



Springtime: Time For the Cars to Stir

Our beloved antique automobiles, like the flowers of springtime, begin to appear this time of year.

On Sunday, April 25th, Betty Arnett (a friend of Robbie Robinson's) was feted by her family and friends on her 80th birthday at the St. John United Methodist Church on O'Malley Road.

Since Betty Arnett was born in 1930, Robbie drove his 1930 Ford Model A to the party and gave her a celebratory ride around the block.

In addition, Robbie was dressed in his 1930-era double-breasted dark blue pin-striped wool suit, white shirt, appropriate wide tie with silver tie clasp and an imported black Italian felt fedora.

It was a big hit. And Betty and family were very appreciative of this unusual birthday gift.

What could be a more appropriate occasion to bring the Model A out of hibernation!



Photo: Robbie Robinson

A dapper driver, Robbie Robinson, poses with his 1930 Model A before venturing off to take his friend, Betty Arnett for a birthday ride around the block. Betty and Robbie's Model A were born the same year.

KidsDay Crowds See Cars

If you do not handle crowds well, KidsDay in Anchorage is not for you. The 2010 event, the second annual one of its kind at the Dena'ina Center in downtown Anchorage, played host to large numbers of kids of every age.

KidsDay is hosted by Alliance For Youth in an effort to help parents and the community to ensure that all youth receive the resources they require to help them grow into caring adults.

The Dena'ina Center was the scene of many activities throughout the day. A wide variety of activities, from Alaska Native, Mexican and Irish dancers to Folk, Bluegrass and other live music kept toes tapping from stages at opposite ends of the auditorium. The floor space between

was occupied by many 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, a street fair presented more displays and activities for the children and their parents, including eight antique cars presented by the Antique Auto Musers.

Participants:

Tom Cresap—1947 Plymouth

Jim Fredenhagen—1930 Model A and 1954 Ford

Howard Hansen—1965 Plymouth Baracuda

Mike Leal—1936 Cadillac

Donn Reese—1960 Imperial

Bryan Saupe—1970 Chevy Suburban

Doug Smith—1958 BMW 600

May Meeting

The May 12, 2010 business meeting is planned as a rolling meeting and will start at 6:30 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 at the April meeting were provided by Dennis and Diane Allen. Thanks!

There will be no refreshments at the May rolling meeting. Instead, we will find them on our cruise, which will be planned by Jeff Hasler.

Running Board Reflections

Another May, another springtime in Anchorage, which means the vintage cars are coming out of storage. I've been seeing an increasing number of old cars roaming the streets in the past couple of weeks, always a pleasure.

The Auto Musers starts off the new summer season with the Adopt-A-Road cleanup, we need volunteers to help pick up the winter's trash along Northern Lights Blvd. The more folks we have the quicker it goes.

The day following the cleanup is the Mother's Day Run to Settler's Bay Lodge. Treat Mom to a special ride and dinner.

Two weeks later is the Shake Down Cruise. Jim and LeRoi have planned a fun route in the Valley ending up in Sutton. For more details on any of these, see the schedule in this issue and on the club website.

It will be great to once again have



Photo: Tom Cresap

President, Donn Reese, keeps warm while participating in the 2010 KidsDay in Anchorage on April 17th.

all of the club member's vintage cars running around at events. For my part I'm finally a bit ahead of the game with the Imperial and may have all my major (planned) projects finished on it before the summer really gets going.

I hope to see you at the May Rolling Meeting.

-Donn Reese

New Website in Place

AAMA has a new website and I invite you all to take a look and add it to your favorites.

<http://www.antiqueautomusersak.org/>

I think you'll find this new site easier to navigate with far more information than the Multiply version. The old site will remain up for a short time while I confirm I haven't missed anything major in the changeover. However, I believe everything you'll need is on the new website and you may start using it immediately.

I want to send a special thank you to Greg Lear for maintaining the original AAMA website for several years and for his mentorship when I took over from him nearly two years ago. With the new website, I've managed to resurrect several things Greg did on the original site that never translated well to Multiply.

You will encounter the occasional "missing link" on the new site and those are areas still in development. These are items for which I haven't been able to locate the original content. When I do, the links will be filled in. Of special note are the Meeting Minutes and Newsletter pages, where I've posted all the copies of each that I have. If you are in possession of further editions, please let me know so I may make a scan and add them to the site.

Thanks and enjoy,

Donn Reese
Webmaster

Thank you, Greg Lear and Donn Reese, for taking charge of our website. This requires computer skills and a dedication most of us either do not have or are not willing to put forward, Kudos to both of you guys for your award-winning efforts. Donn's recent overhaul looks great!



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One Man's Treasures



For Sale: 1955 Thunderbird, Aqua/White interior, 74,000 miles, power steering, brakes, windows; hardtop, fender skirts, radio, tachometer. Wide white walls, 15 inch, as new condition. \$27,500, 907-745-3413 .

