



Installation of Officers for 2015



Marcy Cresap swears in new president, Brian Anderson at the January 14th Installation of officers at Day Break Center in Anchorage.

At the January 14th meeting, the Antique Auto Musers installed officers for 2015. The (oh, so solemn) ceremony began with the members joining together for the club anthem, "On the Road Again," led by Tom Cresap on the guitar.

Then Masters of Ceremony, Tam and Art Isham and Marcy and Tom Cresap, conducted the formal procedure by assigning each officer a color befitting their rank and a part for a metaphorical automobile representing the club.

The president, Brian Anderson, was presented purple, the color of royalty. He was the fuel pump, symbolizing his responsibility to deliver energy and sustenance to the organization.

The vice president, Gwyn Wiedmer, received red symbolizing fire and power



Above, Art watches as secretary, Pam Tanora, lights her candle. Tamea Isham swears in treasurer, Donn Reese.

necessary to back up the president, and she was the spark plug.

Secretary, Pam Tanora, received blue for truth and correctness, and she was the shock absorber to help keep things correctly recorded and moving smoothly.

Treasurer, Donn Reese, had a green ribbon for calmness, good judgment and integrity—and, of course, money.

Seargent-at-Arms, Sara Stoops, had a yellow ribbon for hope, optimism and happiness. She was the windshield wiper to keep the way clear at club meetings.

After the officers were duly installed,



Gwyn Wiedmer lights her candle as part of her swearing in as vice president for 2015.

everybody joined in on the club anthem, and Brian opened his first meeting as our new and solemnly sworn-in president for 2015.

February Meeting

Our February meeting will take place at Day Break Center on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us to get the latest details about the Rony Parade and Show.

Refreshments will be provided by Scott Hulse and Dutch Overly.

A big thanks to Diane Allen and Donn Reese, who provided the repast for the January installation meeting.

Running Board Reflections



Lord

In this 2012 photo, Brian Anderson and son, Will, pose at the Arctic Circle crossing while on the AAMA Long Distance Tour to Deadhorse on the North Slope. Brian became AAMA's president at our January, 2015 meeting.

This being my first "Reflections" article, I want to start by again thanking our departing president, Mike Wiedmer, for his service heading up the AAMA Executive Board for the last two years. Over that time, our club has enjoyed many new and traditional activities, welcomed some new members and lost some old friends, and we began a new chapter with regard to our meeting location. Mike's energy and enthusiasm has kept us going strong, and he will be a tough act to follow. Gratefully, most members of the former Board will continue in their respective positions, plus we welcome our new Vice President, Gwyn Wiedmer, and incoming member-at-large, Dennis Allen (replacing Ralph Centoni). After a wonderful installation ceremony organized by the Ishams and Cresaps (Tom really outdid himself this time!), I think we are ready to go, so please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our Board members if you have questions or suggestions.

I'm submitting this article just prior to boarding a plane bound for the Big Island of Hawaii to visit some old friends who live in Kona. While it will be nice to visit friends and enjoy some warm weather for a week, I look forward to returning to the increasing daylight and sunnier days that signal an eventual end to the Alaska winter. Along with that comes

one of my favorite AAMA activities, the Fur Rendezvous Parade and Car Show. Once again our friend and fellow member Bill Brown has graciously offered to host the show at Bob's Services. Bill was even willing to sponsor an advertisement in the official Fur Rondy brochure, but the cost turned out to be prohibitive. We did secure a free listing in the brochure's schedule of events, which will serve us well in promoting the show. Our parade slot is also set, with more details to follow. Thanks go to Kurt Rein, Art Isham, and Donn Reese for heading up these events.

Speaking of club activities, this is also good time to encourage individual members to consider volunteering to help organize and carry out these events. I have always been impressed with the number and range of AAMA activities, including the in-town drives, the senior center rides, the joint meets with the Fairbanks club, the long distance tours; and, of course, the car shows. They all happen because someone steps up and takes the lead, and there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to contribute. So please review the schedule of events contained herein for activities needing leaders, and consider helping out. 2015 promises to be another great year for the AAMA, and I look forward to seeing you out on the road!

