



## Club History Highlighted



Photo: Marcy Cresap

From left, Len Grau, Mike Speziably and Hank Raymond made up the panel of early members who discussed the early years of the Antique Auto Musers. The panel reported on subjects such as activities, members and vehicles in the club.

At our January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, we were treated to a panel discussion featuring three early members of the Antique Auto Musers: charter members, Len Grau and Mike Speziably and Hank Raymond, who joined in 1963.

Robbie Robinson led the discussion, directing the participants to recall the activities and vehicles they had in the early days of the club.

It is interesting that the club had a fairly robust beginning, in spite of Anchorage's remoteness and its population that was largely transient. By 1963, the club listed more than 30 vehicles, about half of which were in running condition. Their activities were similar to the ones we have now, although they were fewer in number and not quite as varied.

### February Meeting

The February 10, 2010 business meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Robbie and Marianne Robinson, 3318 Jerde Circle in Anchorage. For directions, call Robbie, 333-0693 or Tom, 694-7510.

Refreshments will be provided by Frank Neary and Sara Stoops.

### 2010 Officers Installed

At our January meeting, we installed our officers for 2010: Donn Reese (president) Ron Watts (vice president) Laura Reese (secretary) Howard Hansen (treasurer) and Fred Scharper (sergeant-at-arms.)

Robbie Robinson, MC for the event, put the group through an exercise to test the acuteness of their observation, then installed each as



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Inductees for 2010 from left: Fred Scharper, Laura Reese, Howard Hansen, Ron Watts and Donn Reese.

they placed a hand on the (Hemmings) bible. The "ceremony" was vintage Robbie and very entertain-

ing. Thanks to Robbie for a job well done, and best of luck to the officers for 2010.

# Running Board Reflections



President Donn Reese is installed for 2010 by Robbie Robinson.

Fur Rondy season is here yet again. Kurt has done his usual excellent job of organizing the particulars with the city for our inclusion in the parade and with the Northway mall for the car show. Check the club schedule for details or contact Kurt for additional information.

The January meeting was packed full of people and activity. Along with the usual business Robbie conducted

the officer installation including a brief game. Robbie then hosted a discussion with long time club members Len Grau, Mike Spezielly, and Hank Raymond. They discussed some of the activities from the early days of the club, cars they owned then (a few of which they still own), and some of the characters around town at the time.

Along those lines we're on the search for older AAMA records. Do you have things stashed away in your attic or basement? We're especially looking for earlier copies of the club newsletter, meeting minutes, any official club documentation like the articles of corporation, etc. We'd be happy to take any donations or make copies of what you have.

See you all at the February meeting.

Donn Reese

## Logo to be re-designed

This is a brief history of the AAMA logo. The subject recently surfaced, and, at our January meeting, a group of members volunteered for a committee to redesign the icon, which is no longer in acceptable condition. We do not have a good, "camera-ready" version anymore for a variety of reasons.

At its inception and for some years thereafter, the club had no logo. In about March, 1977, someone—possibly Jay Ofsthun, who was newsletter editor at the time—did a pretty nice hand-made circular design which was used only briefly. Some time later, a rectangular rendition was used on a large club banner and on club jackets.

In 1995, with the coming of com-

mon computer graphics program access, Tom Cresap (newsletter editor at the time) designed the oval one that is currently used on our newsletter masthead and nameplate. That rendition came about to provide something that was clean and aesthetically pleasing. Now, even that image needs to be cleaned up.

The committee, made up of Robbie Robinson, Donn Reese, Tam Isham, Dick Henningsen, Ron Watts and Tom Cresap will meet before our February meeting and discuss design refinements. Results of this committee's efforts as well as a facsimile of the design will be shared with the club at a later meeting before adoption.



