

Nash's News



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

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The club held its annual membership meeting & holiday party on Dec. 8 at the Fountainhead Museum.

Top - George Dalton (L) picks up his raffle car tickets from Terry Fogleson (R) at the front door. Bottom - Jennifer Redmond, on behalf of The Breadline, accepts the club's annual charitable donation from Doug Davis (L) and Mike Lecorchick (R).

From The Editor

- Bruce McIntosh

Welcome to 2025! Here's hoping everyone had a good holiday season and are now enjoying the ever increasing daylight. For those of you that weren't able to attend our annual membership meeting in early December, in this issue you'll find some scenes from throughout the night starting on pg. 12. The Fountainhead Museum is a great venue for a gathering like this, and we are fortunate to have access to it in our community. If you couldn't make it, be sure to add it to your punchlist for this year.

Melinda Harris assumes the role of club president this month, and you'll find her first *President's Headlights* column on pp. 4-5. New director Terry Fogleson also comes on board in January, and he introduces himself on pg. 5. New VP Doug Davis recaps some ideas from the October membership meeting on pg. 8, and puts out the call for Most Improved nominations on pg. 9.

For many, many years, long before I got back into cars and involved with the club, most of my spare energy (and money) flowed toward dog mushing. If you've ever known a musher, you know they tend to live for the winter and snow and, as nice as summer may be, it's largely an interruption to be tolerated. Now that I'm on the other side of that seasonal disorder, I'm really looking forward to the next driving season. Hopefully you are, too. I'd encourage you to think now about how you can get more involved in club events.

As things start coming together, expect the next issue of Nash's News by the end of February/beginning of March. And as always, if you have something to share with the rest of the membership, whether it's a story, photos, or a for sale/wanted ad, you can contact me at the email address below.

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/>



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

Annual Classic Car Raffle

WIN THIS CAR!



1983 Cadillac Coupe de Ville

Where Is, As Is.

\$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 19, 2025 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

President's Headlights

- Melinda Harris, President

Greetings and Happy New Year to our members, the farthest north region of the AACA, the Vernon L Nash Antique Automobile Club of Fairbanks. Our Annual meeting, aka the Christmas Party, was held on December 8th at the Fountainhead Antique Automobile Museum. It was a festive gathering full of camaraderie, friends and family, complete with a rousing gift exchange, delicious banquet of prime rib and Halibut Oscar, business meeting, and introduction to our 2025 board members. We welcomed



new Director Terry Fogleson, and returning Director, John McCarthy, each for 2-year terms; Directors Doug Davis and Patty Meritt for year two of their terms; Mike Lecorchick will have a vote in matters as Past President; Donna Wojciechowski and Wilma Vinton return to serve as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. And Melinda Harris, a past director (2016-2018), will be driving this bus as President. Our seat for Vice President remains open until the first board meeting of 2025**, when one of our directors will draw the short straw... and be appointed relief driver by the rest of the board. Let the 2025 VLNAACF fun begin!

I first learned of Fairbanks' "old car club" around 2012. I knew Gene Reed and Terry Putnam of Ester were members, with their beautiful 1957 Mercedes Benz 19SL convertible. In summer they could be spotted in front of Alaskaland / Pioneer Park, mingling with other cool cars and their people. Hints of car club activities were visible: a summer car show, rumors of poker runs, and spotting old cars cruising together around Fairbanks and beyond. Later that October, I was bewitched by the sight of a 1964 Sunbeam Alpine, with a "For Sale" sign on the dash, parked in Tony Miller's multi-use and former "Tri-Five Diner" lot at the east end of Goldstream in Fox. A Sunbeam in Fox?! I visited with Tony and looked over the 1960's survivor, and drove her around a bit. Then brought cash the next day, impulse shopping at its best!

Now I wanted friends to go driving with, just like you.

