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AAMA Makes Impressive Showing at Joint Meet

by Scott Hulse

Well, another Antique Auto Musers (AAMA) and Vern L Nash, (VLNAACF), Joint meet has come and gone. If you missed it you should plan on coming next year. Our annual joint meet is a bit like a family reunion. Each year we gather for conversation, food, and games. There is a little bit of magic when we get together.

This year Brian Anderson and Will arrived in the Jeep pickup, Tom and Mary Cresap brought the Model T Ford, Howard Hanson drove the Dodge coupe, Art and Tama herded the Chrysler Imperial with Granddaughter Madeline at the reins. Sheryl and I were fortunate to drive Mike Weidmer's 1941 Caddy. Anchorage was also represented by Curly Packer with his very nice 1931 Ford Model A Pickup. With 6 cars we may have tied with Fairbanks this year for attending vehicles. At the Banquet there were 12 cars displayed. Fairbanks may have had another car come for just the games, or the BBQ. I think we should count the Banquet attendance and call it a draw. Well done AAMA!

Fairbanks did a great job hosting this event. The Vern Nash club chair was Scott Grundy, with Rick Larrick heading up the BBQ, and Willy and Wilma Vinton organizing the car games. Willy was there in spirit only, as duties at the Museum prevented him from attending.

We had the pleasure of visiting and competing with Fairbanks club president, Wilma Vinton, her grandsons, Devon and Aaron, Ron, Nancy and grandson, Shane Allen, Scott and Linda Grundy, Fred Husby, Bub and Rochelle Larson, Rick & Jill Larrick, Ed and Laurel McLaughlin. Don Oines, John McCarthy and Will and Theresa Chase also joined us for the Friday BBQ.

Friday's BBQ at Delta's Pioneer Park was great. Sunny, warm, and almost no



Antique Auto Musers of Alaska and the Vernon L. Nash Antique Car Club of Fairbanks display cars at the Delta Junction Pioneer Pavilion on Friday, June 12 before the barbecue at the 2015 Joint Meet.

bugs! As always there was lots of great food. The hamburgers were from a local packing plant that we toured on Saturday. Everything was great!

The Valve Cover Race commenced after the BBQ. This was a challenge that Fairbanks came up with and our first attempt. AAMA rocked, taking home 1st, (Tom Cresap), 2nd, (Art Isham) And 3rd place (Brian Anderson). This makes up a bit for the less than sterling results we had at last year's games. I notice lots of Fairbanks folks were taking close up photos of Tom Cresap's design. I expect we will see some clones next year for the Second Annual Valve Cover Race.

Saturday most of the group gathered at the local "Steak House" for breakfast then headed to the Deltana Fairgrounds for a morning of Games. These included:

A Timed Potato Race, trying to get potatoes into small buckets while driving a timed slalom. Smashed potatoes did not count. First Place went to Tom and Marcy Cresap.

The Target Distance race had us backing through a short slalom, then seeing how close we could get the center of our bumper on a cone. Ron Allen and his grandson, Shane, took home the first place award.

Last, was the blindfolded reverse

slalom and parking. Yes, there was a penalty for running over a cone. (I think it took three people to extricate the cone from under the Cadillac I was driving). Linda and Scott Grundy took home the gold for this. Linda had worked out some great fist signaling to tell Scott where to go. A thump on the left back, go left, a thump on the right, to go right, and thump fast in the middle for 'Give it some Gas, you're not moving'. This was fun to watch, though Scott was mentioning sore shoulders at the Banquet.

An honorable performance mention should go to Madeline and Will. Madeline drove and Will gave directions. They quickly went through the slalom perfectly and were lined up great for the parking.

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July Meeting

Our July 8th meeting will happen at Day Break Center, 9210 Jupiter at 6:30 PM. Come join us for the meeting and the drive about led by the Kimzeys afterwards.

Thanks go to president Brian Anderson for orchestrating last-month's drive about.

