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Message from the President – July 2004

Well, June is here and we are know losing time each day!! I'm sure many of you will grimace reading this, but I really like this kind of weather. Some sunshine, then cooler weather to follow, even rain, lightning and thunder. It's marvelous to be a part of such a wonderful place, this beautiful state of Alaska.

We have had many events this month and many more starting with the 4th of July. Those of you who are participating in the Homer-Seldovia trip will have a great time, and I hope you have favorable weather, and smooth roads. There are many celebrations this 4th, parades in Anchorage, Seward, Chugiak, Palmer-Wasilla, etc.

July 10th is the Bear Paw Parade, staging area 9:00 am, parade at 11:00 am, with a car show on the on the 9th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Tom Cresap is the chairperson for this event. Please let Tom or me know if you want to be included. The Hope weekend is 16 – 18 July to participate in the Wagon Trail Run weekend. We do not have the Methodist Retreat until about noon on Saturday the 17th, but we can stay across the street by the Library like we did last year. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, sodas, dishes to share and desserts will be on Saturday night at the Retreat. Dennis is the chairperson, so contact us if you plan to attend. The Adopt-a-Road-Cleanup will be on Saturday 24 July at 9:00 or 9:30. We still need a chairperson for this event. If you would like to help please call me at 345-6355 or email allendd@alaska.net. I will leave you with the following thoughts.

Sweet and Low

A Poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Sweet and low, Wind of the western sea,
Low, low breathe and blow, Wind of the western sea!
Over the rolling waters go, Come from the dying moon, and blow,
Blow him again to me; While my little one, while my pretty one,
Sleeps.

Sleep and rest, sleep and rest, Father will come to thee soon,
Rest, rest, on mother's breast, Father will come to thee soon;
Father will come to his babe in the nest, Silver sails all out of the west
Under the Silver moon;
Sleep, my little one, sleep, my pretty one, sleep.

Diane L. Allen, President
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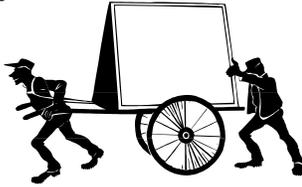
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Rally Master Chatter



Trapper Creek

By Scott Hulse and Diane Allen

Both the Fairbanks and Anchorage participants met a little weather on the drive to Trapper Creek however the Sun chose to come out and bless both our BBQ dinner and a short drive around afterwards.

The Trapper Creek Inn was an excellent choice for the gathering. The rooms at the Inn are very generous and clean. Ask Barb Hansen about their 4 bedroom suite they had! The RV park has a nice arrangement with a lots of room for the big RVs and a covered gazebo for the BBQ.

Friday afternoon as the cars started to arrive it was shaping up to be a British Car meet. Margaret and Larry Bennett with the 47 Standard 8, Gene Westcott with the MG TC, Sara and Gary Stoops with the Sprite and Scott Hulse and Clare Batchelor with the 58 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud. The owners quickly set up a British car show next to the Gazebo for the Clubs Enjoyment. Squeaky Benham parked his Model T next to the Rolls Royce to get a picture of the best from both sides of the Atlantic!

Food was plentiful (as always), and lots of conversation. After the dinner and clean up a short drive around just sort of happened. Most traveled about 10 miles up Petersville road and back. I think someone must have said there was a junk yard that way that started the stampede to the cars.

Saturday morning the sun was out in all its glory. Someone was looking kindly on us this week end. The day started with Wilma Vinton, from Fairbanks, setting up a breakfast buffet for anyone getting an early start. Others had breakfast at the Trapper Creek Inn and were able to listen the local morning coffee group determine what was going on in the world and what should be done to set things right.

Everyone gathered near the Gazebo in the RV park just before 10 AM anxious to start the days games. Dennis Allen announced the games would take place at the local airstrip that is no longer in use. The airstrip happened to be immediately behind the Trapper Creek Inn and RV park. What a find! Close to the facilities and an open area that the mosquitoes seem to have not found. (Actually, despite the mosquitoes being very bad this year in both Anchorage and Fairbanks, they were not too bad anywhere the club went this weekend.)

