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Photos on this page by Scott Hulse

From the Editor

Our club consists of a diverse group of members. Not the least are the animal companions that join many of members on club outings. At Hope this month Sara, who has accompanied Dennis and Diane Allen at almost every club event since 1993, was present but obviously not feeling well. On returning to Anchorage Sara passed away. She will be missed. This issue is dedicated to Sara and all our companions, large and small. -Scott Hulse

AAMA VOLUNTEERS SERVICE TO ANCHORAGE

AAMA members are not slackers

By Marcy Cresap

AAMAers did an impressive clean up on Saturday, July 24. No one can complain about litter on our section of Northern Lights between Muldoon and Boniface. After a light snack and coffee, we headed out and attacked the litter.

Participants were: Dennis and Diane Allen; Ken and Rhea Evans; Bruce Campbell; Dave Beck; Kurt Rein; Dave Mackey; Sara Stoops; Howard Hansen; Tom and Marcy Cresap; and Dave Syren and nephew, Sam. Oh, and Scott Hulse who was a little late but with good intentions.

Sam found the most interesting items: a live rabbit a shrew and a hubcap. He didn't keep the rabbit or shrew but kept the hubcap and a toolman knife found by Kurt.

Bear Paw Car Show – Eagle River

On Friday night July 9th Anchorage Chrysler Dodge sponsored the Bear Paw car show in the parking lot in front of the old Safeway store. Two AAMA member took home trophies. Jeff Hassler in a 1940 Ford Tudor won "Best of Show- Pre-World War II. Jerry Roach in his 1949 Cadillac convertible won the Miss Bear Paw award for best of show. This award is judged by Miss Bear Paw and her court. Also attending the show were: Jim and Julia Ede (1957 Edsel Station Wagon), Dennis and Diane Allen (1964 Lincoln convertible), Gary Klecka (1956 Buick), Fred and Janet Schurman (1950 Ford Fodor) and Dave Mackey (1960 Nash Metro).

Dennis and Diane Allen



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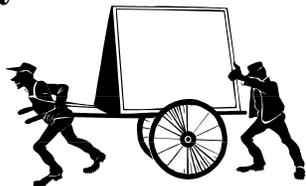
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Rally Master Chatter



HOPE RUN 2004

By Scott Hulse, Dennis and Diane Allen

Another great trip to Hope.

At the last minute the people who had reservations for the Hope Retreat on Friday Cancelled. This gave us our usual Friday through Sunday event schedule. Arriving early Friday and setting up camp were Dennis and Diane Allen, Howard and Barb Hansen with Winnie, Chelsea and Taylor (dog and Grand children), along with Bob and Alpha Brown. All went to Tito's Discovery Café for Dinner.

By Noon on Saturday most everyone arrived and were settling down into our normal routine, (usually including visiting, parading the cars, eating, drive cars, eating... Did I mention eating?). Tom Cresap provided musical entertainment with a solo on his guitar / harmonica.

Several "Parades" were run through town and the local camp grounds. The campers were great and seemed to really enjoy our visits. One of our first drives stopped at the old General Store of Mrs. Davidson, (Velma and her daughter). We visited for about 15 minutes, made a few purchases and headed out to the camp ground. Unfortunately the OLD store that was a museum of sorts has been closed for several years now. It was just too much for Mrs Davidson to take care of.

Our evening pot luck included creations by locally acclaimed chefs Dennis Allen and Mike Wiedmer, along with the wonderful salads and side dishes brought by other members. For Dessert the club shared a large Birthday cake for Clare Batchelor. We think Clare has celebrated about 6 Birthdays with us over the years in Hope. This is her 84th. Happy Birthday Clare! After Dinner Tom Cresap led the group in a sing along.

Another drive around and some minor repairs to Gary Stoop's lighting on the 58 Chevy closed out the evening. A wonderful day!

Sunday Events

Dennis Allen fixed "Mother Allen" pancakes for everyone to start the day and load up those CARBS for our runners in the Wagon Trail Run.

Entering the Race were Peg Stout, Howard Hansen, Mike, Gwyn, and Elisabeth Wiedmer, Chelsea (Howard and Barb Hansen's Grand Daughter), and Dennis Allen. Taking home the trophies in their class were Peg Stout with 2nd, Howard with 2nd, Elisabeth 1st, and Chelsea got the red Lantern (for the AutoMushers)

Attending this year were: Sara and Gary Stoops (1958 Chevy Bel Air), Dennis, Diane and Sara Allen 1934 Ford, Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer with Mikes Mother Elisabeth, (1949 Ford), Bob and Alpha Brown (1937 GMC), Barb, Howard and Winnie Hansen (1936 Dodge) with grandson Taylor and Granddaughter Chelsea, Scott Hulse and Clare Batchelor (1958 Rolls Royce SC1), Ken and Peg Stout, Tom and Marcy Cresap with their Daughter Christine and Grand daughter Victoria, .