Running Board Reflections



Grundy

Brian shows off his speedy valve cover race car during the races at the Pioneer Pavilion in Delta Junction at the Joint Meet with the Vernon L. Nash Club of Fairbanks, which took place June 12th–14th. Brian's car took third place in the races.

At this writing, I've only recently returned from our joint meet with the Vernon L. Nash Antique Car Club, and I think that I can safely say that a good time was had by all. Delta Junction proved to be an excellent venue for this year's event, with its rural setting, great facilities, and the brilliant weather. Our hosts, particularly organizers Scott Grundy and Rick Larrick, filled the time with fun and interesting activities, including guided tours of a couple of unique agriculture businesses located in the area. VLNACC President Wilma Vinton (aka "She Who Must Be Obeyed") made sure things stayed on track. I promised that AAMA would do our best to match the fun and creativity when we host next year's joint meet.

At the joint meet, AAMA made an impressive showing at both the valve cover races and the car games. Congratulations go out to Tom Cresap, whose well-engineered valve cover racer won decisively, and to Art Isham, the impressive runner up with his Model A-based entry. My oddball ohc Jeep unit came in third, but I later discovered that it was actually out of compliance with Rule No. 11, pertaining to the distance between the front of the valve cover and the rear axle. Therefore, third

place rightfully belongs to Marcy Cresap, who also could have won in a best-decorated category. After sweeping the valve cover races, AAMA participants also performed well at the car games, with wins by Tom and Marcy (timed potato drop) and Scott Hulse (grab bag), while several others placed in their respective events.

On Sunday, while crossing the Palmer Hayflats, we noticed what appeared to be a large plume of smoke off to the north. The car radio soon confirmed that residents were being evacuated in front of a wildfire in the vicinity of Willow, now named the "Sockeye Fire." Tragically, the fire claimed a number of residences, including that of extended AAMA family, DeeDee and Mike Jonroe, who, according to news reports, were able to save most of their animals, but lost some others along with everything else that remained on their property after evacuation. Our hearts go out to those affected, and I know that AAMA members are individually and collectively ready to help out in any way we can.

There are lots of activities scheduled for the remainder of this month and next, so please participate, enjoy, and be safe out there.

–Brian



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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 600x16 tubes; used, but still in good shape. \$5.00 each. Tom, 694-7510.

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Hope Weekend

- * Arrive Friday, July 17th, set up and relax.
- * Saturday, July 18th, Hope Town Hall Pancake feed (benefits local EMT) parades potluck barbecue—Hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments supplied by AAMA.
- * Sunday, July 19th, breakfast at the lodge followed by cheering for the racers. Head home after the race.

Schedule of Events

- * June 27-July 3—Dawson-to-Whitehorse long-distance trip with Model A's (Bruce Campbell, 345-3129)
- * July 4—10 AM Anchorage parade (Mike Wiedmer, 243-7005)
- * July 4—1 PM parade, Chugiak (Allens, 345-6355)
- * July 8—6:30 PM Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Drive About, Kimzeys)
- * July 11—9:00 AM Adopt-A-Road (Sara Stoops)
- * July 17-19—Hope Wagon Trail Days (Dennis and Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- * August 2—9 AM Jay Ofsthun Show and Shine, Anchorage
- * August 12—6:30 PM Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Drive About, Goldings)
- * August 29—Palmer State Fair
- * September 9—6:30 PM Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center
- * September—9:00 AM Adopt-A-Road (Sara Stoops)
- * September ?—Kendall Show (Milt Tanora)
- * September 19-21—Denali Tour (Tam Isham, 688-3671)
- * September 25—Palmer Senior Center "Guys Only" Car Show (Mike Wiedmer, 632-1687)
- * September 25, 26—Chugiak HS Golden Anniversary Car Show, pending membership approval (Cresap, 694-7510)
- * October 10—Trouthouse Tour with Model A's (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * October 14—7:00 PM Regular Meeting at Day Break Center (Refreshments Cresaps and Tanoras)
- * November 11—7:00 PM Regular Meeting at Day Break Center (Refreshments ?)

