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Mother's Day Cruise a Big Success

by Scott Hulse

This year the Antique Auto Musers tried a new destination for the Mother's Day Cruise. After assembling in Anchorage at Northway Mall, a very small group headed toward the Alpine Garden Grill just North of Wasilla. Lovely weather made the drive out a real pleasure.

Two different times had been posted for the event. Our first group arrived at 2 p.m., and it looked like we would just fill the pre-arranged 20-person reservation. The Garden Grill was still waiting for a large group ahead of us to finish to fit our group in one end of the dining area. We quickly filled the area, then more arrived. Management shuffled more reservations around and we all settled in; then more arrived. By the time all were served, about 31 Musers had been fed. Wow! The Grill's management deserves a big thanks for fitting 10 people above our original reservation. In the end only one group had to be placed at the other end of the room. Thankfully, Jan Hall and her family were good sports about the placement.

Each Lady was provided a single rose to show



Scott Hulse

Mike and DeeDee Jonroe and DeeDee's mom, Peg mug for the photographer at the Mother's Day Cruise dinner at the Alpine Garden Grill, mile 45.2 on the Parks Highway. A crowd of 31 AAMA'ers took part.

our appreciation on Mother's day. The Mother's day menu seemed to provide everyone with something they liked, and no one went home hungry. Thanks to everyone who made the trip.



Marc Van Dongen

Early Bird Shake Down Cruise participants, Tom and Marcy Cresap, Ted and Colleen Kimzey, Barb and Howard Hansen, LeRoi Heaven, Jim Ede, Peg and Ken Stout and Diane and Dennis Allen parked their cars at the end of the Port Mackenzie freight-loading dock backed by the Anchorage skyline. (See story, p. 4.)

June Meeting

The June 10, 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 Reflections



President Donn enjoys the sun and the view at the parking lot/viewpoint near Earthquake park off Northern Lights Blvd. during the drive-around after our May 13th meeting.

Summer is getting into full swing as is the club's activity schedule, plenty of opportunity to get our cars out for an airing. This month alone, there is the Joint Meet in Fairbanks, Colony Days celebration in Palmer, Summer Solstice Rumble, and Alaska Statehood Celebration among others. There are a couple of newer items added to our schedule: The TGI Friday's all-club show on Sundays and

News from Betty and Lee

The following is excerpted from an update note Betty Westcott-Plummer sent recently.

Hi Marcy and Tom,

Just a note to let you know how much we enjoy the TT. Look forward to it each month. We like the format.

We have not been very communicative this year. The year started with a number of health concerns. Nothing threatening.

We miss you all, miss Eagle River, and Alaska.

Hope everything is good on your end.

Much love,

Betty and Lee

the second annual show at Trinity Church in July.

As for myself, I've been putting in several hours working on the Imperial getting it ready to make the Fairbanks trip, the farthest it's been from home in many years.

Remember to join your vintage car buddies June 10 for the monthly meeting followed by a drive-around.

The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) is celebrating their 75th anniversary in 2010. As part of their celebration, they are collecting history, interesting events, unique characters or anything else of interest from the regions. I'm looking for someone to put this together. We are in a somewhat unique part of the country, and most folks in the lower 48 enjoy reading about Alaska. AACA stipulated a June 30 deadline. I don't know how strict that is but I don't have the time at present. Most of the club's historical information is on the website and I can point you to those locations. Please let me know if you can help me out with this.

Donn Reese

'Urgent' Presidential Postscript:

4th of July Parade

Due to a mixup with the parade organizers, many clubs received their parade invitation and application late. We will discuss this at the June meeting, but **President Donn would like to have those interested in participating call him right away** so that he can get the application in now. We will vote on a chairperson at the June meeting.



2008 Officers

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One Man's Treasures



For sale: 1929 Ford Model AA truck; flat bed, tan with black accents; good running condition; \$14,000. Debra Long, 344-9627 (work) or 337-7418 (home.)

