



## Fabulous Fountainhead Fun in Fairbanks!

The fabulous Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum in Fairbanks hosted the Midnight Sun Solstice Celebration on June 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>.

This inaugural event, co-hosted with the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club, included a dinner cruise on Friday, a car show (with people's choice awards in six classes) on Saturday, a "Tour de Fairbanks" cruise, Museum activities, Steam car and antique engine demonstrations, and an awards dinner Saturday evening.

A leisurely Saturday morning museum tour presented by docent, Nancy Allen, led to a demonstration of a 1910 Stanley Steamer by Alan Kelso, from Pennsylvania. Alan lighted the boiler, got the steam up and drove the 100-year-old car around the museum campus.

After the Stanley Steamer demonstration, Alan James showed the group a rather large 1906 Fairbanks-Morse 20 H.P. gasoline engine.

Meanwhile, about 130 cars were on display in the Wedgewood Hotel Parking area. The show was judged by popular vote in six categories. Congratulations go to one of our members, Bob Bartlett, who won People's Choice Award in his division for his 1931 Model A pickup.

The celebration ended Saturday night with an awards banquet emceed by Dennis Gage, star of Speed Channel's "My Classic Car," entertainment by Mr. Whitekeys of Fly by Night fame and a surprise appearance by Alaska Governor, Sean Parnell.

On Sunday, part of the Antique



Photo: Tom Cresap

*One of the many highlights of the 2010 inaugural Fairbanks Northern Lights Solstice Celebration was the demonstration of a working Stanley Steamer by Alan Kelso, an expert all the way from Pennsylvania. Here, Alan takes Mr. Whitekeys (the Anchorage entertainer who did the show for the awards banquet that night) and entourage for a ride after demonstrating the arduous task of getting the thing fired up.*

Auto Musers contingent drove north to Chatanika for a look at some of the historic mining locations. Then, on Monday, the same group went for a sightseeing trip down the Richardson Highway to the Copper Center Lodge before returning to Anchorage on Tuesday.

### July Meeting

The July 14, 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 cruise was planned by Jeff Hassler. Thanks, Jeff, for a superbly planned and fun cruise and stop at O'Malley's on the Green.

# Running Board Reflections

Summer merrily rolls on, sweeping us along with it in the usual frenetic pace. June was rather full with events, I hope most of you are getting out with your old cars and getting the winter kinks worked out of them.

Due to various other things cropping up I haven't been at some of the club events I'd hoped to go to, although the Imperial has been getting a decent run around this summer taking me to work and on errands. We've had some ups and downs with our modern cars this year and the upshot has been we're down to one modern daily driver with the Imperial frequently filling in as a daily driver when we both are going different directions.

A common query this past several months has been when I'm going to fix the dent and paint the Imperial. Usually someone from the general public will ask if I'm going to restore the car. Everyone can be assured progress is being made, just on a slow schedule and so far nothing immediately obvious. Mechanically, the Imperial is now in better condition than in many



*President, Donn Reese, joins club members enjoying the view (and later the snacks) at O'Malley's on the Green in Anchorage during the June rolling meeting.*

years and, piece-by-piece, I'm getting all the systems fully working again. The body and paint are still a couple of years off but with luck and perseverance, it'll get there. Bear with me and unless someone with taller fins comes into the club, the battle-scarred Imperial will still be showing up.

Meanwhile, I hope to see each of you in your rides sometime in the next few months. Keep the old iron rolling.

-Donn Reese



Photo: Tom Cresap

*About 20 cars were included in the June rolling meeting cruise, which was planned by Jeff Hassler. Some of the cars are seen here parked at O'Malley's on the Green in south Anchorage. Included in this photo are Dennis and Diane Allen's '66 Thunderbird, Sara Stoops' 1958 Chevrolet, Dave Mackey's 1958 Nash Metropolitan, Marcy Cresap's 1966 Mustang and Howard Hansen's 1936 Dodge coupe.*



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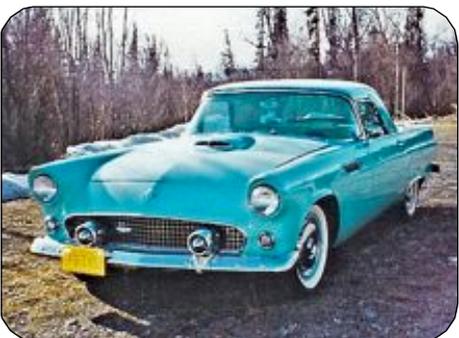
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## One Man's Treasures



**For Sale:** 1958/59 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud 1 LSHF 163 SS Saloon left-hand drive, gold over milk chocolate with brown leather interior. Arizona car, 72,000 miles; includes all tools, manuals, cover and spares. Needs repair on seat leather and brakes. Advanced age and health force sale. \$27,500 Call 907-235-8819



**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

- July 9–6:00 Bear Paw Car Show (Show up by 4:30 to get a spot.)
- July 10–9:00 Bear Paw Parade (Tom and Marcy Cresap, 694-7510; Tom, 862-7511; Marcy, 947-7509)
- 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)



July 3, 2010 saw the second cleanup of the AAMA's Adopt-A-Road area on Northern Lights from Muldoon to Boniface. The small, but hearty, cleanup crewmembers were: Marcy Cresap (host) Dick Henningsen, Howard Hansen, Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer, David and Barb Henningsen and Tom Cresap.