Joint Meet

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Unfortunately the driver can't tell if they are going straight or not and a slight turn of the wheels sent the car off to into the 'side' of the 'garage' (cones). What a great performance to watch. Last year Tamea amazed everyone when she parallel parked the Imperial between cones not much farther apart than the length of the car. There must be a family gene that has passed on to Madeline.

After our lunch back at Pioneer park

we were treated to several tours by Fred Husby, a retired Dean of Agriculture at UAF. The first stop was at the local Delta Meat and Sausage facility. Delta Meat and Sausage provided the Buffalo hamburgers we had at the BBQs. They have their own herd of cattle and pigs, to control quality, and they do customer

(See p. 4, "Joint Meet")

Rides for Seniors: June 25th Serendipity (5 cars needed)

Please Call Diane Allen, 345-6355. We want to do this event as usual, but we cannot have too many cars because of parking.

Gentleman's Lunch For Pioneers

This is a pioneer centennial event to be held in Palmer in September 2015. 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 for each vehicle sharing its history in Alaska.

Questions: Mike Weidmer,

Solstice Festivities Also Celebrate Anchorage Centennial

by Donn Reese

After several weeks of sunny and hot weather it was a bit of a surprise to wake on the day of a car show and see clouds hanging rather low and dark over Anchorage. Fortunately as the morning progressed the cloud cover slowly lifted, thinned, and it warmed up. The Antique Auto Musers, rarely concerned with a potential weather hiccup, put on a strong showing on 4th Avenue.

Organized by the Anchorage Downtown Partnership and sponsored by several local businesses, the Downtown Summer Solstice Festival is an annual event the Auto Musers have been involved with most years since 2009. This year we were located between E and F Streets in front of Historic City Hall where we had the opportunity to connect with a lot of folks interested in the old cars and sharing experiences. We managed to make a few new friends that I

think will result in a fresh face or two at future events.

We had sixteen cars on display ranging from Barry Fowler's 1909 Model T Ford to Isham's 1990 Mazda Miata. There was something for just about everyone including convertibles, sports/muscle cars, and a couple of pickups.

Bruce Campbell's 1957 Skyliner was popular as always with his numerous demonstrations of the roof operation drawing a crowd. Jim Graham brought out his recently finished restoration: a 1953 Chevy truck,



Barry Fowler (dark jacket, center) explains the vagaries of his original, unrestored 1909 Model T Ford, which he procured in Illinois. Barry spent the entire duration of the show, from 12-6 on Saturday, June 20th regaling passers-by about the background and historic significance of this car.

meticulously restored and drawing many admirers from within the club as well as

(see p. 5, "Solstice")

A Message From Buzz

My apologies to Walt Sonen and Buzz Wallace, whom I somehow omitted from the article on the Homer Shake Down Cruise in our last issue. The following is Buzz' report on his building progress in Michigan.

—Tom

Hello Tom,

Sure enjoyed seeing everyone. It was a vacation (too short) from the construction.

Often I think this project here in Michigan is too intense, but if a job is worth doing—it is worth doing right. It is hard getting the contractors and subs to go the extra work for a perfect result. Often we see how easily they rebuild houses on the TV shows...not so easy in real life. Just finishing the sheetrock mudding now.

Very little getting done on the newer Model A slant window 4 door. Sneak away for an hour or two a couple times a week. The newer '31 Tudor is still sitting with a flat tire. Where does the time go?

More updates as work progresses.

—Buzz

Joint Meet

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processing for the public. They had samples of yak, buffalo, reindeer and various sausages for us to try. Naturally a group photo was taken by the local newspaper and our club editor.

Our last tour before heading to the banquet was the Northern Lights Dairy, owned by Don and Lois Linterman. This is one of the last locally owned and operated dairies in the state. The history as told by Lois was interesting, followed by a tour of the processing room and the barn. We were treated to helpings of their Ice Cream before leaving. As Sheryl and I were leaving, we noticed some of the members had spotted some rusty iron in a field and naturally abandoned their cars to go investigate.

