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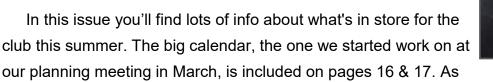
Photo: Melinda Harris

This winter a loose knit group of club members started meeting for lunch every Tuesday at various eateries around town. Here we are on April 8th at C&Js on Cushman St.

From L to R:Ralph Glasgow, Bruce McIntosh, Gregg Oslund, Ray Martsolf, John McCarthy, Ross Beal, Terry Fogleson, Preston Smith, and George Dalton. Melinda Harris is behind the camera.

From The Editor - Bruce McIntosh

It's breakup! It's nice to see dry roads again. I know most of the snow is gone from my own yard, and that combined with some of the sunny days we've had is making me feel much more motivated. At our Tuesday lunch today we even had a few vehicles come out of hibernation that I haven't seen since last fall. Hopefully our weather stays on this trajectory - our first Wednesday Runaround of the season is in a couple of weeks on May 7th.



always, as things develop over the summer, there may be changes to dates or destinations, so consider this firm but "tentative". There's lots of opportunity to get involved the next few months, and one of the best ways is to lead one of our Wednesday Night Runarounds. Do you have a place or a drive you'd like to share with others? Let one of the board members know.

This coming weekend, April 25 - 27, is the Outdoor Show at the Carlson Center. The club will again have this year's raffle car on display outside and a booth inside to sell raffle tickets. Stop by and schmooze if you're there.

Club VP Doug Davis has done a yeoman's job in resurrecting our club merchandise and getting it sorted out and ready for sale to members. You can find the full inventory on pages 10 & 11. If there is enough interest we may put together another order down the line, but for now it's first come, first served.



You can reach your editor at <u>nashnewseditor@gmail.com</u> 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

NIN THIS CAP

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

Happy Spring!

First off, let's thank our members, and their guests, for attending our first Membership Meeting of 2025 on March 13th at the Wedgewood Resort's Taiga Center. Marilyn Nigro suggested a sign-in sheet be passed around as we prepared to start; we recorded 32 members present, the Vintons brought in guests Don and Ann Lottes, and Ralph Glasgow invited Steve Martz who is now a member.

That evening included a pre-meeting pizza meal and it's a good thing we fed folks because planning our annual activities and events calendar is a fun yet tedious task. Three hours later we adjourned at about 9pm, following a motion by Willie Vinton and seconded by Patty Meritt to table the completion of our activity calendar until the next Membership Meeting in April.

Our activity and event planning continued April 10th at the Mayan Palace restaurant, led by vice president Doug Davis. The sign-in sheet again recorded better than quorum attendance, and we welcomed new members Sandy Bergman and Josh Liddell. As the farthest north AACA Region our driving season may be shorter than the other Regions, but our calendar can be just as busy with car requests, car shows, potlucks, recurring annual community events, and weekly meet-ups. That's why we keep asking our members to please, please volunteer to take a turn at leading an activity. The variety of interests and ideas, and styles of hosting present among us is truly what makes our club hum happily along the highways and in our hearts.

As you know, managing our unique wheeled companions takes time, energy, and dedication. Did you wrap up a car project over the winter, transform a jalopy, grant a new lease on life to a classic coupe or roadster? For the members who engage in the mechanical and restoration side of our old car hobby, we're currently collecting nominations for the 2025 VLNAACF Most Improved Vehicle Award. V.P. Doug Davis chairs that committee this year, to pass the award forward. His column on the subject in Nash's



News (page 10, Volume 53, Issue 5) covered some of the history of the award and selection criteria. As we approach summer, we close nominations on April 30 and then vote on a 2025 recipient.

Should we add a Procrastinator's Award? Or perhaps, Most Improved Garage? I'm a competitive procrastinator; my 1964 Sunbeam Alpine IV waits in my unheated garage which also waits, a year now, for finishing. With the increased light of day it's time to muster some interest again, let the stale air out and fire up the master heater (vented, of course) to get that beautifully rebuilt original engine ready for breakin, and the car's braking system sorted out. Do I need an accountability coach? Do you? Perhaps those of us who have lingering projects so close to roadworthy might form an alliance, a support group, a dare: what will you be driving in May, when we kick off our first live Wednesday Night Run-Around?

And remember: at the end of this month, April 25-27th, we have a booth at the Carlson Center's Outdoor Show highlighting our club and introducing our 1983 Cadillac Coupe de Ville raffle car. Thanks in advance to our members who signed up with John McCarthy to host our table and help sell raffle tickets.

Cheers,

Melinda Harris, President VLNAACF



Most Improved Vehicle Deadline

- Doug Davis, Vice President

As the Most Improved Vehicle recipient of 2024, I am heading up the committee to select the winner for 2025. The deadline for receiving nominations is April 30th. Please have nominations sent to me by this date.

