

Nash's News



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

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Photo: Eric Pyles

Several club members made the trip to the Portland Swap Meet in early April, on the prowl for that elusive deal you just can't say no to. Here they're waiting to meet up with Jeff Casey and family for dinner at Clyde's Prime Rib. More pictures on page 3.

L to R: Bruce McIntosh, Eric Pyles, Terry Fogleson, John McCarthy, and Greg Oslund.

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Stopped at the Veteran's Memorial, MP 147 of the Parks Hwy, it was a gorgeous day to haul the latest project back to Fairbanks.

From The Editor

- Bruce McIntosh

It's May already - holy cow. After our long winter hibernation, things are starting to hop. The first area car show happens this weekend at Cruis'n With Santa in North Pole. Our own open show takes place two weeks later on June 1st, once again in the True North Church parking lot off of Airport Way. Wednesday Night Runarounds begin again next week, May 22, with everyone gathering in the Pioneer Park lot at 6:30 pm. Be sure to keep an eye out for club emails updating event details and times as things will really get going in June.

On page 12 you'll find Doug Davis' account of his first winter restoring his parents camper van. A lot of work went into making it right and Doug shows us the details. Stay tuned for part 2.

Your editor had a good time getting out of town with some other club members to attend the Portland Swap Meet at the beginning of April. It was my first trip there, and I managed to get back to Fairbanks without bringing home anything that couldn't be carried on the plane. In part that was because in March I broke last winter's vow to myself ***not*** to take on any more projects. But when one of my bucket list cars came up for sale, the temptation was too strong, and I have been in the process moving a disassembled 1952 Hudson Hornet from Anchorage to Fairbanks.

The previous owner had the car for over 40 years, loved it enough to begin a nuts and bolts restoration a dozen years ago, but finally called it quits. Now it's my turn to take over. It's going to be quite the puzzle to put back together, but luckily I already have a couple of examples in the yard to help figure things out. And if you remember 'Doc Hudson' from the movie *Cars*, then his advice still applies - "*If you're going hard enough left, you'll find yourself turning right*".



Ken H. handing over responsibility for his 1952 Hudson Hornet to your editor earlier this month.

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/>

**Portland Swap Meet
April 4 - 7**

Terry Fogleson and John McCarthy after a long day of cruising the swap meet.



Greg Oslund on the hunt for that elusive Crosley carburetor.



Greg Oslund and Eric Pyles eyeballing another shiny object.



Marlen and Tammy Pruett invited us up for a Sunday BBQ and a tour of a couple of impressive local garages.

President's Headlights

- *Mike Lecorchick President*

The trees have turned green which for me means it's time to get the old cars out for some exercise. The 1935 Chevy had its full service before being put up for winter. All it needed was vacuuming and washed. So it I've had it out on the road twice already. The 1946 was driven right up until it was to be put up for winter. It's going to need the oil changed, chassis lubed, gear box fluid level checked, lights check, washed, shined and the interior vacuumed.

Having treated myself to a new skid steer with a heated cab for moving snow, I loaned my old skid steer out for the winter to a young couple renting their first house. Their driveway was about 150 feet long and flat so no way to get in any real trouble. The skid steer is no frills and very simple to operate. The machine was in perfect working order... I tuned and serviced it before delivering it to them. The hydraulic motors are almost new and the hydrostatic drive pump was recently rebuilt. The one thing I told them was a must do was to turn off the gas when parking the machine. I even put a note on the machine where the operator would see it as they got off the machine.

When I went to pick it up this spring the battery was dead. I went back home and got jumper cables and returned. It wouldn't crank; I pulled the dipstick and it appeared there was no oil in it. The engine is direct coupled to the hydrostatic pump. I didn't have a winch on my trailer and with the engine locked up I couldn't move the machine anyway. So back home to form a plan.

I found a small 12volt winch among the things that have been laying around 20 plus years. I bolted it down to the trailer, hooked up a battery and gathered tools. I removed the counter weight and pulled the engine out of the machine (big thanks to my great grandson for helping me lift them), winched the machine on the trailer, loaded the engine, counter weight, bucket and headed home.

Checking the engine the crank seemed to turn free. I tried jumping it again and it wouldn't crank, by -passing the starter solenoid the engine fired off and ran. I shut it down and pulled the drain plug. The crank case was full of gas but had no metal shavings in it. I'd ordered a new starter solenoid because of the way it mounts to the engine...there isn't room for most automotive types and since the engine is 29 years old no one in town has one. I'll let you know next month if I get it back together.



