



For 2016 Officers, Induction Poses No Perplexing Puzzle

Art and Tamea Isham acted as MC's for the Induction of Officers the evening of January 13 at Day Break Center in Anchorage.

Tamea designed the proceedings after a puzzle and had a club logo cut up into nine pieces, representing the four officers, three members-at-large, sergeant-at-arms and last, the membership. Upon being installed, each one placed a piece of the puzzle in the proper location on a magnetic board to ultimately form the logo.

With some minor changes, the 2016 officers are carry-overs from last year. So, the 2016 officers are officially: President, Brian Anderson; Vice President, Gwyn Wiedmer; Secretary, Pam Tanora; Treasurer, Donn Reese.

The Members-At-Large are: Dennis Allen, Howard Hansen and Scott Hulse. Our new Sergeant-At-Arms is Milt Tanora. No surprises. Congratulations to our returning officers, who were neither perplexed nor perturbed with the puzzle.



Left, top to bottom: Tam installs Brian Anderson as 2016 President; Vice President, Gwyn Wiedmer locates her piece of the AAMA puzzle; Treasurer, Donn Reese "swears on the Hemmings Bible" as Art Isham installs him. The other induceties are pictured on p. 4. Above, Art and Tam Isham initiate the ceremony.



Urgent Notice!

If you plan to participate in the Fur Rendezvous Parade and show, you need to take three steps:

- First, call Kurt Rein and tell him what vehicle you will enter in the parade on Saturday, February 27th.
- Second, call Art Isham to inform him of your entry in the show the 27th and 28th.
- Third, call Tam Isham and tell her what you are bringing for the pot luck dinner we will have at the show the 27th and 28th.

February Meeting

Join us at the business meeting Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 PM at Day Break Center. We will discuss preparations for the Fur Rendezvous parade and show, as well as other activities for the spring and summer. This is planning time for many of the adventures we will enjoy throughout the year, so come and get your two cents in.

Thanks to Art and Tamea Isham for their MCing at the installation and to Milt Tanora and the Ishams for seeing to it that we had plenty of food, which consisted of left-overs from the Christmas party.

This week's refreshments will be provided by Scott Hulse and David Jensen.

Running Board Reflections



Our president, Brian, joined VLNACC president, Wilma Vinton and her grandson, Aron, at the 2015 Joint meet in Delta Junction during the car games.

The AAMA Executive Board held its first meeting of the year on Saturday, January 23, at the home of our treasurer, Donn Reese. In addition to Donn and me, Board members present were Vice President Gwyn Wiedmer, Secretary Pam Tanora, and members-at-large Howard Hansen, Scott Hulse, and Dennis Allen. Our first priority was to outline the list of club-sponsored activities for the coming year, which will be presented to the membership for approval at the February business meeting. The list identifies those activities for which the club would be covered under AACA insurance, and it can be updated throughout the year.

We also discussed options for moving our website to a more user friendly, and possibly more economical location, now that our previous host has changed hands. Webmaster Donn will investigate one option of locating our website with the AACA, similar to what our friends at the Vernon L. Nash club in Fairbanks have done.

The Board spent considerable time discussing potential changes to the AAMA By-laws, which were originally

adopted in 1982. In addition to updates to reflect current practices, some changes are needed to restore consistency that has been lost through piecemeal changes over the years. I'll be working on drafting the proposed revisions for acceptance by the Board, after which they will be presented to the membership for approval.

Board members are also working on drafting a standard introductory letter for new AAMA members (Gwyn), and guidance for prospective leaders of our traditional club activities (Donn). Stay tuned, and please contact your Board members with any additional suggestions you may have.

I'm looking forward to visiting with all of our members who can participate in the upcoming Fur Rendezvous events. This is also a great opportunity for some mid-winter outreach, and to showcase our hobby. Please be sure to sign up with our leaders for the parade, Kurt Rein, and the car show, Art Isham, so that they can plan appropriately.

—Brian



2016 Officers

President: Brian Anderson 345-9244

Vice President: Gwyn Wiedmer
243-7005

Secretary: Pam Tanora 868-1575

Treasurer: Donn Reese 245-7203

Sergeant at Arms: Milt Tanora

Members at Large

Dennis Allen 345-6355

Howard Hansen 345-1268

Scott Hulse 240-4028

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Brian Anderson (2015)

Mike Wiedmer (2013-14)

Howard Hansen (2012)

Donn Reese (2009-2011)

Jeff Hassler/Donn Reese (2008)

Jim Fredenhagen (2006-2007)

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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.

