



Tinkering Times



Fairbanks Loses Iconic Member and Friend

Car club members of all genres must have felt a disturbance in the force April 13th, when Gary Nash of Fairbanks died.

Gary was a long-time member of the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto club, the son of the namesake of that club and a ubiquitous presence at all the events Antique Auto Musers of Alaska shared with the Fairbanks group.

In *Nash's News*, the club newsletter, VLNAAC member, Dan Gullickson eulogized Gary with many esoteric memories that Fairbanks-grown members would identify with. To paraphrase Dan, Gary was a leader in their club, and he left a host of fond memories for the many who grew up with him. "Even in the last few months, as his health was failing, he still helped where and when he could . . . Over the years, he tooted with vehicles of every vintage and style, but his heart beat fastest with his '55 Chevy and the multiple Model T's that he worked on and assisted other folks with. He cast a

giant shadow that is impossible to measure. Truly, he was, and will continue to be, a friend forever."

In his newsletter editorial, Rick Larrick reported that "At the April meeting, the club [who had been struggling to name their newsletter] voted overwhelmingly for the new newsletter name to be *Nash's News* in honor of both [their] club namesake and first Secretary, Vernon L. Nash, and especially of his son, Gary Nash, who was just taken home from the hospital and put under hospice care in his losing battle with cancer. Gary had a rough year, with a heart attack, stroke and then multiple cancer tumors, all of which he battled with outward optimism. [VLNAAC] owes a lot to Gary and father, Vern—and Dan Gullickson's suggestion of *Nash's News* as a newsletter title was well received, and seems very appropriate."

Many of the Antique Auto Musers also have fond memories of Gary and will certainly miss him at our shared events with Fairbanks.

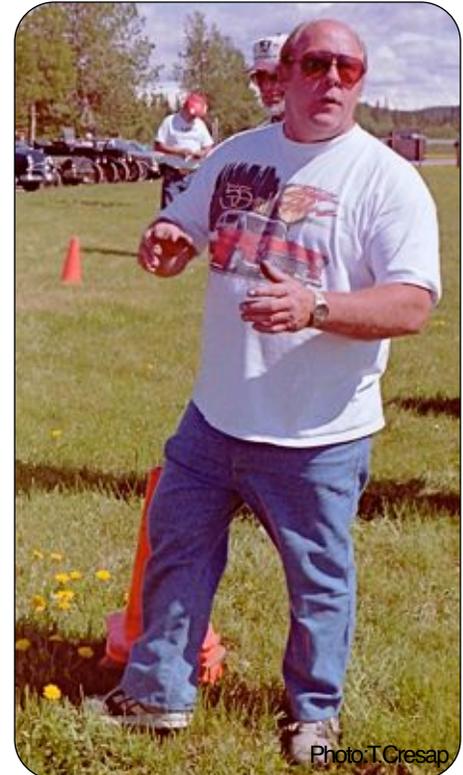


Photo: T. Gresap

Gary Nash is seen here having fun with antique cars at the AACA/VLNAAC Joint meet in Gakona on June 11, 1994. Gary was a ubiquitous presence at all the events we shared with the Fairbanks club, at many locations from Fairbanks to Anchorage.

Mother's Day and Shake Down Planned as one Event

This year's Mother's Day Cruise will be combined with the annual Shake Down Cruise. Mike Wiedmer, chairman of the event, made this announcement at the April meeting, and now has revealed plans for the day.

The May 13th cruise will begin at Carr's Huffman Center, where we will take off at 10:00 a.m. (so we should plan to be there at least by 9:45)

The itinerary takes us south to Summit Lake Lodge—and possibly farther—where we are scheduled to have dinner at 3:30 p.m.

Mike has asked everyone to R.S.V.P. so that he can make reservations at the lodge. Final details will be revealed at our May meeting.

Contact Mike at 243-7005 or e-mail mikewiedmer@acs.net

May Meeting

Our regular business meeting for May is planned as a rolling meeting and will begin at Robbie and Marianne Robinson's clubhouse at 6:30 p.m., May 9.