—Brian



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243-7005

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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: 1930 Model A Ford Pickup, with short bloc; runs really well, and is in very good shape. \$17000.00—Lloyd E Weeks, 562-7082 or 229-2369 (2)

2015 Joint Meet

The Antique Auto Musers of Alaska will meet with the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club-Fairbanks in Delta Junction June 12th and 13th

Things to do:

- * Friday—6:00 p.m.—Picnic Dinner at Pioneer Park Pavilion at the junction of the Alcan and Richardson Highways.
- * Car Show and Valve Cover Car Races. VLNAACF will host the picnic, and AAMA will be responsible for desserts Friday night and lunch Saturday.
- * Saturday Morning—Car games
- * Saturday afternoon—Short cruise and tour of Delta Area
- * Saturday evening—Awards Banquet at the Steakhouse

Make your reservations for lodging *now*. Be sure to tell them you are attending with the Vernon Nash Car Club in order to get your discount.

The Alaska 7 Motel 902-895-4848
(\$110 per night)
Diamond Willow Inn, 907-235-4848
(\$155/\$189 per night)

Schedule of Events

- * February 11—7:00 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * February 14—AAMA Board Meeting (Anderson, 345-9144)
- * February 28—Fur Rendezvous Parade (Kurt Rein, 335-5554)
- * February 28, March 1—Fur Rendezvous Show at Bob's services (Art Isham, 688-3671 and Donn Reese, 245-7203)
- * March 11—7:00 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * April 8—Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * April 18—Garcia's in Eagle River with the Model A's followed by a garage tour and pot luck dessert at Ishams' in Peters Creek (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * May 13—Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * May 16-18—Homer Shakedown Tour (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * June 6—Colony Days Parade, Palmer: Borough office parking lot on Dahlia St. (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * June 13—Military Appreciation Day car show (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * June 10—Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * June 12-14—Joint meet w/VLNAACAF at Delta Junction (Scott Grundy, 907-457-3526)
- * June 27-July 3—Dawson-to-Whitehorse long-distance trip with Model A's: reservation info later (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * July 4—Parades (Anchorage/Chugiak)
- * July 8—Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * August 2—Jay Ofsthun Show and Shine, Anchorage
- * August 12—Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * September 9—Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * September 25—Palmer Senior Center "Guys Only" Car Show (Mike Wiedmer, 632-1687)
- * September 25, 26—Chugiak HS Golden Anniversary Car Show (Cresap, 694-7510)
- * October 10—Trighthouse Tour with Model A's (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * October 14—Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * November 11—Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * December—Christmas Party TBA

Our 2015 Joint Meet

Our 2015 Joint Meet with the Vernon L. Nash Antique Auto Club of Fairbanks will take place in Delta Junction June 12th and 13th.

Things will get started with a Picnic Dinner at Pioneer Park Pavilion at the junction of the Alcan and Richardson Highways. At that time, we will stage a car show for the locals, do a little tire kicking and indulge in general kibitzing, gossip and good, old-fashioned B.S. It's a proven fact that you can't beat our VLNAACF friends as partners in such activities.

Also, Friday evening will feature one of our Fairbanks brethren's favorite past times: **Valve Cover Races!** We will have to get to crackin' if we hope to compete. See the related article, included on page 4 of this issue.

Moving on to Saturday morning: we will have the traditional car games. But wait. These will not be just the "traditional" games, because word has it that the Domkes (Dan and Vicki) are putting the games together. Those who attended last-year's meet at Majestic

(See p. 4, Joint Meet)

Valve Cover Racer Rules

1. Racer must be built with an original valve cover from an internal combustion engine and must retain the original gasket surface. Please sand or file any sharp edges that could cause injury, without destroying the original mounting surface to the point it cannot be reused.
2. Racer must have no moving parts other than the axels or wheels.
3. Racer must have no means of propulsion other than gravity and must have no shifting or liquid weights.
4. Racer must have a minimum of three (3) wheels.
5. Nothing can protrude on either end of the valve cover.
6. Tires (wheels) must not exceed 4 inches in diameter and must have a nonmetallic area touching the track. No DVD's, CD's, etc. may be used. Skate board, in-line skate or homebuilt wheels with a minimum of ¼" face are okay. Wheels may be mounted either inside or outside of the valve cover.
7. The maximum length of the racer must not exceed 30 inches. The width may not exceed 10 inches from the outside of wheel to out outside of wheel. Total weight may not exceed 10 pounds. Maximum height can be 10 inches.
8. Valve covers must retain the original gasket surface, and must not leak oil; dripping oil on the track will disqualify the entrant.
9. Racer may be painted or unpainted. The use of graphics or decals is okay. No holes may be cut into the valve cover or external modifications made to prevent it from being reinstalled and run on Mom's car. External add-ons may be done using existing mounting holes only.
10. The maximum distance from the track to the front edge of the valve cover is 3 ½ inches to accommodate the release pin for the starting gate.
11. The length from the front of the valve cover to the rear axle may not exceed 22 inches.

