



Palmer State Fair Cloudy, Wet Fun

August 28th, 2010 started out cloudy and rainy, and it stayed that way. The typical south central Alaska weather didn't, however, dampen the spirits of 11 AAMA cars and their owners, who showed up for Palmer's annual State Fair Parade.

The parade, which started promptly at 11:00, had an understandably light attendance due to sporadic showers. Even so, the crowds maintained the warm, friendly, small-town parade atmosphere we have come to appreciate.

After the parade, the AAMA contingency proceeded immediately to the fairgrounds and filled the space reserved for our planned car show, which lasted from noon till about 5:00

p.m.

Fair patrons slogged through, and many stopped to enjoy the cars, even though the cars and the people were pretty wet.

Intrepid and somewhat soggy AAMA cars and members in attendance were: 1969 International Harvester truck, LeRoi and Margaret Heaven; 1947 Plymouth, Tom and Marcy Cresap; 1964 Willys Jeep pickup, Brian Anderson and son, Will; 1965 Thunderbird, Dennis and Diane Allen; 1930 Ford Model A, Lee Truesdell; 1958 Rolls Royce, Scott and Sheryl Hulse; 1960 Imperial Don Reese and David Nolta; 1976 Cadillac LTD, Allen and Esther Combs; 1957 Chevy pickup, Bob Shoemaker

(guest); 1956 Ford Thunderbird, Gwyn and Mike Wiedmer and 1956 Crown Victoria, Dick and Barb Henningsen.

We all thank LeRoi and Margaret Heaven for setting up and coordinating both the parade and the car show.

AAMA Attends Chugiak Senior Center 4th Annual Show

by Dennis Allen

On Saturday, August 14, Diane and Dennis Allen were the only representatives of AAMA at the Chugiak - Eagle River Senior Center 4th Annual Auto Show. The day started out overcast in Anchorage but turned into a nice sunny day in Chugiak.

The Allens drove their 1965 T-Bird with their dog, Daisy, as rear
(Please see P.2, Chugiak Senior Center)

Left: Dennis and Diane Allen's companion, Daisy, sits patiently in the back seat of their 1965 Ford Thunderbird Special Landau at the 4th annual Chugiak Senior Center Show.



Photo: Dennis Allen

September Meeting

The September 8, 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

Summer in Alaska is winding down. On the way to the State Fair I noticed the leaves along some stretches of the highway are starting to turn.

Speaking of the Fair, thanks to everyone who came out despite the promise (and later follow-through) of rain. Everyone still seemed to enjoy the State Fair with the crowd remaining strong through the downpour and none of the cars reported any problems, although LeRoi, it's time to fix that window on the International.

September will be the final official Rolling Meeting – one last post-meeting tour of the season. Also in September is our last Adopt-A-Road cleanup for this summer, see the club schedule in this issue or online. Also if you're going on the Denali Park Weekend you should already have made arrangements for accommodations and confirmed with Bruce.

Hope to see you all at the next club meeting.

-Donn Reese



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Photo: Dennis Allen

Chugiak Center Show Potential Destination

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seat passenger. There were many cars they had not seen before and quite a few that had been at the Jay Ofsthun Show & Shine. The classifications were few so they entered the Muscle Car class—a Triumph TR-8 won that class.

There were several pickups with radical hydraulics, and as one lowered, Dennis heard the frame hit the pavement! He decided that

would be good if you wanted to crack walnuts! It was a fun event and the Allens reported that they enjoyed sharing their car with the seniors and their families. They received many comments like "I had one of those except. . ." "Sure don't make 'em like. . ." "My dad always bought. . ." and more.

The show had good potential, and perhaps next year it will see increased AAMA attendance.

One Man's Treasures



For Sale: 1966 Thunderbird; 51,650 miles; one owner; always garaged. Must sell due to health. Jeanne Edwards, 272-0060



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.

