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## Hardy Souls who attended the Spring Shakedown Cruise to Hatcher Pass

Dennis Allen, Bill Foster, Ted Hawley, Leroy Heaven, Roy Foster, Tom Cresap, Dave Mackey, Barb Judd, Don Judd, Fred Schurman, Sara Stoops, Mike Weidmer, Julia Ede, Vickie Palmer, Robert Palmer, Jim Ede, Gary Stoops.

Front row: Bruce Campbell, Diane Allen, Marcv Cresap, Tom Cresap, Clare Batchelor, Jan Schurman



Photo by Scott Hulse

Photo by Margaret Heaven



## SPRING SHAKEDOWN CRUISE

The Spring Shakedown Cruise was chaired by Mike Wiedmer and was attended by roughly 31 people. The actual count is greater than 31, though some had to drop out early and other joining us later. We stopped at Boot Hill Auto for a visit with Frenchy and Charlie. The road to the Mine has been paved and is excellent. Ted Hawley gave an interesting talk about the Mine and the work his father did in the 80s connecting the old and new mine shafts. The Dinner at Valley Bistro was a great social event. I think Ted Hawley won the "spot old cars" competition. Thanks Mike for a great outing! (Editor)



Photo by Scott Hulse

## Message from the President – June 2004

We drove to Seward on 8 May for their “Blast From the Past” celebration. There were 13 of us, and with a few problems we arrived quite early for the Parade. It was quite apparent from the beginning of our arrival that the people who were in charge were very disorganized, and there was grumbling in the ranks. We hung in there, talking with some of the people in the Corvette Club who had motored down, and with the manager of the Napa Auto Parts Store, as we were parked in his parking lot. Many of the events the Seward Organization had planned did not materialize, so about the only thing that went on as scheduled was the parade, and after, we parked our cars downtown on 4<sup>th</sup> Street for a car show. Some of us visited the Sea Life Center, had lunch and came home.



The May shakedown cruise was a terrific success on Sunday 16 May. I'm sure Mike Wiedmer has written about this elsewhere in the Tinkering Times, but I wanted to share a few statistics with you. When we left Northway Mall parking lot by Red Robin, we had 17 people. When we stopped at Mirror Lake parking lot we picked up 5 more people, Mike, Christopher, and Nathan Dennis, and Tom and Marcy Cresap, for a new total of 22 folks. We drove on down to the old Palmer highway, and stopped at the Butte to see Frenchy and Charlie. 8 more joined us at the Butte, and we lost 3, Michael Dennis and his two sons, new total was 27. We went on to Hatcher Pass, stopped there for about 30 minutes, then on to Teeland's Coffee House for late lunch/early dinner. We were joined there by 4 more people for a new total of 31 for lunch/dinner.

We were very happy to see Fred and Janet Schurman, and they stayed with us for the whole tour. They also went to Seward for the “Blast From the Past”. Glad to see her “out-and-about”.

Dennis and I will be out of town from 27 May - 1 June, arriving home on the afternoon or evening of 1 June. If you need help with anything, call Gary Stoops or Scott Hulse as we work with them frequently.

Diane L. Allen, President  
AAMA



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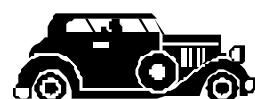
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## From the AAMA WebMaster

The software program Microsoft Front Page was purchased. The purpose of this software is to allow us to post our page under the sponsorship of the Automobile Club of America. Of course, there was an immediate glitch that will take some time to overcome.

If any one took pictures at either the Tastee Freeze drive or the Shake Down Cruise they may be posted to the website or just email them to me and I will post them.

## National News and Items of interest.



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

**By Earl D. Beauchamp, Jr.  
AACA President**

A whole New Year is upon us with much to do in AACA. Your Region or Chapter will be planning many events and I hope you will make plans to attend as many of them as possible. Your local leaders have stepped forward to plan these events, and will find it really disheartening if they are not well attended. While you're at it, give a pat on the back every once in awhile to the editor of your newsletter. Your editor spends a lot of time preparing the newsletter. It has been said that the editor is the lifeblood of any Region or Chapter, for without a good newsletter you can't really know what is going on. A good article about your car can help your editor, let people get to know you better, and provide some interesting reading for your old car friends.

