



Get Ready for the Christmas Party Fun!

Party till you drop! For most of us, that means about 45 minutes at most. Nevertheless, this is the big one, the lollapalusa (is that even a word?) of the year.

This year's festivities will snap into action at 4:00 and roar on till 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15th at the home of Tamea and Art Isham and will consist of food, visiting, gift exchanging and giving to those less fortunate.

We will have the customary potluck with turkeys and gravy (provided by Milt and Pam Tanora and Ted and Colleen Kimzey) and ham (provided by Art and Tamea Isham.) Donn Reese and Gwyn Wiedmer will bring turkey dressing. Dave Syren, Brian Anderson, Robbie Robinson,

Fred Keller, Lee Truesdell, and Howard and Barb Hansen will provide desserts. Cresaps will bring rolls, and Hulses the hors d'oeuvres, Sara Stoops will provide mashed potatoes, Allens will do the candied yams and everyone else should bring vegetables or salad. The anticipation is building already!

Next, be ready to visit till you get lockjaw, and be sure to bring a gift for the Chinese Auction.

Finally, as usual, bring canned goods or non-perishables to feed the hungry. Tam will see to it that our donations make it to one of the shelters or food pantries.

Hope to see everybody there.

Directions to the Christmas Party



2014 Officers Elected at Last Meeting

At the November meeting, we elected our officers for 2014.

The results were: President—Mike Wiedmer, Vice President—Brian Anderson, Secretary—Pam Tanora, Treasurer—Donn Reese and Sergeant at Arms—Sara Stoops.

Four members volunteered to be members-at-large: Tom Cresap, Ralph Centoni, Kurt Rein and Tam Isham. As our bylaws dictate, their names were placed in a hat, and the names of Kurt, Tam, and Ralph were drawn.

Intallation of the 2014 officers will happen at our meeting on January 8.

Turn off at Peters Creek, Then: “Plan A”

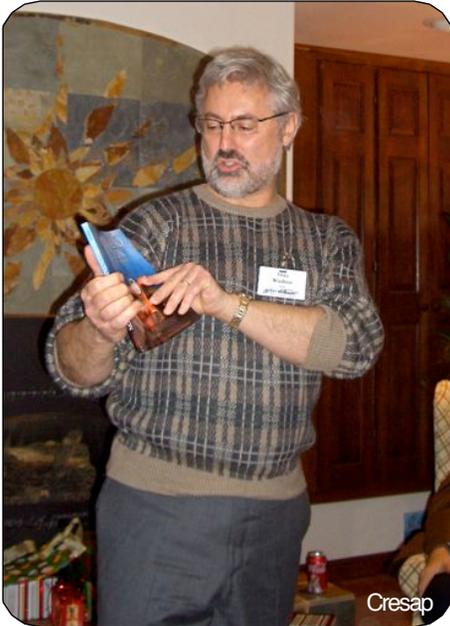
- *Turn right at Ski road.
- *Turn right on Whaley Dr. (this will turn into Chugach Park Dr.)
- *Turn right on Poniard Dr.
- *Turn left on Upper Greatland.
- *Ishams will be 2nd drive on the left.

“Plan B”

- *Turn onto Ski Rd.
- *Immediately turn right onto East Side Dr.
- *Turn left onto Chapel Dr.
- *Turn left onto Greatland Dr.
- *Stay on Greatland Dr past Poniard Dr.
- *19944 Greatland (Ishams') is the 2nd driveway on the left.

Running Board Reflections

–Reflections from a fun-filled year–



President Mike shows off his gift exchange spoils at our 2012 Christmas party.



Fred Scharper takes his buddy for a walk during the Jay Ofsthun Show August 4 on the Park Strip in Anchorage.

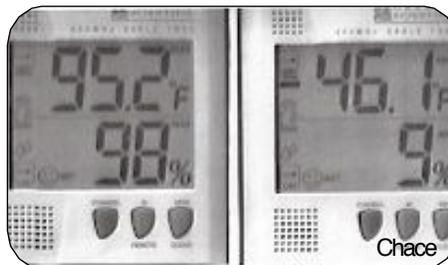
Below: AAMA vehicles rest in the sun at the Methodist Retreat House, Hope Weekend.



Historic goldrush boat, *Tarahne*, sits on the lake shore in Atlin, BC, Canada. We saw this and many other artifacts during our Long Distance Tour, June 28 to July 7.



David Jensen toots his own horn during the 4th of July parade in Anchorage.