After the meeting, we will tour someplace in our old cars to have refreshments.

Many thanks to Pam Tanora, Scott Hulse, the Kimzeys and the Hansens for the comestibles and flowers for the Stouts' anniversary celebration after the April meeting.

Running Board Reflections



Photo: T Cresap

Howard Hansen, right, visits with Milt and Pam Tanora while everyone was enjoying refreshments after the April 11 meeting at Robinsons' place in Anchorage. The gathering after the meeting was also an opportunity to celebrate Ken and Peg Stout's 60th wedding anniversary.

This has been a wonderful April. After the early snowfall that set a new record, it has been a beautiful month and a good breakup.

I enjoy breakup. Yes, it is messy and ugly, but I guess I am an optimist, because I see life in the first green shoots after the snow melts. And who doesn't enjoy the lengthening days. Let's hope the summer is as nice as April has been.

The Model A afghan has arrived, and it is beautiful. It will be at the

next meeting, where we will conduct a drawing, the winner of which will take possession for one month. The plan is to have it for a month and return it at the next meeting for the next winning "renter" to take over for a month. Later, we will raffle it off for good. You Model A'ers don't want to miss this.

On behalf of the club I'd like to thank Buzz Wallace for the idea and the donation.

Howard

Prudhoe Bay: Long Distance

August 7 – 13

The latest contact with those who are still planning on this tour indicates that 18 cars will be on the road and at least 32 people! The details of the tour as to meeting times and places for each day are being finalized.

Participants will continue to receive e-mail or phone updates. Questions – call Tam Isham 907-688-3671.

Denali Road Lottery

Heads up! June is the time for you to put your name in the lottery for the Sept. 2012 tour into the Park. Just so you can plan ahead, the preferred date will be Sunday, Sept. 17th. Details as to how to enter the lottery will be in the June newsletter. Also, watch the newspaper for info. Plan to come along this year for your last get-away before winter. We always have a great time. Questions – call Tam Isham 907-688-3671.



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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: 1955 Ford F100 PU, frame-off restoration; V8, 3 on tree; 2 sets mounted tires; asking \$16,000. Beulah 227-2950 (8)

For Sale: 1951 Buick Roadmaster, Purchased by father in 1951; 50,000 miles; body is straight, no accident damage; seat covers are original; repainted in past; in 1985, AAMA Northway Mall show. Karl Hahn at 562-4912 (8)



For Sale: 1978 Cadillac Coupe DeVille, triple black, 25+K miles, 425 c.i. automatic, 8-track radio, headliner has dropped 2"; all literature, sales receipt; \$8,000 OBO, Tim, 338-8885. (7)



For Sale: 1956 Pontiac Star Chief Custom hardtop; 62+K mileage; 316 V8 with hydramatic, leather seats; lots of literature; reduced to \$27,500 OBO; Tim, 338-8885 (7)