We'll begin the year quietly like a soft snowy Fairbanks winter night. The Board meets Tuesday Jan. 7 at Fountainhead Antique Automobile Museum, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. As per VLNAACF Board decision, the membership has both January and February off from official club meetings. Tinker on your slumbering four-wheeled friend, research a runaround route, snow-bird while us winter-lovers meet for Cars and Coffee. We'll all converge on the 2nd Thursday in March for a combined membership and event planning meeting. Meanwhile, take a moment to visit and browse our club website and our club Facebook page. Everything accelerates in March, and it's go-go-go through summer. Get ready to be ready!

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President's Headlights (cont'd)

- Melinda Harris, President

P.S. - Please submit your dues for 2025, \$60 for individual and \$75 for joint membership, payable to VLNAACF and mail to POB 71253, Fairbanks, AK 99707. Or drop it off at Larson's Locksmith on Noble and pick up some raffle tickets while you're there. Your old car club thanks you.

Cheers!

~ Melinda Harris

VLNAACF President, 2025

*** [editor's note: as of the January 7th Board Meeting, Doug Davis has accepted the position of Vice President and your editor, Bruce McIntosh, will step in to finish the final year of Doug's term as Director]*

New Board Member

- Terry Fogleson, Director

It all started in March 2022. My wife Gail found a car at an estate sale auction site in Anchorage, a 1966 Plymouth Barracuda. We didn't have any old cars, but were casually looking. We thought this had potential and bid on it and got it! Ok, what now? Bought it sight unseen - saw lots of pictures on the website. Had it shipped up and it was in better shape than expected. It turned out to be a great starter car which led to moving on to a 1963 Ford Galaxie.

That was the start of our association with the car club. We've had a great time since joining. Met a lot of great folks who share the same fondness (addiction?) for old cars, and have so much knowledge and experience with these vehicles. I'm glad to be a member and looking forward to serving on the board.

~ Terry Fogleson

Director



MEMBER ADS



1929 Ford Model A for sale. Ask for Willy. 907-388-8252

Flaring AN fittings?

Members are welcome to borrow my 37 degree flare tool for the job.

Using AN fittings?

I have a box of black AN fittings to borrow and have on hand for your project.

Doug Davis 907-371-8406



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.

January Birthdays

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

January Anniversaries

Mike & Diana Lecorchick	8-Jan
Blue & Lori Hinchsliff	12-Jan
Wayne & Margarita Hunt	14-Jan



February Birthdays

Laura Therriault	6-Feb
Martin Husby	8-Feb
Joe Krizek	8-Feb
Tony Martin	10-Feb
Melinda Harris	11-Feb
Michael Farrell	12-Feb
Brier McLeod	13-Feb
Richard Gresham	14-Feb
Eric Pyles	20-Feb
Patti Pyles	21-Feb
James Clough	23-Feb
Steve Estes	28-Feb

February Anniversaries

Scott & Janeen Culbertson	2-Feb
Dick & Joni Ellsworth	2-Feb
Dan & Ellie Tempel	12-Feb
Eric & Patti Pyles	29-Feb



Goodbye to 2024, Hello 2025

As we pass into a new year, I want to express my appreciation to all the folks that helped make the last year a fun one! That means every single person that worked as PPR leading the events as well as the many people that work in the background to make this club work, and there are many.

Big shout out to our Officers that are passing on their duties to next year's officers. Mike Lecorchick, Jeff Creamer and Bret Helms served the club well this year as well as each filling many positions in past years - Thank You!

October Member Meeting- I found this meeting to be one of the more interesting club meetings I have attended. Many folks voiced concerns about how the club operates and made suggestions/ideas of how to improve in the future. A few of the ideas I heard :

- ◆ Car associated 'bling' or merchandise that could be given away, sold, or awarded at selected events.
- ◆ More advertising / notices about selected shows and events. Flyers, local event radio spots, and commercial sponsorships.
- ◆ Event specific goodies - event themed tee shirts, magnets, etc. - pertaining to individual events.
- ◆ Redefine or clarify duties for tasks that we are having trouble getting folks to take on. Possibly breaking up duties to make taking them on more palatable.
- ◆ More attention given to new members. Often people join, but need encouragement to attend meetings and join in club activities.

I'm sure I missed a few, but these ideas seemed to resonate with multiple members. Many have been done in the past, but it is good to let them resurface and discuss them. Many of these concerns are being addressed by the board of Directors and officers. We heard you!

