



Vehicles Pass Shakedown Test

All the vehicles made it through the test of AAMA's 2010 shakedown cruise, and the drivers had some great food and enjoyed a superlative, sunny day.

Jim Ede and LeRoi Heaven planned an itinerary that took the group from the Tesoro station in Palmer to Palmer's visitor center, the Musk Ox Farm, the prison and on to Sutton for lunch and a stop at the Jonesville Coal Mine Museum.

After Sutton, Jim and LeRoi led the group in a leisurely drive on Farm Loop Road to LeRoi and



Photo: Tom Cresap

The Talkeetna mountains (left) and Chugach mountains (right) provide background for Shakedown Cruise cars as they soak up the sun while parked in Heavens' hay field on Fairview Loop in Wasilla Saturday, May 22. From left are: IH pickup (Kimzeys) 1964 Lincoln convertible (Allens) 1931 Model A (Cresaps) 1929 Model A (Fox) 1956 Ford Thunderbird (Wiedmer) 1948 Ford (Campbells) and 1961 Studebaker Lark (Heavens.)

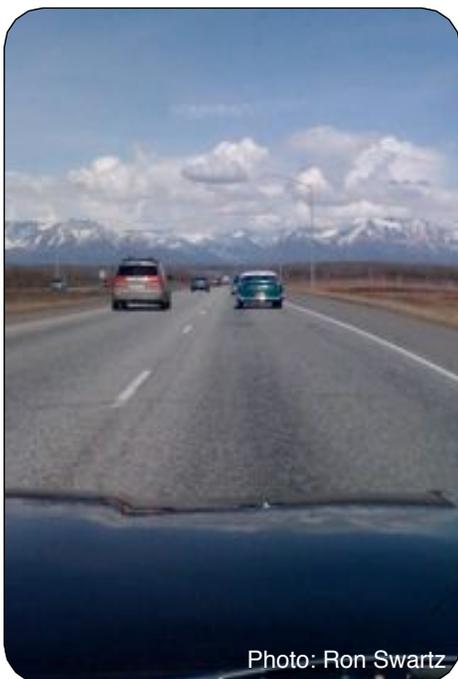


Photo: Ron Swartz

This was the view of Mother's Day traffic crossing the flats toward Wasilla as seen from the front seat of Ron Swartz' 1963 Corvaire convertible Sunday, May 9. At the right, we see Ralph and Cathy Centoni's 1955 Cadillac.

Margaret Heaven's homestead for a picnic and lots of visiting among a collection of restored historic valley cabins at the edge of Heavens' hay field. With the Talkeetna and Chugach mountain ranges as a backdrop and the sun shining, we

couldn't have hoped for a better setting.

Thanks so much to LeRoi and Margaret Heaven and Jim and Julie Ede for hosting this incredibly beautiful and enjoyable day.

Mother's Day Run

The 2010 Mother's Day Run on May 9th was an outstanding success. Scott Hulse had arranged space for 30 at Settlers Bay Lodge, and 45 Musers showed up.

We had a beautiful, sunny day, and the view, the company and the food made a memorable Mother's Day.

Many thanks to Scott and Sheryl Hulse for doing the preliminary scouting and planning for this very enjoyable event.

June Meeting

The June 9, 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.

Last month's after-meeting cruise was planned by Donn Reese. Thanks, Donn.

This month, the cruise will be planned by Jeff Hassler.

Running Board Reflections

We've had a great start to the old car season, lucking out with sunny weather for each of the events so far. The Adopt-A-Road cleanup and Mother's day were particular successes, each with lots of participation. A visit from family precluded my going on the Shakedown Cruise. Look in this issue for a report on that event, that happened on another beautiful day.

There's even more going on in the coming month. If anyone is going to be in Fairbanks for Memorial Day weekend, be sure to

check out the car show at the Carlson Center.

The following weekends are filled with events taking place outside of Anchorage including the Joint Meet at the Sheep Creek Lodge (Mile 88) area of the Parks Highway and Colony Days in Palmer.

Be sure to join us for the June Rolling Meeting where I'm sure Jeff Hassler will have far better luck at herding the cats, er, I mean Auto Musers, than your President did at the May meeting.



