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Nash's News

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



Bottom photo: Patty Meritt

At our Annual Holiday Party, held Dec.10 at the Fountainhead Museum, smiles were on full display. Elliott Estes, with a little help from dad Spark Estes, seemed pretty satisfied with his pick from the gift table.

From The Editor

- Bruce McIntosh

'Tis the season! We held our Annual Meeting/Holiday Party at the Fountainhead Museum on December 10, and had somewhere in the neighborhood of 90 attendees. It's our biggest event of the year, so worthy of some extra pages this month. If you weren't able to make it this year, hope to see you next. In this issue you'll find a dozen pages of pictures that should help to entice you.

The calendar for the next couple of months is fairly short, and the schedule should return to normal come April. In the meantime we are still meeting every Saturday morning, from 8 to 10, for Cars & Coffee at the Great Harvest Bread Company on Airport Way. A good way to start off the weekend!

By the time this reaches you, we'll be on the other side of Winter Solstice. Expect the next issue of Nash's News in January, then I will be taking a break until the March issue, when we should have a tentative calendar of activities to share for the 2024 season.

My score from the gift table at the party:



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



President's Headlights

- Doug Cline, President



To all the members that were at the Annual Meeting/Christmas Party, I hope you all enjoyed yourself. Unfortunately, my family and our friends were unable to stay until the end of the gift exchange due to needing to get up early for work. During our planning meeting in February, I will be suggesting that the Annual Meeting take place on Saturday rather than Sunday. That small change would help those of us who are still working the next day.

I want to thank you all for your support over the past couple years. I have been honored to act as the club President. Other than when on vacation, I only missed one meeting and that was the Board of Director's meeting right before the Annual Meeting. Dumb me kept looking at the calendar thinking the second Tuesday and forgetting that would have been after the Annual Meeting. I was really embarrassed when Jeff called me that evening to see if I was alright. I was happy that he did call to see if I was alright. That is just the right thing to do.

For those that haven't had the opportunity to serve on the Board, I strongly recommend you think about it for at least a single term. We don't see all the behind-the-scenes workings from just the Membership Meeting. The Board does a quite a bit that isn't seen. By standing up and serving as a Board member for at least a single term takes some of the heavy lifting away from those that fill the duties out of a sense of loyalty to the club and the lack of new blood. We need that influx of new people with new ideas.

I was encouraged when the Board decided to skip some of the winter Membership meetings due to annually small attendance. That is the right thing to do. Also, thanks to Wilma for getting a method that people can attend during the winter telephonically. That should do wonders for ensuring we have a quorum.

I would also like to thank Mike for stepping up for club President and Past-President at the same time (just kidding Mike). We need to say thank you to Wilma, Donna and Bruce as well. Their work behind the scenes is really good for ensuring we have the money for events and the communication open with the members. We need to thank Rochelle for her hard work maintaining the membership rolls. She runs a busy business and our membership. At the next meeting when everyone is there, I challenge you to just go up to them and say thank you.

I appreciate the Board members. One of the busiest members is our Vice-President Jeff. He does a lot of leg work to ensure our events have minimal hic-ups. Thank you.

I'm not going away and I think my dues are still paid for the next couple years. I just wish to thank you for your support.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

Doug

December Birthdays

Robert Carlson	6-Dec
Brenda Wilbur	9-Dec
Paula Beal	13-Dec
Lisa Casey	17-Dec
Larry Crouder	18-Dec
Cindy Helms	30-Dec

January Birthdays

Bruce McIntosh	1-Jan
Ralph Glasgow	4-Jan
Dave Rockney	6-Jan
Patricia Cromer	8-Jan
Patty Meritt	8-Jan
Terry Fogleson	13-Jan
Dan Gullickson	19-Jan

December Anniversaries

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

January Anniversaries

Michael & Diana Lecorchick	8-Jan
Blue & Lori Hinchsliff	12-Jan



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:

Cards were sent to:

- ◇ Wilma Vinton
- ◇ Paul Tekin
- ◇ Tony Martin

For surgeries.

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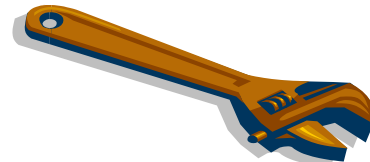
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CLUB CALENDAR

- **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.. Come join us!
- Wednesday Night Runarounds are finished until 2024.