At the National level, there is really a lot going on this year. Every possible National event has been filled. There is a spring and fall Meet in each of the four Divisions, plus the Winter Meet in Melbourne, Florida, which will be history by the time you read this, of course. The Founders Tour was scheduled out west this year in the beautiful southwestern United States around Tucson, Arizona. Since it is an even numbered year, the AAA Glidden Tour® is being hosted by the VMCCA, but it is open to AACA members. Our two special tours held on the even numbered years are the Reliability Tour for vehicles 1915 and older and the AACA Sentimental Tour for vehicles 1928-1958. Both of these tours will be taking place in 2004, with the Reliability Tour August 1-6 in the Tiffin, Ohio, area and the new "First National" Sentimental Tour October 24-29 in the

Woodbridge, Virginia, area. And if that's not enough, there are four Divisional Tours this year; these being our more localized three-day tours. They take place in North Carolina, Nevada, Maryland, and Illinois. I think this is going to be one gigantically exciting year! Somewhere along the line Judy and I will be looking forward to meeting you, and shaking your hand. After all, the AACA is a Club made up of "friendships in old cars".

My motto for 2004 is "Let's Grow AACA More in 2004". That doesn't mean we want to grow complacent. It means we want to grow our horizons, grow our friendships, and grow our membership to larger numbers that will serve to benefit you with a better magazine, a better watch over the legislative scene, a better program to serve each Region, each Chapter, and each individual member. I'm excited about everything in AACA this year. We have a great cadre of elected officers again this year. Our new Executive Director is an energetic guy and a car hobbyist to the core, and I'm just like him. Watch for great changes in your Antique Automobile Magazine. If the IRS agrees with our C3 Non-Profit application many new avenues will be open to us as the year goes along. We'll know the answer to that question soon. There is a new program being tested and under review by the Youth Development subcommittee. Yes, these are exciting new ideas that seek to improve what are already the many excellent advantages of being a member of AACA.

And what else are we doing for you? Last year we instituted two new Vice Presidencies. Those are the Vice President of Development & Support, one to cover the Central and Western Divisions, the other the Eastern and Southeastern Divisions. Last year each of these two Vice Presidents had four Chairmen to support Regions and Chapters, but for 2004 we have expanded the program to nine Chairmen for each of the Vice Presidents. We think we can cover almost all Regions and Chapters this way. These Chairmen will be like "Zone Representatives" who will circulate and from time to time visit one of your local events, or visit one of your meetings and give a presentation on AACA and what it has to offer. The Chairmen are in your area representing AACA. I am hoping that in this way, we can bring the AACA National Club closer to you, the member. Remember, our Regions and Chapters are the roots of the Club. They are like the fingers on your hand. Cut off the fingers and the hand doesn't work.

And that's not all. I have appointed two Focus Groups, made up of active members of AACA who are not National Officers, Chairmen, or employees to study two areas I feel are critical to the Club's future. They will give us some new ideas by Labor Day. I am hopeful that these new ideas may help AACA grow our membership in these critical areas. One Focus Group is made up of younger adult members, aged 25 to 50, while the other is made up of active members from the Central and Western Divisions. The ideas generated by these two independent sub-committees will be reported to the Membership Committee, and may show us some new ways for AACA to attract increased membership from among people like themselves. (Continued on page 4)

**AACA Presidents message (continued from page 3)**

So, stay tuned into AACA because the future is bright. The year 2004 is going to be a memorable one. I just wish I could meet each and every one of you, but since I can't, I'll count on all of these many helpers mentioned above to stand in for me. Thanks for being a member of AACA and trusting me as your President. You are the people who make AACA great. It's my pleasure to serve you.

**New Members**

Please introduce yourself to our newest members the next chance you have.

