with the raffle car was busy nonstop with over 400 tickets sold! Santa even stopped by and gave his seal of approval! He actually purchased tickets himself, though I'm not sure he will give the car to some good Boy or Girl if he wins it, as he seemed pretty comfortable in the driver's seat himself!



Big thanks to John McCarthy and Paul Tekin for the help at the booth, and it was great to see several other VLNAACF members bringing out their fine rides on a beautiful day.

Make sure your calendar is marked for the June 3rd VLNAACF car show at the True North church parking lot (across from AIH on Airport Way), and again for the June 24th Midnight Sun street fair car show in downtown Fairbanks. We have been assigned the entire parking lot of the Federal Courthouse at 1st Ave and Lacey St. That location gives us the option of not being required to stay until after midnight! Look for more details to follow.

Regards,

Jeffrey J (Jeff) Creamer

Vice-President, VLNAACF

Dawson City / Eagle Long-Distance Tour

Rick Larrick

We have at least 5 and possibly 8 vehicles committed for this summer's long-distance tour. There are still rooms available at each of our stays during the trip, and others are encouraged to join. The group leaves Fairbanks on Thursday, June 29th, stops in Tok, and then arrives Dawson City on the evening of June 30th. Arrangements are made for the group to participate in the Canada Day parade on July 1st, and for a car show at the Festival Grounds after the parade – the festival is an old-time community festival with speeches, games, cake, and refreshments. On the 3rd of July the group is off to Eagle, Alaska, arriving in time for the Historical Society dinner at the Order of Redman Hall; there is a community fund raising auction afterwards. On the 4th is an old-fashioned Independence Day celebration, with speeches at the Wickersham Courthouse, parade, and festivities. The group leaves Eagle on the morning of the 5th, again stopping in Tok and arriving back to Fairbanks on the 6th.

If you are planning to go, please make your own lodging arrangements, but please call or email Rick Larrick (larrickrick@gmail.com or 907-687-2036) for lodging information and to coordinate your travels with the rest of the group. While most of the group is going to both Dawson and Eagle, several members are only going to the celebration in Eagle, leaving Fairbanks on July 2nd and returning to Fairbanks on the 5th, so a shorter holiday trip is possible with them.



Photo is of the Canada Day club car show in Dawson City in 2019

MEMBER ADS

HELP WANTED: Owner and club member with 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.

FOR SALE: Burnie Hall's great 1963 Ford Galaxie 500XL fastback with factory AC, a solid 390 c.i. V8 with a four-barrel carburetor and an automatic transmission. Burnie purchased the car as a 406 V8 and it's badged as such, but there is some suspicion it may be a 390. Regardless, it's a beautiful and functional car. Only asking \$16,000. Call Scott Grundy at 907-322-9283 for additional photographs &/or an appointment to view the vehicle.



MEMBER ADS

FOR SALE: Burnie Hall's beautiful 1959 Ford Galaxie Skyliner with an enhanced 390 V8 engine that sports a Ford tri-power setup and all is mated to a modified automatic transmission. Asking \$20,000 for this unique vehicle. Contact Scott Grundy at 907-322-9283 for additional photographs &/or an appointment to see.





Joe and Kevin, from Midnight Sun Mobile Detailing, gave us a hands-on demo of polishing and protecting on this year's 1997 BMW Z3 raffle car. Thanks for donating your time and skills guys!

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 a sympathy card to Scott and Janeen Culbertson for the passing of Janeen's 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".

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Phone or Text: 907-378-0718.

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



CALENDAR

- **Note:** Cars-N-Coffee time is 8 am to 10 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall. Wednesday Night Runarounds meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Park lot.
- **June 3: Open Car Show @ True North Church** lot on Airport Way. Register 9 a.m., show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **June 6: Board Meeting @ Fountainhead Museum Garage** 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **June 8: Membership Meeting @ Chena River Wayside, 3530 Geraghty (east of University Ave).** Food and potluck at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m.
- **June 11: Mondo Poker Run** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donna Wojciechowski PPR
- **June 17: Pioneer Home Car Show** at the Pioneer Home, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.
- **June 24: Midnight Sun Car Show @ 1st Federal Courthouse parking lot,** open from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.. Club members only.
- **June 25: Chena Hot Springs Poker Run** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., John McCarthy PPR.