Secured Enclosed Storage

West Downtown Anchorage location
9'x18'x7-1/2' high space
\$125/month for single
2 spaces—\$225
Dave Syren,
440-2982

For Sale: 5 bias-ply, tubeless Firestone wide white wall deluxe champion tires; 7:50-14; good shape. \$250. Loren, 243-1620.

Rondy! Parade and Show

The Rondy Parade will take place Saturday, February 27th. If you want to participate in the parade, notify Kurt Rein, 344-5554.

Kurt reports that, as usual, we will need some cars to carry Alaska Pioneer dignitaries. Open cars are preferred, but that is flexible. Let Kurt know if you are interested. Those who provide rides will receive a free breakfast at the pancake breakfast.

It is very important that you let Kurt know ahead of time if you are going to participate, because he coordinates with Art Isham, who will arrange placement of vehicles at Bob's Services to allow early-morning release and later post-parade parking at the show for those participating in the parade.

To place your car in the show, you can set up at Bob's Friday at 6 PM or you can come Saturday morning. Whichever you do, be sure to let Art know what car or cars you are bringing. Good communication leads to less heartburn. Thanks.

Schedule of Events

- * February 10—7:00 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center (refreshments: Dave Jensen and Scott Hulse)
- * February 27—Fur Rendezvous Parade (Kurt Rein, 335-5554)
- * February 27, 28—Fur Rendezvous Show at Bob's services (Art Isham, 688-3671 and Donn Reese, 245-7203)
- * March 9—7:00 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * April 13—6:30 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * April 16—Talkeetna Lunch Run (Model A's, Jm Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * May 7—Garcia's Lunch Run (Model A's, Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * May 11—6:30 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * May 21, 22, 23—Homer Run (Model A's, Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * June 8—6:30 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * July 13—6:30 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * August 10—6:30 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * September 14—7:00 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * October 12—7:00 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center
- * November 9—7:00 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center

2016 FUR RONDY SHOW

Fur Rondy is coming, and it is time to shake off those mid-winter blues. We will be having our car show on February 27 and 28. Details:

- * Location: Bob's Services, 2009 Spar Avenue. This is down in the industrial area of Ship Creek, so the Allen's will be placing directional signs to assist visitors in their quest.
- * Hours: Friday, February 26th. Those who want to bring their cars in early can do so starting at 6 PM.
- * Saturday, February 27th. Bob's will be open at 9 AM for those who left their cars in the shop and are in the parade. Doors are open at 12 Noon to 5 PM for visitors.
- * Sunday, February 28th. Doors are open 10 AM to 5 PM for visitors.
- * Food: We will be having potluck all day both days. No group restaurant meal is planned. **Sign up for what you will bring at the February meeting, or call Tamea Isham, 688-3671**
- * Cars: **Sign up for what you want to display at the February meeting.** You will be assigned a position based on the theme that is developed by the co-chairs, to be announced at the meeting. Your position will be displayed on a map and the floor will also be marked.
- * Booth: We will have the usual tables in the corner and the popcorn machine. Bring old copies of car magazines for giveaways to visitors. Membership information and applications will be available. **Sign up to operate the booth at the February meeting.**
- * Ads: We will get a free ad in the Fur Rondy flyer with location and time of the show. The co-chairs will provide 11x17 advertising posters at the February meeting for placing in local businesses.
- * Voting: The co-chairs will provide ballot boxes and ballots for the People's Choice award.

Induction a Puzzling Proposition



Clockwise from above left: Dave Syren represents the membership to complete the puzzle during the installation at the January 13 meeting; Milt Tanora does double duty placing the puzzle pieces for Secretary (proxy for absent wife, Pam) and for himself as our new Sergeant-At-Arms; Howard Hansen, Scott Hulse and Dennis Allen are inducted as the 2016 Members-At-Large.

Antique Auto Musers January 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Anderson at 7:06 pm.

2016 Installation of officers

Art and Tam Isham conducted the ceremony for the installation of officers for 2016. The theme for the event was "Puzzles" and Art and Tam did a great job of how the officers and the membership contributed to the success of the club. Installed were Brian (President), Gwyn (Vice-President), Donn (Treasurer), Pam (Secretary – in absentia), and Milt (Sergeant at Arms). Members at Large – Scott, Dennis, and Howard.

Guests

No guests or new members were in

attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: Don Reese stated that the club has \$8,468 in its checking account. To date, approximately 67 or 68 members have paid their dues for 2016 – which is 25 to 30 shy of the prior high mark.

Sergeant at Arms, Milt, conducted his check of name tags.