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Photo: Art Fox

Participants in the 2010 AAMA Shakedown Cruise pose on the porch of a restored 1931 valley cabin on the edge of Margaret and LeRoi Heaven's hay field. They are (left to right) Dennis and Diane Allen and Daisy, Sarah Stoops and Gwyn Wiedmer; (standing) Bruce and Marl Campbell and Ted Kimzey; Julie Ede, Marcy Cresap, Colleen Kimzey, Margaret and LeRoi Heaven and Tom Cresap (standing above.)

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 .

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Schedule of Events

- 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 18-21—Fairbanks Midnight Sun Summer Solstice Celebration (Nancy DeWitt, 907-458-6112)
- 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 (Robbie Robinson, 333-0693)
- 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)

Reminder of Upcoming Events

We have reached that brief and fleeting season of the year called summer, and if we haven't already done so, it is time to think of the flurry of events that assails us annually at this time. You have to stay on top of things or you might miss some really fun activities.

The following are the events along with a brief sketch of the activities, dates and times, as well as a contact name and number.

★June 4-6, Joint Meet with the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks at Sheep Creek Lodge. *Friday (June 4th) 6:00 p.m.* Cookout at Giggewood Resort: as hosts, we are responsible for the main meal, so bring a side dish to go with meat supplied by the club. Fairbanks will provide desserts. (Directions to Giggewood Resort below) *Saturday, 10:00 a.m.:* Car games at Senior Center (south of Cubby Grocery Store near Talkeetna Junction.) *Saturday, 12:00 noon:* Cookout at Giggewood. *Saturday afternoon:* Scavenger hunt on drive into Talkeetna. *Saturday, 6:00 p.m.:* Banquet at Sheep Creek Lodge—order from menu. *Sunday:* breakfast on your own. (Available at Sheep Creek Lodge.) *Directions to Giggewood Resort:* At mile 87.9 of Parks Highway, near Sheep Creek Lodge, turn east on Hidden Hills Access Road. Continue ½ mile to junction. At the junction, a Giggie Woods lakeside sign directs you to turn left on Caswell Lakes Road. Follow road 4 miles to Rainbow Ridge, turn left and continue a block to the Giggie Wood Lodge.

★June 11th is Colony Days Car

Show in Palmer. This is an entertaining show with a variety of vehicles, as well as time for old and new friends. (Jim Ede, 907-376-4631)

★June 12th is Colony Days Parade in Palmer. There is nothing like Palmer for small-town flavor of a parade. (LeRoi Heaven, 907-376-5679)

★June 18th is Daybreak Center, where we can brighten the day of the clients, who suffer from a variety of age-related illnesses. (Dennis and Diane Allen, 345-6355)

★June 18th-21st is the Fairbanks Midnight Sun Solstice Celebration, featuring a multitude of activities at the remarkable Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum and other locations in the Fairbanks area. (Nancy DeWitt, 907-458-6112)

★June 25th is our visit to Ser-

endipity Center. Again, this is a chance for us to give a lift to seniors in a daycare situation. (Dennis and Diane Allen, 345-6355)

★July 3 is our second Adopt-A-Road cleanup for the summer. (Tom and Marcy Cresap, 694-7510)

★July 4th, we have several parades: Anchorage is 10:00 a.m. (Robbie Robinson, 333-0693) Chugiak is 2:00 p.m. with a picnic at Cresaps' afterwards. (Tom and Marcy Cresap, 694-7510) Wasilla is great fun. For details, call LeRoi Heaven, 907-376-5679.

★July 9th is the Bear Paw car show in Eagle River. Show up at Business Boulevard early (4:30 p.m.) to procure a spot in the show.

★July 10th is Bear Paw Parade. 11:00 (9:00 for judging) Call Tom or Marcy Cresap, 694-7510.

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AAMA member, Jim McCubbin, shows off his beautiful 1930 Chevrolet in the parking lot at Mirror Lake. The occasion was a (mostly) Model A cruise to Mirror Lake for a picnic. The group later continued on to Eklutna Lake for ice cream at Rochelle's (which happened to be closed that day) before heading back home.