To close out a great weekend, we had an impromptu car show display at the Steak House where we held the Banquet. The halibut and prime rib were excellent. There was some confusion about the salad bar. Everyone was chatting about the weekend, and the dinner arrived before many of us got our salad from the bar. The awards presentations followed with

several unexpected surprises. Some guy named Scott Hulse (that would be me), won the 'What's in the Bag' event. I guess it pays to know what an ignition wrench and a ball valve feels like blindfolded. Scott Grundy also presented me with a Hard Luck award. Considering my Rolls was rear ended by a car as I was headed to our May meeting. He presented me a large CAUTION sign to put on my rear end; so I did and modeled it for all. Thinking about it, maybe he meant to put it on the rear of the car!

Car wise everyone made it there and back without significant issues. Howard had some kind of fuel starvation, but it seemed to clear up after a few starts and sputters.

I want to thank everyone who came, and all the Fairbanks folks for putting on a great weekend! I hope to see even more people next year. Be thinking about where you might like to meet then. We should discuss this at one of our monthly meetings. See p. 5 for game winners.

Happy Trails to everyone.

—Scott

Serendipity June 25th

Don't forget Serendipity on 25 June at 1:00 pm at the Salvation Army Serendipity Adult Day Center, 3550 E. 20th Avenue, just west of Bragaw. The following have volunteered to share their cars: Howard Hanson; Michael Weidmer; Ken Evans; Dennis and Diane Allen; possibly Louis Finch.



On June 18th, five AAMA cars provided rides at **Day Break**. The rides were well received by the clients and afterwards Day Break staff treated us to freshly-baked Rhubarb crisp and ice cream. The following members volunteered to share their cars: Howard Hanson, 1966 Plymouth Baracuda; Tom & Marcy Cresap, 1938 Chrysler Royal; Brian Anderson, 1950 Hudson Commander; Dennis & Diane Allen 1965 Ford Thunderbird and Mike Wiedmer, 1949 Ford Convertible. Thanks to all. The clients enjoyed seeing and riding in the cars and visiting with the drivers.



The AMMA boys and their toys: Tom Cresap (Oldsmobile), Art Isham (Model A) and Brian Anderson (Jeep), first-, second- and third- place, respectively in the Delta Junction Joint Meet Valve Cover Races, show off their handywork.

Solstice Celebrated at Anchorage Centennial

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the public. Another "fresh face" was a 1964 Oldsmobile Jetstar 88 owned by Doug and Caprice Musty, fresh from its trip from Minnesota and arriving barely a week ago. It's a nice low mileage survivor inherited from Doug's dad. They are eager to continue fixing it up and we hope to see them at future events. Another survivor is the 1909 Model T, nearly all original and I saw a small crowd around it and Cresap's Model T throughout most of the day.

I want to thank everyone for bringing cars out. The day stayed warm, especially since the usual afternoon wind off Knik Arm did not make an appearance. The music from the Hard Rock Café stage was enjoyable, being a lot of Spy Jazz and similar music from the 1960s.

Barry Fowler-1909 Model T Ford
Cresaps -Model T and 1938 Chrysler
Bruce Campbell -1957 Ford Skyliner
Gwyn Wiedmer -1956 Ford Thunderbird

Ishams-1962 Corvette; 1980 Mercedes;

1990 Mazda Miata

Donn Reese-1960 Imperial

Louis Finch-1956 Ford Thunderbird

Tanoras -1932 Chevy sedan

Jim Graham-1953 Chevy Pickup

Doug & Caprice Musty-1964 Oldsmobile Jetstar 88

Bill Brown-1967 GTO and 1937 GMC truck

Scott Hulse-1939 International truck

Finally, I want to thank Sophia Fouquet with the Anchorage Downtown Partnership for arranging our participation, placing us in an excellent location, and for the ads placed in their publications of the overall event. We received some great exposure and I fielded about five phone calls concerning the car show where the caller specifically mentioned seeing our name in an online announcement.