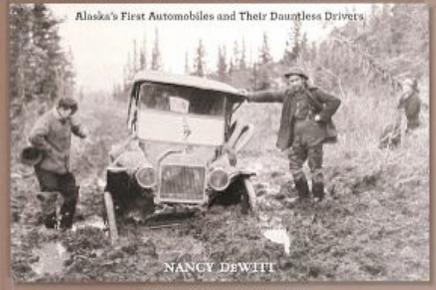
Old Business:

1. Mike Wiedmer provided a summary of his attendance at the Rotary Club meeting. He stated that the meeting started at 7:00 am with a breakfast at Doriola's.

(See p. 5, "Minutes")

A Must-Have Book for Auto Nuts

EXTREME MOTORING



Nancy [DeWitt] has authored several books, but this one is undoubtedly her largest, and most comprehensive work. The Book *Extreme Motoring—Alaska's First Automobiles and Their Dauntless Drivers* is the same title and shares some material with the Museum exhibit that many of us have enjoyed but tells a far richer and more complete story along with many wonderful pictures.

There are photos of the first cars in Skagway, Nome Valdez, Anchorage and Fairbanks. There are more than 85 high quality pictures in this extensive and very well documented 127-page history of the automobiles of Alaska. The research took Nancy six years of work pouring through newspaper clippings, old magazines and loaned photographs, as well as books and other published sources.

For car nuts, most of the book is wonderfully organized—by make! It covers vehicles from steam and gasoline automobiles, trucks, snow machines, motorcycles and buses to street cars. There is lots of well documented history of people, places and vehicles.

Since I have started doing some local history on automobile stories from 100 years ago each month [in *Nash's News*] it should be noted that Nancy's book reports that in 1916 there were 159 cars registered in Fairbanks, and there was an organized Fairbanks Automobile Club, and in that year Fairbanks also held its first automobile race.

If you own an old car in Alaska, this book belongs on your bookshelf—or better, on your living room coffee table.

—Rick Larrick, Editor,
Nash's News

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His presentation was similar to the one done at the Pioneers of Alaska club meeting. This is a good way to get the word out on our Club.

2. Brian advised that he attended the New Year's Eve celebration and visited the car show presented by Kendall. The show consisted of two brand new Audis. It was noted that Kendall was a major sponsor of the event.
3. 2015 Christmas Party givings – the Club donated \$655 to Daybreak and about 120 pounds of can goods were also collected and donated.
4. Donn shared a ledger that the Club had used for its accounts. He noted that the first entry dated back to 1996. It showed that dues in 1996 was \$15, and Donn shared some of the names of the early members which appeared in the ledger.
5. Club Secretary Pam Tanora read the minutes from the November 2015 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. The motion was approved.
6. Scott Hulse and David Jensen volunteered to provide the refreshments for the February 10th meeting.

New Business:

1. Fur Rondy – chaired by Art Isham & Don Reese.
2. The car show will again be at Bob's Services. The show will be held Noon – 5:00 pm on February 27th and 10:00 am – 5:00 pm on February 28th. Members can bring their cars to Bob's on Friday, February 26th, at 6:00 pm. Art passed around the sign-up sheet.
3. Donn has the necessary proof of

insurance for the event. Art has the insurance binder for the parade.

4. Popcorn and booth operations – will need two people to man the booth per hour during the show on Saturday and Sunday. Sign-up sheet was also passed around.
5. A beautiful plaque was made to present to Bill Brown for last year's People's Choice award.
6. Signs and posters for the event will be taken care of. It was suggested that the smaller posters would be better, so both sizes will be printed.
7. Bob's guys will take care of the equipment at the show.
8. Tam advised that instead of Club members going out to dinner Saturday night, there would be an all-day potluck. Food can be brought in for both days, and members can eat/snack during both days of the show. A sign-up sheet for the potluck was passed around.
9. Kurt will be handling the VIP requests for rides for the parade, and he's going to try to get the requests confirmed earlier this year. He will need a list of cars that will participate in the parade. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
10. Board meeting – will be held later this month. Members should submit any topics/ideas for this year's activities so they can be discussed at the meeting.
11. Dave shared photos from 1974 and also the new edition of "Extreme Motoring," from The Fountainhead Museum in Fairbanks.
 - January birthdays and anniversaries recognized.
 - Split the Pot: Milt stated that \$64.00 was taken in. Donn asked

the members if they noted any glitches on the Club's website, or if anyone had any suggestions for improving it. Mike suggested that members could share photos on the website.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Milt Tanora for Pam Tanora, secretary

Shake Down Cruise

Jim Fredenhagen has announced an activity schedule for the Model A's for the 2016 touring season. We have included an excerpt here, since AAMA members are always invited to participate. In addition, the last event—the Homer trip, which Jim always dubs the Ken Stout Memorial Tour—is actually an AAMA-sanctioned event, which Jim has traditionally planned.

