

Nash's News



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

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Scott Grundy (top) and Rochelle Larsen & Rhonda Morgan taking in the thrills on the Mahay's jet boat ride up to Devil's Canyon. This was the first stop on the Adventure Before Dementia Tour in July.

From The Editor

- *Bruce McIntosh*

Yes, it's been a while, longer than planned. A bout of covid in August waylaid the last edition of this newsletter, then the march of time (with all the usual excuses) did the rest. Apologies, but hopefully you were keeping up with email updates about club activities and events. Our next big event is the Annual Membership Meeting / Holiday Party, to be held once again at the Fountainhead Museum. Those of you that have attended in the past know this is a fantastic location for us, and if you haven't been able to attend, it's worth your while to make plans for this year's party. Details are on the next page.

Expect another newsletter towards the end of December, then it will likely take a break until March. Come March we will be resuming monthly meetings and also expect to have our main planning meeting. After that, we should have our tentative calendar of events for the 2025 season, which will be included in that edition of Nash's News.

Hopefully all you snowbirds are enjoying wherever you landed, and to all the rest of us - stay warm and healthy. And Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!



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/>

2024 VLNAACF ANNUAL MEETING/HOLIDAY PARTY

Save the date! Mark your calendar for the annual business meeting to be held on **Sunday Dec. 8, 2024** 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 responsible for paying the full fee for the reserved meal, whether it is eaten or not. 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 credits 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 14th membership meeting, or to Larson's Locksmiths, 1249 Noble St., or mail by Nov 25th to:

VLNAACF
PO Box 71253
Fairbanks, AK 99707-1253

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 \$25.

Buffet Menu: Prime Rib & Halibut Oscar, Roasted Red Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert- Cake.
Coffee, Water 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
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President's Headlights

- *Mike Lecorchick, President*

Early in August a tour group from the Horseless Carriage Club of America was on a tour of Alaska with a stop in Fairbanks. They planned to visit the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum. The Alaska Auto Musers of America (Anc. Club) planned to be in town at the same time. With them being car enthusiasts I thought it would be nice to invite them to join us in our Wednesday night runaround and our club meeting. I know that they enjoyed their time with us and I want to thank all of the club members for helping out. There is a possibility of another HCCA tour next year here in Fairbanks.

Toward the end of July I received a call from a lady that was clearing out after an estate sale. There was a 1928 Chevy 4cyl engine that was headed to the scrap metal yard. I had no interest in it and didn't know anyone who might. I went to look at it anyway and found it was complete with clutch and transmission. I couldn't let it go for scrap and took it home. I advertised it on a number of sites and after a few weeks I was about to give up when I got a message from someone who was interested. He had a 1928 Chevy and his brother also has a 1928 Chevy. A day later he drove up from Anchorage and picked it up.



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



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>

2025 DUES are due!

Membership dues for the 2025 calendar year are now payable by returning payment to the club post office box (preferred), dropping it off at Larson's Locksmith, or bringing payment to the December 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, 2024** for the following 2025 calendar year.

***Thanks,
Rochelle Larson***

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Sent cards the week of August 5th to:

- ♦ Willy Vinton - get well card for recent surgery
- ♦ John McCarthy - get well card for recent surgery
- ♦ The family of Richard Tilly - sympathy card for his passing.

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 Board member.



CLUB CALENDAR

- **Note:** Cars-N-Coffee time is 8:00 am to 10:00 am each Saturday morning at Great Harvest Bread, on the corner of Airport Way and Wilbur Street. All are welcome.

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Wednesday Night Runarounds** are finished for the 2024 season
- **Dec 03: Board Meeting @** Fountainhead Museum Garage, 6:30 pm, members are welcome.
- **Dec 08: Annual Membership Meeting / Holiday Party @** the Fountainhead Museum. Doors open at 4:00 pm. See page 3 of this newsletter for details and registration.
- **No** membership meetings will be held in January or February. We will resume our regular monthly meetings in March. Expect an email announcement of the time and location.





The 2nd annual progressive dinner was held August 24. Things started off at Bruce McIntosh's garage with appetizers. We then proceeded up the hill to Diane Marshall and Steve Estes' place, where dinner was served in their impressive dog arena (top photo). It was then on to dessert at Bob and Patty Meritt's, where we got to check in on the progress of their Model T before indulging our sweet teeth.



We wrapped up the season on September 22 with a drive to the Clear Sky Lodge at MP 280 Parks Highway. Our first stop was in Nenana (top photo), where we regrouped and bought some locally grown corn. It was then on to the lodge for a great lunch before heading back to Fairbanks.

Most Improved Vehicle

It's that time of year to submit nominations for the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club's Most Improved Vehicle Award. As the 2024 winner, Doug Davis will be heading up the award committee for the 2025 MIV.

Doug and the award committee will be looking for the following information from club members who would like their restoration work to be considered:

- 1) Year, make, and model of the vehicle.
- 2) Before and after photos (the after photos are the most important for the judging).
- 3) A brief summary of the work done, approximately when the work was done, and what hands-on work was performed by the club-member owner. Unusual challenges, difficulties, and successes should be mentioned.
- 4) Human interest information about the car—Why or how the owner obtained it, the history of the car or history of the owner with the car, etc.

Members,

Many know that I received the Most Improved award this year. I wish to thank you all for the honor, it was a very big deal to me to have my efforts recognized by this dedicated group of enthusiasts.

Part of the surprise was the fact that I don't consider the camping van to your typical 'antique car' (having never seen one at a car show), but it was explained to me that the award is about putting in the work to transform an older vehicle into something more presentable, and after spending three years on the project, that means a lot to me.

I wasn't familiar with how the award works and learning about how the recipient keeps the larger trophy for a year before passing it on to the next recipient adds to the fun. It is interesting reading of all the previously awarded recipients dating back to 2005.

Big thanks to Phil Sanders for his many years of encouragement and help on the project. Phil would drop by the garage to see me in the same position under the dash, splicing and tracing wires as he found me a week earlier. "You still working on wiring?"

Thank you all,
Doug Davis



2024 Raffle Car

And we have a raffle car winner! Congratulations to Dani Bailey for buying the winning ticket for the 1971 MGB Roadster Convertible. She and her husband drove up from Seward and picked up the car at the Fountainhead Museum. Here Club President Mike Lecorchick hands over the keys.



2025 Raffle Car

We are still looking for a PPR for the 2025 Raffle Car, a 1983 Cadillac Coupe de Ville. The responsibilities aren't too tough, coordinating needed maintenance, organizing volunteers to sell tickets at events, and bringing the car to club activities like shows, run arounds, etc. Please reach out to me or any club officer or director if you can help out.

Regards,

Jeffrey J (Jeff) Creamer





On Monday, August 19, club members chauffeured a different sort of VIP - teddy bears. Doris Casey arranged with the Resource Center for Parents and Children to accept the donations we had collected at our previous Teddy Bear shows.

Top photo (L to R) - John McCarthy, Greg Oslund, Jeff Creamer, and Patty Meritt

Bottom photo - Staff of RCPC and members, along with our donations.



Enjoying a good meal at the November membership meeting, held at the Mayan Palace / Taco Azteca on Airport Way in the Washington Plaza.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, December 3** at the **FOUNTAINHEAD MUSEUM GARAGE**. Meeting starts at **6:30 pm**. No food. Board Meetings are open to members.

The next **Membership Meeting** is **Sunday, December 8** at the **Fountainhead Museum**. This is the Annual Membership Meeting/Holiday Party. See page 3 in this newsletter for details.

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