



Layla Has a New Collector “1952 Corvette”

by David Jensen

At the recent Miner's and Trapper's Ball in Anchorage, the theme for the costume contest was Route 66.

I had the pleasure of picking up the winning costume (designed to be worn by two people at a time.) It's a 1952 Corvette decked out with a working radio, headlights, and horn.

I brought it back to my studio for a couple of days and Layla graced the dash board with her official blessing of the paws.

In the photo at right, David Jensen's Layla sits in the award-winning costume from the Miner's and Trapper's Ball in Anchorage. A 1952 Corvette, is, of course, non-existent in reality, but the designers applied a bit of poetic license.

Walt's Model A Meets Near Demise on Glenn

During one of our recent freak snow/rain storms, when the roads were exceptionally slippery, travelers on the Glenn Highway near Muldoon Road experienced a 17-car pile up.

Yes, this even happens in Alaska. Some think that Alaska drivers are somehow immune to problems with slippery conditions, but the reality is that sometimes you will slide uncontrollably whether you are from Alaska, Arkansas or Arizona.

Just ask Walt Sonen. He was driving his 1931 Model A pickup that fateful March 4th and was #15 in the conglomeration on the Glenn. Fortunately for him and Sachiko he



had fitted the little pickup with shoulder harnesses, and they only suffered bruising and a bit of whiplash.

The Model A is the same one we all know. Among other trips, it made the AAMA tour to the North Slope in 2012 and took an epic 15,051-mile jaunt to the Canadian Maritimes and back to the Sonen home in Seldovia last summer.

Walt reports that although the truck is drivable, it will need a new fender, bumper and some tender loving care to bring it back to its old self. We offer him our commiserations, wish him luck in the repair endeavor and we look forward to seeing it back in action.

April Meeting

The April meeting of the AAMA will take place at 7:30 PM at Day Break Center in south Anchorage.

The agenda will include changes to the By Laws. Come and get your two cents in.

We also plan to have a representative from Interstate Batteries.

Hosts for the meeting will be Sara Stoops and the Goldings.

A big thanks to Donn Reese and the Henningsens for the goodies at our March meeting.

Running Board Reflections



Anderson

President Brian's son, Will, took this photo while they were ice skating on Potter Marsh, south of Anchorage, in mid-December last year. Brian stands with his '83 Jeep J10 sports side pickup.

This winter, the Executive Board undertook the arduous task of updating the AAMA by-laws that were originally adopted in 1982. In addition to becoming somewhat dated, the by-laws have received many piecemeal additions over the years, resulting in some ambiguity and inconsistency. The Board felt that it was time to take a look at the document as a whole to correct any problems, and to update as necessary to reflect current practices. We met on two occasions to hammer out the details, making all the changes within the original framework. Having completed that process, we can now present the revised draft to the membership for your review and approval. Following are the most significant changes being proposed:

-Article II, Purpose. Add a section indicating that AAMA is a region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA).

-Article III, Corporation Officers. Limit this article to describing the four corporation officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Delete reference to the Sergeant-at-Arms and members-at-large, and move Sections 2-4, pertaining to the Executive Board, to Article V.

-Article IV, Duties of the Corporation Officers. Delete Section 5, referring to members-at-large.

-Article V, Executive Board. Add the sections moved from Article III, move the section on Board meetings to Article XII, and revise the section pertaining to power and procedure of the Executive Board.

-Article VII, Vacancies. Condense the three sections down to one brief and concise paragraph.

-Article VIII, Membership-Voting. Revise definition of "joint membership," and move Section 2C (student membership) to Article IX.

-Article IX, Membership-Non-Voting. Add a new section defining "non-voting membership," revise the section describing "honorary membership," and add a revised section identifying a "student membership."

-Article XII, Meetings. Change the Section 5 requirement for Board meeting frequency from "each month" to "as necessary," and add the section on quorum moved from Article V.

We hope that these revisions, along with the other minor changes throughout, will result in a set of by-laws that are more easily understood and implemented. I encourage you to look over all the changes, which will be posted on AAMA website, and come to the April meeting with any questions. Some hard copies will also be available at the meeting.

-Brian



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Schedule of Events

- * April 13—7:00 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center (Sara Stoops, the Goldings)
- * April 16—Talkeetna Lunch Run (Model A's, Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * April 28-May 1—Palmer MTA Car Show (49th State Street Rod event)
- * May 7—Garcia's Lunch Run (Model A's, Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * May 11—6:30 Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Chair ?)
- * May 21, 22, 23—Homer Run (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * June 8—6:30 Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Brian Anderson)
- * June 17-19—Joint Meet with Fairbanks (Scott Hulse, email hulse@alaska.net Phone: 907-240-4028 or 907-349-8106)
- * July 4—Anchorage 4th of July Parade
- * July 4—Chugiak 4th of July Parade (Allens)
- * July 4—Glennallen Parade (Hulse)
- * July 10-18—ABD Tour (Fairbanks event, Scott Grundy, sgrundy55ply@gmail.com)
- * July 13—6:30 Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Chair?)
- * July 15-17—Hope Weekend (Dennis and Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- * August 10—6:30 Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Kimzeys)
- * September 14—6:30 Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Chair ?)
- * October 12—7:00 Regular Meeting at Day Break Center (David