- **Jan 9: Board Meeting** @ Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **Feb 8: Membership / Planning Meeting** @ the Taiga Center, behind the Fountainhead Museum. Pizza will be served. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome. Be sure to attend to help plan out next year's schedule of events!
- **This winter** we are moving to an abbreviated schedule of meetings. There will be no January or March membership meetings.
- **The schedule** returns to normal with the April membership meeting.

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

Greetings All

I wanted to provide you with an update on the election of officers and the annual charitable gift this year.

We have a new President! Mike Lecorchick has been elected to the Presidency, and Jeff Creamer, Wilma Vinton, and Donna Wojciechowski are continuing as Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively. Doug Davis and Patty Meritt are elected to two year terms on the Board of Directors. Bret Helms and John McCarthy round out the board with one year remaining in they're term. Doug Cline will retain the Past President seat on the board.

This year's recipient of the annual charitable donation is the Golden Heart Community Foundation, nominated by Rick Larrick. The GHCF is an affiliate of the Alaska Community Foundation and utilizes three endowment funds to provide support to the community. The Grant Endowment Fund, the largest, reached one million dollars in 2023. The earnings from the fund are first used to inflation proof the fund and secondly to provide grants to local nonprofits. The Operating Endowment Fund has raised \$350,000, which the interest from will cover operating costs in the future. The final fund is the Operation Spendable Fund and that money is used to cover day to day operating costs of GHCF, which are very low.

Two other charities were nominated - Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of UAF.

Regards,

Jeffrey J (Jeff) Creamer
VLNAACF Vice President
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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).



The 2024 VLNAACF Officers and Directors were introduced during the business portion of our meeting.

From L to R - Bret Helms, Doug Davis, Patty Meritt, Doug Cline, Jeff Creamer, Donna Wojciechowski, and Mike Lecorchick. Missing - Wilma Vinton had to sit this one out in the audience, and John McCarthy was still on duty attending the door for late comers.



Club Secretary Donna Wojciechowski reads the minutes from the last BOD and membership meetings during the business portion of the party.



Some of the hardworking folks that made things happen, manning the table at the front door.
From L to R - Paul and Joyce Tekin, John McCarthy, Cindy Helms, and Phil and Katie Sanders.



Early birds had plenty of time to mingle and admire the museum's collection before we got down to business.



Phil and Katie Sanders making sure everyone got their tickets for this year's Raffle Car drawing. We'll be giving away a very nice 1971 MGB Roadster convertible this coming summer.

If you haven't picked up your tickets yet, be sure to see Rochelle at Larson's Locksmith, 1249 Noble Street.



Rick Larrick (above) introduces Cynthia Klepaski (below), representing the Golden Heart Community Foundation. Cynthia is the Vice Chair of the Foundation.

President Doug Cline presented Cynthia with our annual charitable donation in the amount of \$1,000.



Once the business meeting was over, hungry members kept their fingers crossed, hoping their table would be called next to line up for a delicious meal featuring halibut and prime rib.



bottom photo: Patty Meritt



After dinner, Ralph Glasgow presented his mom, Jackie Butler, a pecan pie in honor of her 92nd birthday.





photos: Patty Meritt



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After dinner, it was time to try your hand at the gift table. Everyone that brought a gift, got to pick a gift. Of course, that didn't mean you got to *keep* what you picked. Folks were allowed two chances to "steal" someone else's treasure, and a fair amount of exchange kept the anticipation high.

Top - Joyce and Denis Gardella kept a close watch on the hijinks at the gift table.

Bottom - Melinda Harris was all smiles with her pick.



After dinner, Santa Vinton lends a helping hand to Bob Meritt in sorting out the adult beverage contents of the gift Bob chose off the table.



photo: Patty Meritt



John McCarthy (top) seemed absolutely joyful with his choice, while Phil Sanders (below) checks out Alec Arima's pick before committing to his own. Luckily, Santa Creamer and Santa Vinton were standing by to referee and keep things moving.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, Jan. 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, Feb. 8**, at the **Taiga Center**, behind the **Fountainhead Museum**. This is also our **planning meeting** and pizza will be provided. Meeting starts at **6:30 pm** and is open to everyone.

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