



# Tinkering Times



## 2012 Officers Duly Tested and Inducted

At our January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, we witnessed the installation of officers for 2012.

Master of Ceremonies was Art Isham, who was dressed to represent the 1930's, joined by his lovely assistant, Tamea Isham, who was dressed (as a hippie) to represent the 1960's.

The inducted officers were: President, Howard Hansen; Vice President, Scott Hulse; Secretary, Laura Reese (backed up by Gwyn Wiedmer) and Treasurer, Donn Reese. As is customary at AAMA inductions, the new administration was given a task to prove their ability to work as a team. They were told they had to design a club seal. The result was quite artistic, and it proved without a doubt that the group could work in unison to achieve a common goal. (Hmmm, Maybe we should send them to



*Officers, Laura Reese (secretary) Howard Hansen (president) Donn Reese (treasurer) Sara Stoops (sergeant at arms) and Scott Hulse (vice president) take their "Oath of Office" while placing their right hand on the official copy of Hemmings. They are assisted by Tamea Isham at left.*

Washington D.C. . .)

Following the induction, Howard conducted a short meeting, dur-

ing which three members—Donn Reese, Robbie Robinson and Jim Fredenhagen were recognized for their work to benefit the club.

Then we adjourned for refreshments. Thanks to Howard and Barb Hansen and Laura Reese for supplying the goodies•

## Celebration Plans on the Way

### Reserve July 8<sup>th</sup> for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

by Marcy Cresap

The 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration committee—Robbie Robinson, Tamea Isham, Donn Reese, Diane Allen, Ron Watts, Tom and Marcy Cresap met on September 14 to begin planning the AAMA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

At the meeting, we discussed a date for the celebration, a venue, patches, entertainment, door prizes

and inviting charter and former members. As you know we decided on July 8 and then Robbie, Tam, Donn, Tom and Marcy spent a Saturday visiting several venues.

After a lot of hard work and going back and forth with Alyeska Resort, Tam was successful in securing the Kahiltna Court there.

Donn has been working on a design for a patch with the help of his co-worker, Maria. We decided on a (Please see p. 3

## February Meeting

Our regular business meeting for February will begin at 7:30 p.m. February 8 at Robbie and Marianne Robinson's clubhouse.

Gwyn and Mike Wiedmer and Sara Stoops will provide refreshments.

Special thanks to Howard and Barb Hansen and Laura Reese for goodies at our January meeting.

# Running Board Reflections

I guess I'm an optimist. I don't see two more months of brutal weather. I see the worst two months behind us with 5 more minutes of daylight every day.

I also see a busy summer ahead of us. Beside the usual events, it sounds like the committee is putting together a great 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Fur Rondy is getting close, and it will be interesting to see how our new venue (Bob's Services) works out. I am sure that Browns will do all they can to make it a success, so it's up to the rest of us to be sure we do a good job advertising the show and showing up to participate.

I always enjoy the Rondy Show, It's a good chance to get together at

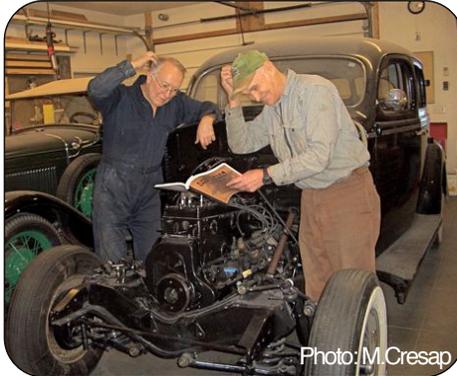


Photo: M. Cresap

*Our new president, Howard Hansen, right, helps Tom Cresap install the engine in his 1938 Chrysler. Howard is an undeniable fan of the MoPar, and he has proven to be a rich resource for those, like Tom, who need help with their Chrysler, Plymouth or Dodge.*

the end of a long Winter. Let's hope we get a break in the weather so that we can get our cars out.

Howard

## Get Ready for Fur Rendezvous!

Kurt Rein, co-chairman of the 2012 Fur Rendezvous Parade, reports that lineup for the parade is between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. The location for our staging will be announced at the February meeting.

Four cars are needed for pioneer dignitaries. Drivers of these cars get a free pancake breakfast, and they are asked to wear something (such as a

club badge) showing they are a driver and go the front of the line to be served. Park in front of the Pioneer Hall, where the pancake feed is held. Your passengers will be loaded there.