(Willy Vinton, 2014 Valve Cover Race Chairman)



Jim Brand, right poses after the first Valve Cover Car race in Fairbanks with daughter, Amanda and Willie Vinton. At this point, Jim is the man to beat.

How to Build a Winning Valve Cover Race Car

by Rick Larrick—editor, *Nash's News*

If you are an organized and lucky scavenger, you can build a valve cover racer in a single Saturday. Be creative with the engineering if you want to win—paint jobs only make them look fast, it's what's under the cover that counts, just like the big cars! Here is what I did.

The most important part of a valve cover racer is the wheels. While you do need a valve cover, just about any valve cover will do—but not just any wheels. Wheels need to be wood, rubber or plastic—not metal, as they will mar the racetrack and are forbidden.

The most direct way to get a set of good wheels is to steal them from your grandkid's skateboard or in-line skates. (If you don't have a suitable grandkid, then you may need to mug a kid with a skateboard or rollerblades.)

Skateboards are good, because they have adjustable trucks. Going straight is important, but skateboards have wide wheels, and the trucks sit high. The fastest are the narrow hard plastic wheels of the rollerblade breed (so two of you can go together and mug just one skater for eight

wheels—you have to be a lone mugger for just the four wheels from a skateboard.)

If the mugging idea doesn't suit you, you can try Value Village for your wheels. Most skateboards have ¼" ID wheel bearings, so you can use a ¼" bolts to
(See p. 5, "Valve Cover Cars")

Joint Meet

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Valley will remember that the Domke family raised the car games to an ethereal level with their antics. Be sure to do all your cardio exercises in preparation for what proves to be an uproarious experience this year.

Saturday afternoon, we will engage in a tour of the interesting Delta Junction area; then in the evening, we will attend the Awards Banquet at the Steakhouse.

Be sure to make your lodging reservations NOW, because rooms may be at a premium.

Don't miss this meet. It promises to be an exceptionally wonderful adventure with our good friends from Fairbanks and a great way to get into the summer fun for 2015.

Rondy Time is Here: Time for a Show and Parade!

The Show at Bob Brown's Services

by Art Isham

The 2015 Fur Rondy Car Show will be held at Bob's Services Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days. Art Isham and Donn Reese are co-chairs.

To participate in the car show you must be a member of the AAMA and AACA for insurance purposes.

Please call Art at 688-3671 by Wednesday Feb 25 if you would like to show your car. We will need to know if you plan to participate in the parade because parade cars will have special reserved spots. The following have already indicated that they will be in the parade/show: Henningson, Wiedmer,

Cresap, Hulse, Kimzey, Reese, Syren, Fredenhagen, Rein, Isham and Anderson.

You can bring your car to BSI located at 2009 Spar Avenue on Friday evening, February 27, at 4 p.m. or after the parade on Saturday, February 28. You will have an assigned position.

Please sign up to spend time at the show to take care of popcorn, pin sales, etc.

We will have a group dinner the evening of February 28. The location and time will be announced at the meeting on February 11.

The Parade Downtown

Kurt Rein, AAMA chairman for the 2015 Fur Rendezvous Parade, has announced several details about our entry

that interested members need to know.

First and foremost, the parade officials will not allow any last-minute entries. We must sign up with Kurt, who will in turn present our entry list to the officials. Kurt will be at our February 11 meeting with his sign-up list, or you can call him at 344-5554.

Second, as usual, some of our cars should be prepared to carry dignitaries. This is usually an ideal spot for open cars, but open is not absolutely necessary. Let Kurt know if you are willing to take on this chore, whether your car is open or not. If you haul a dignitary, you are eligible for a free breakfast at the Pioneer Pancake Feed before the parade.

Valve Cover Cars: Take the Challenge!

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mount them. Be sure to put a washer on either side of each wheel.

You can borrow a valve cover from about any car—and I said borrow, because one of the rules is that you can't modify it to the extent that the bottom gasket lip is changed. This way you can put it back on your wife's car when the race is over. If you have a choice, go for an inline six.

