



Merry Christmas!

### AAMA CHRISTMAS PARTY

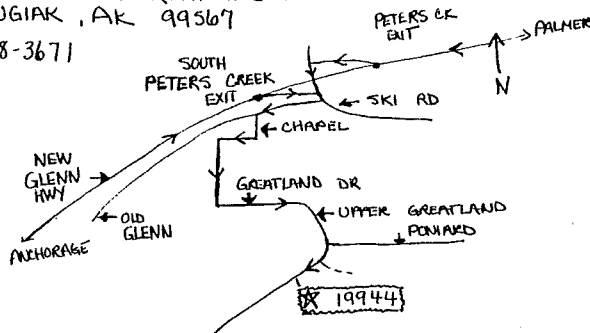
This year's Christmas gathering will be at Art and Tam Ishams' on December 12 at 4 p.m. Ham, turkey, soft drinks, bread and dessert will be provided. Please bring an appetizer, salad or vegetable to share. We need a volunteer to bring the turkey - please call Tam at 688-3671. There will be the usual <sup>charity</sup> auction after dinner. Remember to bring canned goods for donation to charity.

POSTSCRIPT: BARB AND HOWARD HANSEN HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO COOK THE HAM.

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### Dec. 10-11, Colony Christmas Celebration.

A Norman Rockwell Christmas celebration! Horse drawn sleigh or wagon rides, reindeer sled rides, parade, community Christmas tree lighting and caroling, arts and crafts fair, entertainment, visits with Santa, contests, fireworks and more. Second Friday and Saturday in December. (907) 745-2880.

### PALMER CHRISTMAS PARADE -

If you are looking for another winter event to get the engine warm for, Check out the Palmer Colony Christmas Parade on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Call LeRoi Heaven for additional information. 376-5679.

### OTHER HOLIDAY EVENTS IN THE ANCHORAGE AREA THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST. (Compliments of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce)

**Dec. 2-12, Anchorage International Film Festival.** Showcase of some of the best independent film and video from around the world. Walsh Sheppard Flynn. (907) 338-3690.

**Dec. 4, Holiday Crafts Fair at UAA.** University of Alaska Anchorage. (907) 786-6068.

### Other events (continues)

**Dec. 4, 6th annual Holiday Train.** Round-trip to Seward. Enjoy the community's Festival Weekend with events, shopping, food and special activities. Seward Chamber of Commerce and the Alaska Railroad Corporation. (907) 265-2494 or (800) 544-0552.

**Dec. 4-5 and 11-12, Oscar Anderson House Museum Swedish Christmas, Guided tours.** (907) 274-2336.

**Dec. 5, Messiah Sing.** Anchorage Concert Chorus. (907) 274-7464.

**Dec. 12, "Family Holiday Pops."** Anchorage Concert Chorus. (907) 274-7464.

**Dec. 31, Just Desserts.** Last race of 2004 and first race of 2005. Meet at 11:15 p.m. Entry fee is your favorite dessert. Anchorage Sports and Recreation. (907) 343-4474.

**Dec. 31, Annual New Year's Eve Ball.** Anchorage Opera. (907) 279-2557.

Merry Christmas - The Editor

**Message from the President – Dec 2004**

Our President has taken to the road to spend the Holiday season with friends and relatives across the country. I received the following on Thursday. (The editor)



Dear Friends,

Well, here it is, Thursday morning on the 2nd of December and we are still in Anchorage! The motorhome is just about packed but we are waiting for a domestic water pump for the coach and the weather is still a bit warm. Last night we got some new snow but the temperature is still at freeze/thaw making for icy roads. We hope to leave Friday morning. The weather forecasts say it should clear and get colder by Saturday so it must be time to make a run for the border.

Our goal is Papillion Nebraska for Christmas with a few visits along the way. After Christmas we will travel to Jamestown Kentucky with more visits along the way, then on to Brooklyn, NY. Eventually we will come back to California and spend some time at Morro Bay.

(Thursday evening)

I found out the pump probably would not arrive for at least another week so I went to A&M RV and bought what I needed and it is now installed. We will not be leaving Friday morning as anticipated due to continuous snowfall today. We have accumulated 7" in this storm that started early this morning and it is still coming down but the good news is the temperature has started to drop - down to 28 degrees at this time. There is a snow warning for Glennallen tonight and that is along our first day of travel so I think we will let the snow plows and sand trucks do their thing and we will head out early Saturday.

Dennis & Diane

**ELECTION RESULTS – 2005 OFFICERS**

Come to the January Meeting see the installation ceremony

Secretary: Gwyn Wiedmer

Treasurer: Howard Hansen

V. President – Jim Fredenhagen

President – Fred Schurman

Member at large – Ralph Centoni

Member at large – Gary Stoops

Full November minutes are posted on the Web Site.



