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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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Ron Allen and granddaughter Abby enjoying a nice, warm summer day in Fairbanks. Ron and Nancy met and dated in this Triumph!

Photo: Amanda Leathers-Cipriano



From The Editor

- Bruce McIntosh

For those wondering if they missed the August newsletter, well, no. A series of unfortunate events at the end of August had your editor down for the count, but I'm mostly healed up and back at the keyboard.

Trying to combine two months of club events into one newsletter left a lot of great photos in the archive, but this should give you a taste of what kept club members busy this summer. I see a chance of snow in the forecast by the weekend and yet it seems I'm still on the August part of my to-do list. Typing up the calendar for October went pretty quickly this month, though.



There are going to be some changes to the winter meetings, with fewer meetings on the schedule due to low turnout in previous years. You can check out the club calendar at the address below, and there will be a full schedule in the next edition of Nash's News. Cars and coffee is still going strong on Saturday mornings, and the new location for Great Harvest Bread (Airport Way and Wilbur St.) looks to be a really nice venue.

Note on pg. 14 some updates from Jeff Creamer that were sent out in an earlier email, and the presentation of the Most Improved Vehicle has been moved to the June car show. The Annual Meeting is in the planning stages for December, once again being held in the Fountainhead Museum. Look for more details next month and hope to see everyone there.



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

2023 Veterans Stand Down



Club members attended the 2023 Veterans Stand Down, held August 19 in Pioneer Park.

Photos: Doug Cline



Scott Grundy photographing Ed McLaughlin at the speakers podium.

President's Headlights

- Doug Cline, President



It is getting to be that time of year again. While the majority of the country is either in hot weather or hurricane threat, we are starting to see the leaves turn color and the temperature begin to drop. It is fortunate that we don't endure the same issues as the lower 48 but cooling temperatures can be disheartening. Driving around and seeing the beautiful areas here in Alaska can be more relaxing in cooler weather but Mother Nature has decided to put a little spin on it this year and pretends we are located in Seattle. A little constant mist of rain that has lasted us toooooo long.

My summer of fun was cut a little short when I needed to have my gallbladder removed and a hernia fixed. I'm fine and on the road to recovery. It is just frustrating when you are under a 15-pound lifting restriction for 6 weeks. It is going to be interesting to see if at least some of my projects are done before the white sunshine begins falling on us.

One of the fun projects I would like to get to is a 74 Ford F250 that my uncle gave to my son. It was his mining truck up by Central Hot Springs. When he retired and moved to Deer Park (by Spokane) the truck made several trips up and down the Alcan. Last year it was finally returned to the starting point in Alaska. There are several fun aspects of working on his truck. Working at a remote mining site, my uncle used Cat parts to work on the truck. For example, a normal negative ground bolt to the block is a 3/8" bolt. In this truck it is 3/4". Try finding a new cable that can accommodate that size bolt... There have developed a few leaks that need to be fixed, but that too is a chore. Not because of having to remove parts to replace seals but because he cornered the market on Form-A-Gasket. The valve covers and oil pan are basically glued in place. I ordered new valve covers just in case. It made sense since there were no auto parts stores near Central. With a big 360 under the hood, we did discover that, with the saddle tanks he put on the truck, we were able to traverse the entire 2500 miles from Eastern Washington to Fairbanks without having to fill up.

I would challenge each of you to write a small bit for the newsletter with a story about your vehicles. The background stories about an antique vehicle can be as fun as the vehicle themselves. My uncle's truck has a great story. My 49 Ford F1 is a family heirloom. Bought by my great-Grandfather and passed down until it is now mine. My 49 Ford F2 was intended to be a parts truck for the F1 but we discovered it was in great shape. My wife disputed how much it cost to restore but then I reminded her that the five years of no tax refunds I told her about were actually great returns that went to the truck. Yes, I got that look.

We all have stories about a trip or just the car that took us there. Send in an article and let us all enjoy.

I should not forget to remind that now that the weather is turning and the snow bunnies are looking at heading south, we need to remember that it is also important during the winter months to attend (in some fashion) the membership meetings so that the club may continue to conduct business.

Have a great month.