New Machine Shop

by Jim Fredenhagen

We now have another automotive machine shop alternative here in Anchorage besides ADB. They're called Advanced Machine Works, and I was impressed with their facility on east 64th. They've been open for about a year and have some very modern tooling as



For sale: 1930 Model A coupe; disassembled, but complete; very restorable; (more photos available from Jim Fredenhagen) \$6500, Tony DeGange Cell: 907-230-5020 Email: tdegange@gmail.com

well as some of the equipment they got when Midtown closed.

The manager's name is Mark, and he encouraged our club to tour their shop as a field trip or just drop in. They have a very friendly atmosphere and very good prices.

Easiest way to find them is turn off Dowling onto Burlwood, go to end of the road and turn right on 64th. Very soon on the right is 1625 and they're the end building, unit #3.

They're phone is 563-6246 or advancedmachineworks@yahoo.com.

This may be a good destination for first drive-around.



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Antiques From Alaska

DAWSON TRIP 1990

by Jennifer Williams

Most vintage travel is done by automobile but getting there people's story about their Model A finds varied and some vehicles are more noteworthy than others.

Even an antique truck would stand out as 1930s vintage so my 1932 Model A pick up, a 1940 Model A Tour Sedan and my 1928 Model A 1900 4 Door sedan and the other 4 residents carefully packed together in a parking lot.

However the city looked right at home as some of Dawson's historic buildings and the downtown square surrounded by all the buildings when they rolled into town on June 28th.

They and their families, an entourage which included 11 people and included one support van, began their 1990 mile round trip in Anchorage, stopping in Redoubt north of Galena Lodge on the way. Although they had been various regions in Alaska all the drivers are members of

the Antique Auto Museum of Alaska, a chapter of the Antique Auto Club of America.

The idea for the tour stemmed from a similar drive about the Kenai and Peg Stout joined in November last year. Driving a 1935 Model T they were one of 40 antique cars that covered over 2000 miles in 11 days.

Despite the age of the vehicles, they have seen few mechanical difficulties as the vintage route is now along the Top of the World highway. The cars are well taken care of and a good deal of time went into preparing for the long drive.

Mark Raymond, the owner of a 1922 Model A pick up that used to belong to the Territorial Wood Commission before Alaska became a state, began working on his engine in February. Billy Dickinson, the person in charge of planning the itinerary, just asked him about his last winter fire pump.

The night before departure

Mark had yet to put a new seat in his pickup but he wanted Betty that the engine was "90% there". When the group arrived the next morning to pick her up Betty was looking the other way in the land. Without missing a beat he proceeded to "make" something and said, "The guys were like, what took you so long?"

An eclectic and fascinating bunch with a variety of backgrounds the group includes an antique pilot, a left-hand drummer, two teachers, several military personnel, a State of Alaska Highway Dept. official and several mechanics they all agreed on one thing: there is a great place to visit and it is best reached after a drive through hard earned experience that makes you feel like you have done Alaska's journey.

In the end, in this day of cellular phones and air conditioning it great to see people going the extra mile with historic adventures.

A Blast From the Past: Dawson City, 1990

by Jim Fredenhagen

In 1990 I had just joined the Antique Auto M u s h e r s after purchasing my 1929 Model A sedan. It was not ready for this trip, but I volunteered to drive the support van.

It was just a trip to Dawson and back but a very good time.

Ken and Peg Stout were definitely Model A'ers, and this trip really cemented my dedication to the A.

Fun to look back at the adventures we've had .



by Jennifer Williams

Chace Family Suffers Tragedy

We recently received an email from Bill and Joyce Chace—AAMA members who live in North Pole—regarding their son, Klinton, whom most of our members have met. We wish

them our sincere condolences.

Bill wrote: "We can use your prayers. We have lost Klinton.

His last day with us was March 25. We have been too devastated to notify anyone outside our church and local friends here. We had just seen him the previous day and were

waiting for him to come out Saturday night after his work at Lowes. We had planned to attend Easter Church the next morning followed by a family gathering in North Pole and an Easter egg hunt with all the family and kids, something we do each year. When he (See p. 5, "Chace Family")

Antique Auto Musers of Alaska March 9, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gwyn Wiedmer, at 7:00pm.

Twenty-eight members were present.

The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported that we have \$8,364.00 in the checking account.