Letters & Emails:

Help Unravel this Gordon Hartlieb Connection

Tom,

I thought I'd forward this in case the car or "the old gent" rings a bell with any of your members.

Is there an opportunity to get another plug in the Tinkering Times for our Midnight Sun Cruise-In? It's shaping up to be a fun event!

Cheers,

Nancy DeWitt

Hi Nancy:

In 1998 I purchased a 1936 DeSoto Airflow from the estate of Gordon Hartlieb of Anchorage. I first met Gordon in 1977 when he was the chairman of the board of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Anchorage. The unrestored 1936 DeSoto Airflow was exhibited in the lobby of the bank along with a number of Model A Ford's that he had restored.

I had never seen a DeSoto Airflow before and over the years I told him I would be interested in buying the Airflow if he ever wanted to part with it. All he ever told me about the car was he bought it from the "old gent" that brought it to Alaska. I wish I would have asked more questions over the years.

Gordon passed away in 1998 and shortly thereafter his family contacted me and told me that Gordon asked them to give me the opportunity to buy the Airflow if they decided to sell his cars after he was gone. They honored his request and I did buy the car in 1998. It was loaded on a barge and shipped to Tacoma where I lived at the time

and I drove it home. I have totally restored the car and am now taking it to car shows where I have won many trophies.

Sadly, the family could never locate any documentation about when he bought the Airflow and who the "old gent" was that he bought it from. I learned from the Chrysler Historical Society that the car was originally sold in Boise, ID. After searching their records the Idaho DMV assured me that the car was never licensed or titled in Idaho.

All I can do is speculate that the "old gent" that bought the car immediately took it to Alaska. I have contacted the Alaska DMV several times and have paid them the fees they requested to search the lineage of the car. All they will tell me is who I bought the car from which I obviously know.

I do not know if Alaska has records dating back before statehood or if my attempt to learn the name of the "old gent" is a futile undertaking. But, I am going to keep trying.

I saw the article in the April 29th Old Cars Weekly about your museum and thought I would give it a try to see if you have any

means of tracing the lineage of Alaskan cars or if you can give me any ideas on how I might go about it. Needless to say the history of autos in Alaska is fascinating and I will add your museum to my places to visit the next time I visit Alaska.

Thank you for any information you can provide.

Sincerely,

Ron Robbel

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Member to Member: Thanks!

Dear Tom,

You can pull my ad asking for Ford transmission parts. As it turns out, one of our members saw the ad, had the needed transmission and was gracious enough to remove it and bring it over.

I would like to thank Gene Topp for his help in obtaining the needed early Ford transmission.

Also, Tom, thanks for all your work on the Tinkering Times each month. It is a very nice publication and a great way to communicate to all club members.

Dave Syren

At the Mother's Day Run, Ron Swartz captured an interesting contrast in style between Scott and Sheryl Hulse's 1958 Rolls Royce and Diane Allen's 1965 Thunderbird



Photo: Ron Swartz



On May 8, 21 AAMA members gathered at the Muldoon Carr's to take care of the first 2010 cleanup. A scrumptious breakfast of fruit, rolls, coffee and other goodies was provided by host, Robbie Robinson. The group consisted of (l-to-r) Ken Evans, Jerry Roach, Robbie Robinson, Mike Leal, Desirae Leal, Howard Hansen, Tim Godfrey, Ted Kimzey, Jeff Hassler, Donn Reese, Bryan Anderson and his son, Kurt Rein, Barb and Dick Henningsen, Dave Mackey, Diane Allen, Gwyn Wiedmer, and Dennis Allen. Insets: left, Desirae Leal displays the dollar bill she found along the road; right, Dick and Barb Henningsen show off the scooter they found. (All photos: Tom Cresap)

June

Birthdays

Shirley Cordle–12th
 Madeline Belleau–19th
 Kurt Rein–19th
 Frank Neary–21st
 Barb Hansen–23rd

Anniversaries

Lawrence Taylor–10th
 Ralph and Cathy Centoni–15th
 Bill and Joyce Chace–18th
 Bruce and Marl Campbell–21st
 Betty Westcott and
 Lee Plummer–22nd

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