



Alaska Celebrates 50th

by Scott Hulse

On January 3rd, celebrations all over the state proclaimed Alaska's Golden Anniversary. The Anchorage festivities were truly amazing, with 1950's era shows, demonstrations, songs and dances.

Events took place in the Denai Center, PAC and the Egan Center at the same time. The Town Plaza, in the middle, was full of music, skaters and revelers. While the temperature might have been frightful (-20° F) no one seemed to care.

The Antique Auto Musers of Alaska provided a display in the Egan Center with two 1950 vintage cars for the "Car Sales Show Room." Jason Marten, an actor from Scared Scriptless, was the Chevrolet and Nash salesman. AAMA members, Liz and Rick Mingo and Sara Stoops, provided the 1955 Nash Metro and 1958 Chevrolet Bel Air, respectively.

The display was perfect. Our President, Donn Reese, created large sales posters and provided a chrome and formica literature table that created the finishing touches.

Rick and Sara deserve an award for braving the -20° to provide the cars for the display.



Photo by Scott Hulse

Actor, Jason Marten was the Chevrolet and Nash salesman, backed by Rick and Liz Mingo's 1955 Metropolitan and Sara Stoops' 1958 Chevy Bel Air at the Egan Center during Alaska's Golden Anniversary celebration.

AAMA Officers Installed

by Dennis Allen

It was a cold and dreary night, and the roads were very icy; but many AAMA members made their way to the January meeting. No one wanted to miss the interrogation (oops--installation!) Robbie "Rocket" Robinson was prepared.

Dressed with the uniform of a daring race car driver, coveralls, leather hat and racing goggles, he administered the oath of office.

As each new officer was called forward be installed, they were required to don head wear significant of their office. Robbie then read highlighted astrological predictions for the first quarter of 2009, based on their sign of the Zodiac.

With a hand placed firmly on the bible of old car collection, *Hemmings*, each new officer was sworn in (oops again--swearing was (Please see p. 3, **Installation**)

February Meeting

The February 11 business meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Robbie and Marianne Robinson, 3318 Jerde Circle, Anchorage. For directions, call Robbie, 333-0693 or Tom, 694-7510.

Scott and Sheryl Hulse and Sara Stoops will provide after-meeting refreshments.

Running Board Reflections



Photo by Scott Hulse

President Donn wears his pilot's cap with dignity during the installation at the January meeting.

February is upon us, and we all know that means—Fur Rony Season. I hope you all are thinking about get-

ting your cars out of hibernation for our annual parade and car show. Kurt has once again secured the Morrison dealership space on Diamond Boulevard. Look for info on that and the Rony Parade later in this edition.

I want to thank Robbie for putting together another fine officer installation ceremony at the January meeting. He manages to outdo himself each year.

The club website will be on the move this month to one of two possible new locations. Details will be forthcoming. Do you have ideas for changes or improvements? Forward them to me.

Our next meeting is February 11. I hope to see you there or at the Rony events.

—Donn Reese



2008 Officers

President: Donn Reese 245-7203
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A Matter of Consternation, Climate and Car Shows

As I began to put this month's rag together, I had a number of thoughts, reflections if you will, about what I was doing and what was coming up for the club. If you are not interested in reflections, don't read this.

Consternation: the word that most nearly describes my feelings as I confront new desktop publishing software for the cause of the *Tinkering Times*. The odor of fire, brimstone and blue ozone have recently filled our basement office, and, at times, the computer has come ever-so-close to leaving, airborne, through the back door.

I must own up to a love/hate relationship with this confounded digital contraption. I also must admit that relationship results largely from my own lack of knowledge of how to make the thing work. Reconciliation

is bound to come about with familiarization, but in the meantime, it might help to have a 16-year-old kid around as a tutor. (OMG, did I say that?)

Jackie Purcell, Channel 2 Weather, recently reported Chandalar Lake at -50° while Juneau simultaneously recorded about 50° above. Quite a spread for one state, and we in Anchorage are somewhere in between. Maybe we will see moderate temps when we liberate and aireate our rolling stock for the Rony Parade and Morrison's Car Show.

Finally, on another note, I want to thank Scott Hulse and Dennis Allen for their writing skills and photos that made this issue come together. Until you are better paid, guys!

Tom

Installation:

Induction Performed by Famed Race Car Driver, Robbie 'Rocket' Robinson

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not allowed, so they *affirmed to uphold and perform* their duties.)

Our officers for 2009 are as follows: President, Donn Reese, Scorpio; Vice President, Ron Watts Aries (Ron could not attend the meeting, so Diane Allen, also an Aries, took his place) Treasurer, Howard Hansen, Sagittarius; Secretary, Sara Stoops, Libra and Sergeant at Arms, Fred Scharper, Libra.

We thank Robbie for another fine induction ceremony and look forward to an eventful (or is that *event-full?*) 2009 led by a Scorpion, with backup by a Ram, an Archer watching the purse, a Libra weighing her words and another Libra balancing order and chaos at our meetings.



At left, Robbie, "Rocket" Robinson displays the trophy he won racing cross-country in Indonesia in the 1960's. The two Lagondas, in the photos on the wall behind were raced by Robbie and his wife, Marianne. The racer in the upper photo was destroyed in a garage fire, and the touring car has found a new home with another Lagonda enthusiast. At the induction, Robbie told the hair-raising story of racing through rebel territory where gunmen shot at the newer cars, but cheered on his older cars.



