



Kodiak Provides Sunny Getaway

At 9:00 a.m., Tuesday July 13, thirteen AAMA cars and their respective drivers and passengers met at the Carr's-Safeway parking lot on Huffman in Anchorage to begin the 2010 long distance tour to Kodiak Island.

The objective for the day was to travel to Homer, where they were to meet the Alaska ferry, Tustumena, for a 10:30 departure to Kodiak Island.

The trip to Homer was problematic for two cars: Ron and Carol Watts' 1966 Mustang and Jim and Victoria Fredenhagen's 1954 Ford. Watts' Mustang had engine problems and they had to drop out and return to Eagle River. Fredenhagens' Ford's battery had to be replaced in Soldotna, but they were able to rejoin the group later for dinner and to load onto the ferry.

The ferry was late, both leaving Homer and arriving at Kodiak, but we had a smooth crossing and arrived at about 10:00 the next morning.

After checking in at the Shelikof Hotel Wednesday morning, the group traveled to Pillar Mountain for photos and a picnic. Pillar Mountain is the site of various communications towers and Kodiak's new wind farm. Next was a brief stop at Fort Abercombe Historic Park before visiting Near Island and the Kodiak Fisheries Research Center.

The Fisheries Research Center is Kodiak Island's 45,937-square-foot, multi-agency laboratory and office building. It was spurred forward and financed by the disastrous 1989 Exxon-Valdez oil spill. The \$20-million project was completed in



Photo: Sara Stoops

Marl "Easy Rider" Campbell samples a hog at the Saturday afternoon car show at Kodiak High School during AAMA's July 13-19, 2010 Long Distance Tour. The group was treated to uncommonly clear and beautiful weather for most of their stay. The Kodiak Islanders were very friendly, and they apparently were charmed at the presence of our old cars.

1998. The state-of-the-art facility brings together three fisheries research agencies: NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

The facility's interpretive center comprised of the two-story main lobby area provides knowledge of the diverse ecosystems of the Kodiak Archipelago. Among other displays, the interpretive area features a 10' diameter cylindrical aquarium and an open "touch tank" to give visitors a close-up and hands-on interaction with some of Kodiak's most fascinating

marine creatures.

On Thursday, the group drove out

(Please see p. 4, **Kodiak Trip**)

August Meeting

The August 11, 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.

Running Board Reflections

The rains came a little early this year, it seems, and the Imperial has been hiding out in the garage a bit more than usual—mostly to dry it out after I've had to drive it in the rain. Fifty-year-old weather stripping just doesn't seal out much.

With so many folks gone for the Long Distance Tour to Kodiak, we had a thin crowd at the July club meeting – thirteen people total. We still had a meeting but no serious business was discussed. We expect to have a speaker discussing the Vet-

eran's Memorial on the Park Strip at the August meeting.

Remember the main event coming up: Show & Shine on August 1 on the Park Strip in Anchorage. Hopefully the weather will dry out for us and I'll see a lot of you there.

We are also looking forward to the Alaska State Fair Parade and Car Show. It is not too early to think about reserving August 28th for this fun event and the time it affords us to be at and enjoy the State Fair.

Donn Reese

Last-Minute Announcements

★ Check It Out Car Show - This Saturday, July 24th, noon to 4:00 pm at Check It Out Auto Sales Mile 40 of the Parks Highway across from Lowe's and next door to Evangleo's. There will food, door prizes, and awards! (A Valley Cruiser event)

★ 5th annual Valley Trash Show-N-Shine, July 31 Noon-4pm at the Alpine Historical Park

★ The group organizing the dedication ceremony for the opening of Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue has asked if the AAMA are interested in

participating. Are we? The dedication occurs on Wednesday, August 4 with a parade approximately 12:15 to 12:45pm. The entire ceremony is from 11am - 2pm. MLK Ave. is the new extension of Boniface south of Tudor and connecting with Elmore Road at the entrance to MOA Public Works.

If you are interested in participating, please let me know right away so I can call the event organizers and tell them yes/no.

Thanks, Donn



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Eagle River Bear Paw No Big Deal



Photo: Ted Kimzey

The weather provided a few sprinkles for the 2010 Eagle River parade. This was the first time in about five years that AAMA has participated in the event, largely due to conflicting schedules.

Four AAMA cars participated: three as AAMA entries, and one in a separate category for



Photo: Tom Cresap

Credit Union One. The three AAMA cars were: 1925 Model T, Tom and Marcy Cresap; 1930 Model A, Ted and Colleen Kimzey; 1963 Corvair Monza convertible, Ron Swartz, and friend, Scott. Christina Diaz, drove Marcy Cresap's 1966 Mustang for the Credit Union.

