

Nash's News



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

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The first "virtual runaround" was a fun evening of "dinner and a movie" on Valentine's Day. A dozen members participated. The evening began with Ed McLaughlin reciting two humorous poems. The group enjoyed appetizers, ham, salads, beverages, and desserts while chatting about cars and the plans for the new museum. The movie about some car club activities in 2021 was enjoyed by all and some were even heard humming along with the songs!

100% of the Valentine attendees signed up for the next "dinner and a movie" scheduled for Wed March 20, 6:00 pm - 8ish at the Community & Technical College, 604 Barnette St ,Room 213.

RSVP to Patty Meritt if you would like to join the group in March - pameritt@alaska.edu

From The Editor

- Bruce McIntosh

How did March get here so darn fast? There was even an extra day in February. I'm optimistic we're through the last of the cold snaps for this winter, so it's time to start thinking about pulling our cars out of hibernation and getting them ready for the road. In this issue you'll find our tentative event schedule for the 2024 season, mostly a product of the club planning meeting we held in February (see pages 12 & 13). There's a good variety of things to do, and hopefully you'll find at least a few options to join in on. As always, it's membership involvement that makes this all work. Our weekly Wednesday Night Runarounds can always use volunteers to take on a date, so if you have a place or activity you think the rest of us would enjoy, step up and share.



To ease us through the waning winter months, Patty Meritt has organized "Virtual" Wednesday Night Runarounds. Your editor attended the first one, really enjoyed it, and would encourage you to attend the next one on March 20. See the next page for details.

There are still a few folks that need to pay dues for the 2024 year. If your membership has lapsed, this will be the last newsletter you receive until you have renewed. See page 6 for details on how to catch up.

Phil Sanders has taken the lead on this year's raffle car, and there's another good place members can lend a hand. We'll be selling raffle tickets at the Outdoor Show once again over the weekend of April 19th, and volunteers are needed to man the booth. See page 10.

Finally, Jim "Clutch" Lounsbury passed away in January. He will be missed by many. His obituary can be found on page 11.

(and another hat-tip to Scott Grundy and John McCarthy for their eagle eyes in catching all the errors that inevitably creep into this newsletter before it gets sent out)



You can reach your editor at nashnewseditor@gmail.com with questions, suggestions, news, stories, and for sale/wanted ads

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

Introducing Virtual Runarounds

Location: Community & Technical College, 604 Barnette St, Room 213

- ◆ It's accessible; elevator is toward the front of the building on Barnette St.
- ◆ Enter through 6th or 7th Ave.
- ◆ Parking is available on the street or in the lot.

Time: 6:00 pm to 8-ish

RSVP would be helpful email: pameritt@alaska.edu
or call Patty Meritt (907-978-6626). Also, direct questions to Patty.

The Plan: Potluck meal, followed by a presentation related to cars, closing with a door prize drawing.

FYI - No alcohol is allowed to be brought on campus from outside sources.

Wed March 20

Presentation Highlights of 2022 Rolls Royce Club Fall Tour of Vancouver Island & 2022 VLN Club events.

Wed April 17

Presentation of the Louwman Museum in the Hague, Netherlands.

Want a Sneak Preview?



<https://www.louwmanmuseum.nl/>

President's Headlights

- *Mike Lecorchick President*

There will be a Board of Directors meeting March 12th but no general membership meeting this month. We will have a BOD and membership meeting in April. April is the Outdoor show and we will be looking for people to man the booth for Raffle Ticket sales. We have two booth spaces and plan to have the car on display. Jeff will have a sign up sheet at the April meeting.

The February membership and planning meeting were held jointly. The calendar is still being firmed up and has a few open dates. If you have an idea for a place to go or an event for the club let us know. We have PPRs for only two Wednesday runarounds and are looking for volunteers to step up and plan a route to drive.

Work on my '37 Ford project truck was stalled during the cold weather because my garage was full. With the weather warming up I'm hoping to get back to work on it. I did manage to get the cab off the frame, rust-x the underside and put it back on. I would very much like to get it finished. I just need to motivate myself and make the time to do it.



March Birthdays

Johnie Newman	10-Mar
Rick Larrick	15-Mar
Will Chase	18-Mar
Leslie Yamamoto	19-Mar
Tim Schackman	30-Mar
Donna Krier	31-Mar

March Anniversaries

Tim & Jymi Sickels	10-Mar
Lambert & Marnie Hazelaar	12-Mar
Charlie & Carrie Jurgens	14-Mar



April Birthdays

Joni Ellsworth	1-Apr
Roy Wilbur	3-Apr
Theresa Chase	4-Apr
Wil Courteny	8-Apr
Tammy Pruett	8-Apr
Julio Merced	12-Apr
Ron Frey	14-Apr
Wilma Vinton	15-Apr
Bob Meritt	19-Apr
James Farnham	22-Apr
Dennis Dussman	23-Apr
Ross Beal	26-Apr
Doris Casey	26-Apr
Cindy Reason	26-Apr

April Anniversaries

Richard Bellows & Donna Wojciechowski	1-Apr
Rick & Pat Crisenbery	30-Apr



Ralph Glasgow shared this picture of Melinda Harris tending to the field on his 1949 Ford 8N tractor. Ralph is looking to expand his collection - see his ad on page 8.