Thank you, Doug Davis <u>ddavis@alaska.net</u> 907-371-8406

Awards Committee?

- Patty Meritt, Director

Regarding Trophies or awards for Car Shows: One member recently said, "All the other car shows have trophies". An opposing one said, "I gave away a pickup load of trophies!" "It's too much work!" from another. "It's a way to encourage participation!" was a fourth opinion. "Maybe we could just have pictures with the car and the owner, in the newsletter rather than a trophy" What is your opinion?



Club leaders are divided about whether or not to reinstate

trophies or awards for the car shows. Would you be willing to give 4 hours of your time to help us figure it out by serving on an Awards Committee? This could make suggestions to provide For example: A HOWARD MACKEY Award for the most meticulously maintained or a WILLY VINTON Award for the most unique pre-WWII vehicle.

The expected time commitment for members is 4 hours (1-2 meetings and some emails)

The purpose of the committee would be as follows:

- 1. Determine the feasibility of giving awards and/or trophies at the car shows
- 2. include budget, staff /volunteers needed, types of awards
- 3. Guidelines for awards
- 4. Recommendation to the Board

Contact Patty Meritt to join this discussion pameritt@alaska.edu or 907 978-6626

2025 Homer - Seldovia Adventure Before Dementia Tour - Scott Grundy

Last July our group selected the run to Homer and Seldovia as their favored tour option because it occurred in May and it could be done in a short period of time. We have done this trip before (in 2014) and had lots of fun! This time, for more fun, we will team up with the Antique Auto Mushers of Alaska (AAMA) who have been doing a spring run to Homer annually for 18 years! Plus, some AAMA folks plan to join us on the day trip to beautiful and quaint Seldovia - rather special!! These tours provide you the option to caravan when in transit, attend group happy hours, dinners and lunches, and/or criticize your cat herder! Lots of good camaraderie!

- Friday, May 16: Drive ~320 miles on the Parks Highway to Wasilla.
- Saturday, May 17: Drive to Homer ~272 miles.
- Sunday, May 18: Attend the Homer Car Show with the AAMA, AK Model A Group, Kaknu Kruzers (Soldotna) plus local treasures!. The Homer show is a major and loved community event!
- Monday, May 19: You have the option to:

1) Return to Fairbanks;

2) Or, join those going to Seldovia on the Rainbow tour boat that stops at the Bird Island rookery en route (\$89 RT+ / senior rate - less if there are enough of us).

3) Or, stay in Homer and tour the many attractions in town and sights on the local road system. A very special place - more info later.

- Tuesday, May 20: Return to Wasilla (~272 miles). Hopefully, a garage tour that evening.
- Wednesday, May 21: Depending upon weather and interest, we may return to Fairbanks from Wasilla via the Glenn and Richardson Highways -75 miles longer, but so beautiful and tasty buffalo burgers!.

INTERESTED? Please contact Scott Grundy for all the current tour plans and the housing details at sgrundy55ply@gmail.com or 907-322-9283 This promises to be a fun and relaxed tour. This ol' guy is getting excited! Please join us!



The 2014 Homer - Seldovia ABDT



A few hungry 2014 ABDT participants in Seldovia. Excellent dog sitters - Wyan and Hank Grant, Linda Grundy, Ed & Laurel Mc Laughlin, AAMA Seldovia residents - Sachiko & Walt Sonen, AAMA Homer resident & our restaurant guide - Buzz Wallace, Scott Grundy and Jill Larrick. Great folks, fun and yummy times! Rick Larrick photo.



Introducing Jeff Rogers - Melinda Harris

A few of the members at our 2024 Annual Meeting aka The Christmas Party may recall a brief introduction to Jeff Rogers of Ester. He was contacted by me last November as a potential VLNAACF member, especially because he absolutely loves big Cadillacs, and our upcoming 2025 raffle car is an '83 Coupe de Ville. Big and white, like a Beluga whale.

Jeff and his wife Margaret were among my first neighbors and comrades in Ester, the "village" about 5 miles west of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, when I settled into a little rental cabin on Main Street in the fall of 2001. I soon encountered Jeff's "Cadibago", an active project, in the broadest and most artistic sense of that label. The next spring, Fairbanks Daily News Miner feature story, "Geologist digs his Cadibago" spun a fun tale of Caddy-spotting and unorthodox car restoration along the lines of renew, reuse, and repurpose. As staff writer Tom Moran summed it up, "If ever there was an expression of an owner's personality, the Cadibago -- in all likelihood, the world's only hearse-cum-camper-van-cum-greenhouse -- is it. And note, the News-Miner story was published on April 1, 2002.

~Melinda Harris



"Is That A Caddy Out There?" - Jeff Rogers

Hello club members,

I'd like to introduce myself, since I've gotten involved with this year's raffle car, a big old Cadillac. Pretty sure Melinda thought of me because a number of them have taken residence in my shop at one time or another.