Free: Jaguar engine; 6-cyl, 3.5 liter; serial No. 28/1390/338; twin overhead cams; no carbs. Includes transmission with Laycock de Normanville over-drive unit. All garage stored. Kathleen Kritchen, 907-424-3517 (Cordova)

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

Schedule of Events

- September 8–7:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting
- September 11–9:00 a.m. Adopt-A-Road (Sara Stoops and Robbie Robinson)
- September 19-21–Denali Road Trip (Bruce Campbell, 345-3129)
- October 13–7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Nominations) (Refreshments?)
- November 10–7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Elections) (Refreshments?)
- December ?–Christmas Party (TBA)

Campbells Visit Montana in Style



Photo: Bruce Campbell

Marl and Bruce Campbell enjoy the Montana sun in their 1915 Ford Model T Touring while on their tour with the Montana Majestic Mountain Model T National Tour.

by Bruce Campbell

In late July, after our excursion to Kodiak, Marl and I borrowed Tom Cresap's Trailer, loaded up our 1915 Model T and hit the road and headed for Whitefish, Montana to attend the Montana Majestic Mountain Model T National Tour. It was 7 days down

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

and mostly good weather.

The Alaska Highway between the border and Burwash Landing is really a roller coaster—as bad as we've seen it. Some areas were torn up for repairs and very dusty. Its funny but when we travel and it's dusty we whine and wish it would rain. When it's raining and muddy we again complain and wish it were sunny and dry even with the dust.

The highway is now almost devoid of roadhouses. Those remaining have minimal services and overnight facilities fill up fast—sleeping bags

(Please see p. 4 Campbells)

2010 Show and Shine:

Tim Godfrey Wins Jay Ofsthun Award



Photo: Dennis Allen

At left: AAMA members amongst the cars good conversation and hot dogs! Visible in photo: Diane Allen, Sara Stoops, Gwyn Wiedmer, Ken Evans, Ralph Centoni, Jim Fredenhagen, Scott Hulse, and President Donn Reese's arm between Scott's '38 International and Ralph Centoni's '55 Cadillac.

by Dennis Allen

Sunday, August 1, the annual Jay Ofsthun Show and shine happened on the Anchorage Park Strip. It consisted of quite a bit of show, but not much shine. At least the sun remained hidden, although the rain was restrained.

AAMA members enjoyed a lot of visiting, and Dennis Allen even treated them to free hot dogs.

AAMA member, Tim Godfrey, received the coveted Jay Ofsthun Show trophy. This award consists of a travelling trophy, which carries the names of the winners through the years. Tim will also receive an individual trophy, sponsored by the AAMA.

We want to congratulate Tim for having received this prestigious award.

2010 Denali Trip Announcement

Bruce Campbell has announced that the 2010 Denali Park trip will take place September 19-21. Participants will drive up on the 19th, we will tour the park on the 20th and return on the 21st.

If you want to participate, you should make arrangements for overnight accommodations and let Bruce know before September 7. He has to know so that he can arrange for passes.

Campbells Chase Sun in Montana

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aren't a bad idea. The full circle has been achieved, as sleeping bags were needed back in the early 1950's when we first travelled the Highway. We paid a high of \$7.40/gallon for gas on this trip

As usual, we stopped at Rancheria and Athabaskan Falls and enjoyed nature at its best. Marl and I agree that Athabaskan Falls are unique and the most breath taking of all the many falls we have visited in Canada, Alaska, Northwest Territories, etc.—and we have seen a lot of falls. Athabaskan Falls are a few miles South of Jasper.

The Model T meet was at the Big Mountain Ski Resort near Whitefish and required a 7 mile climb up a 9% grade which wasn't much fun in a model T where low gear requires continuous foot pressure on the low speed pedal. There were 179 Model T's at the meet and ours was by far the best. (There were, of course, some different opinions by other owners)

The highlight of the event was

going thru Glacier Park on the “Going to the Sun Highway” and over Logan Pass. This road makes the Denali Park road look like a 4 lane highway. There is barely room for two cars to pass. Shear rock wall on one side and an almost a vertical drop on the other. It was a 240-mile trip in the T.

Also at the meet were Joyce and Bill Chace. We spent part of one day operating on Bill's rear end and eventually found the problem and fixed it so it no longer made funny noises. Actually the older one's rear end gets, the more funny noises it makes. Old timers tell me they used to fill their rear ends with sawdust to solve the problem but Bill would have none of that.

Made it back to Alaska in 6 days and decided not to go for any more drives for awhile—actually a long while.

Thanks to Tom and Marcy for the loan of their trailer. We are sorry about the bullet holes, but we are sure that the duct tape patches will work out just fine.