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.

For Sale: Parts car, located in Hope. 1957 Chevrolet 4D HT. Good hood, rear window, trunk lid, doors, misc 265 V8 parts. Make offer—Richard Hogan, 782-9733 or 953-9733.

Schedule of Events

- July 31—Valley Trash Show-N-Shine
- August 1—Jay Ofsthun Car Show (MSSRA event)
- August 4—11:00-2;00 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue dedication (Call Donn Reese if you plan to attend.)
- 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)



The Kodiak Fisheries Research Center offered many learning experiences, including the 10-foot diameter aquarium. In this photo, Howard Hansen and Jim Fredenhagen are looking at some of the denizens of the waters around Kodiak Island. The animals are rotated in and out of the tank by NOAA divers on a regular basis. Fresh, filtered sea water from the local bay is also constantly circulated to keep the animals healthy.

Photo: Tom Cresap

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

For Sale: 1949 Packard 8 cylinder, 4 door sedan, dark green, new tires, standard transmission; good condition (3-4); has been stored inside for several years. Price: negotiable, Jon Lillevik, 37325 Cetacea Lane; Kenai, AK., 907-398-4611

Jim Swanson September 2, 1923-July 12, 2010



James "Jim" Swanson, 86, died Monday morning, July 12, 2010 after a two-month battle with mesothelioma. He was surrounded by family and friends at the time of his peaceful passing.

A service for Jim was held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church on Elmore Road in Anchorage. He will be buried July 24 in Bremerton, Washington.

Jim was born September 2, 1923, in Herrington, Kansas. He spent the first 14 years of his life with his family on their farms in Herrington and Topeka.

In 1943, Jim joined the U.S. Army and served in Europe during World War II from 1943 to 1945. After his return, he moved with his family to Bremerton, where he met his wife, Joyce.

In 1970, Jim moved to Anchorage to prepare a place for his wife and four children, Gordy Swanson,

Wally Swanson, Peggy Swanson Beck and Linda Swanson Johnson. In 1971, the family joined him in Anchorage.

In 1988, Jim retired from the Local 699 Sprinkler Fitters Union. He spent his retired years crafting and restoring four beautiful antique automobiles and spending time with his family and five grandchildren. Jim was a member of the Shriners, Masons, VFW, American Legion and the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska.

He is survived by his wife, four children, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, four sisters and one brother.

Kodiak Trip is Varied and Beautiful

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the Chiniak highway to the Pasagshak State recreation area for a picnic lunch before heading on to the Kodiak Launch Facility, where AAMA member, Art Isham, had arranged a tour.

Kodiak Launch Complex is Alaska's spaceport, owned and operated by the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation, an agency of the state of Alaska. It is designed to launch payloads into polar orbit and to launch smaller rockets into sub-orbital flight.

The complex occupies 3,717 acres at Narrow Cape on Kodiak Island and is sometimes referred to as "the other cape."

Thursday and Friday, the group visited other picturesque and historic locations on the island, such as Anton Larson Bay, Cape Chiniak and Fort Abercombe, a World War II historic site.

At 2:00 on Saturday, the United States Coast Guard in the person of

AACA's 75th Birthday

by Dave Chiotti

The AACA 75th Anniversary Celebration was held in Louisville Kentucky. The host hotel was Crowne Plaza Airport. The cab ride from the airport to the hotel took all of five minutes and the hotel shuttle had you at the Kentucky Exposition Center in moments.

The Expo Center hosts the Kentucky State Fair each August. Over 73,000 visitors can pour into the facility's two arenas and stadium simultaneously, the auditorium seats 600.

(Please see p. 5, 75th Birthday)

Ian Hurst (a Dolphin helicopter pilot) hosted the AAMA'ers in a tour of the Kodiak station, the largest in the world.

Time was winding down, but the group managed to stage a car show at Kodiak High School before lining up at the ferry dock at 9:15 for an 11:15 departure.

Back in Homer the next day, we toured the scenic road system and ended the day with a potluck at Tam and Art Isham's cabin. Most of the group spent the night at Land's End and departed for Anchorage Monday morning.

We offer kudos to Bruce Campbell for putting together yet another wonderful long distance tour. Thanks also go to Art Isham for arranging the tour of the Kodiak Launch Complex and to Tam and Art for graciously hosting us at their cabin. Finally, the group appreciated the hospitality of Martha Barnett at the Fisheries Center and Joe Stevens at the Kodiak Military History Museum at Miller Point Ft. Abercombe.

