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Nash's News

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



Although the day started off damp, Fairbanksans don't let a little rain stand in the way of a parade. This year's Golden Days parade was moved up a week to July 15th, but we still had a pretty good turnout and decent crowds.

From The Editor

- Bruce McIntosh

July has been a busy month for the club, with multiple opportunities every week for members to get out and enjoy their rides. Whether it was a short local runaround, a chance to show off in a parade, a longer afternoon on a poker run, or even a chance to caravan over 1,000 miles while enjoying some of Alaska's finest scenery. So much going on that it's hard to do justice within the confines of a newsletter and a small number of pictures. If you haven't been able to get out much so far, we have at least another month of good weather to take advantage of, so make plans to enjoy it. For myself, the highlight was joining in the Adventure Before Dementia Tour (ABDT) to Eagle. Thanks to Rick Larrick and Scott Grundy for reviving the tradition post-Covid. Highly recommended if you have even an inkling of joining in next year.



And yes, when DOT suggests 15 mph on the Taylor highway, what they really mean is 15 mph if your insurance is paid up. ;)



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

July Membership Meeting at the Howling Dog



Photo: Ralph Glasgow

Thanks again to Ralph Glasgow for hosting our July membership meeting, held 7/13, at the Howling Dog in Fox.

President's Headlights

- Doug Cline, President



In spite of Eielson Air Force Base and the city of Fairbanks throwing us a curve ball regarding changing the date for Golden Days, I think we had a really good turn out for our picnic. It was a great day with the sun shining and a gentle breeze keeping us cool under the canopy. We were able to hold our raffle and the new owner of the BMW will be back in town this week to claim his new toy. The raffle car for next year was there as well. I'm looking forward to the kickoff for that raffle. The MG is a cute little convertible.

Warm summer days are good times to have the older vehicles out. We can enjoy the weather and the turning of heads as we cruise down the road. It is amazing to watch. If someone is in a newer vehicle and driving only 45 mph on the Richardson, everyone wants to run them off. But, if we are driving an antique vehicle (even if it can go the speed limit) and doing 45 mph down the Richardson; people slow down to check it out. Yes, it is a double standard but one we can take complete advantage.

Summer weather also brings with it the dreaded vapor lock on some of the older vehicles. I have a flathead V8 that vapor locks and an inline 6 that doesn't. Frustrating more than anything else when keeping the vehicle stock. An electric fuel pump can be used to help but when it isn't stock... The issue is the volatility of the fuel. When emission control started there was a return line to the fuel tank for the vapor to return. When the fuel tank is designed so that the fuel comes from a petcock at the bottom of the tank there would need to be modifications for a return line. Problem: not stock... Not a purist but had to draw a line. Putting heat shielding on the fuel lines should take care of most of the issue. It isn't that bad but just a small irritation.

Our summers are short enough that it creates a conflict of events. What needs work versus what needs to be fixed at the house versus fun trips. Work life balance is always important. What do we have time to do and what is our priority?

A while back I read a book that helped put everything into perspective and I highly recommend it: Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance. We all have our pet little projects that keep nagging at us until we get them started. There are days in which I wish I could spend more time working on my projects and just get lost in time while I'm working on them. It is relaxing and exhilarating to be able to bring an antique back to life. The pride in the work and the enjoyment of being able to show it off to others. I think we can all agree in that.

Enjoy your summer and the good weather. Be mindful of the weather while you are outside, so you don't become a weather victim. Take a good trip even if just for a daily picnic.

August Birthdays

Don McTaggart	3-Aug
Charles Donahue	3-Aug
Gene Hansen	4-Aug
Tom (Blue) Hinchsliff	4-Aug
Terry Putnam	4-Aug
Lois Oslund	6-Aug
Richard Bellows	9-Aug
Jeff Creamer	11-Aug
Alan Monsma	12-Aug
Sue Schaaf	18-Aug
Marlen Pruett	21-Aug
Scott Grundy	25-Aug
Scott Culbertson	26-Aug
Martha Westphal	30-Aug

August Anniversaries

Bob & Patty Meritt	3-Aug
Gene & Mebble Hansen	5-Aug
Alan & Beccy Monsma	9-Aug
Bret & Cindy Helms	11-Aug
Timothy & Jerilee Musgrove	20-Aug
Carl & Martha Westphal	28-Aug



2023 Adventure Before Dementia Tour

by Scott Grundy

Our tour this year was to wonderful Dawson City, YT for their Canada Day and to Eagle, AK for our Independence Day. This destination combo is a repeat of our 2013 ABDT and our third visit to Dawson City (Last in 2019 via Whitehorse.). For several reasons this location combination is perhaps the most popular of all our tours. There's so much to see and do in Dawson City and the preserved Alaskan history in Eagle is fabulous.