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### 2010 Officers

President: Donn Reese 245-7203

Vice President: Ron Watts 622-1931

Secretary: Laura Reese

Treasurer: Howard Hansen 345-1268

Sergeant at Arms: Fred Scharper

### Members at Large

Tam Isham

Ken Evans

Robbie Robinson

### Past Presidents (10 years)

Donn Reese (2009)

Jeff Hassler/Donn Reese (2008)

Jim Fredenhagen (2006-2007)

Fred Schurman (2005)

Diane Allen (2004)

Fred Schurman (2001-2003)

Peg Stout (2000)

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## One Man's Treasures

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

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

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

**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](mailto:ibbusy2@yahoo.com)

**Wanted:** 1939-49 Ford transmission. Need internals and rear output mount. Dave, 274-9046

## Schedule of Events

- February 10—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Refreshments: Frank Neary, Sara Stoops)
- February 27—Fur Rendezvous Parade (Kurt Rein, 344-5554)
- February 27, 28—Fur Rendezvous Car Show (Kurt Rein, 344-5554)
- March 10—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Refreshments: Art and Tam Isham)
- April 14—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Refreshments: Dennis and Diane Allen)
- May 8—9:00 a.m. Adopt-A-Road (Cresaps, 694-7510)
- May 12—6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Cruise Chair needed)
- May ?—Early Bird Cruise (Chair needed)
- June 4—6—Joint Meet with VLNAAC (Howard Hansen, 345-1268)
- June 9—Rolling Meeting (Cruise Chair needed)
- July 4—Parades (TBA)
- July ?—Adopt-A-Road (Chair needed)
- July 9—Bear Paw Car Show
- July 10—Bear Paw Parade
- July 14—6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Cruise Chair needed)
- July 13-19—Long Distance Tour, Kodiak (Bruce Campbell, 345-3129)
- July 16, 17, 18—Hope Weekend
- August 1—Jay Ofsthun Car Show
- August 11—6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Cruise Chair needed)
- August 28—State Fair Parade (LeRoi Heaven, 907-376-5679)
- September 8—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Refreshments?)
- September ?—Adopt-A-Road (Chair needed)
- October 13—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Nominations) (Refreshments?)
- November 10—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Elections) (Refreshments?)
- December ?—Christmas Party (TBA)

## Get Ready For the Fur Rendezvous!

Rondy time is here again, and it's time to party! For us Antique Auto Musers, that means get out there and dig the car out of the snow and ice and get ready for the annual parade and show.

Even though our Alaska winter is far from over, the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous celebration is the harbinger of spring. It may be difficult to shake out the cobwebs of hibernation and think of rolling out our treasures, but that is exactly what we have to do.

Kurt Rein, the brave soul that took on the chairmanship of both of these

events, has announced that this year there will be no judging for the February 27<sup>th</sup> parade, but that the theme of the parade is the 75<sup>th</sup> (diamond) Anniversary, in case you want to decorate your vehicle.

We will need a couple of cars for dignitaries, so be ready to be drafted for that purpose when you come. The exact staging location will be announced at our February meeting.

The car show, February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, will be located at the Northway Mall. We will set up Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, after 9:00 p.m. Last-minute entries can

pull in Saturday between 6:00 and 10:00 a.m. Kurt will be at the parade, so we need volunteers to herd late entrants and watch the cars as the mall opens.

We also need lots of help pushing in the cars that come in late after the parade, since we cannot run the engines after opening time.

You are responsible for stanchions, rope and wheel pads (carpet squares under tires.)

It is very important that we be there during the show. We should not

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just drop off the car and leave. We are not only showing our cars: we are hosts and should be there to answer questions of curious guests.

We will all get together for dinner at Red Robin Saturday after the show.

Kurt has reserved a section in the restaurant for our group.

We can take our cars out Sunday after 6:00 p.m. Kurt will have additional information at our February meeting.

## February

### Birthdays

Madeline Dennis—2<sup>nd</sup>

Steve Beck—4<sup>th</sup>

Mrs Lawrence Taylor—6<sup>th</sup>

Betty Hassler—10<sup>th</sup>

Jack Wilber—10<sup>th</sup>

Carol Watts—21<sup>st</sup>

Phillip Watts—22<sup>nd</sup>

Jennifer Dennis—25<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversary

Loran and Marion

Benham—12<sup>th</sup>

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