For Sale: 1947 Plymouth Special Deluxe, very nice upholstery, 5 new tires, new radiator and hoses; everything works except radio. Ready to tour. I have too many cars. \$8995, Tom, 694-7510.

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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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

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

Schedule of Events

- **May 8**—9:00 a.m. Adopt-A-Road (Robbie Robinson, 333-0693)
- **May 9**—Mother's Day (Scott Hulse, 349-8106)
- **May 12**—6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Jeff Hassler, 276-1882)
- **May 22**—Early Bird Cruise (LeRoi Heaven 907-376-5679, Jim Ede 907-376-4631)
- **June 4-6**—Joint Meet with VLNAAC (Howard Hansen, 345-1268)
- **June 9**— 6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Cruise Chair needed)
- **June 11**—Colony Days Car Show (Jim Ede, 907-376-4631)
- **June 12**—Colony Days Parade (LeRoi Heaven, 907-376-5679)
- **June 18**—1:00-2:30 p.m. Daybreak (Dennis and Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- **June 25**—1:00-2:30 p.m. Serendipity (Dennis and Dianne Allen, 345-6355)
- **July 3**—Adopt-A-Road (Tom and Marcy Cresap, 694-7510)
- **July 4**—Anchorage Parade (Chair?)
- **July 4**—Chugiak Parade (Tom and Marcy Cresap, 694-7510)
- **July 4**—Wasilla Parade (LeRoi Heaven, 907-376-5679)
- **July 9**— 6:00 p.m. Bear Paw Car Show (Just show up)
- **July 10**—Bear Paw Parade (Tom and Marcy Cresap, 694-7510)
- **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 (Dennis and Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- **August 1**—Jay Ofsthun Car Show (MSSRA event)
- **August 11**—6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Cruise Chair needed)
- **August 28**—Alaska State Fair Parade (LeRoi Heaven, 907-376-5679)
- **August 28**—Alaska State Fair Car Show (Jim Ede, 907-376-4631)
- **September 8**—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Refreshments?)
- **September 11**—9:00 a.m. Adopt-A-Road (Sara Stoops and Robbie Robinson)
- **October 13**—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Nominations) (Refreshments?)
- **November 10**—7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Elections) (Refreshments?)
- **December ?**—Christmas Party (TBA)

Information For Upcoming Events

Mother's Day Run

Scott Hulse has made arrangements for the Mother's Day run, May 9 about 2pm at Settler's Bay Lodge. The Lodge is at Mile 8 on the Knik-Goose Bay Road.

We have reservations for 30 based on the sign-up sheet at the last club meeting. If you did NOT sign up that evening and want to go, please call

Scott (240-4028) with the number in your party so the Lodge can be sure to plan for everyone.

For those wanting to drive out together: plan to meet at the Northway Mall parking lot near Red Robin at 12:45pm.

We all thank Scott for setting this up.

Settlers Bay Lodge Menu

Garden, Caesar, Spinach, Potato and Pasta Salads

Avocado and Seafood Salad

Reindeer Sausage and Domestic & Imported Cheeses

Smoked Salmon Mousse

Shrimp Cocktail with lemon

Fresh baked variety of Breads & Croissants

Seasonal fresh Fruits

Hot Buffet

Eggs Benedict

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Sausage

Roasted Red and Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Rice Pilaf

Chicken Florentine

Teriyaki King Salmon

Barbecue Baby Back Ribs

Chicken Sausage Shrimp Creole

Vegetable Medley

Carving Station

Garlic Peppered Prime Rib and Apricot

Glazed Ham

Waffle Station

Waffles with a variety of syrups & fruit toppings

Desserts

Variety of cakes, pies, cookies and much more

Beverages

Coffee, tea, sodas, juice and fruit punch (included)

Sunday May 9th

\$36 per person (\$18 child 6-12, \$10 kids 3-5)

Giving a Lift

Dennis and Diane Allen have traditionally arranged for AAMA to visit both the Daybreak and Serendipity adult daycare centers and give rides to the clients. It is an excellent way to help the caregivers to break the monotony, and it brings a lot of smiles.

Daybreak is 6/18, 1:00 - 2:30.

Directions: Take New Seward Highway South to Dimond/Abbott; East towards the Chugach Mountains, road becomes Abbott, drive to Signal at Elmore. About 1 block further on the right, is Jupiter. Turn right into the driveway, which curves to the right, and you'll see the Building.

If you are driving from Eagle River or from North and East Anchorage, take Muldoon Rd off the Glenn highway, turn off at the Muldoon off ramp to Muldoon Rd, then south on Muldoon to Tudor, to Elmore to Abbott to Jupiter.

Serendipity is 6/25, 1:00 - 2:30.

On East 20th off of Bragaw Street. Take New Seward to Tudor Rd. to Lake Otis Parkway. then to Northern Lights Blvd. Next, turn left at Bragaw Street, and drive to East 20th Ave. (the first signal light, right across from East High School) and turn left to Salvation Army Offices and Serendipity Buildings on your left. Buildings say "Salvation Army". This is about two blocks from where you turn off onto 20th Ave. from Bragaw Street.