I have been organizing these tours for our club since 2009, but credit for this tour goes to Ed McLaughlin who wanted to drive his newly acquired 2CV Citroen on a tour. At least twice, Ed encouraged me to develop this tour but I was too busy. Rick Larrick picked up the slack and organized the tour; I thank and tip my driving cap to Rick!

Participants to both locations were:

- ♦ Ed McLaughlin driving a 1985 2CV Citroen
- ♦ Rick Larrick driving a 1955 Buick Century
- ♦ Scott Grundy driving a 1955 Plymouth Belvedere
- ♦ Jerry and Carolyn Mustard trailered a 1970 Kaiser Jeep

Participant to Dawson City only:

- ♦ Rich Golding, a member of the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska (Anchorage) drove his 1987 2CV Citroen. Spent ~12 hours driving home in one day. Whata guy and fun too!

Participants to Eagle only:

- ♦ Bruce McIntosh drove his 1964 Ford Galaxie
- ♦ John McCarthy & Nee Nakprasit drove a 1966 Ford Falcon
- ♦ Melinda Harris & friend Wendy Croskrey and her two dogs in a modern truck

Participants who were signed up but sadly had to abort at the very last moment:

- ♦ Ron & Nancy Allen and Richard Gresham intended to trailer their 1931 Ford model A
- ♦ Terry Fogleson intended to trailer his 1963 Plymouth Barracuda

There's so much I could highlight and tattle about the participants, but to save ink, I'll just say that special moments and experiences were abundant and let the photos speak for themselves. The hodgepodge of folks who camped, stayed in commercial facilities, trailered and even drove a modern vehicle all had so much fun together. The message is to just participate and have fun any way you wish! Yes, I'm working on a tour for next year that currently involves only paved roadways. I'll try to establish tour dates early to enable you to keep your calendar free of commitments to visitors and other excuses that will keep you from building camaraderie, enjoying your vehicle and having fun!!

2023 Adventure Before Dementia Tour by Scott Grundy



The club lineup in Dawson. *Photo: John Howland*



Queueing up for the Canada Day parade in Dawson

Photo: Scott Grundy

AAMA's Rich Golding assisting Ed McLaughlin.

Photo: Scott Grundy



2023 Adventure Before Dementia Tour



Mel Brabham fires up the Jeffery Quad in Eagle.

Post-parade parking by the old Eagle schoolhouse.



Nee and Rick preparing the club's contribution to the community potluck the evening before the 4th.

On the Taylor Hwy outside of Eagle and headed back to Fairbanks.



Bad Assumptions *by Scott Grundy*

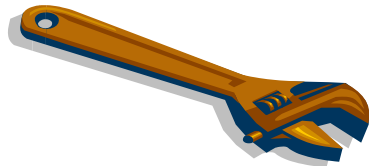
My face becomes flush when I recall the two faux pas I committed while caravanning during our recent Adventure Before Dementia Tour. We have very clear guidelines to assure all those who wish to caravan arrive safely at the destination. Following is my explanation and pathetic defense. Yep, both were a result of faulty ASSumptions.

The first mishap occurred when I was keeping track of the last vehicle in line to be certain they were not abandoned should they encounter any difficulty. Well, I didn't see Jerry & Carolyn Mustard behind me as I entered Eagle. I was a bit concerned, but ASSumed they had safely arrived and went to the campground located on the outskirts of town. I was shocked to see them later at the hotel with their hauler still attached to their truck. They developed a flat tire at the edge of town. Capable folks indeed, but I should have been there to at least offer moral support.

My next error was more serious. I trailed Ed McLaughlin for nearly 1,000 miles and lost him at Badger Road turnoff. Ed signaled and then turned off the highway. I hesitated but ASSumed he must have informed his intentions to Rick Larrick. After gathering my thoughts and questioning my judgment, Rick Larrick pulled over and asked, "Where's Ed?" I pathetically explained my ASSumption. Turns out Ed had stopped to add some gas to be certain he made the last few miles to his home. By the time we turned around, we saw Ed in the opposite lane heading home. In retrospect, had Ed pulled over onto the shoulder instead of safely exiting the busy highway, I would have stopped without hesitation.

Bad ASSumptions on my behalf, both at our final destinations. That's my explanation and I'm sticking to it!