Bear Paw Parade

By Tom Cresap

The Bear Paw parade was held on Saturday, July 10 in Eagle River. The temperature was in the 80s but members in attendance were comfortable as we staged in a shady area. The spectators, however, were wilting. We were the 76th entry in the parade so by the time we were on our way the crowd was not as enthusiastic as usual.

AAMA won the third place ribbon in the auto division.

Participants were: Bruce Campbell, Model T Calliope; Tom and Marcy Cresap and granddaughter, Victoria, (25 Model T); Gene Porter and guest, (49 International Harvester 1-ton truck); Scott and Sheryl Hulse, (58 Rolls Royce); Barbara Henningsen and Grandchildren, Sarah and David, (56 Ford T Bird); Dick Henningsen, (56 Ford Crown Victoria).

Message from the President – August 2004**OUR SARA**

14 April 1992 – 20 July 2004

By Diane Allen

She was the most beautiful of yellow Labrador Retrievers. Not only in color, but, in her delightful, sweet, happy, eager to please, and loving disposition. She was Diane's "baby girl", and Dennis' "Sara girl", she was his constant companion and loving friend.

We adopted her October 24th, 1993 from "Friends of Pets" and the Anchorage Animal Shelter. She was a very frightened and abused young dog, and would only crouch on a leash. She was still in shock from being abandoned, probably dumped out in front of the shelter. We took her home and our saga with Sara began.



Photo by Diane Allen

Dennis and Sara relax at Lynne Lake this winter

We both spent many hours with our Sara, but it was Dennis who daily worked with her trying to get her used to us, and helping her to be less frightened, by taking her for many walks, and rides in our pickup. Dennis spent a large part of each day with her, making her more comfortable, and trying to help her feel confident in herself. We spent time touching her, brushing her, and showing lots of affection, trying to help her get used to her new name, and respond when we called her. As she became more used to her surroundings, she and Dennis would go for longer walks each day. He would take her for two walks a day, or one very long walk as she progressed in her being comfortable with us.

In March of 1994, we bought our first Motorhome, a 25 foot Travelcraft, and made our first trip with Sara to Delta Junction on Memorial Day weekend of that year. She met many new people that trip, as we were square dancing all weekend at the Buffalo Wallow. Each evening in our RV encampment at the school, we would have a campfire, and Sara seemed to like that, and she cautiously approached some people, mostly women, to pet her and talk to her. She never forgot that first evening. Each year since 1994, we have traveled back to Delta Junction on the Memorial Day weekend, and she would jump excitedly out of the Motorhome, and run to the campfire site, sniffing and looking around for people she remembered. Through the years she made many square dance friends, and always was happy to return to Delta Junction.

In June of 1994 we traveled to Portland Oregon, to the National Square Dance Festival, and Sara traveled with us. This was the first long trip since buying the Motorhome, so it was an adventure for all of us. We continued on with our trip, going to California to visit family and friends, and returned to Alaska in about 5 weeks.

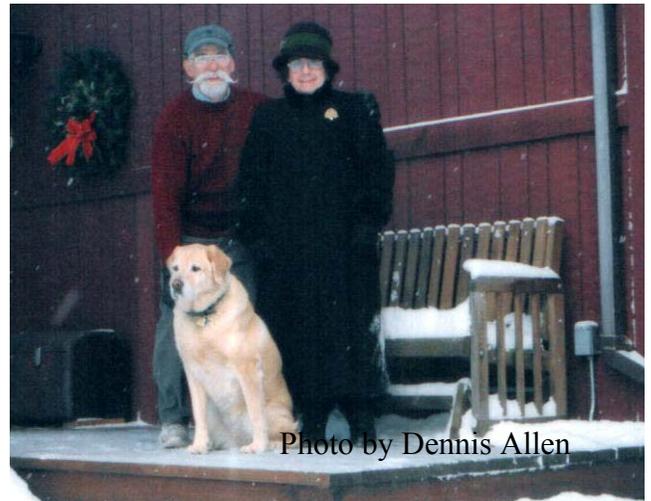


Photo by Dennis Allen

Dennis – Sara- Diane Allen 2003

We traveled to many places in the next few years. In September of 1998 we made another trip to California, this time for 11 weeks. By now Sara had learned to love us and count on us, and in return gave us her unconditional love in return. In California, she did not have a lawn to be on, but she would lay in the dirt, just waiting for Dennis to come and talk to her, pet her, take her for a walk, anything

would please her. Dennis was very busy most of the time, but Sara was very patient, until she could see him. We did not get home until December 1st, and we had some snow while traveling. Sara had a blast playing in the snow, and just laying in it to be cool. Winter was her favorite time, she loved the cold, loved to put her nose and mouth in the snow and get a mouthful, or to just lay on a big mound of snow. She had two friends she played with almost every day, a golden Retriever named Penny, and a black Labrador Retriever named Raven. They would play "hide-and-go-seek" around the trees, it was especially fun to watch them play in the snow.

