



Springtime Fun:

KidsDay at Dena'ina Brings Smiles



Photo: Tom Cresap

With the crowd thinning and almost gone at the end of the KidsDay event, Joe Rath explains the intricacies of his 1942 Chevrolet Master Deluxe Coupe to a few stragglers who just had to get a last look. At times earlier in the day, the four AAMA cars were swarmed by curious children and appreciative adults who ogled the old cars and took part in the many activities both in the building and at the street fair.

It was a chilly day, and the ubiquitous Anchorage breeze wafted around, making an outdoor show a somewhat marginal affair. Then the crowd of parents and children showed up, and the AAMA participants were too busy to be cold.

The Alliance For Youth presented KidsDay to help youth, parents and community understand the importance of ensuring that all youth receive the five fundamental resources they require to help them grow into caring adults. The Five Promises are: Caring

Adults, Safe Places, Healthy Start, Effective Education and Opportunities to Help Others.

Inside the Dena'ina Center, things were hopping all day long. Two stages at the opposite ends of the main auditorium became the venues for an incredible variety of entertainment ranging from Alaska Native, Mexican and Irish dancers to Folk, Bluegrass and other live music. The floor space between the stages was packed with displays, including over 100 youth-serving agencies that were providing

free activities for kids while sharing their message about services available to children, youth and families.

Outside, among the many activities and displays, four AAMA cars played host to hundreds of children, youth and parents. A 1979 Volkswagen convertible (Howard Hansen) a 1942 Chevrolet Master Deluxe Coupe (Joe and Windy Rath) a 1939 International Harvester Pickup (Scott and Cindy Hulse) and a 1925 Ford Model T (Tom and Marcy Cresap) saw lots of action as hundreds of little (occasionally, big) feet climbed aboard and hands held steering wheels and shifting knobs. The cars became instant celebrities as countless parent paparazzi snapped shots of the kids seated in a car they may not have ever seen before.

By the end of the day, cars and owners were equally tired and ready to head for home; but the memory of a day full of appreciative smiles and comments made it worthwhile.

May Meeting

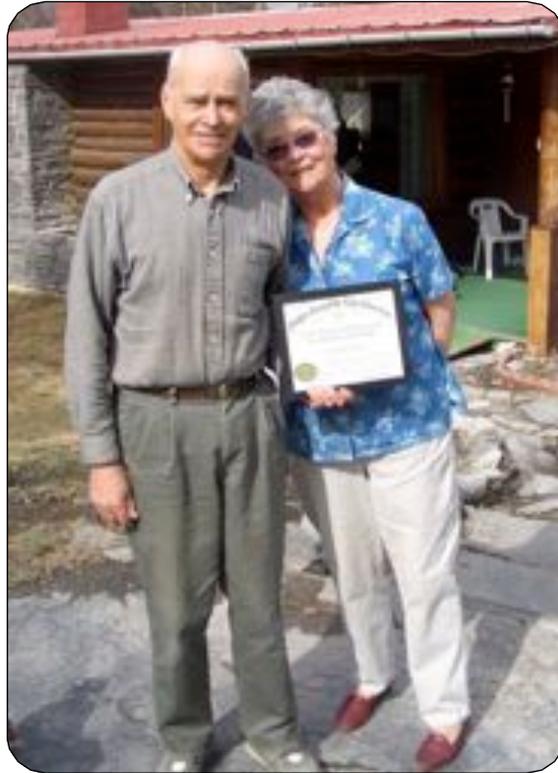
The May 13, 2009 business meeting is planned as a rolling meeting and will start at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 so that we will have time to get out in our old cars and go somewhere for dessert. Meet, as usual, at the home of Robbie and Marianne Robinson, 3318 Jerde Circle, Anchorage. For Directions, call Robbie, 333-0693 or Tom, 694-7510.

Running Board Accolades

Howard and Barb Hansen, the handsome couple at right, were the recent recipients of the AACA Award of Distinction for their work on the 2008 *Tinkering Times*.

Our national affiliate, the Antique Auto Club of America, is diligent in giving an annual shot in the arm to hard-working editors of the many chapter newsletter editors literally worldwide. It is a gesture that gives well deserved recognition to folks who volunteer for an often thankless job.

Howard and Barb published the *Tinkering Times* four years, from 2005 to 2008 (inclusive.) Our thanks and congratulations on your award, Hansens!



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Adopt-A-Road Recognition

Municipality of Anchorage
 Traffic Department
 April 7, 2009

Antique Auto Musers of Alaska
 Attn: Marcy Cresap

Dear Marcy:

On behalf of the Municipality of Anchorage Adopt-A-Road Program I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm "thank you" to you and the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska for the endless hours of hard work donated towards our litter reduction campaign. Your volunteer efforts are a true embodiment of community spirit and pride. You have provided visual evidence of what can be accomplished by individuals who take an active role in the care of their community. Thank you once again for making Anchorage a beautiful place to

live and visit.

Our records indicate the AAR agreement with Antique Auto Musers of Alaska has come to an end. We hope you will continue with an additional commitment.

Sincerely,
 Renee Stewart, Adopt-A-Road Coordinator

The above was excerpted from Renee Stewart's letter in the interest of brevity. We have been invited to continue maintaining the same Adopt-A-Road area, and have signed up for the next three years.