Bill Chace sent this photo to illustrate "the land of extremes" as his thermometer saw it in Fairbanks. He had not zeroed it out for almost a year, and it captured a 141.3° variation.



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345-9244

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Treasurer: Donn Reese 245-7203

Sergeant at Arms: Sara Stoops

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Kurt Rein 344-5554

Tom Cresap 694-7510

Tam Isham 688-3671

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Donn Reese (2009–2011)

Jeff Hassler/Donn Reese (2008)

Jim Fredenhagen (2006–2007)

Fred Schurman (2005)

Diane Allen (2004)

Fred Schurman (2001–2003)

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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.

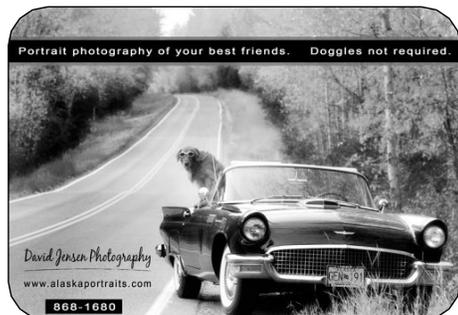
For Sale: 1957 Chevrolet hardtop BelAir; Red and White; all original; 4 owners from new to present; 68,000 miles; appraised at \$38,000 three years ago; asking \$35,000. Wayne Weiler, 345-4632 or 240-9491. theweilers@gci.net (2)

For Sale: One Good Year 7.10X15 nylon bias ply tire with 1.75" WW. Nice tire \$45 obo. Scott Grundy 907-457-3526" (1)

For Sale: Model A Wheels; Model T rear end parts; Dave Beck 230-6346 (1)



For Sale: 1930 Model A, Standard Coupe. Professionally restored for Ted Stevens in 2000. Current License and Title. Road Ready. \$18,500.00 For more information, please contact Ben Stevens, 907-223-4378 or bastevens1@yahoo.com. (1)



Schedule of Events

* **December 15**—4:00-8:00 p.m. Christmas Party (Tam Isham, 688-3671)

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* **January 8**—7:30 p.m. Installation of Officers (Refreshments: Christmas party left overs)

* **February 22, 23**—Fur Rendezvous (Kurt Rein, 344-5554)

* **April 19**—12:00, lunch at Eagle River Garcias followed by light shakedown and pics through Birchwood and potluck dessert TBA (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)

* **May 10**—Adopt-A-Road (Cresaps, 694-7510)

* **May 17-20**—Shake Down Cruise to Homer (Jim Fredenhagen 243-5214)

* **TBA**—Joint Meet with VLNAACF (Howard Hansen, 345-1268 or Sara Stoops, 345-5992)

* **June 20-21**—Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum 3rd Midnight Sun Summer Solstice Cruise-In, Fairbanks

* **June 22-26**—Wiseman Trip (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)

* **July 12**—Adopt-A-Road (Cresaps, 694-7510)

* **July 17-20**—Hope Weekend (Allens, 345-6355)

* **September 6** — Adopt-A-Road (Cresaps,

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Editorial:

Singin' the Winter Blues—Or Not

This issue started out somewhat abbreviated, since we are in the dead of winter and not much is happening.

We are, however, electing and installing officers and planning for the upcoming summer and its many

Floyd Edward Gori May 14, 1928— November 21, 2013

Eagle River Resident and member of the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska, Floyd Edward Gori, 85, passed away November 21, 2013.

Father Tom Brundage and Deacon Jim Lee officiated at the burial service at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Eagle River on November 26. A burial will take place at Arlington Cemetery at a later date.

Floyd graduated from Sparks High School, the University of Nevada—Reno, received a Master's Degree at Creighton University and served in the US Air Force for 30 years.

He took part in the Korean, Vietnam and Cold Wars. Among the awards he received were National Defense Service, Korea Service, Meritorious Service, Legion of Merit, Vietnam Service and Air Medals.

After retirement, he took part in various businesses, worked for Anchorage Mayor, Tom Fink, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Floyd also served as past president of Anchorage Navy League, Monaghan Chapter of the Air Force Association and participated in the Military Officers Association, VFW and Anchorage Armed Service YMCA as a board member.

Floyd and his wife, Angie, were founders of the Alaska Air Show Association. He had an exceptional interest in planes and anything to do with World War II history. He also enjoyed collecting coins and ivory carvings.

Floyd is survived by his wife, Angie M. Gori, of Eagle River, Alaska; his son,

(See p. 6, "Floyd Gori")

activities. So, we will fill a few pages with some meaningful things.