## AAMA Cars Brighten Chugiak Parade

Part of the Antique Auto Musers group participated in the Chugiak parade, while others stayed in Anchorage. Some venturesome souls did both.

Seven vehicles, led by Bruce Campbell in his 1915 Model T Calliope, plied the three-mile long parade route from Latimer Fire Hall to the Senior Center. As usual, intermittent sections went without an audience, but the parade moved well, and the crowd was appreciative.

Two cars made it to both the Anchorage and the Chugiak parades: The Aschenbrenner family with their model A and Bruce and Marl Campbell with their Model T calliope.

After the parade, everyone went to Cresaps' place for a picnic before heading home.

### Chugiak parade participants

Allens—1965 Ford Thunderbird Landau  
Aschenbrenners—1930 Model A  
Campbells—1915 Model T Calliope  
Cresaps—1925 Model T Touring  
Hansens—Dodge pickup  
Hasslers—1940 Ford  
Henningsens—1956 Thunderbird



Photo: Tom Cresap

Young David Henningsen, grandson of Dick and Barb Henningsen, proved to be the most enthusiastic of the AAMA trash collectors at our July 3 Adopt-A-Road cleanup.



Photo: Connie Aschenbrenner

This happy group rode in seven antique cars in the Chugiak 4th of July Parade. They are (l to r) Tom and Marcy Cresap, Betty Hassler, Barb Hansen, Marl and Bruce Campbell (in Model T Calliope) Diane and Dennis Allen, David, Barb and Dick Henningsen, Howard Hansen, Anny, John, Katy and Lare Aschenbrenner.

## AAMA Gives Lift at Daybreak and Serendipity

by Diane Allen

On 6/17/2010 the following AAMA members and their cars arrived at about 1:00 pm at the **Daybreak Senior Day Center** to give people rides in their old cars: Dennis and Diane Allen, two cars: 1964 Lincoln Continental & 1965 Ford Thunderbird Landau; Kurt Rein, 1966 Ford Mustang; Sara Stoops, 1958 Chevrolet Belair; and Mike Wiedmer 1956 Ford Thunderbird.

It was an overcast day but no rain, we had a number of people who braved the chilly weather to ride in the old cars. They all had a good time. Later on we were treated to delicious rhubarb crisp and coffee. We departed for home about 2:40 pm.

On 6/24/2010, We arrived at 1:00 pm (except for Dennis and Diane who were late) at **Serendipity Senior Day**

**Center** part of the Salvation Army's Organization. Dennis and Diane brought their 1965 Ford Thunderbird Landau, Howard Hansen brought his 1959 Kaiser Dragon, Ted Kimsey brought his 1948 International Flatbed Truck, Dave Mackay brought his 1960 Nash Metropolitan, and Kurt Rein brought his 1926 Packard Sedan. We arrived at 1:00 to take any of the Seniors there for rides if they wanted too. They started coming out of the building rather slowly due to the cold. As the sun came out from behind the clouds we had many people ready to ride in the cars. There were two or three people who wound up with a ride in each of the cars, and they were delighted! We continued giving rides until about 2:50, when we headed for home. We had a wonderful time sharing our cars with so many people.

# Mushers Brave 'Iffy' 4th Weather

by Donn Reese

The 4th of July, 2010 dawned dark and gray in South Anchorage and sporting a rain shower. However, when 9:00 a.m. came and it was time to head to the parade staging area, the rain relented and the skies grew brighter. The old Imperial may leak a tad in the rear end but otherwise it doesn't fear the rain, so we headed out.

The Auto Mushers had thirteen cars in the parade, as well as Kurt Rein carrying a VIP near the front of the parade.

We had a nice mix with cars from the 1910s and 1950s-1970s. Bruce led the way with his 1915 Calliope—everyone loves the loud noises he makes—and Mr. Whitekeys drove one of the Wiedmer's cars.

One of our participants, Mitch Mitchell, tells me the last parade he was in was when Northern Lights Blvd. was still a two-way street. Rick and Liz

Mingo's ever-popular "PINK E" brought up the rear of our group.

The crowds lining the streets were constant and especially numerous along the Park Strip. Many folks enjoyed seeing us out in force with the vintage cars.

We never got much in the way of sun downtown, but it stayed bright and no one got wet.

I want to thank everyone who was in the parade for bringing their cars out on such an iffy day, it turned out great and the parade folks allowed us to drive in pairs, so we kept things moving well for most of the route.