Marcy is no longer hosting this event, since she has been "promoted" to chief reporter and proofer for the Tinkering Times. Robbie Robinson has agreed to coordinate the May cleanup, but we need someone to take the ones in July and September. This event only happens three times a year, and it is a fun and worthwhile volunteer position. Try it, you will undoubtedly like it.

Tidbits

Mothers Day Run

The annual Mothers Day Run will take place **May 10** with dinner at **2:30** at **Alpine Garden Grill, mile 45.2 on the Parks Highway** just past Wasilla on the left.

Anchorage members can meet at 12:30 at the Northway Mall for a convoy to the Valley, or you can just meet us at the Grill in time for the meal.

Shake Down Cruise

Shake Down Early Bird Cruise participants should **meet at Lowe's in Wasilla May 16 at 10:00 a.m.** We will drive to Point McKenzie, and on the way, we will stop at the Iditarod headquarters and the Knik Museum.

After cruising around we will drive back to Heavens' place for a picnic. Edes and Heavens will provide meat for the barbeque. Bring salad or dessert to share.

One Man's Treasures

Wanted: Four 1935 Ford 16" Wheels or any leads; high compression head for Model A engine. Ron Watts, 622-1931 or ronwattsalaska@aol.com

For sale: 1927 Nash. Vehicle is in good condition. Have receipts for upgrades and restoration work done by Dan Unsicker of Classic Auto Rebuilding of Anchorage. Over \$22,000.00 invested, \$12,000.00 Negotiable. For a firm \$22,000.00 package deal, I will sell my 1960 Nash Metropolitan. I will not sell the Metro separately. Pictures available. Dave Mackey, doodlebug@gci.net

Schedule of Events

- **May 9**–9:00 a.m. First Adopt-A-Road, Carr's at Muldoon and Northern Lights (Robbie Robinson, 333-0693)
- **May 9**–AAA Auto Student Skills Competition and Car Show, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. UAA Anchorage Auto Shop (Shawn Heusser, 786-1466) A UAA event.
- **May 10**–Mothers Day Run (Scott Hulse, 349-8106)
- **May 13**–6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Chair ?)
- **May 16**–Early Bird Shakedown Cruise (LeRoi Heaven, 376-5679 and Jim Ede, 376-4631)
- **June 10**–6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Chair?)
- **June 12**–Colony Days Car Show, Palmer
- **June 13**–Colony Days Parade (LeRoi Heaven, 376-5679)
- **June 12,13,14**–AAMA/VLNAAC Joint Meet, Fairbanks (Howard Hansen, 345-1268)
- **June 17**–1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Day Break (Dennis and Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- **June 24**–1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Serendipity (Dennis and Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- **July 4**–Parades (TBA)
- **July 8**–6:30 p.m. 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?)
- **August 29**–Palmer State Fair Parade (Chair?)
- **September ?**–Adopt-A-Road (Chair?)
- **September 9**–7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Refreshments?)
- **October 14**–7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting, nominations for officers (Refreshments?)
- **November 11**– 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting, vote for 2010 officers (Refreshments?)
- **December?**–Christmas Party (TBA)

Fairbanks Meet Update

Howard Hansen, coordinator of the June 12–14 Fairbanks Joint Meet has reminded us that AAMA participants should **bring a dessert for the 6:00 p.m. barbeque on Friday.**

Car games will most likely be on Saturday morning, and the Fountainhead Museum tour will be in the afternoon.

Bill Chace, of Fairbanks, reminds us that **the museum charges an entrance fee** and that **meet patches will be available for purchase.**

If you have not made your reser-

ervations yet, you may do so by contacting Becky Conkle or Linda Fitzgerald at the Wedgewood Resort, 907-458-6123. Be sure to use the code, ACMR09 for a winter rate of \$119.00

Motor home parking has been arranged through Jeff Hammermeister at Wedgewood 907-452-1442. Jeff requests you make a reservation for a space by calling and asking for him.

At the time this article was written, we do not have a price for the banquet.



Photo: Tom Cresap

Club Jacket Information

A number of members have requested information about purchasing club hats and jackets. This is the low-down:

★**Jacket Junction, 562-0901**– If you buy a jacket from them, the logo is \$55.00 and your name on the front \$8.00. It is \$60.00 for the logo and \$10.00 for your name if you bring your own jacket.

★**Cindy's Sewing and Embroidery, 696-8475**–\$42.00 for logo and your name on the front (bring your own jacket or order one from her.) Cindy also has nice baseball caps for \$20.00, including logo on front and your name on the back.

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Door Prize

At our April 8th meeting, Jim Fredenhagen, who is a professional pilot and who owns his own plane, offered a one-hour flight around the Anchorage area as a door prize. What a unique and unexpected surprise! We thank Jim for his thoughtfulness.

Tom Cresap was the lucky winner. You can be sure that there will be some photo documentation in a future *Tinkering Times*.

Birthdays

Becky Wilber–1st

Ken Evans–6th

Lynn Grundy–6th

Jim Fredenhagen–19th

John Piper–27th

Diane Wohlwend–30th

Anniversary

Ted and Colleen Kimzey–28th



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