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>

AUTOMOBILE SHOW HAS GALA OPENING ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Over Three Hundred Persons View Latest Models

Mayor De La Vergne Opens Show

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Mayor F. de la Vergne officially opened the show shortly after 8 o'clock with a brief talk in which he outlined its purpose and traced the general development of motor vehicles in Alaska.

For the next three hours enthusiastic crowds passed in and out of the Auditorium, gathering in interested groups about the hosts models of the 9 important motor companies represented at the show. The hall was brilliantly lighted, showing off the automobiles to the best advantage. Judging from the cars exhibited, in 1928 the trend is away from open cars, with the exception of sport models, and toward one-seat and two-seat closed types, with special emphasis on body lines. Many mechanical improvements were noted as well.

The new Dodge, as exemplified by the Victory Six entered by the Northern Commercial company, attracted a great deal of favorable comment.

The next section was occupied by a Studebaker Dictator sedan and its smaller brother, the Erskine Six. These cars are exhibited by Galen & Sheldon, while Romeo Hoyt was kept busy demonstrating the many new features incorporated in the Studebaker as well as showing the Erskine to those who had not seen it before.

Adjoining this section was the space reserved for the Service Motor company, which has entered a Hudson sedan and a Chrysler sport roadster. These were among the most beautiful cars in the hall and were surrounded during the evening by numbers of visitors.

A Buick sport sedan and a Ford Tudor sedan occupied the stage, which was reserved for the Samson Hardware company. The Buick was received only recently and had not been previously seen by the public. It carries on the best traditions of the Buick craftsmanship, combining a rakish appearance with the sturdy build of the regular models. The Ford, of course, was a gathering point for motor enthusiasts, as it has been ever since it was received by the Samson company.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW HAS GALA OPENING ON FRIDAY NIGHT (*cont'd*)

As the visitor left the stage he next came to the section in which the Fairbanks Agency company displayed a Standard Six Nash sedan and a Falcon-Knight sedan. The latter car was the first of it's kind seen here and was closely examined. It is powered by the famous sleeve valve motor which has previously been seen only in the Willy-Knight line. With it's beautiful body and many other attractive features, naturally it was the center of attention for many of the visitors.

Fred B. Johnston displayed a Chevrolet sedan and a Chevrolet coupe, the latest models of the Chevrolet division of General Motors. Noticeable were the improved lines, including the narrow and long radiator. The improvements in the motor are no less marked, although less apparent.

Continuing towards the exit the visitor was then attracted by two Oldsmobile sedans, exhibited by the Standard Garage company. These cars are marked by lines making the body appear considerably longer, the cowl is more graceful, and the interior appointments are similar to those found in the highest priced cars.

The music provided by Charles F. Cann contributed in no small margin to the success of the show on the opening night. Amplifiers connected with a phonograph made the music easily audible in all parts of the hall.

Three hundred and two persons registered at the show last night, and a considerable number neglected the opportunity to do so.

registration confers no obligations but on the other hand gives the registrant a chance for the three prizes which are to be offered. The association desires to have everyone register in order to find out just how much interest is being taken in the show.

There is no admission charge. Everyone registering is given a ticket entitling them to a chance on one of the prizes. The drawings will be held tomorrow afternoon. First prize is 50 gallons of gasoline, second prize the same and third five gallons of cylinder oil. Visitors may, and in fact are requested to, once on each day of the show, thus increasing their chances for a prize. No one may register more than once each day. The show opens for the second night at 8 p.m. today. Tomorrow is the last day of the show, which opens at 2 p.m. and continues until 6.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, June 6** 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, June 8**, at the **Chena River Wayside**, 3530 Geraghty Ave (off University Ave). Food and potluck beforehand at **6 p.m.**, with the meeting starting afterwards at **7 p.m.** Open to everyone.



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