If you wish to volunteer as a dignitary chauffeur, or if you need more information, call Kurt Rein (344-5554) or Scott Hulse (349-8106.)

## Fairbanks Solstice Cruise-In Information

The dates for the Fairbanks Solstice Cruise-In are June 22 & 23, with the car show being on Saturday. Application forms are not yet available but a link will be posted to their website ([www.fountainheadmuseum.com](http://www.fountainheadmuseum.com)) when they are ready. The **discount code for Wedgewood Hotel reservations, MIDC112.**

FYI, the Cruise-In has a page on Facebook where folks can view and post photos from the 2010 event, as well as catch updates on the 2012 Cruise-In.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/265512976792693/>

## Just a thought:

If you have members who are going to Prudhoe in August, they are welcome to leave their rigs outside at my place after the Cruise In & fly back to Anchorage. This will save pulling them this far twice. I live on Farmers' Loop north of town.

Scott Grundy  
457-3526



[www.antiqueautomusersak.org](http://www.antiqueautomusersak.org)

## 2012 Officers

President: Howard Hansen 345-1268

Vice President: Scott Hulse 349-8106

Secretary: Laura Reese 563-2914

Treasurer: Don Reese 245-7203

Sergeant at Arms: Sara Stoops

## Members at Large

Ken Stout 337-7047

Tom Cresap 694-7510

Tam Isham 688-3671

## Past Presidents (10 years)

Donn Reese (2009-2011)

Jeff Hassler/Donn Reese (2008)

Jim Fredenhagen (2006-2007)

Fred Schurman (2005)

Diane Allen (2004)

Fred Schurman (2001-2003)

Peg Stout (2000)

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# One Man's Treasures

*Our ads are intended for members and others who wish to sell cars and related items. There is no charge, and the ad will run for three consecutive issues before being removed. To pull an ad, extend it or to place a new ad, contact Tom, 694-7510.*

**For Sale:** Three Model A engine blocks, \$100 donation to MATI. Also, 2 Model T engines. Call Arnie Stoltenberg, 243-1048, for information. (4)

**For Sale:** Model T chassis and extra parts; everything is there; crank turns engine; \$1,000. Kurt, 344-5554 (5)

**For Sale:** 1975 U-Haul Van; big box, good for storage or transportation; has car ramps, tie down "D" rings, man door and window. Runs good. \$5,000. Kurt, 344-5554 (5)

## 50th Celebration Plans

(Continued from p. 1)

design and plan to have pins made as well. We are currently working on getting estimates to have both the patches and pins made.

Tom has collected a bazillion photos for a slide show to run during dinner. He is working hard on scanning and trying to get them all on a disk.

You are the Antique Auto Mushers of Alaska, and 2012 is your club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so let's celebrate in a big way. This is a once-in-a-lifetime celebration and the committee is working hard to make it as elegant as you help us make it. We are counting on you to help us pull this off.

## Schedule of Events

- February 8–7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (refreshments: Gwyn and Mike Wiedmer and Sara Stoops)
- February 25–10:30 a.m. Fur Rondezvous Parade (Donn Reese, 245-7203 or Scott Hulse, 249-8106)
- February 25, 26–Fur Rondezvous Car Show, Bob's Services; Saturday, 10-5, Sunday 10-4 (Donn Reese, 245-7203 or Scott Hulse, 249-8106)
- March 14–7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (refreshments: Jim Fredenhagen and Donn Reese)
- April 11–7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (refreshments: Scott Hulse and Pam Tanora)
- May 9–6:30 Rolling Meeting
- May–Adopt-A-Road
- May 13–Mother's Day Dinner
- June 8, 9–Joint Meet, Cantwell (Scott Hulse, 349-8106)
- June 13–6:30 Rolling Meeting
- June 22,23–Midnight Sun Cruise-In, Fairbanks
- July 4–Parades
- July 8–AAMA 50th Anniversary Celebration Alyeska Resort
- July 11–Rolling Meeting
- July 13, 14, 15–Hope Weekend
- July–Adopt-A-Road
- August 5–Jay Ofsthun Show and Shine
- August 8–Rolling Meeting
- August 7-12–Long Distance Tour to Prudhoe Bay
- September 12–6:30 Rolling Meeting
- September–Adopt-A-Road
- October 10–7:30 Regular meeting: Nominations
- November 14–7:30 p.m. Regular meeting: Elections

It will be pricey, but plan to take your partner or bring a friend for a fun evening. Plan your wardrobe right now. This is our chance to really show off our best duds. How often do you have a chance to really dress up? As Tam put it, "We need to dress to the nines and have a grand time." With that in mind, dress as you see fit, but be there!