R. J. (Jim) Henderson ( has a 55 Buick)

Alvino Bramstedt Jr (Has a 26 Ford T and 25 Dodge)

Bob & Susan Satin (has a 32 Ford Phaeton)

**June Celebrations****JUNE**

Lucille M.	Powell	Birthday	8
Roger & Sandy	Severson	Anniversary	8
Lawrence	Taylor	Anniversary	10
Eugene	Heath	Birthday	11
Roger	Severson	Birthday	14
Ralph & Kathy	Centoni	Anniversary	15
Bill	Foster	Birthday	16
Stuart C.	Hall	Birthday	18
Kurt	Rein	Birthday	19
Bruce & Marl	Campbell	Anniversary	21
Arthur L.	Powell	Birthday	22
Betty W.			
Westcott & Lee			
W.	Plummer	Anniversary	22
Barbara	Hansen	Birthday	23
C. Erik	Baltzar	Anniversary	25
Janet	Schuman	Birthday	30

**Editors Comments -Recommendations**

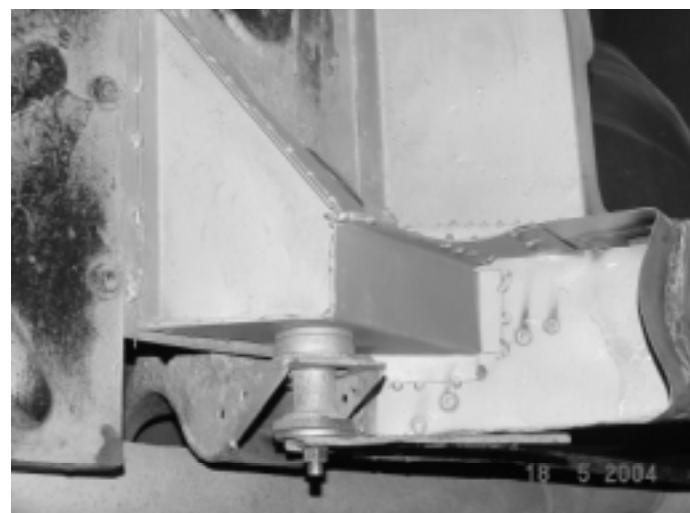
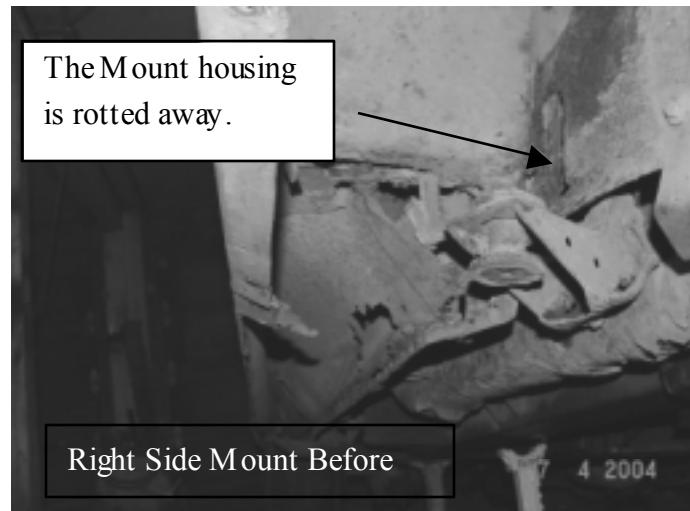
By Scott Hulse

One of the difficult things about this hobby is knowing who to trust when you need work done that is beyond your scope or time limits. I recently had several items that needed attention.

First the Carb on Bessie (the 39 IHC) would not idle correctly. She ran fine on the road but loped badly when sitting at idle. There was an air leak somewhere, but I could not find it. On the

recommendation of several members I took the truck over to Robert at Independent Truck and Auto repair, 800 Center St. (349-8664). It only took him a couple hours to identify a warped carb housing from a rebuild last year, plane the offending surfaces and have the truck back on the road. The price was very reasonable.

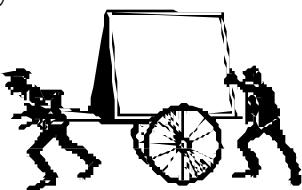
The other work was body work to Heather ('58 R/R SC1), to have rusty rocker panels repaired. For body work I turned to our own Ken Evans (Ken's Restorations). Ken did a fantastic job replacing the front body mounts and rocker panels. He provided a temporary paint repair that is hard to tell from the original color. Below are some before and after pictures. If you need body work I certainly would recommend Ken.