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. James David Mackey, 907-272-2370 or doodlebug1@gci.net

For sale: 1975 U-Haul Van; big, 20' box with grandma's attic; rams for car loading, extra man door and window on attic. Ford 600 V-8 engine—runs great. Good for transporting cars, storage, mobil garage. Carried my '26 Packard to Warren, Ohio in '99. Kurt, 344-5554

For Sale: 1936 Cadillac, \$10,000. Sara, 345-5992.

Auto Body: "Tin Lizzie, specializing in Antique Autos, custom paint and body work; free quotes; 50 years experience. Lee Truesdell, 907-745-4404 or ibbusy2@yahoo.com

Schedule of Events

- June 10—6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Howard and Barb Hansen)
- June 12—Colony Days Car Show, Palmer
- June 13—Colony Days Parade
- 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?)
- July 25—Trinity Church Car Show (Dick Henningsen, 333-4205)
- August 2—Jay Ofsthun Car Show, Park Strip (MSSRA event)
- August 5—Blast From the Past, MATI (Dennis and Diane Allen)
- 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)

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

Wanted: 16" wheel rim for 1947 Plymouth. Tom, 694-7510, 862-7511 or tmcresap@mtaonline.net

Zinc Replacement: After 70+ years of trouble-free, metal-to-metal engine protection, the E.P.A. is forcing ZDDP (Zinc Dialkyl Dithio Phosphate, containing both Zinc and Phosphorus) from domestic motor oil. If your engine was designed prior to the 1990's, your non-roller lifters require ZDDP in your motor oil to avoid premature deterioration. Don't let your lifters run metal-to-metal. Keep ZDDP, via ZDDPlus, in your motor oil. Add 4 oz. of ZDDPlus a every 4- to 5-quart oil change.

One bottle of ZDDPlus contains more ZDDP than two bottles of GM's EOS, which is designed for break-in use only.

As a service to the various car clubs in town, I received a new shipment of ZDDP. I was able to get a better deal on the freight this time. Price is \$10.00 per bottle. Buy 2 or more for \$9.00 each.

Check out zddplus.com for complete information.

Call Scott Hulse (240-4028, cel, or 349-8106, home)

TGIFridays Hosts Sunday Shows

Celebrate summer by taking your classic car to TGIFriday's every Sunday afternoon from 4 p.m. till 7 p.m. They will raffle off a free dinner for two each week. More info? Call Kurt Smith, 563-8443.

Early Bird Shakedown Cruise Visits Mackenzie

The May 16, 2009 Early Bird Shake Down Cruise began in the parking lot of the Wasilla Lowe's store. The small group of six AAMA cars started out with co-chairmen, Leroi Heaven and Jim Ede in Jim's 1972 Opal GT.

As its title suggests, this cruise is to get the cars out of their winter hibernation and onto the road for a trial run for the season. As it turned out, the cars all did well, as did the people, since we had a beautiful, mostly-sunny day.

Jim and LeRoi planned an itinerary that included several stops. Shortly after we hit the Knik-Goose Bay Road, we stopped at Iditarod Headquarters, watched a recently-released film about the Race and bought some cards and things before going on the Knik Museum and Musers Hall of Fame, which had been the home of the father of the Iditarod Race, Joe Redington.



The 2009 Early Bird Shakedown Cruise led to Port Mackenzie. Here, the six participating cars are parked in front of the office building. From left, Allens' 1964 Lincoln Continental convertible, Cresaps' 1947 Plymouth, Stouts' 1974 Mercedes, Jim Ede's 1972 Opal, Hansens' 1973 Volkswagen, Kimzeys' 1930 Model A. Port Director, Marc Van Dongen, was very accommodating and informative. The trip also included stops at Iditarod Headquarters and Knik Museum and Musers Hall of Fame.

Next, we stopped at the Point Mackenzie café for a snack before heading out to the Alaska State Prison Farm and on to Port Mackenzie itself.

At Port Mackenzie, we were welcomed by Port Director, Marc Van Dongen, who gave us an extensive and informative tour of the new office complex at the site before allowing us

to drive our cars out on to the freight dock for a photo op.