Howard and Barb Hansen organized the car games. First an obstacle course was set up with cones that formed the course for the driver. The passenger had skill activities at four stops including throwing a Frisbee at a target, throwing a ball into a pail, knocking down a milk jug with a ball and bat a ball off a cone. If the target was missed the passenger had to get out of the car to retrieve the ball or Frisbee and try again. Howard renamed this the exercise run, as most of the passengers got a real workout getting into and out of the car. Greg and Matt Stoops turned in the fastest time hitting the targets without fail on the first throw. Matt, being one of the youngest in the group was recruited by several drivers to make the run. For some reason his accuracy declined significantly when not riding with his dad. (Humm?)

The next game required steady nerves as the driver had to use the car to stretch a bungee cord that was tied to the car with a string as far as they could without breaking the string. Those how went that little bit extra got to see the cord fly through the air as the string broke and they were disqualified. After some consternation over the thought of the cord coming back and hitting the car, even the Scott in the Rolls Royce and Gene Westcott in the MG TC took part in breaking the cord, which seemed to be the more common end result. Someone was hear to say "just back up a little, you might be the only one that doesn't break the string".

The last game of driving skill was a test to see if the drivers really know their cars. Cones were set up for the driver to back up to, pull adjacent to, and pull forward to. Each cone had a small ball on the top. The person with the closest distances without knocking off the ball wins. Our organizer, Howard

somehow pushed a cone until it was leaning about 20 degrees and the ball stayed on the cone. We knew the fix was in on this one. The ball was quickly removed before anyone could check for glue.

After the games everyone gathered at the gazebo again to finish off all the food we missed the day before. Everyone made an effort to eliminate the left over but there was still food on the table when no one could eat another bite.

We rounded everyone up again about 1:00 pm and headed towards Talkeetna, about 26 miles away. The sun was still shining in a clear sky as the group caravanned to Talkeetna. It was 14 miles to the cutoff and another 14 miles back to Talkeetna. As the crow flies Trapper Creek and Talkeetna are only about 3 miles apart across the river. After turning towards Talkeetna at the Junction with the Parks Highway, we met up with Dave Mackay and his 1960 Nash Metropolitan and he joined us for the rest of the day. Some of us had to go farther than the rest. About two mile up the Talkeetna cutoff road our lead car pulled off the road. It seemed Dennis Allen forgot to stop at the gas station near the intersection to get gas. Those ponies under the hood of that ford don't go very far if they aren't fed it seems. The rest of the group headed on into Talkeetna while Dennis and Diane were towed back to the gas station by Ted and Colleen Kimzey in their 1965 Dodge Coronet.

Rhea and Ken Evans joined us in Talkeetna with their 1955 Cadillac Convertible. Some went shopping, many of us had an ice cream cone, or cup of ice cream, or other *food*. We had many people to talk to and all of the old cars drew them like a magnet.

By 5:30 we rounded up the group for one more photo opportunity before heading back to dinner at the H & H restaurant near the Talkeetna cutoff junction and ...more food. Tom and Marcy Cresap met us there with their 1966 Ford Mustang.

The Dinner was very good though I think we cleaned them out of steak and shrimp. We had a great dinner with 36 people there, three of these people were friends of Loran and Marion Benham, and the rest were members of the two clubs. Awards were given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in all of the 5 games. There were 5 door prizes, 3 stained glass

suncatchers, and 2 lawn or deck ornaments, which were butterflies, part of which twirled in the wind. Door prizes were donated by D and D Treasures (Dennis and Diane Allen). We had 13 cars during the car games, and 16 cars at the restaurant.

After introductions of the board members for both clubs the winners of this years events were announced.

Winners were:

Grab Bag

3rd – Dennis Allen

2nd – Scott Hulse

1st – Willy Vinton

Booby Prize – Max Stoops

Athletic Race

3rd - Alan & Becci Mosma

2nd – Dennis and Diane Allen

1st – Gary – Max Stoops

Booby Prize - Barbara Hansen

Bungee Stretch

3rd – Dennis Allen

2nd – Becci Mosma

1st – Bill Chase

Booby – Willy Vinton

Cone Touch -

3rd – Howard Hansen

2nd – Paul Camarata

2nd – Bill Chase

1st – Dennis Allen

Booby Prize – Gary Stoops

Long Distance Award -

Don and Aggie Oines -1920 Model A

Gary Stoops concluded the meeting with a unique history lesson on Alaska and the North Slope that I won't attempt to detail. This one you have to ask Gary for a repeat performance.