Above, Robbie inducts: (1) President, Donn Reese, (2) Vice President, Ron Watts, whose stand-in was Diane Allen, (3) Secretary, Sara Stoops, (4) Treasurer, Howard Hansen and (5) Sergeant at Arms, Fred Scharper. Each officer received advice about the task ahead in light of their astrological sign. (All photos on this page by Scott Hulse)

Get out the ice chippers!

It's Fur Rony Time

The Anchorage Fur Rendezvous is our next event. It is time to make plans and contingent plans for getting the cars out from under the layers of ice and snow. At this writing, the temperature is hanging at about -6° to -10° , and it is difficult to think of doing anything aggressive outside. We just have to remember that we have done it before.

Kurt Rein, coordinator of the event, reports that we can place our cars in the Morrison's show room on Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Those who will have their cars in the parade can place their cars after that event on Saturday. In case the weather is messy, we need to be prepared to clean tires as we enter the building.

Kurt also reports that the parade will begin at 10:30, so we should report to the staging area by 9:00 for judging. We should have a spot close to the beginning so that we can get out in plenty of time to transport the cars out to the show at Morrison's.

As usual, open cars are needed for dignitaries. If you wish to volunteer your vehicle, call Kurt (344-5554) or see him at the February meeting.

Kurt also says that if you provide a car for dignitaries, you get a free meal at the Pancake Feed.

How about dinner at Henry's on Saturday evening? Kurt will have the final details for this and for the parade line-up at the Wednesday meeting.



How about a blast from the past? This 1958 Nash Rambler is pictured parked along the street in Clovis, New Mexico about August, 1964. Your editor and his bride of two years drove this car north to Alaska about a year later. We arrived in Anchorage August 15, 1965 and drove it here until 1969, when we finally traded it for a new Volkswagen. Anybody have an old car photo we could publish? Send them in.

Tidbits

Long Distance Tour Cancelled

The 2009 Long Distance Tour has been cancelled, but it has been supplanted by the annual joint meet with the Vernon Nash Club of Fairbanks.

The AAMA/VNAAC meet is set for June 12, 13, 14 and will be in Fairbanks. We will tour their museum and possibly tour Fort Knox Gold Mine.

At our January meeting, it was also suggested that we do an extra side trip to Dawson or Chena. This will be open for further discussion at our next meeting.

Reminder: Get Roster Sheets Done

Jan Hall is working on updating our club car roster. If you have a form, fill it out, add a photo of your car and return it to Jan.

This is easy to forget, so do it now, while you are thinking about it.

You don't have a photo right now? Get the info sheet in now and do the photo later.

Normandy Plaques

Check out the plaques on the front wall in the club room. Fred Scharper made them to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy. He attended the anniversary event with the Alaska Territorial Cavalry (Motorized Div.) and the sand in the vials is from Normandy Beach.

2009 Schedule of Events

- February 11—7:30 p.m. Regular Business Meeting; Robinson's Club Room, 3318 Jerde Circle, Anchorage; (Refreshments: Stoops/Hulse)
- February 27—6 p.m. Set up for Morrison Car Show (Kurt Rein 334-5554)
- February 28—10:30 a.m. Parade (Stage at 9:00); Morrison Car Show 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Kurt Rein 334-5554)
- March 1—11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Morrison Car Show
- March 11—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting; Robinson's Club Room 3318 Jerde Circle, Anchorage (Refreshments: Cre-sap & ?)
- April 8—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting; Robinson's Club Room 3318 Jerde Circle, Anchorage (Refreshments ?)
- May 10—Mother's Day Run (Chair?)
- May ?—First Adopt-A-Road (Robbie Robinson 333-0693)
- May 13—6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Chair ?)
- May ?—Early Bird Cruise (Chair ?)
- June ?—Colony Days Car Show, Palmer (Chair ?)
- June ?—Colony Days Parade (Chair?)
- June 10—6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Chair?)
- June 12,13,14—AAMA/VNAAC Joint Meet, Fairbanks (Howard Hansen 345-1268)
- July 4—Parades (TBA)
- July 8—Rolling Meeting (Chair?)
- July 10—Bear Paw Car Show, Eagle River (Just show up.)
- July 11—Bear Paw Parade (Chair?)
- July ?—Adopt-A-Road (Chair?)
- August 2—Jay Ofsthun Car Show, Park Strip (MSSRA event)
- August 12—6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Chair?)
- September ?—Adopt-A-Road (Chair?)
- September 5—Palmer State Fair Parade (Chair?)
- September 9—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Refreshments?)
- October 14—Regular Meeting (Refreshments?)
- November 11—7:30 p.m. (Refreshments?)
- December?—Christmas Party (TBA)

New Member

A great big welcome to new member, Bill Kimzey and his son, Luke. Now, we have three generations of Kimzeys. Happy to have you with us!

February Birthdays

Madeline Dennis—2nd
Steve Beck—4th
Mrs. Lawrence Taylor—6th
Betty Hassler—10th
Carol Watts—21st
Phillip Watts—22nd
Jennifer Dennis—25th
Anniversary:
Loran & Marion Benham—12th

January Birthdays

In the Process of putting together the January newsletter, we somehow omitted two birthdays.

Apologies go to Randy Moss and Bill Kimzey whose birthdays are January 17th and 30th, respectively.

Dues are Due

This will be the last newsletter for those who have not paid their dues for 2009. You will know you are in arrears if **your name is highlighted** on the mailing label.

If you have any questions about your membership status, call Howard Hansen at 345-1268.

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your name high-
lighted?*



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