We had retired in October 1997, now we had more time to be with Sara, and more time to go places with her. She loved home the best, to be outside on the lawn, in the grass, or laying on her big dog bed, under the deck and there she could watch vehicles go by, or walkers with other animals. Her favorite friends were 4 Labradors who walked with "Corny", one of our neighbors from a few blocks away. Corny would come by with the dogs and they would play in the yard before going for a walk around the neighborhood, Dennis, Corny, and all the dogs! What joy for Sara, she jumped up in the air with all four feet off the ground, barked loudly, and wagged her fluffy yellow tail!

In September 2002, we made a trip in the Motorhome, driving across Canada, then down through the Dakotas to Interstate 80 then east to New York. Dennis' sister Ann and her family live in Brooklyn Heights, New York in an 19th Century four story Brownstone. We stayed with them for 4 days, and Sara, was completely at home there on any of the four floors. Ann had met Sara before, but her husband Leonard had not, and he was completely taken by Sara. He told us when we left we could leave Sara with them if we wanted too. Of course we did not leave her there but we were very pleased with how she had captured his heart. We traveled back across the United States to California, then came home arriving on 31 October. Four months later, Ann and Leonard contacted us – they were thinking about getting a chocolate Labrador Retriever, which they did in March 2003, and named him "Boomer". He has an official name with his pedigree, but he will always be Boomer to us. Sadly

Boomer and Sara never met but we have many pictures of him.

Sara was a daily part of our lives, whatever we did, wherever we went she was with us. Our lives were intertwined irrevocably forever, and still are. We both loved her so much, and looked forward to our days with her. As she started aging her walks with Dennis grew shorter, and she started having problems with her back legs, Doctors said it was arthritis in her back so we tried to treat her carefully without her losing any of her dignity. In January of this year 2004, we started weekly acupuncture treatments, which helped her and she still was pretty active, just had a few more problems negotiating the stairs. She became ill about 11 July, with both feet on the right side being swollen.

Her Doctor ordered x-rays which showed no broken bones so an infection was suspected in the right back foot, which he said could have been caused by stepping on a wire or some other foreign object. The right front foot could be a sprain. They ordered blood work, which was compatible with an infection in her body. She was given an injection of antibiotics, a bottle of pills, and was sent home. In a little over a week she was gone, whatever it was that ravaged her beautiful body was unknown. There were two Doctors who worked on her, ran tests, gave her injections, conferred with three other Doctors over this ten day period.

It has been a devastating time for us, and for Sara, she tried so hard to live, and we prayed for her survival. Sara will always be in our hearts and her spirit will guide us each day. We like to think there is new Angel in Heaven named Sara, and she is watching over us, and all of her canine friends.

Diane and Dennis

COMING EVENT

August Celebrations

Julia	Ede	Birthday	1-Aug
Margaret	Heaven	Birthday	2-Aug
Sandy	Severson	Birthday	4-Aug
Fritz	Wohlwend	Birthday	4-Aug
Marianne	Robinson	Birthday	6-Aug
Jimmy	Beck	Birthday	9-Aug
Irene	Peterson	Birthday	9-Aug
Gene	Porter	Birthday	10-Aug
Max	Stoops	Birthday	10-Aug
Bert	Shaw	Birthday	11-Aug
Dave	Beck	Birthday	11-Aug
Bob	Brown	Birthday	15-Aug
Jim & Victoria	Fredenhagen	Anniversary	15-Aug
Donald & Judy	Morefield	Anniversary	19-Aug
Howard & Barbara	Hansen	Anniversary	20-Aug

AAMA ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

1-Aug	SHOW N SHINE	Stu Hall Chairperson	276-1292
8 Aug	Kulis Family Day	Diane Allen	345-6355
11-Aug	ROLLING MEETING	Barb Hansen Chairperson	345-1268
28-Aug	State Fair Parade	LeRoy Heaven	376-5679
11-Sep	Adopt A Road Clean Up	Please Volunteer	

**MORE ON THE STATE FAIR
PARADE FROM LEROI**

State Fair Parade – August 28th (Saturday)

Theme: Garden Hardy Party

10:15 Line up at the State Trooper /Palmer PD parking Lot

After the parade for those interested in participating in a car show on the Fairgrounds, Leroi Heaven has vehicle passes to get in the Fair gate. As in the recent past the driver and passengers must pay to enter the Fair.