Left Side Mount After repair. (Photos by Scott Hulse)

Scott Hulse

## Rally Master Chatter

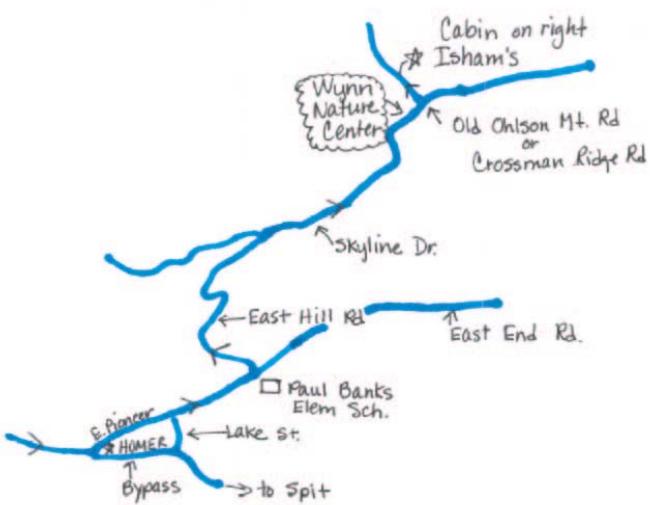


### Seldovia Tour over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

The long distance tour this summer is to Homer and Seldovia for the 4th. of July. There will be a potluck at the Isham's in Homer on Friday evening, July 2, starting at 6 p.m. Anything goes. Directions to Isham's cabin are shown below. Check the website for more details and information.

#### Directions to Isham's in Homer

1. Turn onto Pioneer Ave at intersection of Pioneer and Bypass
2. Pioneer becomes East End Road, continue
3. Turn left on East Hill Road which is across from Paul Banks Elementary School
4. Turn right at Y and continue approx 1.5 miles
5. Turn left onto dirt road immediately after the Wynn Nature Center
6. Isham's is first cabin on the right - driveway will be marked



#### Combined meet with VNAAC on 11 – 13 Jun

**2004** at Trapper Creek Inn, Inc., 114.8 Parks Highway, Trapper Creek.

I have sent out info on this about a month ago, and find that this is an opportunity to repeat the info. Trapper Creek Lodge – (907) – 733-2302. Has 3 very large rooms, range in price from \$85.00 - 95.00 for 2 people and 15.00 for each extra person, and 18 RV sites with full hookups - \$18.00 per night, 13 sites no hookups - \$10.00 per night. Children age 12 and over \$2.00 extra per child. There are restrooms available, and laundry facilities. Showers are \$3.00/each shower. They are taking reservations now. Please let me know if you are planning to go, also, AAMA will host the dinner on Friday night, so we need potluck dishes from each family. VNAAC will furnish the dessert.

Diane Allen

#### Bear Paw information - 9 and 10 July

The Eighteenth Annual Bear Paw parade theme is "American Dreams!" and AAMA's entry title is "Car Dreams." The parade will be on Saturday, July 10 at 11 a.m. with judging at 9 a.m. Please be there at 9 a.m. if you want to be judged. We are limited to 14 cars, and throwing candy is not allowed.

Staging will be in the same location as last year, on Cross Drive in the empty lot next to St. Andrew's Church. The day of the parade has been designated as Military Appreciation Day in Chugiak-Eagle River to honor all military personnel and their families stationed in the area and throughout the world.

If you plan to participate in the parade please call 694-7510 after July 1 and let Tom or Marcy know so we have an idea on number of cars.

The Bear Paw car show will be on Friday, July 9 at 6 p.m. in front of the old Safeway store. (Same place as last year.) You should arrive a few minutes before 6 o'clock as the lot fills up quickly and anyone showing up late might get turned away. You will be directed to a parking place since we do not have a designated spot.