Applauses to all who helped make this a great event.

PS. Sunday morning as we gathered to break campo and head home, the sun was shining and it looked like another great day. Who ever was in charge of the weather this year should take a bow!

Scott Hulse and Diane Allen

COMING EVENT**Seldovia Tour over the 4th 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

MATI TRANSPO EXPO

Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry. Transportation Expo. Sat and Sunday 19 & 20 June 2004 By Scott Hulse and Diane Allen

The sunshine was magnificent on Saturday. The Museum opened at 10 AM. Dennis and Diane Allen has camped out at the museum overnight and brought the 34 Argentine Ford. I use the term "Camp Out" loosely. The Allen's recently purchased a palace on wheels that they are using the "camp out".

Kurt Rein brought the Mustang and was taking full advantage of the sun, getting one of those rare Alaskan sun tans.

Bill and Donna Waldren brought the 39 Ford and set up a nice display telling about the cars history with the Howard Hughes Spruce Goose.

Scott Hulse brought the 58 Rolls Royce SC1. Jim and Julia Ede were there with the 72 Opel GT.

Everyone enjoyed sitting under the shade if the large trees in the park with a slight breeze to keep most of the bugs away; while Kurt sun bathed.

The MATI Museum provided 3 cars, a Model T Ford Truck, a 26 Model T that has been nicely restored and a 49 Ford panel truck.

Another car, about a 58 Chevy convertible joined the group late in the afternoon. No one was sure who's car it was.

The museum had the Chitna railer out to provide tours around the grounds. They also fired up one of the Railroad engines for a demonstration. Additional activities included the Model farm equipment display and the Live Steamers were running the trains.

You couldn't ask for a nicer day out. Thanks to all who came. If you missed it this year, there will be another TranspoExpo next year.

MATI TRANSPO EXPO Continued

By Diane Allen

For those of you who are not familiar with the Museum, it is located in Wasilla, on about 20 acres. It has vehicles, tractors, airplanes, helicopters, fire trucks, old train engines and cars on tracks, a small train built to scale for folks to ride on, and many other representations of Alaska history. It is operated mainly by volunteers, with few paid employees. It is a grand place to visit and spend several hours, have a picnic lunch, walk around the area to visit all of the displays, ride the train, visit the gift shop, and have a pleasant day.

There were model trains set up and running in one of the big buildings, and many model tractors there to. The volunteers there cooked a very large roast on the barbeque all day and we all ate off of this later in the after noon.

Dennis and I are Life Members and we volunteer when we can. We drove out Friday with our Motorhome pulling "Little Red" our 1934 Ford Fordor from Argentina, and stayed until Sunday afternoon. I helped in the gift shop and Dennis found many things he could help with around the museum.

Scott Hulse drove out on Saturday morning with his 1958 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud, and Bill Waldron drove his 1940 Ford Convertible and Kurt Rein with

his 1966 Mustang, Jim and Julia Ede with the 72 Opel GT, came out the same day. Our cars joined 2 Model T's and a 1949 Ford Panel Truck with a Monson-Harrington 4-Wheel Drive Conversion from the Museum. Saturday 5 Porsches joined the other cars on the lawn area. Scott and Bill did not return on Sunday, but Dave Mackey joined us with his 1960 Nash Metropolitan.

We had quite a few visitors over the 2 days including 2 couples from Delaware who were traveling with some special Gravely farm equipment to various shows around the USA. Maybe next year we will be able to have more of our Club's cars there, and perhaps members of the VLNAACF (Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks) will join us. Diane L. Allen

Daybreak Senior Outing

By Howard Hansen

On June 16 we had a very good turn out for the Daybreak Senior Center. Not only were there a lot of cars, but a great variety and beautiful weather to boot! After everyone had a ride in their favorite car we were treated to a tasty snack of Rhubarb Crunch and ice cream.

