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# Nash's News

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



Our February 11th Board of Directors meeting was held at the Roundup Steakhouse on South Cushman. After finishing up the business portion and adjourning, out came the cake and ice cream to celebrate President Melinda Harris' birthday!

## From The Editor

- Bruce McIntosh

As I'm typing this up, we're about to return to Daylight Saving time. With our current streak of gorgeous weather and now having an extra hour to enjoy it in the evening, thoughts are starting to turn to summer. And that means finishing up those winter projects (you have at least started on them, right?). It's going to be driving season soon enough, which also means making plans for club activities.

We return to regularly scheduled membership meetings this month, with our combined planning/membership meeting this coming Thursday, March 13. We'll be holding the meeting at the Taiga Conference Center and everyone is encouraged to come out, enjoy some pizza, and throw your ideas into the mix for events and activities you'd like to see the club sponsor. The business portion of the meeting starts at 6:30 pm, so be sure to come early for a meal before we get started.

With our long break after the Holiday party in December, there's not a whole lot to report in this month's newsletter. Patty Merrit organized the first virtual runaround last month, and will be holding two more (March 19 and April 16) at the Community and Technical College downtown on Barnette. Come on down for a potluck dinner and movie starting at 6:00 pm. A nice way to spend a Wednesday evening before we switch over to our regular Wednesday Night Runarounds in May.

If you haven't been to the Taiga Center before, it's quite easy to find. It's tucked into the woods, just behind the Fountainhead museum, with plenty of parking available.

For next month's newsletter, expect to find a tentative calendar of 2025 club events. Hope to see you there this coming Thursday.

You can reach your editor at [nashnewseditor@gmail.com](mailto: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

Ah, unpredictable March! You are upon us in Fairbanks and the one thing we can count on is wonderfully increasing daylight. And snow slosh. Of course if you're still out snow birding that may be a distant reality but we hope by mid-March you're back in the neighborhood for our first VLNAACF Membership Meeting of 2025. That said, please join us on Thursday, March 13th, in the Taiga Center of the Wedgewood Resort with pizza at 6:00pm and a meeting from 6:30-8:30 pm. The Board meets that week also, Tuesday March 11th at Fountainhead Antique Automobile Museum 6:30-8:30 pm, and it's open to members.

The focus of both our March meetings will be drafting and approving our 2025 club calendar. This includes VLNAACF sponsored events and meetups, car rallies and car shows, picnics and poker runs, and more. There's always fresh ideas for activity fun, and please note: we have another Virtual Run Around planned for Wednesday March 19th from 6:00 to 8:00pm, in Room 314 at UAF Community and Technical College, 604 Barnette Street, Fairbanks. Thank you in advance to Patty and Bob Meritt for hosting.

You can bet there will be ample opportunity this summer to enjoy and share our old cars with each other and the community. We range as nearby as our midtown Great Harvest Bread Co. for Saturday morning Cars & Coffee, and weekly Wednesday Night Run Arounds that launch from Pioneer Park, to further out along the highways of Interior Alaska. And yet further: we'll be crossing the Alaska Range with our fellow wandering cats and cars on this year's Adventure Before Dementia Tour (ABDT) lead by Scott Grundy to Homer and Seldovia. Our mid-May ABDT coordinates dates and those destinations with the Antique Auto Mushers of Anchorage.

In late February our website Fairbanks AACA – Vernon L. Nash Car Club of Fairbanks, Alaska had two invitations to involve our club and old cars: The Catholic Schools of Fairbanks expressed enthusiasm to collaborate with us for a community event, possibly in mid-July that would also support the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. And the Deltana Fair Association in Delta Junction has a strong interest in bringing



a car show to their town over the summer, and/or our participation in their parade and fair this year, during the weekend of August 8, 9 & 10th..

Can we say yes to all? Your VLNAACF Board will offer a slate of possibilities generated at their next meeting, based on the club's standing commitments and the membership's interest. Each official activity (save for Cars and Coffee) calls for a Primary Person Responsible (PPR). Our collective energy has its limits, so if you have a motivated friend or family member with an interest in old cars, introduce them at the next meeting! For it's up to the membership to decide what we can take on, what destinations are in range, and who leads the group. It all adds up for a driving season of good times with our region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks.

See you in March? I hope so!