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Secretary: Gwyn Wiedmer, 243-7005

Treasurer: Howard Hansen, 345-1268

**Members at Large**

Stu Hall – 2004

Gary Stoops - 2004

Robbie Robinson - 2004

Kurt Rein -2004

**Immediate Past Presidents**

Fred Schurman (2001,2002, 2003)

Peg Stout(2000)

Ken Stout (1999)

Dennis Allen (1998,1997)

Mike Wiedmer (1996)

George Chase (1995)

Art Isham (1994)

Tom Cresap (1993)

Marguerite Grau (1992)

Len Grau (1991)

Dutch Overly (1990)

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### Cybernews

By Gary Stoops - Webmaster

Be sure to click on "What's New" and "Check it out on the Web" sections of the AAMA website.

**What's New** covers exactly that. If you have something you want in there, let me know.

"**Check it Out on the Web**" are links to interesting oddball automotive sites I run across as I continue my search for the ever elusive 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> gear synchronizing detention springs for the Caddy tranny.

At the present there are two sites:

<http://stores.ebay.com/THE-OLD-CAR-PARTS-STORE>

and <http://stores.ebay.com/Father-and-Daughter-Auto-Parts>

Check em out.

To access the website just do a search for the antique auto mushers of Alaska, click on the result and then when you get to the site go to favorites at the top of the computer screen and add it to your list of bookmarks.

### The Editors Notebook

By Scott Hulse

The Holiday season is in full swing and another year is about to begin. WoW – Time does really fly!

The successes of the year were many with ample events to bring AAMA members and friends together for fun, enjoyment of our cars, a few stories and a little work. (Usually as little as possible).

If you kept your newsletters take a minute to look over the covers for the year. Here are a few highlights: January we had great fun at the Annual Installation of Officers with Robbie Robinson presiding. This years 2004 Logo contest provided perhaps the best one yet. Sort of a stretched limo SUV with a "pusher" propulsion. January was also the Month of the great fire in British Columbia that destroyed Robbies' 1934 Lagonda and many other world class cars. A sad day for our hobby.

February was another great Fur Rondy. The AAMA IditaRondy Float was great thanks to the hard work of several dedicated members. The Sales and Service show was a big success. Bob Brown brought out a lovely GMC that is seldom seen. In February both the Tinkering Times and the AAMA Web site received national AACA Awards of Excellence"

April and May things started to warm up with the MATI Cleanup, Adopt-A-Road Cleanup and the Hatcher Pass

Shakedown cruise. Anyone who went to Hatcher Pass will remember this cruise. The Cruise was great, the weather at the top was – "a bit chilly". As I recall the only casualty on the trip was Gary needed a chase car to pick up the little pieces that were falling off the Caddy transmission.

June was the joint car club meet with the Vern L Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks (VLNAACF) and the AAMA in Trapper Creek. The event was a wonderful experience. I think everyone had a good time and a few laughs. The site of the presidents car being towed to the gas station they just past seemed humorous to some.

**Summer is almost too busy to describe.**

The Kulis Family Day picnic. The Day Break Outings where the club provides rides to the residents. The Anchorage and Chugiak Parades. The Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. The Bear Paw festival and parade. There was the Seward Parade that most of the locals did not know was happening.

How about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July trip to Seldovia! This was a real experience for everyone who went. There is nothing more rewarding that participating in a small town 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Both Eagle in 2003 and Seldovia in 2004 have been highlights of the year for my family.

The Hope weekend starts to wind down of the season and is the one place where members really seem to unwind, sit and visit with each other.

Our season was climaxed this year by an invitation to visit Ray Craig's mine in Kantishna. This late announced invitation provided 7 cars and passengers another beautiful day in Denali Park.

I have rambled on just to say it has been a great year. Thank You to all the members who help make these events happen and to everyone for attending. This makes for the Wonderful club we have. Starting next month there will be a new editor. Barb Hanson has offered to take on the task for a while. Please send her lots of stuff to put in the Tinkering Times.

Thanks to everyone for your support during the last two years.

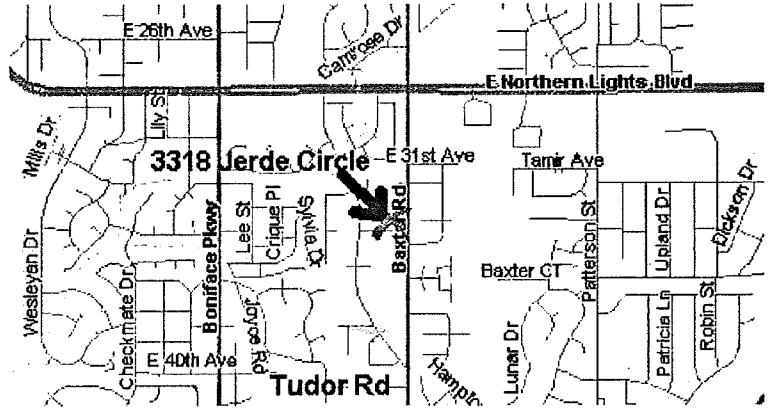
**Merry Christmas! – Happy Holidays**

- Scott Hulse

# No December meeting – See you at the Christmas Party 12 January 2005 Meeting

Installation of Officers meeting, 7:30 p.m. (Robinson's Club Room, 333-0693)  
Map to Robbie's Club House, 3318 Jerde Circle

**Meeting Refreshments**  
January – To Be Announced



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