A no-host bar will be provided, and a slide show will run before and during dinner.

For our car show—which will be

presented in the valet parking lot—you should have signs for your car or, at least, a blurb in your windshield. There will be a \$5 charge to participate in the car show to offset the lost income for the parking lot workers, since Alyeska is allowing us to set up in the valet parking lot. If we don't park there we will have to park several lots from the resort with a long walk to dinner.

The committee is excited about this party, and we hope to see all of you there•

# Plan Now For Joint Meet, June 8-9-10, 2012

Please plan to attend the annual Antique Auto Musers of Alaska and the Vernon L Nash Antique Auto Club joint meet in Cantwell.

Base of operations: Backwoods Lodge, Cantwell. ([www.backwoodslodge.com](http://www.backwoodslodge.com)).

This lodge is on the Denali Highway about ½ mile from the Parks Highway junction in Cantwell. The lodge has 10 Motel rooms and 2 cabins. Each room has a covered porch with a gas grill. Rooms have microwaves, small fridge, satellite TV, phones and private bath. Rates for the rooms are discounted 10% for the car club members. Rates vary from \$144 (including tax) with three beds to slightly less for smaller rooms. I am hoping that we can book all the rooms well in advance so we have the lodge to ourselves for the weekend.

The Saturday banquet is planned for the Cantwell Lodge, next to the railroad tracks with an area for the car games on Saturday. The Cantwell Lodge has lodging for those looking for more basic accommodations. These "ATCO" style rooms are just \$45/nite for single and \$55/nite for double occupancy. Shared "private" bathrooms are "down the hall". The Cantwell Café and Longhorn Saloon are located at the Lodge.

Additional Motel accommodations are available at the Bluesberry Inn, [www.bluesberryinn.com](http://www.bluesberryinn.com). This is located just off the Parks Highway 0.8 miles North of the Denali Highway intersection. The Bluesberry has 4 cabins and 22 rooms available. Prices range from \$70/nite for single and \$80/nite double up to \$95/nite for a room that sleeps 4. Look at their web site for a description of all the rooms.

A little farther from Cantwell; Adventures Denali has a nice cabin with 2 bedrooms and a Motel room available. They are located about 5 miles North of Cantwell on a 60 acre site. The site has several lakes and you can fish for an extra fee. Room rates are from \$85/nite to \$145/nite. Their web site is [www.adventuredenali.com](http://www.adventuredenali.com).

RV Parking is available at the Cantwell RV Park just West of the Denali and Parks Highway intersection, [www.alaskaone.com/cantwellrv](http://www.alaskaone.com/cantwellrv).



*Accommodations are available. Make your reservations now, because the spaces go fast.*

## DRAFT Itinerary

Friday evening: Meet at the Backwoods Lodge for the BBQ. Steaks will be provided for grilling on the Gas grills by the rooms. As the porches are covered, we should be good—Rain or shine.

Saturday: Breakfast on your own. There are several restaurants. Including the Cantwell Lodge and the Bluesberry Inn.

A TBD tour or car show in the area and Car Games will fill the day. Howard Hanson has offered to come up with some new challenges for the games this year.

Lunch can probably be held at the Backwoods lodge using the leftovers from the Friday dinner.

Sat Evening: a Banquet at the Cantwell Lodge / Cantwell Café.

Sunday Morning: Breakfast and return home. As some of the Fairbanks folks will be continuing on to Seward as part of their Long Distance tour, there may be a sizeable group going back to Anchorage.

Please make your reservations soon, so we can lock up the rooms

for that week end. There are limited rooms available and they will get hit with summer reservations starting in March or April.