Once considered AAMA's Shake Down Tour, this tour—due to the considerable length—has become a stand-alone event, which will be preceded by a true "shake down" event. The three events are as follows.

First, April 16, Saturday, comes the Talkeetna Lunch Run. Meet at Wasilla Walmart at 10 AM, lunch at Denali Brewing Co. Anchorage caravan leaves Northway Mall at 9 AM. In case of rain or snow, alternate date: April 23.

For the second event, Garcia's Lunch Run, Saturday, May 7, participants will meet at Eagle River Garcia's at 11 AM for lunch and photos, then will tour Birchwood to pot luck dessert/coffee at Ishams. Please bring your favorite dessert.

Our third adventure, the Homer run, has become a traditional one for

(See p. 6, "Shake Down")

EN L'HUILE IL YA VÉRITÉ (in oil there is truth)

With the Spring quickly approaching, I decided one quiet afternoon to get a jump on my duties and took it upon myself to perform an early oil change on Arthur. It was not until I had my Model A on jack stands that I noticed I was fresh out of clean oil. So I climbed into my everyday ride and trotted down to an auto supply store on the other side of town, that I had only noticed for the first time a few days before. Upon entering the shiny showroom, I was cordially greeted by it's proprietor, a very well dressed fellow who introduced himself to me as "Jacques." He spoke in a decidedly French accent.

Shake Down Cruise

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AAMA. It will be May 21, 22, 23, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Meet at 8 AM at Carrs Huffman. We will lunch at Creekside Inn at Quartz Creek. Some cars will return to Anchorage from this point.

Jim has planned for pie (and ice cream) at Caribou Restaurant, in Soldotna. The group will then continue on to Homer and dinner at Homer Driftwood Inn. Sunday, 10 AM, we will have a car show at Wells Fargo Bank parking lot; then we will tour and have dinner at Jose's Mexican Restaurant. On Monday, we can have lunch at Russian River BBQ on our return run to Anchorage.

For over night accommodations in Homer, we will get a group rate at Ocean Shores Hotel, and will need to reserve for Saturday and Sunday nights. Use their 1-800-770-7775, and be sure to mention that you are with the AAMA to get the discount. Be sure to wait till we firm up the dates before making your reservations.

After explaining my needs, we gravitated towards the oil aisle, where I remember thinking that the products displayed were pretty much the 'same old, same old.' While there were many brands in colorful bottles, I noticed no difference from any other petro-centric purveyor.

Jacques seemed to pick right up on the disappointment I must have been projecting.

"I can see Monsieur has a discriminating taste for zee oils!" he said. "Perhaps you would care to peruse our salon of premium petroleum products? *La salle d'exposition d'huiles de qualité supérieure!*" Rather confused, I nodded in the affirmative. "Right this way, Monsieur," said the Frenchman, bowing slightly at the waist. His left arm crooked behind him while his right arm extended ending in an open palm pointed towards a mysterious portal on the other side of the room. "Right this way, Monsieur." Together we spirited through the doorway into a smaller, most singular showroom. The walls were lined with row after row of very fancy bottles of oils.

Jacques tapped his lower lip repeatedly with the straightened index

AACA Annual Meeting for 2016

The AACA Annual Meeting is only 14 days away! Are YOU registered yet? Do you have all of your seminars picked out? Do you know which vendors you want to visit at the trade show? Are you attending any of the special evening events?

If not, you are quickly running out of time! See the AACA website for information. This is a fun event!

and middle fingers of his right hand. "Hmmm, left me see . . . let me see," he muttered under his breath as his eyes scanned the special product lining the walls. "What year and make did you say your automobile was, Monsieur?"

"It's a 1928. It's a Ford Model A," I responded, trying my best to sound as worldly as possible.

At once his left eyebrow raised ever so high, and a sparkle enjoined his glance. "Oh, I see Monsieur is truly a motoring devotee!" He sprung towards a particular shelf and effortlessly withdrew a bottle, then whipped around to face me.

"Here we go, Monsieur" he declared in triumph, his back a bit arched, as his left hand, fully opened, waived once ever so gently, over the bottle lying across his right palm.

I stared keenly at the selection and after carefully clearing my throat, read the label aloud: "Chateau de Valvoline."

"An excellent vintage, Monsieur. Medium bodied with hints of red berries and leather. The tannins are quite subdued. A wonderful vanilla finish!"