Stay Safe,

~ *Doug Davis*

Vice President



Most Improved - 2025

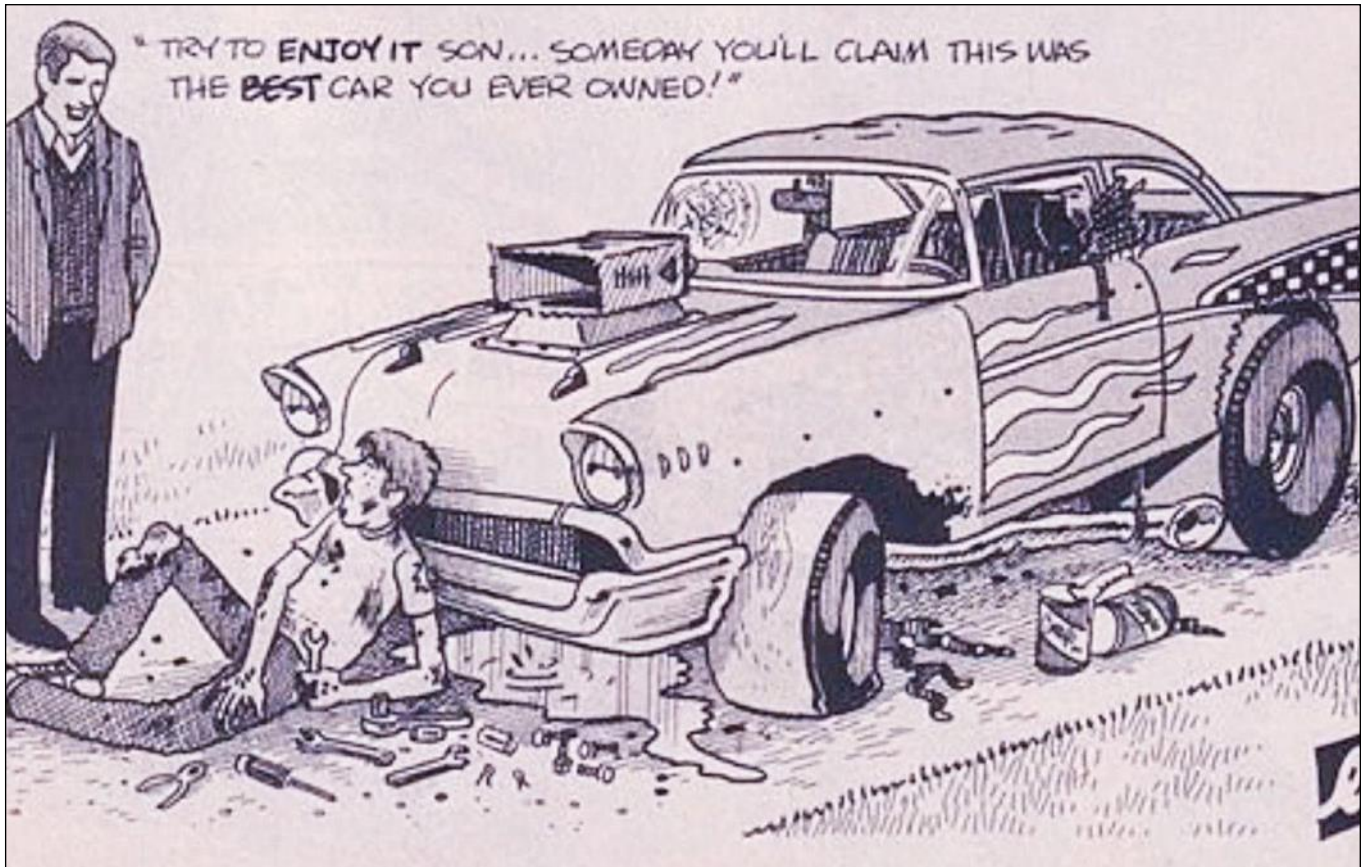
As the most improved recipient of 2024, I will be heading up the committee to select the winner for 2025. As a newer member, I am just learning what club member's projects are and I am very interested in knowing what folks are working on. Please let me know about what your projects are, as well as projects that other members may be developing that might meet the 'Most Improved' criteria. If you would like more information on the criteria, Bruce included an outline of what information that would be helpful in the club's November newsletter (page 10). You may contact me with ideas or if you want more information about the criteria for judging.