September Birthdays

Nee Nakprasit	2-Sep
Tracy McLeod	5-Sep
Grady Rolin	6-Sep
Wally Olsen	11-Sep
Marilyn Nigro	13-Sep
Al Haynes	14-Sep
Wyan Grant	14-Sep
Carolyn Mustard	17-Sep
Brent Levalley	18-Sep
Richard Meiners	20-Sep
Jerilee Musgrove	20-Sep
Karine Dane	21-Sep
Charlie Jurgens	27-Sep

September Anniversaries

James & Tracy Brand	7-Sep
Paul & Joyce Tekin	7-Sep
Marlen & Tammy Pruett	18-Sep
Doug & Sonja Davis	25-Sep
Clutch & Lorna Lounsbury	29-Sep

October Birthdays

Thomas Smith	1-Oct
Denise Lundquist	4-Oct
Tracy Brand	6-Oct
LaVonne Gullickson	12-Oct
Lori Hinchliff	14-Oct
Deborah Rockney	19-Oct

October Anniversaries

George & Patricia Cromer	1-Oct
Dan & Sue Schaaf	9-Oct
Tim & Jo Schackman	21-Oct
Eugene Reed & Terry Putnam	31-Oct



Incredible Edwin by Scott Grundy

Our club is blessed with many fine folks, but one ol' bird in my opinion really shines! Ed McLaughlin, days shy of his 97th birthday, just finished driving nearly 1,000 miles by himself on our recent Adventure Before Dementia Tour (ABDT) to and from Dawson City, YT and Eagle, AK where we celebrated Canada Day & Independence Day respectively. Well, Ed was not completely alone as he was accompanied by his new lady-friend Amelia and was a "bumper buddy" with our trip organizer Rick Larrick. I followed Ed and must say he did well staying between the rumble strips - at least most of the time!



Dapper ol' Ed is quite the mover. Lonely after losing his wonderful wife, Laurel, he picked up Amelia (Named after famed aviator Amelia Earhart.) at our local Fred Meyer grocery store. Even though the attraction was instantaneous, he had to pay for her companionship. Overall, Ed is delighted with Amelia. However, he comments that she's just too quiet - but this is offset by the fact that she's cheap-to-keep and is a great listener!

Ed has always been a fan of small and strange vehicles. He currently owns a VW bug, Geo Metro and a BMW Isetta. On this tour he drove his beloved 1985 2CV Citroen that he purchased as a present to himself on his 95th birthday! The French-made Citroen is a strange looking vehicle that was sold as a competitor to the VW bug in Canada and elsewhere but not in the USA. Ed is in love with this vehicle and has educated me as to all its attributes. The Citroen draws attention wherever it goes, and is truly a functional and well-designed vehicle. Ask Ed about his new purchase and watch his enthusiastic expressions as you listen to his glee!

Even though Ed has been known to wear a plaid skirt, I urge you all to get to know this special man better. For years, Ed has entertained us at club events with his lengthy recitals of hilarious poems (Mostly Robert Service.) from memory. He's also a WWII veteran and a former shop teacher who is interested and knowledgeable about all things strange and mechanical. Ed's the source of our ABDT's entertaining moniker, and he also instigated the naming of the Woolly Mammoth as our state fossil! Quite a guy indeed!

This year's ABDT only happened because Ed was determined to make the run in his beloved Citroen. Rich Golding of the Anchorage club, who also owns a Citroen 2CV, agreed to meet Ed in Tok and make the run north. Rick Larrick then decided to accompany Ed on the entire tour and invited others to join. As a result the 2023 ABDT was born! Thanks Rick!

Incredible Edwin by Scott Grundy



Queueing up for the Canada Day parade in Dawson, Ed gets the one-over from the Mounties (instigated by the smiling onlookers - Scott Grundy and Rick Larrick)



AAMA's Rich Golding assisting Ed McLaughlin on the way to Dawson.



Ed McLaughlin speaking as the only WWII vet at the Veterans Stand Down in Pioneer Park in August.

Photos: Scott Grundy



Entertaining journalist Julie Avey from Eielson AFB at the Veterans Stand Down in Pioneer Park in August.

Seekins Car Show

On August 12 we held our end of the year car show in the lot at Seekins Ford. Congratulations to Cindy Helms for winning the Spectator's Choice with her beautiful 1932 Ford Roadster! And thanks to Patty and Bob Meritt for providing the trophy and handling the logistics of voting.



Willy Vinton presents Cindy with her trophy.



Ford power!