"Yes, a very nice vintage indeed," I responded, my eyes darting about the other offerings lining the shelves. "But perhaps you might have something a little more full bodied?"

His raised eyebrow fell a bit, and he sniffed once, recoiling and abruptly withdrawing the bottle he had held in front of me. Then his head cocked slightly, and a small grin took control of the left corner of his mouth, resulting in a most curious reshaping of his pencil thin mustache. "I can see Monsieur possesses a truly discriminating palate!" His voice rang out apologetically, "I have obviously underestimated Monsieur's *compétence* . . . how shall I say . . .

(See p. 7, "EN L'HUILE IL YA VÉRITÉ")

Taking Punxsutawney Phil with a Grain of Salt

by Tom Cresap

As one who has been a member of the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska since 1987, I feel qualified to say, “here we go again.” Don’t get me wrong, I say that with more than a modicum of enthusiasm.

A little story about beginnings: I started editing the *Tinkering Times* in 1993 on a computer that wasn’t anything like the one I have now, but it gave me an inkling of the capabilities of the technology we now have that gives me the ability to use photographs and to catch my ever-present typos and misspellings.

Speaking of misspellings—I don’t know if I’m alone in this, but it is practically impossible to see my own errors. I’m sure that is one reason God created woman. My wife takes great pleasure in reminding me of my failings, and so—I thank goodness—she proofreads this newsletter. Between her efforts and those of the computer, you are prevented from having to make innumerable mental corrections as you read.

So, here we go again. It’s spring time, and Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow in Pennsylvania, so winter is deemed over in that part of the country. If Phil had been in Alaska, he would have made a different prediction, because the skies have been wonderfully clear and beautiful for the past two days. To Alaskans, that means one thing, “when it’s clear, it’s cold.” So, for the short term, winter is anything but over.

If there is any conventional wisdom about the weather, however, it would be that this spring will come early—regardless of the shadow thing. Based on innate intuition, some of our members have started to plan accordingly, and we have an article in this issue by Jim Fredenhagen, in which he sets us up for a drive on April 16. If that works out, Punxsutawney Phil will be vindicated.

For now though. . . let’s Rondy!



This photo was taken in 1959, when your editor had hair and a sarape and was attending college in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The car was a 1950 Mercury that received many hours of loving conversion from its original splendor to—in his eyes—an objet d’art. In retrospect, it could have been done differently, but at the time, it was appropriate.

EN L'HUILE IL YA VÉRITÉ

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vous êtes un gourmand supérieur! A thousand pardons Monsieur, a thousand pardons! Would you please follow me.” Pivoting on one heel of his impeccably shined black wingtips, he turned one hundred eighty degrees, then lead me over towards another aisle, this one lined with a row of dust covered receptacles.

His eyes scanned back and forth across the shelf’s contents. His palms together as if in a praying position, were held up to his lips. Suddenly his eyes opened wide, and the mustache broke into a huge smile.

“*Et Voilà!*” he shouted this time. His right hand quickly slapped his lips, which were swelled open in an almost perfectly circular shape, resulting in a most curious sound – very similar to that of a champagne cork popping.

Withdrawing a bottle from the rack, he held it to his side, and with a mighty breath, blew what seemed like years of unmolested dust from off it’s top, then quickly presented it to me. Again I read the bottle’s label aloud, “Dom Pennzoil, 1931.”

“A most excellent year, Monsieur!” he snapped. His left eyebrow began to raise again. “One of our finest!”

Impressed and almost speechless at the treasure thrust before my eyes, I could not help but notice the price tag affixed to it’s side. Jacques was still standing before me, holding the bottle, as if frozen at attention, yet continuing to extol the product’s virtues out loud, “. . . woven flavors of mirabelle jam, crunchy pear and toasted brioche, gradually leading into an almond and cashew finish . . .”

My eyes began to dart back and forth, and I cleared my throat several times, as if I were choking on something.

Feeling rather intimidated and obviously out of my league, I began to mutter apologies, one after another under my breath, all the while slowly back-stepping my way towards the door.

“Come back, come back Monsieur! Monsieur come back!”

With one foot out the store’s exit, and moving very quickly, I could still hear his words echoing across the showroom “Mon Ami, come back . . . *Sacré bleu – ces Américains!*”

Jumping into my car, I sped out the parking lot as fast as I could, driving straight to the WalMart, where I quietly picked up and paid for five quarts of the house brand 10w30.



February

Birthdays

Madeline Dennis—2nd

Kathleen Godsoe—6th

Mary Taylor—6th

Laura Therriault—6th

Pam Tanora—21st