I can be contacted at-

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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 Overdue!

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

⇒ **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 were to be paid by **December 31, 2024** for the following 2025 calendar year. The deadline for continuing membership is February 28.

***Thanks,
Rochelle Larson***

SUNSHINE REPORT:

No recent cards requests have been made.

Tracy McLeod is the Sunshine Contact. Please send her a text if you know of a club member who could use a little "sunshine."

Phone or Text Tracy at 907-378-0718

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



CLUB CALENDAR

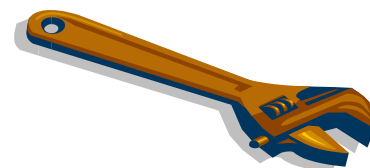
- **Note:** Cars-N-Coffee time is 8:00 am to 10:00 am each Saturday morning at Great Harvest Bread, on the corner of Airport Way and Wilbur Street. All are welcome.

Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Wednesday Night Runarounds** are on hold until late spring.
- **Virtual Runarounds** are being planned again for Feb, Mar, and April this year at the Community and Technical College downtown. Patty Meritt will provide further details once dates and rooms are confirmed.
- **Jan 07, Feb 11, and Mar 11: Board Meeting @** Fountainhead Museum Garage, 6:30 pm, members are welcome.
- **March 13: Membership Meeting / Planning Meeting** This is the first in-person membership meeting of 2025. Stay tuned for more details as the date gets closer.
- **NOTE - No** membership meetings will be held in January or February. We will resume our regular monthly meeting schedule with the March meeting.

You can find the club calendar online here:

[VLNAACF Calendar](#)





New club president Melinda Harris takes the floor (top), while Jeff Rogers introduces himself and gives us an update on the 2025 raffle car (bottom).



Once the business portion of the meeting was over, tables were called up for a dinner of prime rib and halibut, with plenty of cake for dessert.





After dinner was finished, Willy Vinton drew names and emceed the gift exchange.

Nancy Allen wrapping herself up in the blanket she found in her gift box.



Diana Lecorchick showing off the blanket she drew from the gift table.



Wally Olsen and the Ford pickup model he found in his gift box.

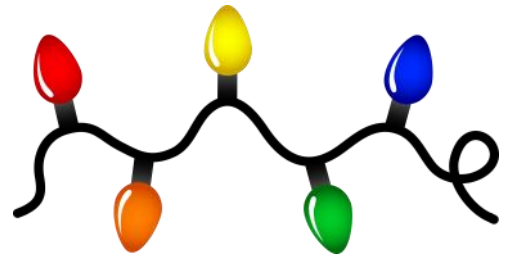




Ralph Glasgow was pretty enthusiastic about his folding camp chair.

Paul Tekin seemed surprised at the size of the prize in his door prize envelope.

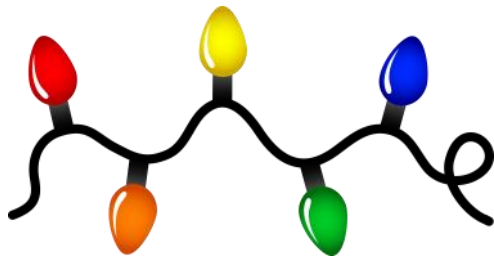




Willy Vinton appears pleasantly surprised with the purse and boots in the gift he picked.



Nee Nakprasit scores again!





Tim Sickels and his granddaughter Kynna, with the s'mores maker they chose off of the gift table.

Richard Meiners is looking sharp in the knit hat he picked up from the gift exchange.

All in all, the night was a success, and everyone seemed to have a good time!



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ◆ The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, February 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, March 13**. This is the first in-person Membership & Planning Meeting of 2025. Further details to be announced.

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