-Donn

Winners of

2015 Car Games

Reported by Wilma Vinton

Blind Back-up Maneuver

1st-Scott & Linda Grundy

2nd-Ron Allen & Howard Hanson

3rd-Tam & Art Isham

Target Distance

1st-Allen & Shane (Grandson) (15")

2nd-Scott & Linda Grundy - (16 3/8th")

3rd-Rick Larrick & Aaron Williams - (30 7/8")

Timed Potato Drop

1st-Tom & Marcy Cresap

2nd-Ron Allen & Aaron Williams

3rd-Art Isham & Maddie Dennis

Grab Bag

1st-Scott Hulse 9/15

2nd-Maddy Dennis; Bub Larson;
Rochelle Larson 8/15

Wilma did not keep the list of Valve Cover Race Winners-maybe because they were all AAMA members (haha) but they were:

1st-Tom Cresap

2nd-Art Isham

3rd-Brian Anderson

There's Hope at the End of the Road

by Dennis Allen

Mark your calendars for 17, 18, & 19 July—Hope weekend is just around the corner, and AAMA will be in Hope for Wagon Trail Days. We have the Methodist Retreat reserved for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Dennis and Diane plan to drive down late Thursday or early Friday and plan the parking in front of the Retreat. There will be no parking in front of the library, library gift shop, or on the library lawns.

If you don't bring an RV the Retreat will be available for sleeping, cooking, and bathing. The Retreat has running water, toilet, and shower. Don't forget your towels & soap! There are also several motels and B&Bs in Hope for those desiring more privacy. Tenting is discouraged this year—the relocated Government Hill bears have been visiting Hope!

Activity Schedule

Activities available—5.3 K cross country run, Raffle, Hope-Sunrise Museum, Pancake breakfast, bake sale, gold panning,

fishing, hiking, cake walk, country dance, and bike riding. Profits from events around town support the Hope - Sunrise EMS. We also plan singing, board games, parades, and lots of good old visiting!

Friday 18 July - Dennis and Diane will be there by Friday afternoon. There are no formal activities planned for Friday night. We will direct parking as members arrive to best utilize the available space. It will help if you let Dennis know the size of your RV ahead of time.

Saturday 19 July - The morning will be spent setting up, visiting, and just enjoying the ambiance of Hope. Everyone is on their own for breakfast and lunch (The Discovery Café is a great place to eat, and there is a pancake feed at the social hall from 8:00 – 11:00 am). Our first parade will be after lunch. Saturday evening we will have a potluck and hamburger/hot dog feed. The club will provide the hamburgers, wienies, and buns with condiments. Members, bring a dish to share. Another parade and tour of beautiful downtown

Hope is planned for after dinner.

Sunday 20 July - Our annual pancake feed will be between 8 and 10 AM. Dennis and Diane will provide the pancakes and everyone else should bring something to share. Wagon Trail Run check-in is 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the Hope Social Hall and the race starts at 11 AM. Delay your return to Anchorage after the race and awards ceremony and share leftovers for lunch and stay Sunday night to avoid the mad rush on the Seward Highway.

What To Bring

You for an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Your collector car for sightseeing and parades. We will plan a location for any trailers.

Potluck dish for Saturday night.

Something to share at Sunday morning pancake feed.

Your favorite music instrument and/or board games to share with other members.

PLEASE!

Let Dennis know if you are planning to attend. Contact Dennis at 345-6355 or allendd@alaska.net so he can anticipate space required and number of mouths to feed. After Friday morning and over the weekend use our Cell Phone# 317-4088.

Sockeye Fire Takes DeeDee Jonrowe's House in Willow

Everyone in the Antique Auto Musers, Alaska and many beyond knows who DeeDee Jonrowe is. Many also know that our dear friend and fellow AAMA member, Peg Stout, is DeeDee's mom.

A veteran musher, DeeDee was one of a number of dog mushers who lost homes and mushing gear Sunday night, June 14th, when the Sockeye Fire tore through her neighborhood at Mile 72 of the Parks Highway, where she and her husband, Mike, have lived for the past 30 years.

DeeDee saved 52 of her dogs but lost almost everything else, including her cat, a

flock of chickens and her 15-year-old husky, Python.