Your editor has used up all his weather records, so you don't have to put up with the neat little graphs any more. Perhaps Alaska's meteorological whimsies were at least a little entertaining if not educational. As I look back at those charts, I see not only a representation of the 16 years they cover but a picture of the weather I have witnessed here in Alaska for almost a half-century (48.5 years.) Over that period of time, we've always had some weather surprises. Never a dull moment, but we know that if we depend on favorable weather, very little will get done.

Our member-comedian, Rich Golding, has stirred some interest and a few chuckles. This month, we have two comments, one from the AACA *Rummage Box*, and the other from the VLNAACF *Nash's News* editor.

"Every so often you may find a member of your club that has a certain talent of seeing things a little differently. If your region is lucky

enough to have him write about his twisted outlook on life, well you may get a story like this one..." [This was followed by Rich's story, "Stop Bugging Me," in AACA's *Rummage Box*.

—Wayne Burgess
Vice President Publications
AACA

"Thanks for the TT, Tom. Great issue. Enjoyed the Rich Golding column (as usual)... also re-enjoyed his column in the *Rummage Box*.

—Rick Larrick
Editor, *Nash's News*
Vernon Nash Antique Auto Club,
Fairbanks

We would like to thank these esteemed colleagues for their recognition of our offbeat meanderings. I like to think that they are better than *cabin fever*. Thanks to everyone for putting up with a little bit of eccentricity.

Also, while I am thanking people, I would like to mention how much I appreciate the work of our club secretary, Pam Tanora, whose minutes I have begun to use rather extensively in doing the

Driving Mr. Bert

Humor by Rich Golding

Its nine o'clock in the evening on Christmas Eve, and we can hear Bert's incessant coughing all the way upstairs in our bedroom.

He's been sounding and acting kind of punky all day, and Linda and I go downstairs to check him out. The kid looks sick, all right. Linda, with her instinctual, maternal concern, is beginning to look worried. She insists I call the doctor. I dial his number and get his answering service. I keep stressing the severity of the situation until they promise me the doctor, who is attending a holiday party with his wife, will call me back within an hour.

I try to comfort Bert, embracing

him and rocking him in my arms. I whisper to him what a good boy he is, but the coughing and sneezing persist, and he doesn't say a word. The phone rings, Linda answers; it's the doctor. He suggests we keep Bert quiet and come see him at his office tomorrow morning, but that won't do it for Linda. She hems and haws and tosses in a generous helping of grief, tempered with motherly guilt. The doctor gives in, and finally agrees to meet us at his office, across town, in an hour.

"Keep him still," says the doctor, "and be sure there is lots of newspaper under him."

(See p. 5, "Driving Mr. Bert")

Driving Mr. Bert

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Oops, did I forget to mention that Bert is a bird? I must have missed that part.

Bert is a very large, very old, blue and gold macaw. Very set in his ways. Opinionated. Grumpy. Used to getting his way. He talks a lot, but doesn't really say much. Linda says he is a lot like me.

It is snowing outside now, as I get my coat on and try to wrangle the old bird out of his cage. Nothing doing . . . he wants no part of it. He knows what is going on. He's lived with us for over three decades. He understands exactly what we are trying to do.

Bert hates going to the vet.

But when it comes to the pecking order in our home, I am the biggest bird. We wrestle, and he screams, "No, No, No!" But I finally manage to get him out of his cage and onto a perch, to transfer him into his smaller, traveling cage. But wait, where is the traveling cage? After some quick deductive reasoning, I recall that it was lent to a friend several months ago, and she is out of town for the holidays. I'm just going to have to take Bert in the car without a cage. He's done this before. He sits on the passenger seat and looks out the window.

I trudge outside to start the car and get it warmed up, but someone must have left the lights on, and the battery is shot. What to do? There isn't enough time to get the motor club out on Christmas Eve for a jump, and the doctor is on his way to his office. I turn and look back into the warm garage. I see Arthur, my 1928 Model A, in the corner, under in his winter cover. I make the decision. Linda says I'm nuts. Bert doesn't seem too thrilled about it, either.

With the cover off, Arthur starts right up on the first try. Bert looks confused and highly agitated as I stuff him into the front seat. He screeches "No, No, No."



"Shut up and sit down," I snap back. He reluctantly complies as we pull out of the garage and head across town.

So here I am, on Christmas Eve, driving in a snowstorm with a giant, opinionated macaw next to me in a Model A. The seats are lower than what he has previously experienced during trips in our modern car, so he climbs onto the top of the seat back, to glance out the window. He is quite verbose, ceaselessly screeching and speaking out his entire repertoire of words, phrases and musical pieces. His breath is actually fogging up the inside of his window. I roll it down a crack to rectify the situation.