Backwoods Lodge – Michael and Kathie White – 800-292-2232

Bluesberry Inn – 907-768-2415

Cantwell Lodge – 907-768-2300

Cantwell RV- 907-768-2210 or 1-800-940-2210

Adventure Denali Cabins – 907-768-2620 (Kirk Martakis)

I need to make sure who is coming and where you have your accommodations. I will use the list to determine how many steaks we will need for Friday's dinner and Saturday's banquet. If I have your email address I will send updates directly to you.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Joint meet.

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# Tidbits

## Lost and Found:

Left the night of the Christmas party at Ishams':

One pair slippers, red with red and white polka dot ribbon

One pair serving tongs

Please call Tamea Isham, 688-3671.

## Dues:

This is a reminder to be sure that you have paid your 2012 dues. Chances are that you have, since our 2011 treasurer sent out bills.

Our new treasurer announced recently that if you haven't, his assistant, Bugsy, would see to it that you were fitted with concrete shoes.

Please check. Thanks.

## Model A's Plan Solstice trip

Our Model A guy, Jim Fredenhagen, has informed us that a group of Model A's is planning a trip to the Fountainhead Museum in Fairbanks for the Cruise-In June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This is a plan of convenience for a group Model A's, which all travel at about the same speed (except for Ken Holland and Lee Truesdell) and which are all at about the same stage of road-worthiness.

We are sure that other marques would not be turned away and that they would share in an enjoyable experience. Jim's Model A trips are always laid back and fun.

The group will leave Anchorage Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and will arrive in Fairbanks for a late dinner. They will participate in the Solstice festivities on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and will leave Fairbanks at 8:00 a.m. to drive the Richardson Highway down to Valdez. There, they will catch the ferry to Whittier and then drive home.

If you plan to do this trip and need more information, give Jim a call at 243-5214. As usual, it is imperative that you make early reservations for lodging and the ferry.

## National Award Presented

*At right, Tom Cresap presents Jim Fredenhagen a well-deserved award from the MAFCA for his work in promoting the antique auto hobby.*



Photo: M.Cresap

## Erling Peter Nelson

March 22, 1942–January 17, 2012



Wasilla resident, Erling Peter Nelson, 69, died January 17, 2012 at Mat-Su Regional Medical Center in Palmer due to heart failure.

Though not a member of the Antique Auto Musers, Erling is remembered by many of us as an indefatigable volunteer at the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry in Wasilla.

Erling was born March 22, 1942 in Palmer to Nils and Dorothy (Hill) Nelson. He attended elementary, middle and high school in Wasilla, earned a bachelor's degree at the University

of Alaska Fairbanks and served his country in the U.S. Army.

In 1976, he began his employment with the city of Wasilla as a city clerk and later served as finance director for 24 years, until his retirement in 2000.

He volunteered with the Wasilla Volunteer Fire Department, Little Dippers, Little League and the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry. He also enjoyed lending his time and talents in the projects of friends and family.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla and a board member and treasurer for Wasilla-Knik Historical Society. He was a lifelong Alaskan with a love of state and local history, an avid fan of basketball, and he enjoyed restoration of historic vehicles.

Erling was a caring father of six children and a busy grandfather of 13 grandchildren. He traveled frequently to the Lower 48 to spend time with family and friends.

Erling was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Allayne and Gene Dinkel; children, Michelle Kirkham, Robert Nelson, Steven Nelson, Judy Nelson, Pamela Nelson and Naomi Nelson, as well as extended family.

## A Franklin is in the Wings

In the April 6, 2011 issue of the "Tinkering Times," we reported that Robbie's Franklin took a trip to a professional restoration shop in New York. Progress report: Robbie recently received an email saying that the "car is coming very well," and that they would be in touch.

Along the way, Robbie has received word that the ash frame is compromised on both sides and that a local wood craftsman is in the process of manufacturing a new one. Otherwise, the projected time of completion and return to Alaska is summer, 2012.

We are all looking forward to seeing the finished product.



## February

### Birthdays

Madeline Dennis—2<sup>nd</sup>

Kathleen Godsoe—6<sup>th</sup>

Mary Taylor—6<sup>th</sup>

Betty Hassler—10<sup>th</sup>

Carol Watts —21<sup>st</sup>

Phillip Watts—22<sup>nd</sup>

Jennifer Dennis—25<sup>th</sup>

Madeline Belleau—28<sup>th</sup>

Ken Evans—28<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversary

Loran & Marion

Benham—12<sup>th</sup>

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