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Nash's News

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



Scenes from last year's Annual Membership Meeting / Holiday Party. It's scheduled for Sunday December 10th this year, once again at the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum. Get your reservations in early and come join the fun! More info can be found on pages 3 and 8.

From The Editor

- Bruce McIntosh

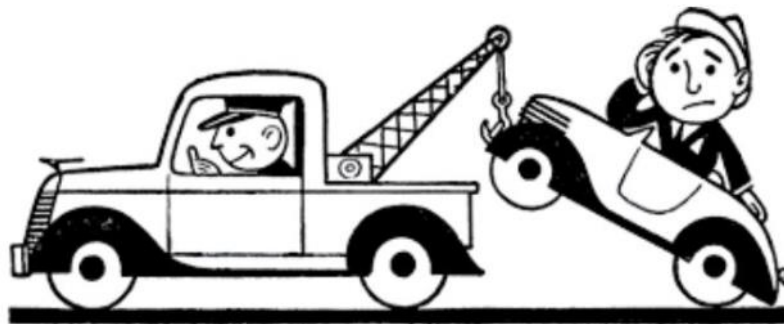
Happy Turkey Month! As we're entering the holiday season, the biggest items on our calendar right now are the membership meeting on November 9, where we will be voting on new club officers and board members (see the ballot on page 9), and of course the Annual Membership Meeting & Holiday Party coming up Sunday, Dec. 10 (see pages 3 & 8). If you don't have your reservations in yet, see the form on page 3.



Aside from club news and events, one of the more important features in our newsletter are stories that come from our members. 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.

I'd like to give a hat tip to John McCarthy and Scott Grundy for their help in cleaning up my mistakes and oversights before this newsletter reaches your eyes. Thanks gents...

Finally, it's also time to renew our memberships for 2024. 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/>

2023 VLNAACF ANNUAL MEETING/HOLIDAY PARTY

Save the date! Mark your calendar for the annual business meeting to be held on **Sunday Dec. 10, 2023** at the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum.

This year the members dinner cost is \$15.00. However, over the past few years, members have made reservations and then not attended. VLNAACF is still responsible for paying the full fee for the reserved meal, whether it is eaten or not. Last year there were 20 reserved meals where the members did not attend. Members voted on an alternative way to ensure the club does not have to absorb this cost. To reserve your meal, you will pay \$50/ person. When you attend the dinner, at the check-in table you will receive a cash refund of \$35/person. Guests will pay \$50/person with no refund. Kids under the age of 10 are free. Also, because of the refunds, we will not accept credit cards for the dinner reservations (you can still use a credit card for your dues).

Please return this reservation form with dinner fee and guest payments at the Nov 9th membership meeting, or to Larsons Locksmiths, 1249 Noble St., or mail by Nov 25th to:

VLNAACF
PO Box 71253
Fairbanks, AK 99707-1253

Reservations **must** be received by December 1st

Social Hour (no-host bar) 4:00 pm.

Meeting 5:00 pm.

Dinner 5:30 pm.

Gift exchange/door prizes follows dinner. If participating in the gift exchange, each participant will need to bring a wrapped gift, suggested value of \$25.

Buffet Menu: Prime Rib or Halibut Oscar, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert (cake) Coffee, Lemonade and Iced Tea provided; Cash Bar

Please indicate the number of persons attending and fees paid:

_____ Members @ \$50.00 = \$ _____

_____ Guests @ \$50.00 = \$ _____

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

MEMBER NAME(S): _____

QUESTIONS/SPECIAL DIET NEEDS?

CONTACT DONNA WOJCIECHOWSKI email: CULLIGAN@GCI.NET

President's Headlights

- Doug Cline, President



We are looking at November coming up and it is our election time. The past couple of years there hasn't been a choice to make other than approve the slate. This year we have three people running for two director positions. I'm sure by now you have received your ballot in an email. Please fill out your ballot and return to Rochelle. There is a swap of positions that he didn't want (hee-hee), Michael Lecorchick is the new President and I'll become the Past President. Thank you, Mike.

As I come to the end of my tenure as the Club President, I'm sure there will be more articles that I'll write just to give you a good laugh. I appreciate the time I have spent but am also glad there is a term limit for the position of President. Of course, I'm a firm believer there should be a term limit on all board members. Unfortunately, in order to make that come to fruition and gain new thoughts and people to the board of directors we would need more people to stand up and run for a position in one of the elections. Everyone has skills we can use to benefit the club as a whole and those skills are welcomed.

As we enter into the long winter here in Alaska, it is time to start looking at the storage of our vehicles. I'm making an experiment this year; due to multiple projects I need to complete in the house I have to store the trucks outside. I have purchased nice truck covers to protect them from the elements. Have to at least give it a try.

With the changes in the road conditions, I have to ask the rhetorical question - do the police even monitor traffic in the Fairbanks North Star area? Just going to the store, the other day, I had three people run stop signs right in front of me. Driving in modern vehicles with disc brakes, this is not as much of a problem but when we are using drum brakes and early hydraulic systems, it becomes an issue. I have noticed the reduced amount of police action on the streets and highways over the past couple years. I, again, say this as a rhetorical argument, but I still have to be concerned about why people have become more and more inclined to ignore the law. When I drive around in one of my antique vehicles this is a concern in the back of my mind. It does help to remember that my truck is made of real steel rather than the aluminum and plastic of today's vehicles.