Mondo Run

We made the last poker run to the Monderosa on August 26. Reports are that a good time was had by all (as always).



Photos: Patty Meritt



MEMBER ADS

FOR SALE:

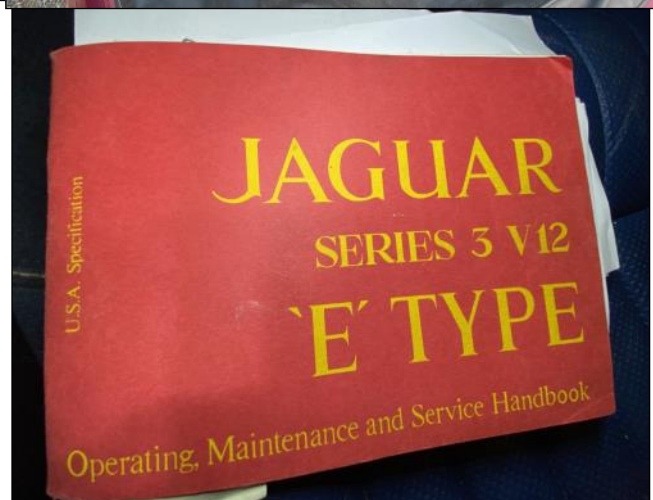
1.) **1970 Series II Jaguar XKE, 6 cylinder**, 4.2 Liter, 4-speed, knock off wire wheels, original paint, lift off hard-top and convertible roofs with 26,392 miles. Tan leather interior. Auto has been under single ownership for 36 years. Vehicle is unmolested, no accident history, clean and clear title. Comes with original auto jack and wheel tools. Wire wheel spare tire included. Original owner's manual and owner's maintenance records included. Vehicle has some minor body panel blemishes and dings but solid car with no rust damage. Some new spare parts and service and parts manuals included. Vehicle needs some minor maintenance work but runs, drives and stops and has been running annually each summer since purchase. Stored in an enclosed garage each winter.

2.) **1973 Jaguar Series III XKE, 5.3 liter V-12**, automatic, A/C, vehicle re-painted some years ago with original color, lift off hard top and convertible roofs with 47,548 miles. Blue leather interior. Auto has been under single ownership for 37 years. Original steel wheels, hubcaps, and original jack and wheel tools. Vehicle is unmolested, no accident history, clean and clear title. Original owner's manual and owner's maintenance records included. Some new spare parts and service and parts manuals included. Vehicle needs some minor maintenance work but runs, drives and stops and has been running annually each summer since purchase. Stored in enclosed garage each winter.

Call or text Richard Tilly at 907-388-3175 to arrange for a personal inspection and review of vehicles. Presently stored in town on the south side of Fairbanks. Serious cash sales inquiries only. Will consider selling as a pair or individually.



MEMBER ADS



WANTED:

I'm looking for an international scout II. I would prefer a 2 wheel drive but drive train isn't important. I want the body. Would really like one with half roof.

If anyone has one rusting away they want gone please call Marty Pahkamaa at 907-697-5709.



MEMBER ADS

FOR SALE:

1926 Ford Model T coupe

12 volt conversion

New gear drive starter

New gear drive alternator

New battery

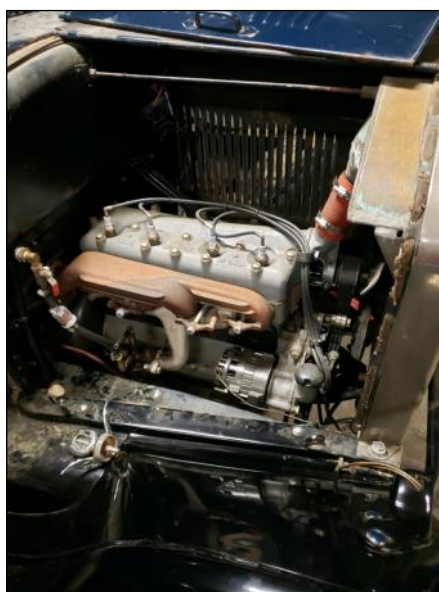
Rebuilt engine/trans

Solid body

Lots of new parts to help finish,
runs and drives.