Chairperson – LeRoi Heaven 376-5679

ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY OTHER CLUBS

Thursday July 29 - Cruise Night, meet at the Sears Mall Thursday at 6:00 pm and cruise to Mirror Lake where it's Bring Your Own Dinner for a Picnic.

Saturday July 31 Tastee Freez Pre Show & Shine Car Show, this event gets bigger every year. Be at Tastee Freez by 6:00 PM. Awards at 9:00 PM.

Sunday, August 1st 26th Annual Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine, we are asking volunteers to be there by 7:30 AM to help set up.

Antique Power club Show – August 7th

I am treasurer of the Antique Power Club Of Alaska and I wish to extend an invitation to any of your folks that may be out and about August 7th 2004.

We are having a roundup of antique engines and tractors in the Anchorage area over at the Post #28 American Legion in the parking lot. The Legion will have an open house and will be selling hot dogs & soda. My model A and AA trucks will be there along with the tractors and noisy one banger engines and we would like to see more vintage vehicles join in to help break up the monotony.

Please pass the word on to whom ever isn't fishing that Saturday, we would like to see you there.

The address for Post #28 is 7001 Brayton Drive. That's on the West frontage road just North of the Animal Food Warehouse.

Thanks,
Dick Ridgway

Tinkering Times Article Deadline

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

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

For Sale TALKEETNA

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

Gary Stoops treks across the country in his 1958 Chevy BelAir – A Continuing Saga!

The following are excerpts from Gary Stoops email describing his journey to New Jersey. I have picked out some of the finer passages for everyone to enjoy.

Up and off early, well eight o'clock with a stop at Carr's in Palmer for the necessities of life, coke and bread and Miracle Whip, bologna and cheese and ice. Don't forget the hot coffee.

Dutifully traveled the 300 some miles to Tok, only two miles of unpaved road at Matanuska Glacier. Smoke very irritating but somewhat light I was told. Spent the night at Ida's in Beaver Creek ----- The Most Far Out Community in the world. Way far out. Who do I pass but a guy who looked just like a billy goat, beard and all, wearing a straw hat that looked like a billy chewed it. He was driving a bumble bee 1955 Ford Sunliner ---- that's the black and yellow paint job for you uninitiates. Met him after dinner. He has several cars and enjoys driving them back

and forth through the 400 yard downtown of Beaver Creek. Name of Sid.

Sid is a prophet. "Nope, these cars ain't like the new ones. Why just yesterday I had to put a new fuel pump on. Took about twenty minutes." The hairs on the back of my neck bristled.

Sure nuff, the next afternoon about fifty miles north of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, my chevy started clearing it's chest. That's what it sounded like, a person with a bad case of bronchitis, lungs all full of phlegm. Cough, cough, cough, hawk p'tooie. Then the engine started "surging" varoom, die, varoom, die, endlessly (Thank God). It did keep on lurching to Whitehorse. I was on fumes when I arrived in this lurching, heaving bitch, I mean beast. Humped into a gas station and saw an industrial road. Just what I needed. Driving along I very quickly spied a 1970s Plymouth muscle car in front of a moving business, no, no, the business wasn't moving, the moving was the business. Anyway, Dashed in that guy had to know a mechanic that could fix old cars. Nope. His was running on luck.....

The owner did send me to Nissan Car Care. The mechanic there gave a look of "not me!" and said, "they don't teach us about carburetors." The guy was as old as me, for Cripes Sakes. The Shop Manager listened better. "If no one else can help you we open at 7:30." I left to look and the car died within the block. A half an hour later it started I turned around, checked into a Best Western a block away from Nissan and phoned Kevin, the manager and said "Ill be there."

Lee and Betty Plummer Tie the Knot Again

On Saturday 24 July, 2004 Lee and Betty Plummer restated their wedding vows at the St Andrews Church in Eagle River. A number of the Antique Auto Musers were present with their cars and escorted the couple to the reception at Tamea and Art Isham's beautiful house in Peters Creek. See the front cover for two photos taken that day. Congratulations to Lee and Betty!

Meeting

MEETING STARTS EARLY AT 6:30 SO WE CAN LEAVE ON THE ROLLING TOUR Meeting Refreshments

Rolling Meeting.

Map to Robbie's Club House, 3318 Jerde Circle



The Front Cover, CW from top left:

Diane Allen and Velma Davidson, Alpha Brown and Clare Batchelor, Sat Morning

Sara in 34 Ford, AAMA represented at

Lee and Betty Plummer's wedding,

Lee and Betty Plummer wedding, Hope pot luck with chef Dennis,

This page – Betty Plummer at wedding (second from left)

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