May Birthdays

2-May Terry Smith
5-May George Cromer, Jr.
5-May Katy Rice
6-May Linda Grundy
6-May Nancy Allen
16-May Preston Smith
16-May Lorna Lounsbury
20-May John McCarthy
20-May Gail Fogleson
22-May Dale Durrwachter
29-May Greg Oslund
29-May Christol Creamer

May Anniversaries

15-May Jeff & Christol Creamer
16-May James & Lorita Clough
18-May Bob & Sharon Baker
19-May Julio Merced & Marily Naquin
25-May Jerry & Carolyn Mustard



June Birthdays

8-Jun Willy Vinton
8-Jun Carl Westphal
14-Jun Digna Cline
18-Jun Jerry Mustard
20-Jun Susan Cook
29-Jun Paul Tekin

June Anniversaries

6-Jun Dan & Joanne Portwine
11-Jun Scott & Linda Grundy
15-Jun Greg & Lois Oslund
17-Jun Dave & Deborah Rockney
18-Jun Dan & LaVonne Gullickson
20-Jun Peter & Denise Lundquist



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>

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:

- ◆ A sympathy card to Jeff and Sue Cook for the loss of their daughter.

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 8:00 am to 10:00 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread, on the corner of Airport Way and Wilbur Street. All are welcome.
- **Wednesday Night Runarounds** begin **May 22**. Meet up at 6:30 pm in the Pioneer Park lot, hit the road at 7:00 pm.
- **June 1: VLNAACF Open Car Show** True North Church, 2830 Airport Way across from AIH, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- **June 8: Pioneers Home Show** 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, meet up at Pioneer Park after C&C and depart 9:55 am.
- **June 9: Mondo Poker Run** - Meet at Pioneer Park, 10:30 am
- **June 11: Board Meeting** @ Fountainhead Museum Garage, 6:30 pm, members are welcome.
- **June 13: Membership Meeting** @ the Chena River Wayside, 3530 Geraghty Ave (across from O'Reilly's Auto). Potluck at 6:00 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm
- **June 15: Chena Hot Springs Poker Run** 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
- **June 22: Midnight Sun Festival show** - Immaculate Conception church parking lot downtown.
- **June 29: Timber Creek Senior Living Show** 10:00 am to 12Noon
- **June 30: Harding Lake Picnic**

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.

FOR SALE: 1956 Buick Roadmaster Model 73R, 4-door hardtop. Black exterior with mint green interior. 79,200 miles, I am the third owner after two Buick dealers owned the car. Well maintained locally by Steve Martin of X-Ray Motors and Chad Paulson at Fairbanks Chevrolet Buick GMC. Car has PS, PB, PW and Power Seats. Factory Air. Original radio updated and can connect I-phone for music. All original owner's manual, shop manual, service manual and sales brochure with color charts come with the car. Car will be available mid to late May once snow is gone and rocks swept off the roads. Car will be serviced and new rear seal installed prior to sale. \$25,000 OBO. Jeff Cook: cook1@gci.net. 907-687-0370.



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.



**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. Please remember tickets are available to pick up at Larson's. Any questions about the raffle car, please call Phil Sanders @ 907-371-8003.



Larry Zervos and Patty Merrit kept the raffle car tickets flowing at our booth at the 2024 Fairbanks Outdoor Show.



Club VP Jeff Creamer shows off the trophy the raffle car won at last weekend's Cruis'n With Santa show, held in North Pole last Saturday.

1st Place in the Classic Car category!

Photo: Wilma Vinton

Mebble Hansen

(Published by the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner on Mar. 6, 2024)

Miss Mebble passed away from a massive brain tumor at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital five days after her 89th birthday. She was born Feb. 12, 1935, in Forest, Louisiana. Her family moved to Fresno, California, when she was 9. She had six sisters and two brothers. After high school she went to work at Fresno Community Hospital, working her way to director of payroll and general accounting, where she developed an employee credit union for the hospital staff.



After 22 years, she retired and moved north to join her husband, Gene, who was developing a truck terminal for Mammoth Trucking. Together, they adapted to the weather and were accepted by the people. She interviewed with Wien Airlines Credit Union and was hired as the manager. When Wien closed, she went with the merger to Alaska USA. She later worked as assistant manager of the bookstore at the University of Alaska until she retired.

