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Nash's News

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



For our Wednesday Night Run Around on 6/28 we were invited to drive into Pioneer Park and, well, park. It was a nice night all around, and the kids were fascinated when Jeff Creamer demonstrated how to start his Chalmers.

From The Editor

- Bruce McIntosh

June has once again proven to be a busy month, with plenty of club events to choose from. We started the month off with our annual car show, held this year on June 3rd in the parking lot of True North Church on Airport Way. You'll also notice pictures are conspicuously absent from this newsletter. I highly recommend you check out the posts on our club Facebook page, along with a link to "*Old Cars in Alaska*" where Allen Monsma once again does a thorough job of documenting all the cars that were there.



As we move into July, a group of members are headed to Dawson for the Canada Day (July 1) celebrations, and then on to Eagle for the 4th of July. Big events this month include the Golden Days Parade (see page 12) and the raffle drawing/club picnic the following weekend (July 22 @ Pioneer Park). Every week there's the Wednesday Night Runarounds and Saturday morning Cars & Coffee. And don't forget this month's membership meeting, graciously hosted once again by Ralph and Melinda at the Howling Dog in Fox.



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For the most current club calendar, visit the VLNAACF website at: <https://fairbanksaaca.org/>



No one went away hungry at our June membership meeting, held 6/8 in the Chena River Wayside off of Geraghty.

President's Headlights

- Doug Cline, President



Summer is finally here and so are the armor-plated mosquitos. This is a great time to get out and enjoy our vehicles. Personally, I have been driving one of my trucks to work. Nobody complains when an old vehicle doesn't do the speed limit, but I can at least get close. I have a couple issues about driving in the rain we have been enjoying as well; I have a leak in the corner of the windshield and the wipers are vacuum. I get most of the way to work before the wipers come to life. Most people today don't understand that problem. They are too used to their electric wipers and the automatic sensors that turn them on an off. No intermittent setting on the antiques.

I hope you have been taking advantage of the run-arounds and shows we have been offering. As much as I would enjoy some of the events my schedule doesn't allow for me to attend many of the functions. I do hope, however, that you are having fun. Isn't that the name of the game anyway? We do this to have fun.

There are more great opportunities to showcase your vehicles coming up. There are several 4th of July parades being held and there is the Centennial celebration for the Alaska Railroad that will be happening in Nenana. Enjoy yourself.

This summer I have several projects I'll be working on. Basic maintenance on the two 1949 trucks, repairing a 1974 Ford F250 and restoring a 1968 Freeway slide in camper. That is the fun part and then there is the "honey do" list. All the projects are fun.

Summer also brings us to the membership meetings which have food for us to sit and enjoy each other's company while holding the meetings outside. I know the enticement of food brings most people out for the meetings but please keep in mind we can use your help and attendance year-round. I won't get up on my soap box about that, yet.

Enjoy the warm weather and the activities available.

July Birthdays

Ron Allen	1-Jul
Ellie Tempel	2-Jul
Joe Milligan	8-Jul
Jo Schackman	10-Jul
James (Clutch) Lounsbury	11-Jul
Dick Ellsworth	13-Jul
Marily Naquin	20-Jul
Ed McLaughlin	21-Jul
Bret Helms	22-Jul
Peter Lundquist	25-Jul
Carrie Jurgens	25-Jul
Karen Chancler	27-Jul
James Brand	31-Jul
Dan Schaaf	31-Jul

July Anniversaries

Roy & Brenda Wilbur	1-Jul
Ross & Paula Beal	8-Jul
Al & Ruth Haynes	25-Jul



Midnight Sun Festival Car Show



Downtown Fairbanks was hopping on Saturday, 6/24, when we were invited to display our cars in the parking lot at 1st and Lacey. We had steady crowds throughout the day, and the Festival drew a big crowd. Although the festivities ran until midnight, by 5:00 pm most members had headed off for cooler pastures.

Chena Hot Springs Poker Run

On Sunday, June 25, 2023, Vernon L. Nash Car Club members enjoyed a beautiful sunny day while participating in the club's annual poker run / potluck picnic at Chena Hot Springs Resort. We reserved a very nice picnic pavilion for the club's potluck and during our meal we were visited by Bernie Karl, owner of Chena Hot Springs Resort.

Bernie extended an invitation to the Vernon L. Nash Car Club and other members of the old car community (regardless of car club affiliation) to visit the resort on August 13, 2023 to participate in the Chena Hot Springs Energy Fair. Bernie is launching his latest industrial venture and would like to have a display of old cars along the runway at the resort during the Energy Fair. Alaska's senior senator and governor are expected to be attending, and there is a BBQ planned along with other activities. Additional information is available by calling Chena Hot Springs Resort or visiting their website.