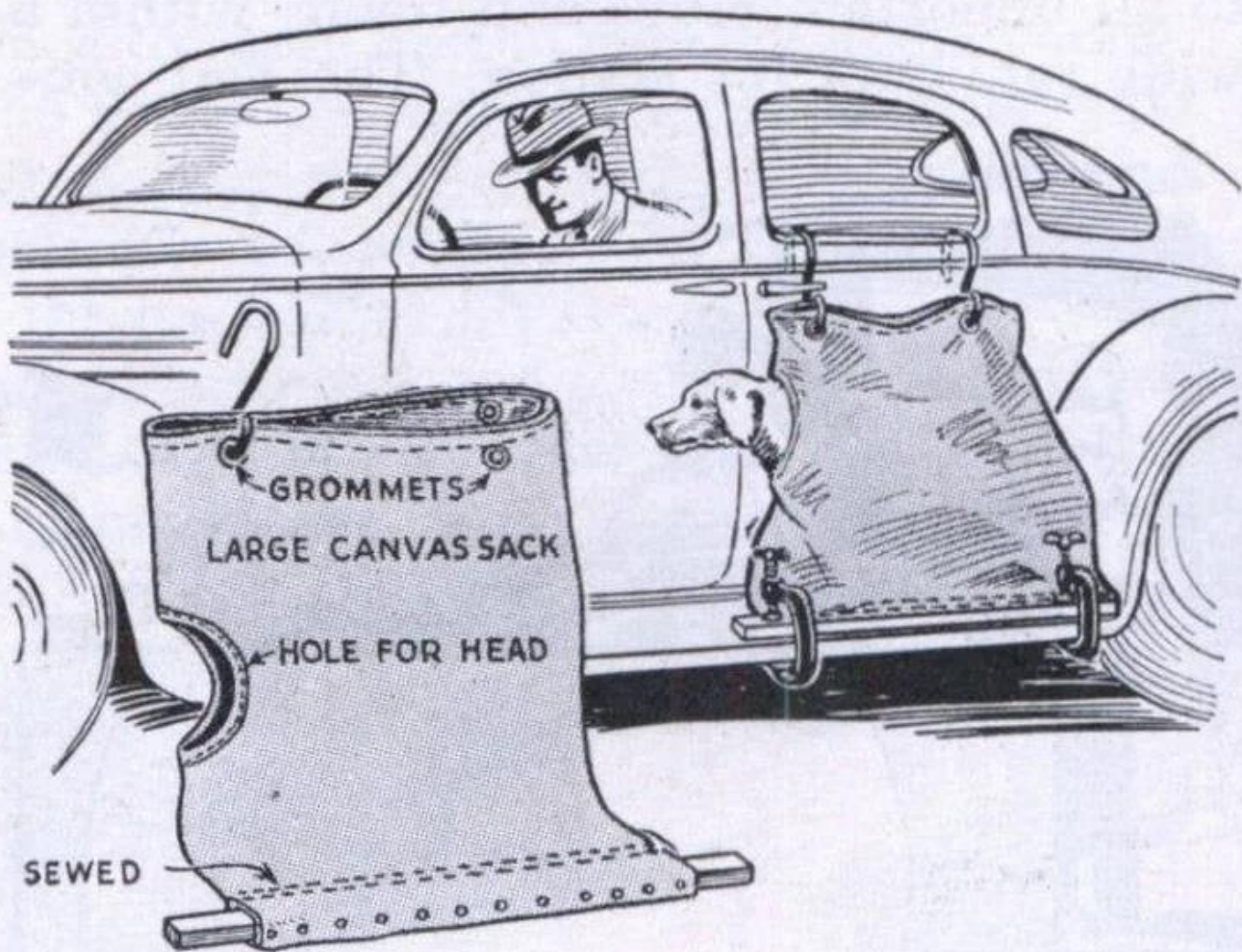
Melinda Harris

VLNAACF President 2025



Another Handy Pet Tip

# Dog Rides Comfortably in Sack on Running Board



*Your dog will ride safely in this sack, which is quickly attached or removed*

## MEMBER ADS



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

Looking for a 1930 or 1931 Ford model A car, a runner not too fancy, and also a spare 19" wheel.

David Small, Eagle AK

907-547-3006, evenings

### 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](mailto:nashnewseditor@gmail.com) . Pictures are welcome.

## 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
Joanne Portwine	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	1-Apr
Rick & Pat Crisenbery	30-Apr



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

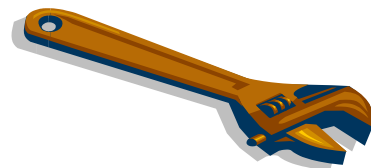
- **Note:** Cars-N-Coffee time is 8:00 am to 10:00 am each Saturday morning at Great Harvest Bread, on the corner of Airport Way and Wilbur Street. All are welcome.

### Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club

- **Wednesday Night Runarounds** are on hold until late spring.
- **March 11: Board Meeting @** Fountainhead Museum Garage, 6:30 pm, members are welcome.
- **March 13: Membership Meeting / Planning Meeting @** The Taiga Conference Center. This is the first in-person membership meeting of 2025. Come early to enjoy pizza, pizza, pizza! Doors open @ 6:00 pm and the meeting comes to order @ 6:30 pm.
- **March 19: Virtual Runaround @** the Community and Technical College, 604 Barnette St., Room 304. Potluck and a movie from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

You can find the club calendar online here:

[VLNAACF Calendar](#)



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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ◆ The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, March 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. Meeting comes to order at **6:30 pm**. Come early for pizza!

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