Dennis and Diane Allen Collect on Hope Prizes

by Dennis Allen

After winning two prizes in the raffle during the Hope Wagon Trail days, Dennis and Diane Allen chose to reap the benefit of their success on 20-21 August. They drove to Hope Friday afternoon on one of the few sunny days this summer just in time to check into the Discovery Cabins and get to a 7 p.m. reading at the Social Hall. The reading was presented by the Hope & Sunrise Historical Society, directed by Marybeth Bielawski-DeLeo, and performed by local actor Elizabeth Ware.

The reading was based on letters written in the form of a diary by Marjorie Carter, a resident of Hope during the 1964 Good Friday earthquake and aftermath. With the backdrop of the old log Social Hall the fear and isolation brought by the earthquake and aftershocks was brought to life as Elizabeth read Marjorie's letters to her family in the lower 48. Hope was cut off from both Anchorage and Seward by collapsed roadway and bridges. Private pilots flying from Anchorage

provided supplies and eventually radio stations were able to broadcast so the residents of Hope were able to learn of the disaster in Anchorage and around the state.

After the reading, the Allens enjoyed their "Dinner For Two" at Homer's Seaview restaurant, where halibut and chips was the top item on the menu!

At noon On Saturday, they attended a potluck and program at the Social Hall. Dr. Jane Haigh posed the question "Was Soapy Smith in Hope?" Dr. Haigh presented historical documentation that proved Jefferson Randolph Smith, AKA Soapy, was in numerous places throughout his life, including the place of his demise, Skagway. In spite of Dr. Haigh's extensive research, documentation proving Soapy's appearance in Hope is thus far elusive. Alas, the question remains unanswered! After the program the Allens enjoyed a very pleasant drive back to Anchorage.



Photo: Dennis Allen

Above: Dennis and Diane on the trail to Cabin #2 at Discovery Cabins on Bear Creek in Hope, Alaska.



Photo: Dennis Allen

Photo captions: AAMA members listen to Mayor Sullivan at the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue dedication.



Photo: Dennis Allen

AAMA cars line up for the parade waiting for the ribbon cutting at dedication of Martin Luther King Avenue in Anchorage. 1960 Imperial, Donn Reese; 1968 Dodge 100, Howard and Barb Hansen; 1956 Crown Victoria, Dick and Barb Henningsen; 1965 Thunderbird, Dennis and Diane Allen.

Elizabeth Scharper:

July 18, 1934-August 17, 2010

Anchorage resident, Elizabeth Sue Scharper, 76, died at Providence Alaska Medical Center on August 17, 2010. Her ashes were interred at Fort Richardson National Cemetery Friday, August 20.

Elizabeth was born to Roxie and Thurman Foster July 18, 1934 in Mountain View, Arkansas.

She was the beloved wife of AAMA member Fred Scharper for 54 years. They moved to Alaska in 1954, when Fred was stationed at Fort Richardson. They fell in love with Alaska and never left. Sue was a lifetime charter member of AMVETS Auxiliary Post 2, Antique Auto Musers of Alaska, Antique Auto Club of America and the Alaska Territorial Calvary,

Motorized.

Sue enjoyed sewing, gardening and carrying for her dog, Rosie. "She will be missed, and I love her." Fred wrote.

Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Fred; sister, Erlene Hinkle and brother, John Fisher. She is also survived by Linda Farrisj, Madeline Stratton, Carol Jane Rathrovani, Joan Hawkins, Regina Wilson, Gary Foster, Jerry Foster, Rhonda Conrad and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Her sister, Blondie Seafers and her parents, Roxie and Thurman Foster preceded her in death.

The family prefers that memorials be made to your local cancer society.



Photo: Bruce Campbell

As Bruce and Marl Campbell passed through Canada, on their way to Whitefish, Montana and the Majestic Mountain Model T National Tour, they stopped at Rancheria and the Athabaskan Falls, where they took this photo. We agree with Bruce that the beauty is superlative, and he took a mighty fine photo, too. Catch up on these and other adventures in this issue of the Tinkering Times.

September

Birthdays

Victoria Fredenhagen—1st

Stacy Leal—8th

Jean Lear—24th

Ken Holland—30th

Reminder!

AAMA adopt-a-road

September 11, 2010

9:00a.m. at the Muldoon Carr's
store

This is our last one for the year.
Come on over, clean up and enjoy
the goodies provided by Sara
Stoops and Robbie Robinson!

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