We stop at a red light, and a police car pulls up in the lane next to us. Normally, I suppose, the cop wouldn't give me a second look, but I guess he doesn't see too many psittacine-packing Model A's out on a snowy Christmas Eve. The dumbstruck officer gives us a genuine double take. He rolls down his window, apparently to be sure of what he is seeing. Just then the light turns green, and as I pull away, I swear, the bird bellows out through his window a mighty "Good Bye!"

I'm driving as fast as I can legally, as the macaw is getting anxious and curious. He starts climbing around the inside of the Fordor to check it out. I am trying

to control the car, and screaming at him at the same time. "Get back here! Sit down or I swear, I'm going to turn this car around and we're going home!"

"I can talk, can you fly?" he responds, then starts to sing some Beethoven.

I reach back for him, but he ducks my waving hands and bellows out a hearty "Ha Ha Ha."

We finally reach the vet's office just as the tuxedoed doctor pulls up in his Lexus. His wife, in her evening gown, is with him. If I live to be one hundred, I will never forget the look on that woman's face as she watched some idiot in a snowstorm pulling up next to her with a giant parrot in a Model A Ford.

Anyway, by the time we got the bird into the examination room – I swear there were absolutely no signs of any coughing or sneezing. Bert appeared just fine. I explained the night's saga, and tried to laugh it off, but the doctor was not amused, and billed me accordingly.

Funny, Bert actually seemed to enjoy the ride home. The streets were deserted for the most part, the snow was quietly falling, and a full moon had come out. It was beautiful. Especially with him crooning Mozart's *Eine Kleine Natchmusik* from the backseat. Together we drove home, admiring the view out our windows. Eventually pulling into the garage, I realized that we had a real father/bird moment together that night. A true bonding experience.

"Merry Christmas, old friend," I told him, as I lifted him from his seat.

Bert replied with a special Christmas gift that only he could have given me. I shall never forget it.

By the way, does anyone know how to get parrot poop out of eighty year old mohair upholstery?

Some Events to Consider

Fur Rendezvous

At the November meeting, we learned that the Fur Rendezvous is scheduled for February 21 through March 2.

Dick Henningsen made a motion that the club participate in the parade, and Kurt Rein seconded that motion. It is scheduled for the first Saturday, February 22.

Dennis Allen made a motion to participate in the Fur Rondy car show, and Kurt Rein seconded. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Browns' shop February 22 and 23.

Kurt will see that the parade entry is submitted, and Donn Reese will get an ad placed on the Rondy event calendar.

Kurt needs volunteers to transport the parade Royalty (344-5554).

Cresaps will get the popcorn supplies. We are not yet aware of the Rondy theme.

The 2014 Shakedown Cruise is scheduled for May in Homer. We will have a show and may take the Tustumena to Seldovia, and/or the Danny J Ferry to Halibut Cove, where we can eat at The Saltry.

Fairbanks Solstice Cruise-In

After the Cruise-In, Jim Fredenhagen has concocted a trip to Wiseman for those who would like to join in. On the 22nd is a visit to the Lounsbury Mine in Fairbanks; the 23rd is the Dalton Highway to Wiseman; 24th a tour of Wiseman, 25th back to Fairbanks, and the 26th travel home.

2014 Joint Meet

Sara Stoops and Howard Hansen

volunteered to prepare for the 2014 Joint Meet with the VLNAACF. Howard reported that at this time there are no specific plans, but that we might somehow tie the Meet to the Wiseman trip. We are to host the Joint Meet for 2014.

Anyone who has a suggestion for this event should call Howard at 345-1268.

November Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2013

Antique Auto Musers of Alaska

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Mike Wiedmer. Twenty-eight people attended.

The guest at tonight's meeting was Bert LaValle. He has a 1915 Ford, 1919 Ford, 1924 Ford coupe, 1926 4-door sedan, 1936 Ford. Bert has been in Alaska since 1978. We hope he will join the Musers.

Split the pot was \$36.00 total, and Milt Tanora was the winner.

Tom and Marcy Cresap have offered to chair all three **Adopt-a-Road** activities for 2014. Many thanks to the Cresaps for taking on this responsibility.

Carl Godsoe shared that on Facebook there is a two-minute video segment on the Fountainhead Museum tour and some of the Muser's cars are on the video.