** John McCarthy*



MEMBER ADS

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 serviced and new rear seal installed prior to sale. \$34,500 OBO.

Jeff Cook: cook1@gci.net. 907-687-0370.





Although not a VLNAACF event, Cole Lambert and company deserve a mention for filling an important niche in the vintage/classic car community here in the Fairbanks area - -


6th Annual









Cars With Character

July 23rd

457-1776
FOX DEN
DRIVE IN & CARRY OUT







Location: Fox Den (2110 Steese Highway, Fox, Alaska)
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Staging begins at 10:00 a.m.)
Vehicle Entry: Five Hot wheels toy cars, per vehicle entered.
These will later be donated to the hospital.

Calling all station wagons that have sat in the woods for 40 years, old diesel trucks that the body is falling off of but just won't die, that 80's muscle car restoration that has more fiberglass than sheet metal, this is the event for you! Cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, all welcome! If it's ratty we want to see it!

Award Categories:

- Rustiest Ride
- Greasiest Engine
- Swankiest 4-Door
- Accidental Off-Roader
- Wicked Wrecker
- Prettiest Patina
- Wanna-Be Convertible
- Baggin Wagon
- Etc.



The first Mondo Run of the summer (6/11) was a great success. While the weather wasn't quite as sunny as forecast, a good burger at our destination more than made up for it. Congrats to the poker run winners - John McCarthy (1st), Theresa Chase (2nd), and Ron Allen (3rd).

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Nothing to report this month.

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".

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CLUB CALENDAR

- **Note:** Cars-N-Coffee time is 8 am to 10 am each Saturday at Great Harvest Bread at the Bentley Mall. Wednesday Night Runarounds meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Park lot.
- **July 4: 4th of July parades @** Ester, Nena-na, or Fairbanks (1:00 pm @ Pioneer Park)
- **July 11: Board Meeting @** Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **July 13: Membership Meeting @** Howling Dog Saloon, 2160 Old Steese in Fox, Food and potluck at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.
- **July 15: Golden Days Parade** Lineup will start at 9:00 am in front of the Curling Club by the Carlson Center on 1st Ave
- **July 15: Golden Spike Celebration - Nena-na** 12 noon - 3:00 pm.
- **July 22: Raffle Drawing & Club Picnic @** Pioneer Park 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- **July 30: Harding Lake Picnic @** Harding Lake 11:00 am - 2:00 pm PPR: Bob & Patty Meritt

Find us on 

Bruce McIntosh manages the public Facebook page of the [Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks](#) page, 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>

Golden Days Parade 2023

VLNAACF will be kicking off the Golden Days Parade on July 15th as in past years. If you are interested in participating and want to have a plaque on your car as well as being placed in the order of the year of your car, please complete the attached form and return it to Wilma or Rochelle, no later than July 10th. Wilma will be making the plaques and doing the lineup spreadsheet and will be leaving town on the 13th. Any registrations received after July 10th will not be processed, so please send them before that date.

Lineup will start at 9 am in front of the Curling Club by the Carlson Center on 1st Ave, with the cars starting to move through the parade route at 10 am. If you are planning to go to the Nenana Golden Spike event, you will go straight to Pioneer Park at the end of the parade route for a 10:45 departure to Nenana. If you are not going to Nenana, you may park in front of Larson's Locksmith and watch the parade.

If you have any questions regarding the process or what is needed on the registration form, call Wilma at 907-388-7766

Wilma Vinton



Golden Days Parade Sign up

Member(s) Name:
(How you want it to appear on your plaque)

If you want to have a sign for your car(s) please complete the following and turn in by **Thursday, July 10th**. If you had your car in previous year's parade, we already have a sign for you.

Vehicle 1 Year:
Vehicle 1 Make:
Vehicle 1 Model:

Vehicle 2 Year:
Vehicle 2 Make:
Vehicle 2 Model:

Vehicle 3 Year:
Vehicle 3 Make:
Vehicle 3 Model:

Parade Participant Information:

VLNAAC will be put together as a group. We will meet in front of the Carlson Center at 9 am to line up. Kickoff for the Parade is 10am.

Signed:

Text to 907-388-7766 or email to wlvinton@gmail.com; you may also leave them at Larson's Locksmith on 1249 Noble St. Fairbanks.

These must be in by the 10th or you may not have a plaque for your car and your vehicle will not be placed in order by age. I will be leaving town on July 13th and unable to make new plaques AFTER July 10th. Please send either snap of picture of this and text it to my cell above or email to me.
Wilma

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, July 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, July 13**, at the **Howling Dog Saloon**, 2160 Old Steese in Fox. Food and potluck beforehand at **6 p.m.**, with the meeting starting afterwards at **7 p.m.** Open to everyone.



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