After visiting the port, we swung back to LeRoi's farm for the tour finale, a picnic near a group of historic pioneer farm buildings.

We would like to thank LeRoi and Jim for planning such an easy-going, entertaining and informative tour.

Plans for 2009 Denali Park Trip

Bruce Campbell, chairman of the 2009 Denali Park Cruise, has announced that the Park has moved up the lottery application date. [Entries must be postmarked between June 1st and June 30th](#), a month earlier than in previous years. All club members are requested to apply whether they plan to attend or not. We do this to guarantee tickets for all who wish to participate in the event.

- Beginning this year, entries will be accepted online by going to www.pay.gov.
- A \$10, non-refundable fee is required for each entry. This fee can be paid by credit card or bank account transfer if entering online, or by check or money order if mailing an entry. Please do not send cash.
- Entries will also be accepted by mail. Please be certain that you include:

1. A legible return address, including a first and last name (this is needed for selection notification) on the envelope.

(Please see p. 5, Denali Trip)

William Oscar Tryck, April 9, 1915–May 29, 2009

William "Bill" Oscar Tryck, 94, died May 29, 2009, at Alaska Manor in Anchorage.

A visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Friday, with a memorial service afterward at Evergreen Memorial Chapel. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. at the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Tryck was born in Ruby April 9, 1915, to Oscar and Lillian Blanche (Tipping) Tryck. In 1919, Bill and his family moved from Knik to Wasilla, where he grew up. He graduated in 1935 from Wasilla High School. Bill attended business school in Seattle and returned to Alaska to live in Anchorage.

Mr. Tryck was a member of the Pioneers of Alaska Igloo 15 since 1960 and was King Regent in 1986. He was a member of the Sons of

Norway for 54 years, a veteran of World War II and a member of the VFW and the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska.

Bill retired from the Civil Service in May 1980 with 42 years of service. He loved to dance, cut firewood, garden, take road trips and spend time with his family.

Survivors include his brother, Charles W. Tryck; children, William E. and Susan Tryck, Lucretia A. and Mark Teitzel, Donna J. and Andy Johnson, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Flo Tryck, on April 11, 2009. On June 5, 2009, they would have celebrated 60 years of marriage. They were the first couple to be married at the First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla, on June 5, 1949.

Model A's Trek to Talkeetna and Beyond

By Peg Stout

On a hill far away,
Was parked an old Model A...

At the urging of Jim Fredenhagen and with the encouragement of the media to "be patriotic, save energy, think green and vacation near home," seven Model A drivers headed for Talkeetna, about 115 miles up the Parks Highway from Anchorage.

Our first stop was at Eagle River to pick up Tom and Marcy who were waiting, all wrapped up and ready to enjoy their 1931 roadster with the top down, brave souls that they were.

Since many of us had our morning coffee on the way, our next very welcome stop was the Wasilla Walmart; very nice restrooms, I might add.

By the time we reached Willow it was time to eat, so we settled on the Pioneer Bar, as if we had many choices! Most everyone had hamburgers and enjoyed each other's company. Since there were several new couples, it was a great time to get acquainted early in the trip.

DeeDee Jonroe [*world-famous Alaska dog musher and daughter of the author*] and her husband, Mike, joined us for lunch and finally met some of the people we so often mention. As a sidebar, I noticed that Mike referred to Tom as Mr. Cresap. Old habits are hard to break. Tom taught him at Chugiak High School in the distant past.

Our trip was pleasant, and we arrived in Picturesque Talkeetna about 2:00 p.m. We found our motel, the Tee Pee (formerly the Talkeetna Motel) and settled in.

Ah, now what: decisions, decisions! How about a flight around Mt. McKinley? Four of us, Tom Cresap, Victoria Fredenhagen, Birgitt Robar and I decided that was a great idea. We checked with Talkeetna Air Taxi, and we were soon loaded into a Beaver and headed for the mountain. I kept thinking about the old saying, "There is no such thing as an old bold pilot," and our pilot looked young; but he was very capable and did an excellent job. I just knew one wing or the other was going to hit the mountain, but it didn't, and we got to land on Ruth Glacier and walk around. There is no way to describe the beauty of The Mountain up close. You must see it for yourself. What an experience!