A Retrospective glance:

Talkeetna Site of 2010 Joint Meet

Note: Your editor and "his staff" had to be out of state during the Anchorage-Fairbanks joint meet, and since no one came forward (till now) with a story, this event didn't get covered in a timely fashion. Sorry, but here it is, thanks to our man in Fairbanks, Bill Chace.

by Bill Chace

Dateline: June 4-6, 2010-Talkeetna, Alaska

Did you know it's nearly impossible to find a Pinecone in the interior of Alaska? You'd think with all the trees we just allow to burn in wildfires, you'd be able to find a simple pinecone.

Well, during a scavenger hunt at the Talkeetna AAMA/VLNAAC Joint Antique Car meet in June, approximately 38 people proved that a true pinecone is a rare commodity. Only one Ponderosa Pine cone and 3 Scotch pine cones were produced during the scavenger hunt on Saturday. The contest ended in a three way draw between Chace, Grundy and Larrick, all of Fairbanks.

Going into overtime twice to break the tie, judges decided Larrick's cone was so squirrel-gnawed that its' ancestry was questionable and was eliminated. A bank of vehicle related safety questions were asked to break the tie between Chaces and Grundys,



Photo: Bill Chace

AAMA (Anchorage) and VLNAAC (Fairbanks) members mill around Giggglewood Resort in Talkeetna during the 2010 Annual Joint meet, hosted this year by the Anchorage club.

with the Chaces winning the scavenger hunt for the prize, a AAA road service card.

Five vehicles from Fairbanks and eight from Anchorage were present for this year's auto competition at the Talkeetna Junction Senior Center. The battle was fierce from the beginning. Participants checked their skill at parking their car in a garage, matching their driving time, and other games.

The historic village of Talkeetna certainly knew of our presence. Many local businesses willingly assisted us in our search for scavenged items and the two thousand or more Tourists gladly dug deep to produce many rare and glorious items such as a non Alaska business card.

75th Birthday for AACCA

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There are over 1,000 permanent horse stalls and 19,000 lighted parking spaces.

Thursday we visited Church Hill Downs, the home of the Kentucky Derby. We watched two races and had a well guided tour of the grounds. Twelve school buses were needed to bus us to the waterfront and dinner on the Belle of Louisville for a cruise on the Ohio River.

Friday gave us time to explore the beautiful countryside with a trip to Maker's Mark Distillery. We returned to the Crowne Plaza by 2:00 p.m. for Judging School.

The Friday night social hour gave us time to visit with old friends. The banquet dinner sat about 1000 people. After dinner a presentation was given on the 1908 Great Race from N. Y. to Paris.

Saturday started with the Judge's

An ending disclaimer lest there be confusion: there are no native cone bearing Pine trees in interior Alaska where the Spruce tree grows. According to the local Historical Society wag, the scotch pine trees were planted at the Children's Playground next to the airstrip as an experiment 7 years ago, and cones are rare. However a few knowledgeable shop owners keep a few cones around for tourists to compare. They willingly gave them to us (including the 14 inch Ponderosa cone someone's sister sent from California as a joke.) Only a few participants actually saw the Scotch Pine trees, and no one picked any new cones.

The entire trip was a success with no mishaps, and everyone returned home safely.

Breakfast. Marilyn was presented with a certificate and a pin for reaching the Senior Master Judging level of twenty-five credits.

The show field was held inside the North Wing of the Expo Center. 670 vehicles were on display Saturday for class judging, with about 300 judges present. This one "room" has a posted occupancy of 13,700 people. The Award Presentation closed the Celebration.

Sunday, July fourth gave us time to visit the flea market being held in the South Wing of the Expo Center. It had been going on the same time as the AACCA event. The South Wing is 165,000 square feet so it took a fair amount of time to cover it.

After a little "pool time" we headed back to the Waterfront and the Belle of Louisville to again cruise the river, but this time to see the fireworks. They put on quite a show.

Hope, Lake Wobegon Warmed Over

by Dennis Allen

It was a quiet weekend in Hope (not unlike a quiet week in Lake Wobegon!). With many of our members on the long distance tour to Kodiak there were only two AAMA families to uphold the clubs honor at the annual Wagon Trail Days in Hope, Alaska.

Dennis and Diane Allen brought their 1934 Ford Fordor, and Dick and Barb Henningsen brought their 1956 Ford Thunderbird.

In addition to the Allens and Henningsens, Dick and Barb's daughter-in-law Kim and grandchildren Sarah and David swelled our ranks. Then, about mid-day Saturday, Lindsay and Lisa Bowen from Girdwood visited. Lindsay is the girlfriend of Ryan Schlueter, Henningsen's grandson. Shortly after, Frank and Teresa Neery arrived to share our spare rib and potluck feast. Between friends and relations, the numbers were growing.