Schedule of Events

- Saturdays throughout summer—Farmers Market car show (Sara Stoops, 345-5992)
- May 5—MATI clean up, 10:00–3:00 (Dennis Allen, 345-6355)
- May 9—6:30 Rolling Meeting
- May 13—lv. 10:00, Mother's Day Dinner and Shake Down (Mike Wiedmer, 243-7005 or mikewiedmer@acs.net) See article in this issue.
- May 19—9:00 Adopt-A-Road (Robbie Robinson 333-0693)
- June 8, 9—Joint Meet, Cantwell (Scott Hulse, 349-8106)
- June 13—6:30 Rolling Meeting (Donn Reese)
- June 14—1:00-2:30 Daybreak (Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- June 21—1:00-2:30 Serendipity (Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- June 21—5:00 Solstice Car Show, Mirror Lake; bring a dish to share (Kurt Rein, 344-5554)
- June 22, 23—Fountainhead Midnight Sun Cruise-In, Fairbanks
- July 4—Parades (Anchorage, Kurt Rein, 344-5554) (Chugiak, Cresap, 694-7510)
- July 8—4:00–8:00, AAMA 50th Anniversary Celebration Alyeska Resort (Tam Isham, 688-3671)
- July 11—6:30 Rolling Meeting (Wiedmers)
- July 13, 14, 15—Hope Weekend (Dennis and Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- July ?—9:00 a.m. Adopt-A-Road (Chair?)
- August 5—Jay Ofsthun Show and Shine (Kurt Rein, 344-5554)
- August 8—6:30 p.m. Rolling Meeting (Chair?)
- August 7-12—Long Distance Tour to Prudhoe Bay (Tam Isham, 688-3671)
- August ?—Alaska State Fair Parade, Palmer (Chair?)
- September 1—9:00 a.m. Adopt-A-Road (Tom and Marcy Cresap, 694-7510)
- September 12—6:30 Rolling Meeting (Chair?)
- September 17—Denali Tour (Tam Isham, 688-3671)
- October 10—7:30 Regular meeting: Nominations
- November 14—7:30 p.m. Regular meeting: Elections
- December—Christmas Party

Checking the Rear View Mirror

For the last couple of issues or so, we have been perusing some of the photos taken in the club's earlier years.

These are a preview of the photos and memorabilia you will see displayed at the 50th celebration dinner at Alyeska this coming July 8th.

As someone recently said upon looking through photos we had been collecting, "We certainly used to put on some great car shows. There were fashion shows, skits, and, of course, Joe's Garage." You might have to admit that things ain't what they used to be; or as President Dwight D. Eisenhower once reportedly said: "Things aren't the same now as they were be-

At right, January 14, 1994: a much younger Tom Cresap presents some garage art to Marianne and Robbie Robinson at the annual installation and awards meeting. Marianne, of course, hasn't changed.



At right, Dennis and Diane Allen receive some attention, an award and a good laugh at that same presentation in 1994.



AAMA's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Marcy Cresap, chairperson for the July 8th AAMA 50th anniversary celebration, reports that plans for the party are proceeding nicely.

One of our members, David Jensen—who is a professional photographer—has offered his services to take photos of everyone with their antique cars as they arrive at Alyeska Lodge. It should make quite an attractive collection of photos, and besides being available for us to use in an upcoming club history book, they will be available for purchase by individuals.

Mike Wiedmer will run a slide show during the initial reception and the dinner, and Victoria Fredenhagen has volunteered to take candid photos to be used for publication in the history book, the newsletter and our photo archives at the clubhouse.

We have received a great response

from members who will attend. Many thanks go to Robbie for making calls to personally invite members. The effort was worthwhile.

We have over 65 members and former members who have called Tamea Isham to confirm plans to attend. If you have signed up to come, be sure to get your check to Tam, because she is personally responsible for the bill. Be sure to make your check to Tamea Isham, not to the club. A big thanks goes to Tam for taking on this huge responsibility. Send your check now.

Also, be sure to notify Tam if you plan to stay the night at the Lodge. If we reserve a minimum of eight rooms, we get a discount. You must make your own reservation, but let Tam know so that she can apply for the discount. Call her if you need more information. (688-3671)

Just Plain Trivia

1. Buick first introduced the storage battery as standard equipment in 1906, and this item would become ever more important with several development in electrical technology. Yet the battery stayed under the car for some time. When was the battery placed under the hood for better accessibility?

a) 1917, b) 1927, c) 1937, d) 1947

2. This convenience came, went and has appeared again; automatic control so that headlights would be turned on at dusk. In what year was it first introduced?

a) 1941

b) 1948

c) 1954

d) 1959

3. In what year did power brakes appear?

4. In what year did power steering appear?

(Answers on p. 5)

Let's All Gather at Cantwell For the Joint Meet

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

The base of operations will be Backwoods Lodge, Cantwell. Activities will begin at the Backwoods Lodge with a BBQ. AAMA will provide steaks for grilling on the gas grills supplied at the rooms. Saturday, you can breakfast on your own; then, we will have a car show and/or a tour in the area followed by a (Friday's leftovers) picnic lunch at Backwoods Lodge and Howard Hansen-created

car games in the afternoon. The traditional "Awards Banquet" will happen at the Cantwell Lodge/Café. Sunday: breakfast on your own and return home.