Tyler the Pilot

Model A adventurers, Peg Stout, Birgitt Robar, Tom Cresap and Victoria Fredenhagen, pose by the Beaver aircraft on Ruth Glacier on Mount McKinley. The weather was glorious, although, as often happens, the great "Denali" was not visible.

That evening, we ate outside in luxurious, warm sun on the veranda at the Wildflower Café. What a treat that was.

Breakfast next morning was at the Talkeetna Roadhouse, established in 1944. The sourdough pancakes were made with sourdough started in 1902, and even a "half order" pancake was larger than the plate.

After breakfast, we drove back out the Talkeetna Highway and turned north on the Parks Highway to visit the antique store in Trapper Creek.

After about a half hour there, we headed south again to Big Lake, where Birgitt and Ben Robar gave us a tour of the Alaska Sailing Club dock and recreation area.

Our last stop before returning to Anchorage was at Cresaps' house for refreshments and a tour of Tom's garage.

Bottom line: I would recommend Talkeetna as a must-see for a taste of "the real Alaska," especially when viewed from a Model A.

Denali Trip: Apply Now For Pass

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2. Your desired dates, in order of preference, printed on the back of the envelope. AAMA members should select September 21, 20, 18, 19 (IN THAT ORDER)

3. A check or money order for \$10, made payable to the "National Park Service."

- Mail entries to:
Denali National Park and Preserve
Road Lottery
P.O. Box 9
Denali Park, AK 99755

- Entries must be postmarked no later than June 30, and must arrive by July 7 to be included in the drawing. If using the mail,

submit entries early to make certain they arrive in time! All entries that arrive after July 7 will be returned.

- Names of the individuals who are selected for permits will be posted on the park website at www.nps.gov/dena by July 15. Everyone who submitted an entry will be notified about the entry status via the U.S. mail. The information sent to those selected for road permits will include details on visiting the park during the road lottery. Permits are transferable.

- Please contact park headquarters at (907) 683-2294 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/dena for additional information.

Annual Joint Meet In Fairbanks Is Upon Us

Hope everyone is gassed up for the joint meet with the Vernon Nash Club at Fountainhead Auto Museum in Fairbanks.

If you would like to caravan to Fairbanks, meet at Red Robin about 8:30 am, on Friday, June 12. Howard Hansen said he would like to see the group leave promptly at 9:00, so if you are late just proceed up the highway. We'll meet the Chugiak-Eagle River people in the usual spot down on the flats.

Our first stop will be at Fred Meyers in Wasilla, where we will meet the Valley people, gas up, potty break, etc.

For lunch we can stop at Marys', and those who are packing a lunch, McKinley View is only .2 of a mile north. The only other sched-

uled stop will be in Cantwell for fuel.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday evening: 6:00 p.m.—Meet at Wedgewood for the barbeque. [AAMA members should bring dessert.](#)

Saturday: 10 a.m. (approximately)—car games in the parking lot of Wedgewood

12:00 to 1 p.m. (approximately)—BBQ

In the afternoon, we will tour the Fountainhead Auto Museum. Cocktails and banquet dinner with car game awards in the evening.

Menu for banquet:

Chicken Marsala \$21.95

Prime Rib of Beef \$24.95

Jumbo Prawns \$25.95

If you have not already done so, [AAMA members should notify](#)

[Howard Hansen with your menu choice for the evening meal.](#)

Birthdays

Willard Vinton—8th

Shirley Cordle—12th

Madeline Belleau—19th

Kurt Rein—19th

Frank Neary—21st

Barb Hansen—23rd

Janet Shurman—30th

Anniversaries

Lawrence Taylor—10th

Ralph & Kathy Centoni—15th

Bill and Joyce Chace—18th

Bruce and Marl Campbell—21st

Betty Westcott

and Lee Plummer—22nd



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