Along with her race gear, DeeDee said, she lost 8 tons of dog food -- half a year's supply -- and 6 tons of frozen meat. She also lost three cars, including a 1953 cherry-red Ford convertible that her father, Ken Stout, left her after he died in 2013.

Our hearts go out to DeeDee, Mike and others who have lost everything to these fires. The last word in the news is that fire fighters continue to battle the fire north of Willow, as well as an even larger fire in the Cooper Landing/Sterling area.

Independence Day Parades

Anchorage

Mike Wiedmer asks that members help Anchorage celebrate its centennial by joining us for the July 4th parade downtown.

If you are interested and want to participate, call Mike at 243-7005.

Chugiak

Dennis and Diane Allen have announced the schedule for the Fourth of July Parade in Chugiak. The parade starts at 2:00 PM. Get there early, about 12:30,

and eat a free hot dog or hamburger provided by the Moosehorn folks! Diane will get the entry numbers for both AAMA and ATC (M). After the parade we will all go to Isham's for a dessert potluck. Tam will provide the drinks and utensils - you provide the desserts! Maps to Isham's will be available at the parade staging area. Parade POC is Diane Allen 345-6355; Dessert Potluck POC is Tam Isham 688-3671

Summer Shows at Cyrano's

Mike Wiedmer has announced the dates for the Cyrano's Anchorage Centennial events

He says that previously reported performance dates may have been erroneous.

Organizers are asking us to display cars representing time periods as follows:

DecadeDates
1915–1925, 7/2-6
1925–1935, 7/8-13
1935–1945, 7/15-20
1945–1955, 7/22-27
1955–1965, 7/29-8/3
1965–1975, 8/5-10
1975–1985, 8/12-17
1985–1995, 8/19-24
1995–2005, 8/26-8/31

West of Eden

Humor by Rich Golding

"It's over there, in that shopping center on the right. No, to the right – *your other right!* See, you enter up there, by the Safeway," said my wife. We were looking for a nail salon whose address she had found on the internet.

"I think it's that place with the green sign over there," said I. "Yep, that's it. How long are you gonna be? 'Cause I don't want to spend all day here waiting for you."

We were down in Phoenix for her doctor appointment. Naturally, my wife can't visit a doctor without first getting a mani-pedi. "He's probably going to take a look at my hands and feet," she explained so matter-of-factly that I realize via decades of matrimonial experience there cannot possibly be any realistic response I could offer, therefore I just shut up.

"You don't have to come in if you don't want to," she squeaked. Next to having root canal or an IRS audit, I can't think of anything else that I would rather do.

Then it happened. I turned my head for just a second, and as my eyes followed along the row of stores within the strip mall, I saw it. "Hey, there's a Harbor Freight store over there! How 'bout I go there while you spend our life's savings getting your nails done?"

"Well I don't know how long I'm going to be. There seem to be a lot of people in the salon; it may take a while. So when you're done at your place, come over to mine and wait for me here."

I trotted out from behind the steering wheel and approached the rather innocuous looking store with the big white and red sign. I've heard about this company, as I've gotten an occasional flyer from them in the mails. You know, the kind you find as you leaf through your important letters from your dentist or the Treasury Department, usually followed by an exclamation of "how the *hell* did they get my name and address?"

This would be my first time at a Harbor Freight, since we have none in Anchorage. It's a really big place, with lots of store specials on hand painted signs adorning the windows, blocking the view inwards. And outwards.

As I entered the doors, ethereal harp music began to play, and a great beam of light broke through the ceiling tiles over me and smote me on the forehead. A feeling of tranquility and harmony I have

never before known pervaded my entire body. I was in heaven.

I looked about me. There were lots of other older men, all like me. They were walking in a trance-like state through the aisles full of tools, tools and more tools. Tools of all kinds. Hand tools, power tools, pneumatic tools.

There were big shopping carts. Some of the older men who could not walk were sitting in the kid's seats of these carts, being chauffeured up and down the aisles by their wives. "Get your hands back," the females growled. "Stop reaching for everything. Don't touch that! –Now listen to me Mister, if you don't behave I'm going to turn this cart right around and we're going home! Do you hear me?"