The weather on Saturday was bright and sunny with time for breakfast at the Social Hall, site seeing, Rumicube (a rummy like game played with domino style pieces), socializing, and talking cars with many Hope visitors. We attended a poetry recital and reading by Dave Thompson at the Hope Sunrise Museum, where we heard poetry by the Bard of the North, Robert Service, and by Robert Frost. The readings were followed by a cake walk at the Social Hall, where David won cupcakes for our Saturday evening desert.

After dinner we all loaded into our two cars for a parade through Beautiful Downtown Hope. Our tour ended at the Pioneer Liquor Store—not for a purchase but to present a large framed photograph of the Davidson family matriarch, Velma Davidson. The photo was taken on the occasion of the 2000

Wagon Trail Days in Hope and shows Velma in the driver's seat of Tom and Marcy Cresap's 1925 Model T.

On Sunday Dennis prepared the traditional pancake breakfast, this time adding strawberries, pecans, or blueberries by request. Henningsens provided sausage, bacon, and fruit. On Saturday we were concerned there would be no puddles on the Wagon Trail Run but the weatherman took care of that with rain late Saturday and into Sunday.

The race took place with the usual

large crowd including Dennis, David, and Sarah. We were all winners—no awards but we completed the course. Dennis set a new personal record, never has he been so slow! The rain continued most of Sunday but abated long enough for the awards ceremony and raffle drawing. Diane had two tickets drawn, one for a one night stay at the Discovery Cabins on Bear Creek and the other for a meal for two at the Seaview Cafe. Sunday afternoon Henningsens left. Dennis and Diane spent a rainy night and left on Monday.



Photo: Dennis Allen



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Top Photo: Sarah and David, children of Brett and Kim Henningsen and Grandchildren of Dick and Barb Henningsen, complete the Hope run in good form.

Bottom Photo: David Henningsen hanging out at the fish rack in front of Sourdough Dru's.

Top Photo: Present in front of the Pioneer Liquor store for the presentation of the framed photo of Velma Davidson in Tom & Marcy Cresap's 1925 Ford Model T Touring were, L to R, Dennis, David, Kim, Barb, Megan, Diane, Eric, Sarah, and Dick Sourdough Dru, an iconic personality who is always present during our Hope visits, is seen on the front porch of her store taking pictures of AAMA cars.



Photo: Deiree Schmidt

Above, at the Kodiak Launch Complex on Narrow Cape (sometimes called "the other Cape," AAMA cars gather for a scenic photo with the launch tower in the background. Left to right: 1947 Plymouth, Cresaps; 1949 Ford, Wiedmers; 1958 Rolls Royce, Hulses; 1957 Ford, Campbells; 1956 Pontiac, Ishams; 1930 Model A, Kimzeys; 1966 Mustang, Rein; 1940 Dodge, Hansens; 1958 Chevy, Stoops; 1955 Plymouth, Grundys; 1960 Thunderbird, Benhams and 1954 Ford, Fredenhagens. not pictured: 1951 Plymouth, Chaces.



Photo: Tom Cresap

AAMA'ers toured Kodiak Coast Guard Station guided by Ian Hurst.



Bill and Joyce at Saturday car show with WWII veteran and Kodiak resident, 84-year-old Robert Hatcher.



Photo: Bill Chace

A cow moose and two calves visited while we were enjoying the Ishams' hospitality at their cabin.



Photo: Joyce Chace

"Helpful Howard" and Bill Chace put the finishing touches on repairs on Bill's 1951 Plymouth. The car was out of commission for most of a day due to carburetor and ignition problems.



Photo: Bill Chace

Art and Tam Isham hosted the group at their cabin on the hillside in Homer.



Photo: Bill Chace

Kodiak was beautiful as we departed at about 11:30 Saturday evening. Both our voyages to and from the island were smooth, and we slept like babies.



Photo: Tom Cresap

Kodiak has cut energy costs significantly by installing a wind farm on Pillar mountain, above the city. Here, AAMA cars park below the windmills for a picnic.

August

Birthdays

Julia Ede-1st

Margaret Heaven-2nd

Sandy Severson-4th

Fritz Wohlwend-4th

Marianne Robinson-6th

Doug Smith-8th

David Tullis-8th

Jimmy Beck-9th

Max Stoops-10th

Dave Beck-11th

Debbie Smith-11th

Scott Grundy-25th

Jenna Fredenhagen-26th

Kelly Karcz-27th

Bill Chace-31st

Anniversaries

Jim and Victoria Fredenhagen-15th

Donald and Judy Morfield-19th

Howard and Barbara Hansen-20th

Jim and Julia Ede-23rd

Tom and Marcy Cresap-31st

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