I remember, when I was stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground Maryland, I had a car run a stop sign in front of my F2 and I just missed them. Fortunately, they headed to the front gate of the base and the guards knew me. I explained what they had done and they were detained at the gate for failure to yield and running a stop sign.

Time has begun to sunset on my tenure as your president. I want to leave you with the thought of being thoughtful for others and seek to promote the club wherever you go. We need new ideas for the board of directors. Take time to add your voice for at least one term. I challenge all of you to add your voice for at least one term. We have many active members and can use the help. If you are a snow bunny and leave every winter don't think it is a bar to your running for office. There is much business that can be done over Teams, Zoom, or just over the telephone. Go ahead and spend your time in warmer weather, but consider joining the board and adding your voice.

Reminder: Vote for the new board members at this month's membership meeting on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 pm. Thank you all for being members of the club.

November Birthdays

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

December Birthdays

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

December Anniversaries

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

November Anniversaries

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



MEMBER ADS



Have something you're looking to sell, swap, trade, or give away? Looking for parts, help, or maybe your dream car?

Ads are free to club members. Just send an email with a description to nashnewseditor@gmail.com . Pictures are welcome.

DUES ARE DUE!

Membership dues are now **DUE** for the 2024 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 November 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.

You can PAY BY CREDIT CARD if you stop by Larson's Locksmith to see Rochelle or call her (907-590-8593).

Dues are to be paid by **December 31, 2023** for the following year.

Please pay promptly-

Thanks,

Rochelle Larson

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".

e-mail: tksplits@yahoo.com

Phone or Text: 907-378-0718

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



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.
- **Nov 7: Board Meeting @** Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **Nov 9: Membership Meeting @** the Taiga Center, behind the Fountainhead Museum. No food. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome.
- **Dec 5: Board Meeting @** Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **Dec 10: Annual Membership Meeting and Holiday Party @** the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum. .
 - * Social hour @ 4:00 p.m.
 - * Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
 - * Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.

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

A couple of changes this year worth noting involving the Holiday party and winter meeting schedule.

The reservation fee for the party (December 10th) has been increased this year to \$15.00 and paired with a attendance deposit of \$35.00 which will be refunded at the door upon arrival. This was approved at the October membership meeting by the attending members to encourage folks to attend because in years past we have had several no-shows that left the club paying for the meals anyway. That has ended up costing the club several hundred dollars each year. By having the reservation deposit it limits the liability of the club by covering most (not all!) of the cost of the meal. The menu chosen by the Membership this year is Prime Rib and Halibut for the main course! John McCarthy has volunteered to man the table and hand out the deposit refund as you come in the door.



Attendance has been low at our winter meetings, so we are rearranging the meeting schedule a bit this year. This year the January and March meetings have been removed from the schedule, which means we will vote on approving the 2024 budget at the December meeting and the February scheduling meeting will be combined with the membership meeting. Monthly meetings will resume with the April meeting.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to get their ballots for the club election turned in either by mail, email, or in person at the November membership meeting. Please take the time to have a voice in your club leadership!

Safe Travels to all,

Jeffrey J (Jeff) Creamer

Most Improved Vehicle

As a reminder - 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).

BALLOT

I. OFFICERS

- _____ PRESIDENT - MIKE LECORCHICK (ONE-YEAR TERM)
- _____ VICE PRESIDENT - JEFF CREAMER (ONE-YEAR TERM)
- _____ SECRETARY - DONNA WOJCIECHOWSKI (ONE-YEAR TERM)
- _____ TREASURER – WILMA VINTON (ONE-YEAR TERM)

II. DIRECTORS -- SEATS #3 & #5

VOTE FOR TWO PERSONS ONLY

THE CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEATS #3 & # 5, LISTED
IN APLHABETICAL ORDER, ARE:

- _____ ROBERT CARLSON, JR (TWO-YEAR TERM)
- _____ DOUG DAVIS (TWO-YEAR TERM)
- _____ PATTY MERRITT (TWO-YEAR TERM)

**RETURN YOUR COMPLETED BALLOT BY EMAIL TO
ROCHELLE LARSON at rochelle1987@hotmail.com
ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

OR

**VOTE IN PERSON AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING
ON NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

OR

MAIL YOUR BALLOT TO:

VLNAAC

PO Box 71253

Fairbanks, Alaska 99707-1253

POSTMARKED BEFORE NOVEMBER 6, 2023

VOTE ONLY ONE TIME

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Director (term expires 2024)	Bret Helms	456-2349	helmsbret@gmail.com
Director (term expires 2024)	John McCarthy	347-5056	gt500ak@gmail.com
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Facebook Moderator	Bruce McIntosh	322-4685	bcmcintosh@gmail.com
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, Nov. 7** 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, Nov 9**, at the **Taiga Center**, behind the **Fountainhead Museum**. No food. Meeting starts at **6:30 pm** and is open to everyone.

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