If you come from the north on the Glenn Highway, turn off at the Bragaw off ramp. Drive South to the Signal at 20th Avenue. Turn right on 20th to Salvation Army Buildings.

Long Distance Tour

Add two events to the schedule mailed to you earlier this month:

We will tour the Fishery Research Center on Near Island at 3:30 p.m. July 14th.

We will stage a car show at the High School parking lot at 4:00 p.m. July 17th.

May 22nd Shake Down Cruise Sightseeing

The 2010 Shake Down Cruise will start from Palmer on May 22. Jim Ede, who is co-chairing the event with LeRoi Heaven, suggests that we meet at the Taco Bell Tesoro Station on the way into Palmer a little before 10:00.

From there, the rough itinerary calls for a visit to the Musk Ox farm and Wolf Country, a drive-by at the prison, lunch in Sutton and a possible visit to the coal mine (depending on

road conditions.) From there, we will drive to LeRoi's place in Wasilla for a picnic dinner.

Everyone should bring a side dish to share at the picnic. Jim estimates that we should be headed home by about 5:00.

Further details should be available at the May Meeting, or you can call Jim (376-4631) or LeRoi (376-5679.)

MATI Volunteers enjoy Sunny Cleanup



Photo: Dennis Allen

At left: Members of Antique Auto Musers of Alaska smile in satisfaction after clean up at Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry. Not shown is Leroy Heaven who needed to attend to other duties. Present for the photo after a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, and other delectable

items provided by MATI were Dennis & Diane Allen, AAMA President Donn Reese, Treasurer Howard Hanson, and Ralph Centoni. It was a beautiful, sunny day with a good turnout to rake leaves, clean displays, and take vehicles out of winter storage for the summer season.

Model A's Tour Chugiak/Eagle River

It was a cold, overcast April 10th, and a group of Model A's parked in front of Garcia's restaurant in Eagle River, where their owners stopped for lunch.

The group was pushing the weather envelope by having an outing at this time of year, when temperatures still hover around 17° or 18° F overnight and the 30's during the day. The cars didn't mind the cool air, but the humans had to have a nice, warm jacket.

The loosely organized group was shepherded by Jim Fredenhagen, former AAMA president and true fan of the Model A Ford phenomenon.

Jim is in the ongoing process of registering every last Model A in the state of Alaska, and his current list includes over 150 cars.

This was not an AAMA-sanctioned event, but most of the participants were AAMA members, and it involved old cars and eating. So we decided to report on it.

The itinerary began at Garcia's in Eagle River and proceeded to Art and

Tam Isham's home in Peters Creek, where the participants got to see a 1930 Murray Town Sedan in the process of receiving new Flathead Ted Brakes.

Then it was on to Bob and Kathleen Kuersten's place, and a look at Bob's shop. Here, the lady travelers opted for a warm living room and a spot of tea while the intrepid men forged on to Birchwood Airport for a photo op.

Thus ended an entertaining day, and we all headed off in our respective directions.

Participants:

- Bob Bartlett (driver) and Larry Yates in Larry's '30 Tudor
- Tom and Marcy Cresap-'31 Deluxe Roadster
- Jim Fredenhagen-'29 Tudor
- Ted and Colleen Kimzey-'30 Tudor
- Bob and Kathleen Kuersten-'31 Fordor
- Gary and Katherine (fiancé) Klecka-'30 Town Sedan Taxi
- Gary and Sherrie Parsons-'29 Fordor
- John and Linda Piper-'30 Tudor
- Ben Robar-'29 Tudor
- Ken and Peg Stout-'30 Fordor
- Lee Truesdell-'30 Tudor

Email

Hi Tom,

I recently visited the Tupelo Automobile Museum in Tupelo, Mississippi.

While there, I came across this 1954 Mercury that Museum founder Frank Spain purchased in Anchorage—probably in the mid-90s judging by the '94 tag on the Alaska plate. Mr. Spain drove the car home to Mississippi, although he broke down in Whitehorse and had to have a part Fed-Exed there before he could continue.

I am curious if anyone in your club remembers this car and knows any of its history. I'm sure the folks running the museum would love to know more about it.

Nancy

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Do you recognize this car?



Photos: Nancy DeWitt





Photo: Tom Cresap

The occasion is the 2010 KidsDay at the Dena'Ina Center in Anchorage. Some moms are snapping photos of their children next to Doug Smith's 1958 BMW 600, the most popular car among the young guests at the event.

May

Birthdays

Becky Wilber-1st

Ken Evans-6th

Lynn Grundy-6th

Jim Fredenhagen-19th

John Piper-27th

Kaylee Stripen-29th

Diane Wohlwend-30th

Anniversaries

Ted and Colleen Kimzey-30th

Oops!

Jack and Carolyn Rathert-

April 3rd (Sorry we missed you last month.)

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