Size of most any valve cover probably will fit the rules: max 10-inches high, 10-inches wide and 10 pounds. The maximum length is 30".

When you design and build your undercarriage, make sure at least one set of wheels is perfectly straight and the other is in some way adjustable so that you can properly align it to go straight down the track.

Gravity is your friend: the heavier, the better. When your chassis is complete and you place your valve cover on, the total weight should be under the specified 10-pound restriction. To get that poundage as close as possible, you might think wheel weights. You may have some lying around, or you could check the local tire supplier—they usually have gobs. To double-check the weight, you can drop in at the post office and use their shipping kiosk. Just make sure it is a few ounces under, just for safety sake.

Now, go out and build a racer to beat mine. I double-dog dare ya!

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2015 Long Distance Tour

by Jim Fredenhagen

Looks like the popular vote has the Dawson/Whitehorse Long Distance trip going from Anchorage on June 27th and returning on July 3rd.

Signed up so far are Campbells ('59 Ford), Ishams (Model A), Drydens (Model A), Sonens (Model A), Kimzeys (Model A), Godsoes (Model A), Chaces (1952 Plymouth), Fenas (Model A), and Fredenhagens (Model A).

Itinerary will be:

- * June 27th—Travel to Tok, meet Fairbanks folks
- * June 28th—Travel to Dawson, stay June 28th & 29th
- * June 30th—Travel to Whitehorse, stay June 30th & July 1st (Canada Day)
- * July 2nd—Travel to Tok
- * July 3rd—Travel to Anchorage

Thanks, now we can start working on hotels. If anyone has favorites, please let me know. I imagine Young's Motel at Fast Eddies café at Tok is a given.

Cheers, Jim

Heartfelt Condolences

It is especially heart wrenching when a parent loses a beloved child. So it is with great sadness that we offer our condolences to Pam and Milt Tanora on the loss of their daughter, Heather. Our thoughts, our prayers and our hearts go out to you, Molly, Pam and Milt, in this time of your loss.

January Minutes

Antique Auto Musers of Alaska Meeting minutes for January 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Art Isham at 7:00 p.m. The first order of business was conducted by the inauguration committee for the 2015 club officers. Tam and Art Isham and Tom and Marcy Cresap. We began with an antique car song. We were accompanied by Tom Cresap on the guitar. Club members were acknowledged with a white candle, the Brian Anderson lit a purple candle for the president position and took the AAMA pledge with the left hand on a Hemming's. His candle featured a fuel pump. Gwen was honored with a red candle and a spark plug. Pam received a candle and a shock absorber, and Donn received a green candle with a fuel line on the plaque. Sara received a yellow candle with a windshield wiper attached. Once again the committee outdid themselves with creativity and fun. 2014 President Mike Wiedmer was honored with the white candle representing the membership.

Tom and Marcy were honored with a bag of connecting wires from Tam and Art Isham for keeping the club connected with the newsletter.

The newly installed officer program was dedicated to Robbie Robinson. It takes a committee of four to do what he did. We remember how much Robbie enjoyed this task, we miss him.

The inauguration ceremony was followed by the antique car song.

The meeting was officially called to order by the new president Brian Anderson.

Refreshments for tonight's meeting were provided by Ishams, Donn Reese and the Allen's.

Jim Fredenhagen introduced new member (actually he was a former member) Bob Brennan. We welcome Bob back to the AAMA. He has a 1930 Model A, two door sedan.

Eddie Hoecher joined us this evening, he has an ancient VW. Eddie is president of the VW local club. He and some of his fellow members were with us at the Kendall show in September.

The minutes from the November meeting were read, and with the change of Will's last name they were approved.

The treasurer, Donn Reese reported \$6,957 in the checking account to date. Seventy-one members are paid for 2015. We are down about fifteen members so far

from last year. Members who have not paid the 2015 dues will not receive the February newsletter, Tinkering Times.

Old Business:

(See p. 7, "January Minutes")

Ken Stout Shake Down Cruise

Our traditional tour to initiate the 2015 season, now known as the Ken Stout Shake Down Cruise, will take place May 16-18.