A special thanks also goes to Robbie for chairing this parade event. Organizing everyone and coordinating with the parade folks takes a bit of time and, sometimes, diplomatic patience. Thank you, sir, you are much appreciated.

## AAMA participants in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Anchorage

John Aschenbrenner—1930 Model A roadster  
 Bruce Campbell - 1915 Ford Model T Calliope  
 Allen Combs – 1976 Cadillac  
 Jim Fredenhagen – 1929 Ford Tudor A  
 Dave Mackey – 1960 Metropolitan  
 Mitch Mitchell – 1966 Mercury  
 Donn Reese – 1960 Imperial  
 Kurt Rein – 1926 Packard  
 Robbie Robinson – 1930 Ford Model A Fordor  
 Sara Stoops – 1958 Chevy Sedan  
 Boyd Watson – 1930 Ford Model A Roadster  
 Mr. Whitekeys (driving Wiedmer's 1949 Ford convertible)  
 Mike Wiedmer – 1936 Reo Wagon  
 Gwyn Wiedmer – 1956 'T' Bird

# HOPE WEEKEND: 16 – 18 JULY, 2010

by Dennis Allen

AAMA will be in Hope for Wagon Trail Days 16 thru 18 July. **We have the Methodist Retreat reserved for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.**

Dennis and Diane plan to drive down late Thursday or early Friday and plan the parking in front of the Retreat. There will be no parking in front of the library, library gift shop, or on the library lawns.

If you don't bring an RV or tent, the Retreat will be available for sleeping and cooking. The Retreat has running water, toilet, and shower. I think the outhouse is still available for those who favor the more rustic facility.

**Activities available**—5.3 K cross country run, Raffle, Hope-Sunrise Museum, Pancake breakfast, bake sale, gold panning, fishing, hiking, and bike riding. Profits from events around town support all of Hope's non-profit organizations such as the Hope- Sunrise EMS.

**Friday 16 July** - Dennis and Diane

will be there Friday afternoon. There are no formal activities planned for Friday night. We will direct parking as members arrive to best utilize the available space. It will help if you let Dennis know the size of your RV ahead of time.

**Saturday 17 July** - The morning will be spent setting up, visiting, and just enjoying the ambiance of Hope. Everyone is on their own for breakfast and lunch (The Discovery Café is a great place to eat and there is a pancake feed at the social hall from 8:00 – 11:00 am). Our first parade will be after lunch. Saturday evening we will have a potluck and Hamburger/Hot Dog/Spare Rib feed. The club will provide the ribs, hamburgers, wienies, and buns with condiments. Members bring a dish to share. Another parade and tour of beautiful downtown Hope is planned for after dinner.

**Sunday 18 July** - Our annual pancake feed will be between 8 and 10 AM. Dennis and Diane will provide the

pancakes and everyone else should bring something to share. Wagon Trail Run check-in is 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the Hope Social Hall and the race starts at 11 AM. Delay your return to Anchorage after the race and awards ceremony and share leftovers for lunch and stay Sunday night to avoid the mad rush on the Seward Highway.

## What To Bring

**You** for an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

**Your collector car** for sightseeing and parades. We will plan a location for any trailers.

**Potluck dish** for Saturday night.

**Something to share** at Sunday morning pancake feed.

**Your favorite music instrument and/or board games** to share with other members.

**It will help if everyone planning to attend would contact Dennis at 345-6355 or [allendd@alaska.net](mailto:allendd@alaska.net)** prior to 10 July so he can anticipate space required and number of mouths to feed.



Just a few shots of our trip to the Fountainhead Midnight Sun Solstice Celebration in Fairbanks. Clockwise from top left: Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer polish Gwyn's '56 Thunderbird, Bob Bartlett poses with his pickup and trophy won at the car show; Alan James displays 1906 Fairbanks-Morse 20 H.P. gasoline engine; Robars, Ishams Fredenhagens, Kimzeys and Cresaps park at the Chatanika Fairbanks Exploration Gold Camp. (Photos: Tom Cresap)

# July

## Birthdays

Shelbie Fredenhagan—6<sup>th</sup>  
 Kaylene Brown—14<sup>th</sup>  
 Dick Henningsen—14<sup>th</sup>  
 Clare Batchelor—19<sup>th</sup>  
 Lee Plummer—20<sup>th</sup>  
 Esther Combs—24<sup>th</sup>  
 Margaret Beck—25<sup>th</sup>  
 Robin Robbins—27<sup>th</sup>  
 Jim Graham—30<sup>th</sup>  
 Judy Morefield—30<sup>th</sup>  
 Betty Westcott-Plummer—30<sup>th</sup>  
 Gwyn Wiedmer—31<sup>st</sup>

## Anniversaries

Dennis and Diane Allen—6<sup>th</sup>  
 Dave and Margaret Beck—21<sup>st</sup>  
 Greg and Jean Lear—21<sup>st</sup>  
 Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer—24<sup>th</sup>  
 Apologies and belated best wishes to Ron and Carol Watts, whose anniversary was the 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

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