—Pam Tanora



Back in our September 4 issue, we featured an article by Dick Cresap, brother of the editor, about Dick's 1931 Buick. It suffered a somewhat untimely demise at the hands of your editor, who was about 13 years old at the time and had no idea what he was doing, but who later had recurring pangs of conscience for his part in the destruction of this wonderful piece of history. All that remains is this photo, which displays some of Dick's adolescent maxims. He obviously enjoyed the car before it went to the dump.

Info Provided for Fairbanks Solstice Cruise-In

The Midnight Sun Cruise-In will be June 20 & 21, with the dinner cruise on Friday and the show, Tour de Fairbanks and banquet on Saturday.

We got a block of rooms set aside at Bear Lodge for only \$99/night for attendees (code CRUIS14). The hotel generally fills early for solstice

weekend, so folks shouldn't wait until that month to book.

I will send more information as it becomes available. We look forward to having you here!

Nancy DeWitt, Historian
Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum

Floyd Gori

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John Gori of Las Vegas, Nevada; his daughter, Janet Garcia (Reinaldo) of Gardnerville, Nevada and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Maria Domenica Gori; his brother and sister-in-law, J. Paul and Dorthy Gori; and his first wife, Bony Molignoni Gori.

Model A 2014 Schedule Revealed

Jim Fredenhagen has been busy planning Model A fun for 2014. As usual, you don't have to have a Model A to participate, so consider going along. These are always lots of fun.

June 20, 21 is the Fairbanks Solstice Cruise-In. A trip to Wiseman will provide an extension of this cruise. (See p. 6, Some Events. . .)

On Saturday, July 19–Sutton Picnic Cruise will begin at Palmer Tesoro at 10:00 a.m. The potluck picnic will take place at Bill Thompson/Linda Neslund's at Seventeen Mile Lake. They have a 1929 Model AA. Bring potluck goodies and cameras.

Saturday, August 16, is the Soldotna Rib Fest. The group will

leave Carrs Huffman at 8:00 a.m. The rib lunch will be at Barb Dille's (1929 Spec Coupe) followed by a car show at Trusty's Hardware in Soldotna. Bring salad or dessert.

Saturday, September 27 will see the group enjoying the Seward Fall Colors Tour and Model A Day. They will leave Carrs Huffman at 8:00 a.m. and arrive in Seward at about 12:00. Parade and celebrate Seward "End of Tourist Season," local festivities.

Saturday, October 18 is the Wasilla Trout House Run. Leave Northway Mall at 10:00 a.m. and arrive at Trout House at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Afterward tour/parade to Palmer and dessert at Noisy Goose.

There may be a few changes along

the way, and Jim will put out a message as soon as he has any new information. Jim's email list contains only Model A people, so if you are interested in any of these fun events, call him ahead at (h) 243-5214 or (cell) 351-3115.

He also plans to put out contacts soon for hotels in Homer, Fairbanks, Wiseman, Coldfoot, and ferry for Seldovia for those who will attend the Shake Down Cruise.

Jim says, "What else is winter for, right? Should be a fun season so get your A's bulletproofed (as though that's possible.)"

Jim is also making a Model A calendar again for 2014, so if you have a favorite photo of your Model A, please get it to him.



Cresap

Dennis Allen touches up the polish on Diane's 1965 Thunderbird during the Jay Ofsthun Show and Shine on the Park Strip in Anchorage on August 4. Over 350 vehicles participated.



Reese

Dale and Ingrid Dryden's beautiful Model A's, a 1931 fire truck and a 1931 taxi, grace the grounds at the Jay Ofsthun Show in August.

Below: the Long Distance group gathers in front of the sternwheeler, Klondike, in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada.



Cresap

Homerite, George Eischens and his 1939 Ford pickup, car show, Homer, Shake Down Cruise.



Cresap

Merry Christmas



December

Birthdays

Howard Hansen-1
 Brian Anderson-2
 Kay Graham-6
 Linda Mattes
 Golding-7
 Jim Ede-8
 Doris Holland-12
 Hank Raymond-12
 Liz Mingo-15
 Dennis Allen-17
 Art Isham-18
 Colleen Kimzey-20
 Barbara Tullis-20
 Tom Cresap-21

Peg Stout-24
 Robbie Robinson-26
 Marl Campbell-28
Anniversary
 Marilyn & Dave
 Chiotti-2
 Marianne & Robbie
 Robinson-8
 Barbara & Dick
 Henningsen-15
 Tamia and Art
 Isham-18
 Joanne & Dutch
 Overly-29