DUES ARE OVERDUE!

Membership dues are now past **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 2024 year.

Please pay promptly-

Thanks,

Rochelle Larson

SUNSHINE REPORT:

1/26/24 Sent a sympathy card to Lorna Lounsbury for the passing of her husband Clutch.

2/17/24 Paul Tekin - get well card for shoulder injuries from shoveling snow.

2/17/24 Gene Hansen - sympathy card for the passing of his wife Mebble.

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: tkplits@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, on the corner of Airport Way and Wilbur Street. All are welcome.
- **March 12: Board Meeting** @ Fountainhead Museum Garage, 6:30 pm, Members are welcome.
- **March 20: Virtual Runaround** @ the Community & Technical College, 604 Barnette St, Room 213. 6:00 pm to 8-ish; See page 3 for more details.
- **This winter** we are moving to an abbreviated schedule of meetings. There will be no March membership meeting.
- **The schedule** returns to normal with the April 11 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>

MEMBER ADS

Farm tractor needed

I'm looking for a Ford 661 Workmaster/Ford 2000 series or a Massey Ferguson 35/135. Late '50s to mid '70s. Gas or diesel, 2 or 4 wheel drive, live hydraulics and PTO, Power steering = nice. ROPS or cab OK.

Call Ralph Glasgow at 907-322-5846.



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.

JOIN US ON ZOOM

Spending the winter Outside? Or maybe you're not quite up to driving into town on a cold winter night? You can still join in the membership meetings via Zoom. To connect up with us via your computer, laptop, tablet, or phone:

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87109770062>

Meeting ID: 871 0977 0062

On your phone -

+1-669-900-9128 US (San Jose)



**Vernon L. Nash
Antique Auto Club
of Fairbanks**

Annual Classic Car Raffle

WIN THIS CAR!



1971 MGB Roadster Convertible

\$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20

**See any car club member for tickets or buy them at Larson's
Locksmith, 1249 Noble St., Fairbanks**

Drawing July 20, 2024 at 2:00pm

**Drawing to be held at the Pioneer Square Dance Pavilion
Need not be present to win.**

Only 3,500 tickets

Permit #2437

2024 Raffle Car

The raffle car for this year is a 1971 MGB. The club is ready to pull it out from warm storage and schedule a time for interested members to polish and shine it for the Carlson Center Outdoor show. Club members put in time on light mechanical in the fall. Some mechanical issues remain which will have to be addressed. Russ and Cindy Reason from Front Line Automotive have offered their support on the mechanical. Many thanks for their continued help. This does not mean we do not need help, there is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to sell tickets at the Outdoor Show.

Please remember tickets are available to pick up at Larson's. Rochelle will be emailing updates on times and locations for helping with the car.

Any question or concerns about the raffle car, please call Phil Sanders @ 907-371-8003.

~ Phil



Donna Wojciechowski keeping the raffle car tickets flowing at our booth at the 2023 Outdoor Show

Jim (Clutch) Lounsbury

(Published by the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner on Feb. 2, 2024)

Jim (Clutch) Lounsbury passed Jan. 19, 2024, and went with his maker to his final gold mine in the sky after battling cancer for a couple of years.

Jim was born on July 11, 1945, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fairbanks. He was a fourth-generation Fairbanksian with his dad being born in Fairbanks in 1910 and his mother arriving in Fairbanks in 1920. His working career was spent as a Teamster, finishing as a heavy equipment operator and foreman on the Dalton Highway at Coldfoot for the Department of Transportation.

He also worked in the hard rock gold mine with his brother in the 1980s. This mine was developed by his father in the late 1930s on Ester Dome. While working for DOT at Coldfoot, Jim acquired property at Wiseman and started placer mining on a creek in the Wiseman area. His love for Wiseman was prevalent by the beautiful lawn that he put in at the Wiseman property and the mining museum and mining artifacts on display.

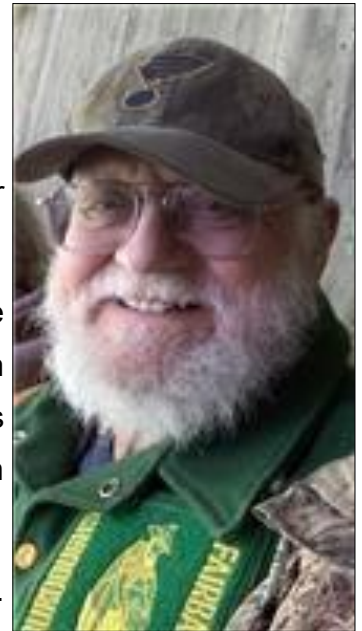
He was instrumental in the formation of the farthest north American Legion Arctic Post # 9 at Wiseman and hosted the annual Fourth of July parties and music festival. Jim shared Lorna's love of music which included playing at many Fairbanks venues, at home jam sessions and with a group known as the Pioneer Park Pickers. Jim made his own washtub bass with a galvanized tub and a hockey stick with a parachute string.