The first Cadillac to come my way was a 1951 Miller hearse that a gold miner converted into a camper. I had a lot of fun turning it into a greenhouse. It was once written about in the Daily News Miner. The second was a 69 Miller-Meteor hearse that was abandoned on some of Niilo Koponen's land. All it needed to run was bolting back on the fuel pump. I also did some body work, cleaned it up, and gave it a nice paint job. Then came the biggest one of all, a 1959 Imperial Sedan, a factory limousine. The Cadillac I still have is a 1962 Series 62 convertible. I got it from another gold miner. It was a beautifully complete car, but terribly rusted. Off a cliff was it's intended fate, except that I was gifted a 1962 Deville. I made the monumental (and rather presumptuous) decision to drill out nearly every single spot weld of both cars to replace the firewall and floor of the convertible. It worked, but I'll never do that again. It's a frame off restoration. Everything is rebuilt and works. Of course, it remains to be finished.

All in good time. See you at events. Happy, safe driving!

~ Jeff Rogers



Current Club Merchandise

For availability, contact Doug Davis. Pricing is for in-stock items only.

Jacket gray with black collar



Gray vestswomen's/men's



Tee white with red collar

ar Tee white with blue collar





Tee Red

Maroon windbreaker

Maroon windbreaker

Jacket black with gray collar





Many thanks to Marilyn Nigro for her suggestion to include club merchandise photos in the newsletter!

~ Doug Davis

Current Club Merchandise

<u>Description</u> Maroon windbreaker	<u>Size</u> M	<u>Stock</u> 1	<u>Price</u> \$ 26.00
	L	2	\$ 26.00
	3XL	2	\$ 30.00
	4XL	1	\$ 30.00
Tee red	М	5	\$ 21.00
	XL		\$ 21.00
	3XL	1	\$ 25.00
Tee white with blue collar	М	1	\$ 21.00
	L	2	\$ 21.00
Tee white with red collar	М	1	\$ 21.00
	3XL	1	\$ 24.00
Jacket gray with black collar	М	1	\$ 47.00
5 7	XL	3	\$ 47.00
	2XL	3	\$ 49.00
Gray vests- men's	L	1	\$ 36.00
,	XL	3	\$ 36.00
	2XL	3	\$ 40.00
Gray vests- women's	М	2	\$ 36.00
	L	1	\$ 36.00
	ZL	5	\$ 36.00
	2XL	4	\$ 39.00
	ZAL	4	ψ 33.00
Jacket black with gray collar	L	2	\$ 47.00
	XL	2	\$ 47.00
	2XL	1	\$ 51.00

MEMBER ADS



FOR SALE: 1929 Ford Model A 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

FOR SALE: Kwik Lift \$800, Engine Hoist with Leveler \$150, Hall Valve Seat Grinder(s) \$200, C-H Versa-Arc MIG Welder \$100. Call Rick Larrick 907-687-2036 or email larrickrick@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Show-ready and regularly driven 1963 T-Bird in superb condition and a dream to drive. Engine is 390 4-barrel with Pertronix and A/C update. Power steering, automatic transmission, power brakes, A/C, hydraulic wipers and power windows all work. Original interior is incredible and protected by ceramic window tint. Plus upgraded sound system with amp, subwoofer and custom trunk enclosure. Also, includes shop manual and supplement, extra unused spare tires, Platinum Shield car cover, XL folding chairs for

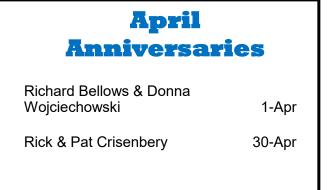


car shows and cleaning/maintenance supplies. \$30K negotiable. Louis Mestier, (512) 507-8028 or mistertax@hotmail.com

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.

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







Find us on 😱

Bruce McIntosh manages the public Facebook page of the <u>Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of</u> <u>Fairbanks</u>, and moderates the <u>Members Only:</u> <u>Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks</u> 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 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

 \Rightarrow Individual dues are \$60.00 (\$45.00 for National AACA and \$15.00 for local club dues).

 \Rightarrow 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 cover membership for the 2025 calendar year.

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

- <u>Note:</u> 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 begin again on May 7 @ 6:00 pm. Meet in the Pioneer Park lot out front.
- <u>April 25-27:</u> Raffle Car ticket booth at the Outdoor Show Carlson Center.
- <u>May 6</u>: Board Meeting @ Fountainhead Museum Garage, 6:30 pm, members are welcome.
- <u>May 8:</u> Membership Meeting @ Fountainhead Museum. Doors open @ 6:00 pm and the meeting comes to order @ 6:30 pm.
- <u>May 16-21</u>: Adventure Before Dementia Tour. See pg. 6 for more details
- <u>May 31:</u> Cruisin' with Santa car show, North Pole
- <u>June 7:</u> VLNAACF Open Show @ True North Church on Airport Way, across from AIH
- June 8: Mondo Run to Nenana

You can find the club calendar online here:

VLNAACF Calendar

2025 Club Events

This is the 2025 Club Event calendar as of April. As always, some things are subject to change. Keep an eye on your email for updates and announcements as dates get closer. Events that are highlighted in *red and italics* aren't club sponsored, but are usually of interest to members.

