



# Tinkering Times



## Plan for Next Month's Christmas Party

This year's annual party is at the Ishams' on December 16 from 4 to 8 PM.

As for the food, we need two persons to volunteer to bring cut up turkeys and two persons to bring dressing. Ishams will prepare the ham.

Please call Tam at 688-3671 if you will bring a turkey or dressing. Other than that, it is a free-for-all and we always have plenty of variety for the dinner.

Also, remember that we have a sing along and Chinese auction. So

bring your voice to sing and a gift to exchange.

And don't forget your donation for the food drive.

We always have a great time, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you, regardless of weather. Directions to our home will be in the December AAMA newsletter.

Tam and Art

## Fred Keller Receives Honor



*Fred Keller and Judy Foster in the 1901 Oldsmobile Curved Dash that Fred recently fabricated.*

We recently learned that Fred Keller, AAMA member and "Little Red Wagon" creator, has been inducted into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame. For anyone that did not know, Fred did not get started in fantabulous vehicle design and construction with an enlarged version of the iconic Radio Flier Wagon, which is familiar to all of us in the AAMA.

Fred was born in 1942 to Andrew Keller, who farmed tobacco and corn near Cynthiana, Kentucky and who introduced three-year-old Fred to the ecstasy of flight in a 1945 Aeronca Champ.

Shortly after moving to Alaska at 23,

Fred earned his pilot's license, bought a plane and started building experimental craft. His precision won the attention of aviation buffs, and he won a series of awards.

Last October 27, he was recognized for his life achievements in the design and construction of experimental aircraft by the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame, part of the Aviation Museum of Kentucky. Museum chairman, Jim McCormick said, "We are very happy to be recognizing the work Fred Keller has done throughout his life. He is a true craftsman, his work and designs of experimental aircraft are the stuff of legends."

Our heart-felt congratulations go out to Fred for having received this honor and for his accomplishments in automotive design and fabrication. He is not content just with restoration of antique cars, but challenges himself with projects such as a Shay reproduction Model A Ford, his over-sized Radio Flier Wagon and, more recently, a reproduction of an Oldsmobile Curved Dash, which he displayed at the 2012 Jay Ofsthun Show and Shine in Anchorage.

## Rondy Show and Parade

The Fur Rendezvous Parade and Show will take place February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, with set-up on Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>. As usual, we will accommodate those in the parade with Saturday morning entrance into the show venue.

This year, again, Bill Brown has donated the use of his shop and crew for the show. It's a great place, and the crew is really neat to work with; so we're hoping for a great turn out—lots of vehicles—to make a show equal to or better than last year's.

We want to thank Browns in advance.

## November Meeting

Our regular business meeting for November will begin at 6:00 p.m. (for dinner) 7:30 for the meeting on November 14 at Denny's at the corner of Denali and Benson, 2900 Denali Street in Anchorage. The agenda will include the election of officers for 2013. Come and vote!

### Time and Location for November meeting

Dinner: 6:00 p.m./Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Denny's, 2900 Denali Street, Anchorage  
at the corner of Denali and Benson

# Running Board Reflections

We recently visited in the Tacoma area and decided it was a good time to visit the new LeMay Museum, which opened this summer.

The museum was built to house the collections of Harold LeMay (deceased) and other collectors.

America's Car Museum (ACM) as it is named, is a non-profit organization celebrating America's love affair with the automobile. The award-winning 165,000 square-foot museum sits on a 9-acre campus overlooking downtown Tacoma and the waterfront. It sits just off I-5, west of Tacoma Dome.

The 40-story structure houses up to 350 cars, trucks and motorcycles from private owners, corporations and the LeMay collection.

Besides the cars, there is a "Speed Zone," which features a state-of-the-art racing simulation and a 4-lane slot car track which offers fun for "racers" of any age.

They also have a theater, a gift shop and a restaurant, so you can stay and make a day of it. If you're in the Tacoma area and have some time to spare, don't miss it.

Footnote: I didn't know Harold



*President Howard and Hershey visit with Scott Grundy in Fairbanks just before the AAMA group started up the Dalton Highway to Prudhoe Bay in August.*

Lemay, but some of my family knew a little about him, since he collected their garbage. He made his money in garbage and went to the same high school as I did.

Howard

## Nominations Committee Produces Slate

At the October meeting, the nominations committee, Art Isham, Howard Hansen and Ted Kimzey got to work and rounded some willing candidates for our 2013 officers. Talk about efficiency!