- * We will leave Carrs-Huffman at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Lunch at Quartz Creek, then get Fuel and eat pie in Soldotna.
- * After reaching Homer, we will have dinner at AJ's Steakhouse.
- * Sunday, at 10:00 a.m., we will stage a car show at the Wells Fargo parking lot next to Safeway till 4:00 p.m. Then, we will do the Tour de Homer and have dinner at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant.
- * Monday, 9:00 a.m. we will depart for Anchorage and lunch at Russian River BarBQ.

For accommodations: Be sure to mention that you are with the Antique Auto Musers. Call Ocean Shores Motel, 800-770-7775 for rates—last year was \$94. Also lodging at Driftwood Inn across from AJ's, 907-235-8019.

Get the jitney out of mothballs and see what she'll do on the road!

See you there—Jim



Tamea Isham, left, administers the "Oath of Office" to AAMA's 2015 officers at Day Break Center during our January 14th meeting. From left, the officers are president, Brian Anderson, vice president, Gwyn Wiedmer, treasurer, Donn Reese, Secretary, Pam Tanora and sergeant-at-arms, Sara Stoops.

January Minutes

Christmas party; Thanks to the Allen's for the set up, and for all the members bringing delicious holiday favorites and working to put the party together. The gifts were also fun.

The New Year's Eve car show was held in the square in front of the PAC downtown. It was a huge success. Next year if we participate we may want to start set up a bit earlier. With all the foot traffic it was a bit difficult getting the cars in a circle and roped off. Mike stated that David Jensen took some great photos that we will be able to use in the future. We were featured on Channel 2 news, 12/31, at 6:00pm. We have received an invitation from the Downtown Partnership for next New Year.

Donn talked about the external drive he purchased for storage of all the club photos and records. The item is much more portable and contains lots of storage space. The website information is also stored on the hard drive.

Mike Wiedmer reported on the pioneer centennial event to be held in Palmer, September 2015. He has visited with Mary Ann Lisenby (Pioneers of Alaska) and Dee Brown (Palmer Senior

Citizen's Center.) All igloos of the state will be present. The theme is Farms, Barns & Colony Charms. We are invited to show our cars at the gentleman's lunch, on September 25. It is a guy's only event. There should be 100-150 in attendance. Vehicles for the lunch will gather at the Fairgrounds. They want a sign featured for each vehicle sharing the car's history in Alaska.

Refreshments for February will be provided by Scott Hulse and Dutch Overly.

Gwen passed around a clipboard with all the 2015 club responsibilities listed and we were to sign up for activities we would chair. If there is not a chair for the event, the event will not happen.

The Joint Meet is June 12, 13, & 14, in Delta Junction. Jim Fredenhagen suggested we tag the long distance tour onto the tail end of the Joint Meet and travel to Dawson, Whitehorse, and then back to Anchorage. We would return on the 20th of June.

New Business:

Fur Rondy: Art Isham reported that the show will be held at Bob's Services again this year. You must let Art know if

you will be showing a car, and if you will be in the parade. He will place the cars beforehand on paper so all will know their assigned car placement at the car show. The rondy brochure ad was \$500 and members present decided it was not affordable. You may move your vehicle into Bob's Services beginning Friday evening Feb. 27, even if you are taking it out for the parade. There will be 11 X 17 inch posters available to hang around town. They will be distributed at the February meeting.

The Fur Rondy parade is scheduled for February 28th, if you carry dignitaries you are entitled to a free pancake breakfast. The club has received requests to drive dignitaries in the parade.

Sgt. at Arms collected \$2.50 for lack of name tags. Split the pot was \$37.00 total with Marcy winning half the amount.

Diane Allen reported that we are not to use candles, or serve alcohol in the DayBreak facility. Also, there is no smoking on the DayBreak property.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Tanora, secretary

And the
Winner is...

After the installation of officers at the January meeting, Tom and Marcy Cresap received their award for excellent work on the Tinkering Times. Art and Tamea Isham presented them a used Mustang wiring harness for "tying things together" so well. It was a fitting presentation, since Marcy misses her Mustang so much. Word has it that she plans to display the harness in a prominent location in her living room.



FUR RONDY PARADE & ANTIQUUE CAR SHOW

*See us in the Fur Rendezvous
Parade and at our
Rondy Car Show at Bob's Services*



2009 Spar Avenue, Feb 28-Mar 1; 10am-5pm

February

Birthdays

Madeline Dennis—2nd

Kathleen Godsoe—6th

Mary Taylor—6th

Laura Therriault—6th

Pam Tanora—21st

Ken Evans—28th

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