Tom and Marcy Cresap

**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

	<b>Rolling Meeting-</b>	
9-Jun	<b>6:30 Meeting</b>	Chairperson -
	<b>7:30 (Tour).'</b>	Gary Stoops
11-Jun	<b>Colony Days Car Show 7-10pm</b>	
12-Jun	<b>Colony Days Parade</b>	Chairperson LeRoi Heaven 376-5679
June 11-13	<b>VLNAACF Joint Meet</b>	Chairperson Diane Allen
June ?	<b>Kulis Family Day Car Show</b>	Sarah Stoops
17-Jun	<b>Day Break Outing- 1:00pm</b>	Chairperson ?
June 19-20	<b>Museum of Alaska Car Show</b>	Coordinator Scott Hulse
21-Jun	<b>Summer Solstices Rumble</b>	All Car Club Event
July 4	<b>Anchorage – Chugiak Parade</b>	
July 4	<b>Seward Parade</b>	
July 2-5	<b>Seldovia Tour</b>	Chairman Art Isham- 688-3671
9-Jul	<b>Bear Paw Car Show</b>	Chairperson Tom Cresap 694-7510
10-Jul	<b>Bear Paw Parade</b>	Chairperson Tom Cresap 694-7510
14-Jul	<b>Rolling Meeting 7:30 p.m.</b>	Chairperson ?
July 16-18	<b>Hope Weekend</b>	Chairman Dennis Allen 345-6355
24-Jul	<b>Adopt A Road clean up'.</b>	Stu Hall Chairperson
1-Aug	<b>SHOW N SHINE</b>	
11-Aug	<b>ROLLING MEETING</b>	
28-Aug	<b>State Fair Parade</b>	Chairperson
	<b>Adopt A Road Clean Up</b>	Leroy Heaven
11-Sep		



Shakedown Cruise stop at Boot Hill Auto



Frenchy talks to Mike Dennis about models



Socializing in Butte.



Everyone watch carefully and pick up any pieces that fall off the Caddy!

Photos on this page by Scott Hulse

**ONE MANS TREASURE****SOLDOTNA TREASURES**

Dave Syren met John Fox in Soldotna. John has several vehicles that might be of interest.

1937 Plymouth – asking \$16,000

1936 – 4 door Plymouth Sedan – Asking \$10,000

1951 Mercury Club Coupe – asking \$10,000

Also a 30s Terraplane and other miscellaneous stuff.

John Fox 252-3053 Cell Phone or 262-4996 Home

**Information Wanted** - Does anyone have any information on the Triumph TR 4 that is sitting in the crushed house in Earthquake Park after the 1964 earthquake? Would like to know ANYTHING about this car. Please contact Gary Stoops at 345-5992

**From Dave Mackey – NEED a Model A?**

Hello Scott, Just got my Met out of storage and hope to make the trip to Seward this weekend. I can get the times over the web Scott. I have a lead on a 1929 Model A that needs restoration if any one in the club is interested. It is in Anchorage and asking price is \$4,000.00. I'm told it is all there. Would you pass the word around. Thanks, Dave Mackey

**Tinkering Times Article Deadline**

Please submit articles for the Tinkering Times by the 25<sup>th</sup> of June for publication in the July Newsletter. Send information to Scott Hulse (907) 349-8106 or [hulse@alaska.net](mailto:hulse@alaska.net). Please put TT in the subject line.

**Model A Ford Parts**

1 Water Pump, leakless, greaseless, full ball bearing unit – New \$285. 1 Water Pump, leakless, bushed and ball bearing – New - \$185. 1 Super Brumfield Cylinder head 7.1CR \$310. 1 Lightweight flywheel with V8 pressure plate, electronically balanced - \$385. 1 Downdraft manifold \$150.

Contact Ken Holland (907) 333-3889

**From Robbie Robinson**

Derral Godbee came to one of our AAMA meetings last year with member Bill Waldron. I met him in Willow this past Sunday and he wanted to know if anyone in the club was interested in his car.

All the best,  
Robbie

**'59 Ford Retractable.**

engine – 352, miles - 23,000

Color: Geranium & colonial white  
Chrome spoke wheels with white walls.

New interior (seatcovers, headliner and carpet)

Extra parts \$35,000.00

Phone (907) 495-6505 Derral Godbee  
P.O. Box 595 Willow, AK 99688



1947 Rolls Royce  
Silver Wraith  
The Silver Wraith sport sedan by Hooper, Sunroof, R100 headlamps, smooth running engine and red leather interior.

The Silver Wraith was the first Rolls Royce manufactured after WW2 and only 1700 were produced from 1947 to 1959. \$30,000  
Contact Karl Hahn (907) 562-4912 in Anchorage.



## 2003 Schedule of Events

9-Jun      **Rolling Meeting-**      Chairperson -  
**6:30 p.m.'**      Gary Stoops

**MEETING STARTING EARLY SO WE  
 LEAVE ON THE ROLLING TOUR  
 ABOUT 7:15**

**Meeting Refreshments**  
 Rolling Meeting



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