Thanks to the following members for contributing their time to giving these people a little glimpse into the past.

- Jerry Roach - Caddie Convertible
- Ken Evans - Caddie Convertible
- Ralph - Caddie
- Dick and Barb Henningson - '55 Ford
- Howard Hansen -'24 Dodge Touring
- Barb Hansen - 68 Dodge A100
- Kurt Rein- '66 Ford Mustang

Howard Hansen



Photo by Scott Hulse 12 6 2004

COMING EVENT

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

July Celebrations

Dennis & Diane	Allen	Anniversary	6
Jim & Christine	Dennis	Anniversary	7
Dave & Margaret	Beck	Anniversary	21
Greg & Jean	Lear	Anniversary	21
Mike & Gwyn	Wiedmer	Anniversary	24
Shelbie	Fredenhagen	Birthday	6
Kaylene	Brown	Birthday	14
Dick	Henningsen	Birthday	14
Clare	Batchelor	Birthday	19
Lee W.	Plummer	Birthday	20
Jim	Dennis	Birthday	22
Margaret	Beck	Birthday	25
Judy	Morefield	Birthday	30
Betty W.	Westcott	Birthday	30
Gwyn	Wiedmer	Birthday	31

Photo by Margaret Bennett

Photo by Scott Hulse

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

July 4	Anchorage – Chugiak Parade	Jerry Roach 338-2856
July 4	Seward Parade	On your Own Chairman Art
July 2-5	Seldovia Tour	Isham- 688-3671 Chairperson
9-Jul	Bear Paw Car Show	Tom Cresap 694-7510 Chairperson
10-Jul	Bear Paw Parade	Tom Cresap 694-7510
14-Jul	Rolling Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Chairperson Gary Stoops 227-1792
July 16-18	Hope Weekend	Chairman Dennis Allen 345-6355
24-Jul	Adopt A Road clean up'.	Please Volunteer Stu Hall
1-Aug	SHOW N SHINE	Chairperson 276-1292
8 Aug	Kulis Family Day	Sara Stoops 227-1792
11-Aug	ROLLING MEETING	
28-Aug	State Fair Parade	Chairperson Leroy Heaven 376-5679
11-Sep	Adopt A Road Clean Up	Please Volunteer

Roll Bar with lights for a Small P.U.
Contact Kurt Rein 344-5554

Tinkering Times Article Deadline

Please submit articles for the Tinkering Times by the 25th of July for publication in the August Newsletter. Send information to Scott Hulse (907) 349-8106 or hulse@alaska.net. Please put TT in the subject line.

FOR SALE

1974 MGB, last year of chrome bumper. Mazda RX-7 engine, good body, restoration in progress. \$950.00 Phone Kyle at 351-3039.

1957 Ford F600 flatbed for parts.

Located at the Firewood store next to Burlington Coat Factory.
FREE Call Dennis Allen at 345-6355

ONE MANS TREASURE**1915 Ford MODEL Ts For Sale**

The time has come when friends must part! The beautiful 1915 Model T's that have graced many a show in Anchorage over the past 12 years must find a new home as they are being evicted from their cozy nests at the Campbell Care Facility for Senior Vehicles. If you would like to preserve these Alaskan Treasures contact Bruce at 345-3129 and perhaps suitable arrangements can be negotiated for their future care. One does not know the meaning of true love until one has co-habited with a 1915 Model T!

Contact Bruce Campbell - 345-3129

1975 Ford U-Haul style van – 20 foot. Was used to haul Packard to Ohio and back. Has extra man door and window on side. Includes custom ramps. \$6000



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.

For Sale TALKEETNA

1951 F1 Ford PU
1956 Buick Special
1950 Chevy Businessmans Coupe
733-3312 Gator or DarleneHutcheson



July Meeting

MEETING STARTS EARLY AT 6:30 SO WE CAN LEAVE ON THE ROLLING TOUR Gary Stoops is our rally master for the evening.

Meeting Refreshments
Rolling Meeting.
Map to Robbie's Club House



Photo by Margaret Bennett



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