WNRA = Wednesday Night Runaround. Cars & Coffee still meets each Saturday Morning from 8 to 10 am at Great Harvest Bread on Airport Way.

Month	Day	Date	Event	Location	Time
April	Fri	25-Apr	Outdoor Show booth	Carlson Center	2-7pm
	Sat	26-Apr	Outdoor Show booth	Carlson Center	10am-6pm
	Sun	27-Apr	Outdoor Show booth	Carlson Center	11am-5pm
May	Tue	6-May	BOD Meeting	FAAM	6:30-8:00
•	Wed	7-May	1st WNRA	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Thu	8-May	Membership Meeting	Fountainhead Museum	6:30-8:00
	Wed	14-May	WNRA- Malemute Saloon Ester	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Fri-Wed	5/16-5/21	Adventure Before Dementia Tour	Homer	
	Wed	21-May	WNRA	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Wed	28-May	WNRA	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Sat	31-May	Cruisin' with Santa Car Show	North Pole	
June	Wed	4-Jun	WNRA	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Sat	7-Jun	VLNAACF Open Car Show	True North Church	
	Sun	8-Jun	Mondo Run	Pioneer Park	
	Tue	10-Jun	BOD Meeting	FAAM	6:30-8:00
	Wed	11-Jun	WNRA- Ravens Landing	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Thu	12-Jun	Membership Meeting	Chena Wayside	
	Sun	15-Jun	Glacier Garage Car Show	Carlson Center	
	Wed	18-Jun	WNRA	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Sat	21-Jun	Midnight Sun Festival		
	Wed	25-Jun	WNRA -	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Sat	28-Jun	Timber Creek Sr. Living show		
	Sun	29-Jun	Harding Lake Poker Run	Pioneer Park	
July	Wed	2-Jul	WNRA- Peony Farm	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Fri	4-Jul	4th of July Show	proposed	
	Sat	5-Jul	Willy's Rally	TBD	
	Tue	8-Jul	BOD Meeting	FAAM	6:30-8:00
	Wed	9-Jul	WNRA -	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Sat	12-Jul	Chena Hot Springs Poker Run		

2025 Club Events

Month	Day	Date	Event	Location	Time
July	Wed	16-Jul	WNRA -	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Sat	19-Jul	Golden Days Parade	Carlson Center	9:00 -12:00
	Sat	19-Jul	Club Picnic / Raffle Drawing	Pioneer Park	1:30-4:00
	Sun	20-Jul	Cars with Character Car Show	Fox	
	Sun	20-Jul	Creamers History Day	Creamers Field	
	Fri	25-Jul	Progressive Dinner		
	Sat	26-Jul	Ronnie Franklin Memorial Car Show	Chatanika Lodge	
	Sun	27-Jul	Mondo Run		
	Wed	30-Jul	WNRA- Car show @ Fair	Fairgrounds	
August	Sun	3-Aug	Jay Ofsthun Show	Anchorage	
	Sat	9-Aug	Seekins Car Show	Seekins	9-3pm
	Tue	12-Aug	BOD Meeting	FAAM	6:30-8:00
	Wed	13-Aug	WNRA	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Thu	14-Aug	Membership Meeting	Fox Lions Picnic Area	
	Sat	16-Aug	Veterans StandDown	Pioneer Park	
	Sun	17-Aug	Slow Poke Run		
	Wed	20-Aug	WNRA	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Sun	24-Aug	Mondo Run		
	Sat-Sun	8/23&24	Denali Car Tour		
	Wed	27-Aug	WNRA	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
September	Wed	3-Sep	WNRA	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
-	Sat	6-Sep	Delta Lunch Run	Delta Buffalo Center	
	Tue	9-Sep	BOD Meeting	FAAM	6:30-8:00
	Wed	10-Sep	WNRA - last	Pioneer Park	6:00-8:30
	Thu	11-Sep	Membership Meeting	East Ramp - Airport	
	Sat	13-Sep	Fall Color Run	Clear Sky Lodge	
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 6th at the FOUNTAINHEAD MUSEUM GAR-AGE. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. No food. Board Meetings are open to members.
- The next **Membership Meeting** is **Thursday**, **May 8th** at the **Fountainhead Museum**. Meeting comes to order at **6:30 pm**. Everyone is welcome.

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