Mebble was active in the Curling Lions, VFW, the Eagles Lodge, and Pioneers of Alaska. In 1990 she was elected to the Grand Auxiliary and became the first Grand Auxiliary officer ever elected from Alaska in the history of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Miss Mebble, as she was known, was a mentor and a beautiful person loved and respected by all whom she met.

In 2009 she joined Igloo No. 8 of the Pioneers of Alaska. Working her way through the chairs, she was elected igloo president in 2018. She and Gene were selected as king and queen regent for the 2023/24 year. Gene says he was actually the Queen's Consort. Unhappily, she couldn't finish her term.

She leaves behind her husband, Gene, who shared his love for some 60-plus years. She was predeceased by her mother and father, Eileen and Henry Crain; son, Lynn Troyn; sisters, Marybell Frantzich and Helen Kwalwasser; and brother, William Walter Crain.

She is survived by sons Bobby Troyn (Ronnie) of Maui, Hawaii, and Daryl Hansen (Vicky) of Grand Junction, Colorado; grandson, Ricky Troyn; sisters, Billie McBride, Lanell Aldridge, Cora Shipley and Sheila (Danny) Call, and brother, Micheal Crain, all of California; and a whole host of nieces and nephews. She will be loved and missed by so many friends.

Rebuilding My Folks' Camper Van - Doug Davis

Rebuilding of the camping van that my folks bought new in 1986. The first winter, 2021, was replacing the running gear, transmission, gas tank and engine and a whole lot of wiring!

The 'new' engine and running gear was purchased from local bone yard from a running, 2005 Avalanche. Also came home with transmission, wiring, gas pedal, fuel tank/pump, cats, computer, TAC module, anything I understood was needed for the swap, glad I had it all. Donor Engine sounded good but had never been cleaned.



Cleaned up, new seals, timing gears and chain and ready for install.



Modified new gas tank, added fuel pump system from donor for computerized pump control, left old sending unit and vent.



Cleaned bay of rust proofing, re-painted, installed new motor mounts and adapters.



In need of tachometer and transmission temp gauge so drilled the dash for the new gauges. A little scary but turned out fine.



Rebuilding My Folks' Camper Van - Doug Davis (cont'd)

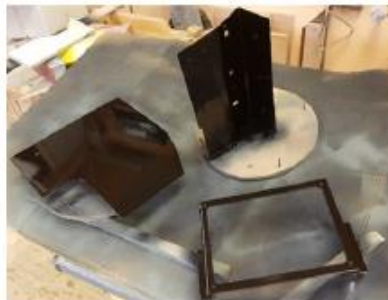
Removed AC components (now AC is electric windows), windshield reservoir—That gave room for heater, intake, air filter, windshield / coolant reservoirs and MAF sensor.



Old engine was always overheating so new cooling system was purchased. One fan runs off of engine temp, other controlled manually, independently, from switch on dash. Fabricated new top radiator brackets.



After removal of battery and supports, a new set of brackets were fabricated for mounting of computer, TAC module, engine fuse block, cooling controller, speed servo. Both engine battery and house battery moved to rear.



Transmission cross-member modified/boxed for strength.

I welded up a new exhaust system, leaked like sieve (new to welding)— then had it re-done by a professional.



Rebuilding My Folks' Camper Van - Doug Davis (cont'd)

Brackets fabricated for air intake, transmission and engine dipsticks, reservoirs, gas pedal, shifting cable and electronics.



Phil Sanders and I stuffed in the Engine and Transmission. vans can be difficult, but the engine swap wasn't bad.



Spring of 2021.



Fall of 2022.

This note was passed on from Tom Cresap of the Anchorage AAMA Club. Might this be your chance at fame?

Name: Jerry Heasley

Email: jerryheasley@gmail.com

Message: I am an auto journalist for 40 years (<https://www.motortrend.com/staff/jerry-heasley/>) and have a YouTube car channel (https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jerry+heasley). I have a trip to Anchorage area the first week in July.. I am interested to do a video on a barn find or a good story about cars in Alaska. My phone is 806-236-3681. Thank you.



Donna W reads the minutes at our latest membership meeting on May 9.

photo - Patty Merrit



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, June 11** 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 13**, at the **Chena River Wayside**, 3530 Geraghty Ave (across from O'Reilly's Auto). Potluck begins at **6:00 pm**, meeting starts at **7:00 pm** and is open to everyone.

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