The slate is presented here. Members who can attend the November meeting will be able to vote in person. Anyone who wishes to vote but cannot attend should cut out the ballot or write choices on a slip of paper and send to:

AAMA, Elections  
P.O. Box 232086

Anchorage AK, 99523-2086

Write-ins are accepted. Your ballot must be received before the November

14 meeting in order to be counted.

If you wish to use a mail-in ballot, you will find it on p. 4.

## Letter

Fellow AAMA members,

This will be our address until about the end of May, 2013:

Bill and Donna Waldron  
5746 E. Montara Pl.  
Mesa AZ 85215

I have my 1939 Ford convertible that I am showing down here. I received two trophies with it last winter! Fun in the sun.

Anyone coming this way this winter, our phone is 480-985-9045. Would love to see you.

Bill and Donna



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## 2012 Officers

President: Howard Hansen 345-1268

Vice President: Scott Hulse 349-8106

Secretary: Gwyn Wiedmer 243-7005

Treasurer: Donn 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:** 1966 Mustang; very nice condition; no serious body damage; well cared for. Price negotiable. Floyd Gori, 694-6088. (12)

**For Sale:** 1952 Chevrolet; one owner, 4-door sedan; overhauled engine; low mileage, two extra heads and other parts; needs paint; 4 extra tires and wheels. Floyd Gori, 694-6088 (12)



**For sale:** 1925 Model T Coupe, low miles, runs great, new battery, (will run without it) New Cover. \$7500. Rick, 244-0484. (12)

**For sale:** 1977 El Camino; brand new factory crated chromed engine; automatic; leather seats; \$10,000 OBO. Barbara White, [whiteb@hawaii.edu](mailto:whiteb@hawaii.edu) (12)

## Schedule of Events

- November 14—6:00 p.m. (dinner) 7:30 p.m. Regular meeting: Elections at Denny's at the corner of Denali and Benson in Anchorage
- December 16—4-8 p.m. Christmas Party (Ishams, 688-3671)
- January 9—Installation of officers
- February 23, 24—Fur Rendezvous Parade and show



**For sale:** 1936 Dodge LC-1, 1/2-ton PU; very nicely resored rust-free truck; runs, starts well, NADA high book value: \$18,000, asking \$17,000. Scott Grundy, 457-3526 or [grundy@mosquitonet.com](mailto:grundy@mosquitonet.com) (12)



**For sale:** 1931 Ford Model A Tudor; restored; runs great; \$17,000 OBO; Lowell Fair, 262-4916 or 262-1724. (2)



**For Sale:** 1931 Model A Deluxe Roadster; runs great, 12-volt, electronic ignition, halogen headlights, turn signals, Flathead Ted brakes, rumble seat; great, fun car; cosmetic work needed; \$17,000. Tom, 694-7510 (2)



**For Sale:** 1928 Chevrolet Imperial Landau Coupe with broken axle; ran well when I put in storage; needs to have axle replaced (I have two for it.) \$4,300. Tom, 694-7510 (2)

## Secured Enclosed Storage

West Downtown Anchorage location

9'x18'x7-1/2' high space  
\$125/month

2 or more spaces—\$100 each  
**Hurry!**

Dave Syren, 274-9046 or 440-2982

## Dues Are Due

Our treasurer, Donn Reese, has announced that it is time again to pay dues. The easiest way to do this is to catch Donn at the meeting and pay him there, but if you can't do that, send your check to:

AAMA  
Donn Reese, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 232086  
Anchorage AK 99523-2086

**Ballot for 2013 AAMA Officers**

\_\_\_\_ President: Mike Wiedmer  
 \_\_\_\_ Vice President: Brian Anderson  
 \_\_\_\_ Secretary: Pam Tanora  
 \_\_\_\_ Treasurer: Donn Reese

Write in:

\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Mail-in ballots may be sent to:  
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**November****Birthdays**

Allen Combs-4  
 Jack Rathert-4  
 Bill Brown -5  
 Jim Jacobson-11  
 Rich Golding-12  
 Scott Hulse -12<sup>th</sup>  
 Jerry Roach-12  
 Ethan Stoops-17  
 Lawrence Taylor-19  
 Laura Reese-25  
 Tam Isham-30

**Anniversary**

Sheryl & Scott Hulse-13