Please R.S.V.P. to Scott. He needs to know where you plan to stay and how many steaks to purchase for the BBQ. Also, if you supply him your email, he will keep you updated.

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First 2012 Adopt-A-Road Coming Up

The clean up season is upon us again. We recently received a notice from the Municipality that the first clean ups should be accomplished between May 12 and May 19.

Robbie Robinson, chairman of our May cleaning job of Northern Lights between Muldoon and Boniface, recently

announced that our date is May 19.

We should show up for a tailgate breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at the Muldoon Carr's parking lot before setting out with bags in hand. See you there!

If anyone would like to give Robbie a hand providing the morning repast, you can call him at 333-0693.

Trivia Answers from p.4

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c) 1937

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d) 1959

3. In what year did power brakes appear? 1930. Cadillac came out with a power brake operated by a mani-

fold vacuum (a similar principle to that used by windshield wipers then). Power brakes became generally available by 1933. The 1903 Pincher also had a special power brake, operated by an independent air compressor.

4. In what year did power steering appear? 1903. The Columbia Electric Motor Truck came equipped with a separate electric motor to assist steering. Even earlier, the Sweemy Steam Carriage came equipped with a device that diverted steam for steering assistance. Power steering began to become prominent after it appeared in its modern form in 1951 on Chryslers and Buicks.

Tidbits

Call Dennis. . .

Your editor and his bride are planning to be out of state from mid-May until mid-June. Consequently, the newsletter will have to be done by someone else. At a recent meeting, when we put out an S.O.S., Dennis Allen offered to take over for that one issue.

If you want to get a notice or classified ad in that issue, call him at 345-6355 or email ddallen@alaska.net

Many thanks in advance to Dennis for taking on this chore. It can be daunting at times.

Alyeska Lodging

If you are planning to stay the night after the 50th anniversary celebration at Alyeska, please let Tamea Isham know. The more, the merrier—and it can add up to a nice discount on your room rate.

If you decide to stay, you must make your own reservations, but be sure to let Tam know so she can apply for the group discount. Hope you join us by getting a room, but whether you do or not, we look forward to seeing everyone there for the celebration dinner. Tamea Isham, 688-3671.



Photo: T.Cresap

Always ready to supply dry (or sometimes uproarious) humor, Lorraine and Bill Foster receive an award at the January 14, 1994 installation and awards party. We certainly miss these two and their antics.

Treasurer Reports on Non-Profit Tax Status

by Donn Reese

During the recent tax season I had to file the Auto Musers' annual IRS form confirming our nonprofit status and it occurred to me this is a good time for a reminder about contributions to AAMA.

The Antique Auto Musers of Alaska is a State of Alaska nonprofit corporation and maintains a tax-exempt status under IRS code 501(c)(3). Because the club's gross annual receipts are less than \$25,000 we file IRS form 990-N or "e-Postcard" that confirms our continued

existence and tax exempt status.

However, even though we are a nonprofit and tax-exempt club not all nonprofits are equal when it comes to tax deductible donations. As explained in a recent letter from the IRS, AAMA is not a corporation whose charitable donations are tax deductible. Any goods, services, or money donated to or paid to the club in the form of dues may not be deducted by the donor at tax time. The full IRS Publication is on our website in the coming days.

May

Birthdays

Linda Grundy—6th

Ken Evans—6th

Carol Jensen—13th

Boyd Watson—17th

David Jensen—20th

Diane Wohlwend—30th

Anniversary

Ted and Colleen

Kimzey—20th

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