But it was no use. Just like their mobile upright brothers, myself included, the allure was just too strong. I had to have more and more and more! I wanted to touch everything. To hold it and roll it over in my fingers. Tools everywhere, of every size and shape. I wanted to rub them all on my body.

Minutes seemed like seconds. Hours like minutes. Time has no meaning in Valhalla. Just a feeling of inner peace and serenity. And a sort of tapping . . . tapping? An incessant tapping from behind me on my shoulder.

"Do you know what time it is?" growled my wife. "I've been waiting and waiting for you! Weren't you going to come back for me? What's all this junk in your cart? You don't need another set of jack stands, or more socket sets, do you? And what are you planning on doing with this, and this, and this? Put all this stuff back right now, it's late and I need to get back to the doctor. Hurry up or we're going to be late for my appointment."

Somehow she must have been able to lead me back and load me into the passenger seat of the car. Driving me away from the store, the spell I was under began to fade.

"Whaa . . . what happened," I asked in an halting, almost post-hypnotic voice. "Where . . . where am I?"

"There, there," returned the soothing, motherly voice from behind the steering wheel. "You're all right. You're going to be fine. It's all over now. Relax, you'll be fine in a few minutes."

"But it seemed so real, so wonderful!" I exclaimed with tears in my eyes, as the memories of what had just happened began to gel in my consciousness. "I want

to go back! I need to go back! Please, take me back!"

"There, there," she said, reassuringly patting my knee. "Mommy has to go to her doctor's appointment, remember? We can't miss that, now can we?"

"I guess not," I muttered slowly, my face pressed up against the glass of my window, teary eyes desperately searching for any trace of the wonderland I had just beheld. The memories fading fast . . . so distant now. It was like a dream. Just a dream.

"But it felt so real," my lips whispered into the window, "It was so . . . so wonderful!"

We pulled into the medical park building parking lot, and into it a parking spot. Turning the key, my wife shut the engine off. "Are you going to be okay?" she asked patiently.

"Yes . . . yes, I'm feeling better, I guess."

Linda reached her hand over towards me, and with the back of it, softly stroked my cheek.

"Are you sure you're all right?" she asked again.

I softly took her hand in mine and kissed it. "I'm fine. We can go now," I responded, my voice still a bit wobbly, "nice nails . . . pretty color!"

Editor's note: Rich and his wife, Linda, are in Scottsdale, Arizona. Linda is having a hip replaced at Mayo Clinic there. Rich often says that his stories are taken from actual occurrences in his life, so maybe he found a Harbor Freight down there. We want to wish Linda a speedy recovery.

Bridesmaids Get Classy Ride

Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer report successfully transporting a couple from lower Hillside to the Holy Family Cathedral ceremony at 2 PM on July 20th, then on to Holy Rosary Academy afterwards. They still had time to show cars at the Anchorage Centennial celebration downtown on 4th Ave. as they waited for the ceremony to happen and afterwards. Wow! Request was for the bride and her 5 bridesmaids to be in old cars, and they got it!

Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance



This is AAMA member, Dutch Overly's, 1929 Stutz Model M Rumble Seat Coupe at the recent Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. He didn't win any awards, but he said that he had a very elucidating experience. He also got to enjoy a first-time post-restoration drive in the car. Congratulations to Dutch on having had this experience, and thanks for sharing with us.

July

BIRTHDAYS

John (J.R.) Russell—4th
 Kaylene Brown—14th
 Elizabeth Wiedmer—14th
 Dick Henningsen—14^t
 Doug Nolte—15th
 Doris Fowler—18th
 Clare Batchelor—19th
 Betty Westcott-Plummer—20th
 Katy Aschenbrenner—23rd
 Esther Combs—24th
 Jim Graham—30th
 Judy Morfield—30th
 Lee Plummer—30th
 Gwyn Wiedmer—31st

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Diane and Dennis Allen—6th
 Jean and Greg Lear—21st
 Gwyn and Mike Wiedmer—24th

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