As a final note, I wish to thank Rick Larrick for organizing this year's tour. I love these tours and driving classic vehicles. The camaraderie we develop and the reception we receive everywhere we tour is absolutely wonderful! Yes, I'm developing a tour to propose for next summer. I'd love to have someone assist me and become a successor to perpetuate these fun tours.



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. \$29,500 OBO.

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



MEMBER ADS

FOR SALE:

1992 Mazda Miata MX-5

All original, 20,000 miles

Special order paint color

A fun car!

\$12,000.

Scott Grundy

907-322-9283



MEMBER ADS

Here's a list of some of the cars for sale that Robbie Casey had.

For more information and to arrange viewing, call:.

Doris Casey @ 719-251-7766

Jeff Casey @ 907-378-8373

48 Studebaker Champ Convertible

40 Olds (x2)

53 Chevy

54 Ford Crescent

58 Pontiac

52 Cadillac

50 Studebaker (x2)

59 Ford Ranch Wagon

59 Plymouth Fury

59 Plymouth Belaire

59 Buick Electra

57 Studebaker Parkview Wagon

57 Chrysler DeSoto

50s Bullet Studebaker (x2)

57 Buick

50 Nash

68 Lincoln Mark III

65 Studebaker Champ

67 Chevy El Camino

62 Ford Galaxie (x2)

60 Buick Invicta

69 Olds Toronado

65 Mercury Comet

72 Ford Ranchero GT

77 Chrysler (x2)

73 AMC Javelin

75 & 76 Cadillac Eldorado

95 Crown Vic

98 Ford Van Star

98 Dodge Pickup

2009 Dodge Charger

SUNSHINE REPORT:

For those that know Ross Beal and wonder how he is doing, he sent this note -

"Appreciate the thoughtfulness. Pill form chemo is sitting well with very few side effects. We'll be home the first week of September and continue with chemo for another 3 months then CT scans every 3 months for a year."

To contact Ross - rossbeal@gci.net

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".



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 front of Pioneer Park.
- **Aug 5: Willy's Rally** 10:00 am @ Bentley Mall, after Cars & Coffee
- **Aug 8: Board Meeting** @ Fountainhead Museum Garage 6:30 pm Members are welcome.
- **Aug 10: Membership Meeting** @ Airport East Ramp Pavilion, food and potluck at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.
- **Aug 12: Seekins Car Show** @ Seekins Ford Lincoln. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- **Aug 13: Slow-Poke Poker Run** 10:30 am - 2:00 pm. PPR: Willy Vinton
- **Aug 26: Mondo Poker Run** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm PPR: Rochelle Larson

Other Events

- **Aug 6: Jay Ofsthun Show & Shine** - Anchorage Park Strip
- **Aug 12: Chatanika Lodge Car Show**

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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>

2023 Raffle Car Winner

Hold onto your hats, folks, this year's winner of the 2023 raffle car is.... Wayne Hunt of Delta Junction! Wayne and Margarita purchased the tickets from me at the Cruzin' with Santa car show in May!

There was a slight delay in delivery of the car as when I called Wayne on Saturday, he was on his way to Chitna to fill his freezer with Copper River Red Salmon! As the trip was quite successful he couldn't break away until Tuesday evening to claim his prize!

Wayne and his wife Margarita met me halfway at the large pullout on the Richardson Highway just south of Midway Lodge to award him the car.

Wayne and Margarita had been wanting to own a BMW Z3 for about the last 25 years ever since they were driving in South Carolina and past the assembly plant where the cars were built. They fell in love with the design of the car and promised themselves that one day they would have one. Well Wayne and Margarita, that day is now!

Happy Travels and welcome to the Vernon L Nash Family!

Regards,
Jeffrey J (Jeff) Creamer



Photo: Margarita Hunt



Photo: Jeff Creamer

Harding Lake Poker Run

Bob and Patty Meritt led us on a great poker run out to Harding Lake last Sunday, July 30. Card draws along the way included the Knotty Shop and Salcha Marine, with our final destination the Shriners hall on Harding Lake, where we enjoyed burgers, hot dogs, and salmon.



Photo: Ron Allen



Grill masters Terry Fogleson and John McCarthy took charge of the BBQ.



Photo: Patty Meritt

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next **Board Meeting** is **Tuesday, August 8** 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, August 10**, at the **Airport East Ramp Pavilion**. Food and potluck beforehand at **6 p.m.**, with the meeting starting afterwards at **7 p.m.** Open to everyone.



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