\$7,500.00

Willy Vinton 907-388-8252



SUNSHINE REPORT:

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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CLUB CALENDAR

- **Note:** Cars-N-Coffee time is 8 am to 10 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at their **new location** on the corner of Airport Way and Wilbur St..
- Wednesday Night Runarounds are finished until 2024.
- **Oct 10: Board Meeting @** Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **Oct 12: Membership Meeting @** the Taiga Center, behind the Fountainhead Museum. No food. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome.



Find us on 

Bruce McIntosh manages the public Facebook page of the [Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks](#) , 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>

From the Veep

Editor's note: You may have received this in an earlier email, but for those that missed it -

Greetings All

A few things for your consideration:

Election update:

A committee has been formed to poll the membership seeking candidates for our upcoming election for Officers and Directors. Larry Zervos, Doug Davis, and Bruce McIntosh have volunteered to conduct a phone survey of the members. This will take place over the next couple of weeks, so expect a call from one of these gentlemen and seriously consider agreeing to serve. Positions up for election are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. These are 1 year terms with a 2 term limit on the Presidents position and no limits on the others. There are also 2 Board of Director positions which are 2 year terms with no term limits.

Annual Charity Donation:

There has been discussion of changing the annual charity donation to a scholarship focusing on supporting young people interested in entering the automotive trades (mechanic, body repair, etc.). After much discussion we realize this is going to require much consultation with the appropriate educator groups and the high schools in our area, so we will probably not have the methods in place to award a scholarship this year. It will possibly be available in the spring of 2024, but most likely will be late 2024 or early 2025. The bottom line here is let's reach out for letters from local charities as we have in the past. The criterion is unchanged, you will need to submit a nomination letter and a letter from the charity explaining their role in the community. The BOD will review the applicants and present a ballot in November.

Regards,

Jeffrey J (Jeff) Creamer

(907) 378-9061

Most Improved Vehicle

Something that has been brought up several times is changing the timeline for the Most Improved Vehicle award. Normally, this is presented at our annual meeting in December, but this year we are moving the date to the June car show in 2024. This gives time for folks to work on those projects all winter and be recognized when our cars once again start hitting the road. Be thinking about nominations (and maybe this will add just a bit more needed motivation to finish up that project this winter).

Ester Tour - Wednesday Night Runaround

The run around to the Malamute Saloon in Ester was well attended. The music was uplifting and the spirit friendly. There were about 17 cars that attended. Thanks to Melinda Harris for leading the way!

~Patty Meritt



Photos: Patty Meritt

Progressive Dinner

The progressive dinner was a success. Three folks had to drop out because of COVID, but the rest all came, so there were about 19 of us. We gathered around 6 pm in the large dog training arena of Diane Marshall and Steve Estes. They provided the main course and several side dishes. Others brought appetizers, salads and beverages. At our request, Diane even gave us a little demonstration of their dogs at play and doing the agility training.

Then we caravanned over to Bob and Patty Meritt's new home for dessert, coffee/tea, a car tour and some historic videos of Rudy Domke and the car club. A good time was had by all. Due to the rainy weather only Russ and Cindy Reason brought an old car.

Patty Meritt



Photos: Patty Meritt

Fall Color Poker Run

If you didn't make the Fall Color Poker Run on Saturday, September the 16th, we missed you. The twenty seven of us were lead on our way to Nenana by Paul Tekin. It was a sight to behold, with a caravan of old cars leaving Pioneer Park at 11am. The sun was playing peek-a-boo with the clouds and the tree's colors became electrified when the sun won. Lots of bright yellows, golds and low-lying reds. A gorgeous day!

Many stops were made selecting cards in hope of the winning hand or at least 2nd or 3rd. Always with time in between to catch up on the latest happenings and seeing some members who were gone for the summer.

Reaching Roughwoods Café in Nenana at 1pm Karie had everything ready for us. She opened the café just for the car club and as always we had good service and food. We had two stragglers join us, Marlen and Tammy Pruett, making the head count 29. The winners of the Poker Run were Theresa Chase (1st), Will Chase (2nd), and Diana Lecorchik(3rd).

The Poker Runs are over for this year, so when the cold winter days set in think about some place YOU would like to go. We are a Great group and there is always someone to help you make plans. Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party. Take care.

Paul and Joyce Tekin



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, Oct. 10** 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, Oct. 12**, at the **Taiga Center**, behind the **Fountainhead Museum**. No food. Meeting starts at **6:30 pm** and is open to everyone.