Jim was inducted into the Fairbanks Hockey Hall of Fame in 2009 and was a long-time supporter of hockey in the Fairbanks area. He was instrumental in the construction and operations of the Ice Puppy Pond rink at Ice Alaska. He was also a life member at Pioneer's of Alaska Igloo No. 4. He was the ultimate Mr. Santa Claus at their annual Christmas parties. He also played Santa Claus for his nieces and nephews at the family Christmas parties.

He is survived by his wife, Lorna Lounsbury, and his three stepchildren, Gary Lafferty (Fairbanks), Mike Lafferty (Idaho) and Dan Lafferty (Idaho); his two brothers, Lloyd Lounsbury Jr. (Washington) and George Lounsbury (Fairbanks, Alaska); and numerous nieces and nephews, Rachael Stark (Fairbanks), John Lounsbury (Portland), Stephanie Lounsbury (Washington), Monkia Bent (Idaho), Robert Lounsbury (California), and Christine Lounsbury (Washington).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd Lounsbury Sr. and Faye Lounsbury, and his brother John (Joe) Lounsbury Sr.

There will be a celebration of life tentatively planned at the end of May.



2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

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March	Tue	12-Mar	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Wed	20-Mar	Virtual Runaround	Com. & Tech. College	Patty Meritt
April	Tue	9-Apr	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Thu	11-Apr	Membership Mtg	Taiga Center	
	Wed	17-Apr	Virtual Runaround	Com. & Tech. College	Patty Meritt
	Fri	19-Apr	Outdoor Show / Raffle Ticket booth	Carlsen Center	thru 4/21
May	Tue	7-May	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Thu	9-May	Membership Mtg	Museum	
	Sat	18-May	Cruisin' With Santa show	North Pole	
	Wed	22-May	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	1st WNRA of 2024
June	Sat	1-Jun	VLNAACF Car Show	TBD	Willy Vinton/open show
	Sat	8-Jun	Pioneer Home Car Show	10 am to noon	
	Sun	9-Jun	Mondo Run	Nenana	Donna Wojciechowski
	Tue	11-Jun	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Wed	12-Jun	Wednesday Night Runaround	Raven's Landing - 6 pm	cruise afterwards
	Thu	13-Jun	Membership Mtg	TBD	
	Sat	15-Jun	Chena Hot Springs Run	CHS	
	Wed	19-Jun	Wednesday Night Runaround	Creamer's Barn Tour	Jeff Creamer
	Sat	22-Jun	Midnight Sun Festival Show	Downtown Fairbanks	
	Sat	29-Jun	Timber Crk Senior Living show	10 am to noon	Jeff Creamer
	Sun	30-Jun	Harding Lake Picnic	Harding Lake	Bob & Patty Meritt
July	Thu	4-Jul	4th of July Show	Pioneer Park	
	Tue	9-Jul	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Thu	11-Jul	Membership Mtg	Howling Dog	
	Sat	13-Jul	Teddy Bear Show	Regal Cinema?	
	Sat	20-Jul	Golden Days Parade	Fairbanks	morning
	Sat	20-Jul	Raffle Drawing/Club Picnic	Pioneer Park	afternoon
	Wed	24-Jul	Adventure Before Dementia Tour		thru 7/28; Scott Grundy

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Aug	Sat	3-Aug	Willy's Rally	Fairbanks	Willy Vinton
	Sun	4-Aug	Jay Ofsthun Show	Anchorage	AAMA
	Tue	6-Aug	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Thu	8-Aug	Membership Mtg	TBD	AAMA & Horseless Carriage Club in FAI
	Sat	10-Aug	Seekins Car Show	Seekins Ford	Willy Vinton
	Sun	11-Aug	Delta Run		Marlen Pruet
	Sat	17-Aug	Veterans Stand Down	Pioneer Park	
	Sun	18-Aug	Slow Poke Run	Fairbanks	Willy Vinton
	Sat	24-Aug	Progressive Dinner	Pioneer Park	Bob & Patty Meritt
	Sun	25-Aug	Mondo Run	Nenana	Paul & Joyce Tekin
Sept	Tue	10-Sep	BOD Mtg	Museum	
	Wed	11-Sep	Wednesday Night Runaround	Pioneer Park	Last WNRA
	Thu	12-Sep	Membership Mtg	TBD	
	Sat	14-Sep	Fall Color Run	TBD	Paul & Joyce Tekin





Ron & Nancy Allen shared this picture of their newest acquisition in Arizona - a 1929 Model A Fordor Leatherback. And I'm certain they weren't also sending a subtle hint to those of us in Fairbanks that there really are places where you can enjoy a drive in the winter without bunny boots and a parka. 😊



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, March 12** 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, April 11**, at the **Taiga Center**, behind the **Fountainhead Museum**. Meeting starts at **6:30 pm** and is open to everyone.

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