Report on Rondy

There were 17 cars in the Fur Rondy Parade. Five of our club cars carried VIP's. Kathleen Godsoe put some great pictures on Facebook of the weekend events. David Jensen and Layla were a hit. Donn reminded members that we need to get a sign for our cars, people want to know about them. Donn can make a page that can be framed for your car. There were 25 cars in the car show. Art guesses about 400 people walked through the facility to enjoy our cars. There were 200 some votes and the winner was Brian Anderson's car. Mike requests that the mushroom soup stay at the facility for both days. \$111.00 was collected from popcorn

sale.

Speaker for April Meeting

The Interstate Battery program has been rescheduled for the April meeting.

Palmer MTA Show

The car show in the MTA facility is set for April 30 and May 1. We must RSVP, as space is limited.

Refreshments for April Meeting

Refreshments for the April meeting will be provided by Sara Stoops and the Goldings.

May is a Rolling Meeting and needs a chairman to lead us on a drive, the meeting will start at 6:30 starting in May.

Shake Down Cruise Plans

Shakedown Cruise is being worked on by Donn he would like to get us a drive up the Old Glenn to the Knik River Lodge.

Homer Trip

Jim reported on the Homer Tour. The dates are May 21, 22, 23. Ocean shores is offering \$99 rooms to us again, but you must call to make the reservation and be sure and mention

the car club. We will meet at 9:00 Saturday morning and head to Homer. Dinner will be at AJ's Saturday night. The show is Sunday 10:00 – 3:00. After the show is a short tour and then dinner at Don Jose. Travel home on Monday.

Joint Meet

Scott Hulse and Howard Hansen are working on the Joint Meet. The dates are June 17, 18 & 19. We will be going to Valdez, at the Best Western.

New Business:

April 16 we are invited to join the Model A club for a ride to the 49th State Brewery.

Hope Weekend: the dates are July 15-18.

Steve Spezialy will be selling some of Mike's things in May.

Health and Welfare

Bob Berna is recovering, reported Jim Fredenhagen.

Split the Pot

Milt collected \$3.00 for lack of a name tag. Split the pot was a total of \$38.00, the winner of half that amount was Louis Finch.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Gwyn reviewed birthdays and an anniversary for March.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Tanora, secretary

AACA Alaska Regions Joint Meet in VALDEZ 2016

WHEN?

June 17-18-19, 2016

WHERE ?

Host Hotel Location Best Western Valdez Harbor Inn 100 Harbor Dr Valdez, AK BBQ and Games Location THOMAS KELSEY PLAZA (Next to the Ferry Terminal)

Schedule:

Friday, 17 June:

Drive to Valdez (6-7 Hours from Anchorage) (7-8 Hours from Fairbanks) 3 to 6 PM Arrive Valdez 6:30 to 9 PM BBQ at Kelsey Plaza

Saturday, 18 June:

Breakfast – On your Own. Best Western has a Complimentary Breakfast. 9:30–12:30, Car Games at Kelsey Plaza—Remember your Valve Cover Racer!! 12:30–2:00 PM, BBQ & Valve Cover Races; 2:00–5:00 PM DRIVE–TOUR Mineral Creek Road or Alt: Valdez Museum; then, 6:30 – 9:00 PM Awards Banquet Roma Restaurant (Best Western Hotel)

Sunday, 19 June 2016

Breakfast – On your Own. Head back Home.

Call Scott Hulse for further information and to confirm your attendance.

Email: Hulse@alaska.net

Phone: 907-240-4028 (cell) or 907-349-8106

Chace Family

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was overdue and did not answer the phone, Joyce and I drove to his apartment in Fairbanks, where we found him.

We have many friends comforting us. Valerie, her husband Charlie and Grandsons Adrian and Bode are staying with us here.

The memorial will be at Door of Hope Church.”

Bill and Joyce Chace
2364 Lori Lane
North Pole AK 99507

Truth Be Told

Humor by Rich Golding

Having just returned with my wife from a trip to Hong Kong and Macau, I cannot help but marvel at some of the strange and exotic sights we witnessed over the past eleven days. Both are beautiful and wondrous places.

Many friends seem a bit squeamish when it comes to traveling abroad. By that I mean they seem overly concerned about the “culture shock” that they expect to experience and confront. It’s not just the difference in cultures that concerns them, but certainly they harbor a deep anxiety regarding the language barrier so often encountered by Americans when traveling to strange lands that communicate entirely in different tongues.

I must confess that this fear used to grip me too, a long time ago. But as I have now become somewhat of a world traveler, it was some years ago that I came to a rather shocking realization. It was during a trip to somewhere in the Czech Republic, or perhaps Austria, or Freedonia, I’m not sure which.

Linda and I had wandered too far off the local tourist trail, and needed to summon a taxicab to return us to a safer, more familiar neighborhood. In any event, this particular episode of traveler’s anxiety seemed at the time rather acute, particularly because we both were so worried about being able to successfully communicate our desire to get back to our hotel to the cab driver, knowing full well that he probably spoke not a word of English.

“How are we going to get back? I’m sure he won’t understand us. I should have taken that six week online course in Lower Slobovian before we left. . .” was how Linda’s perturbation verbally manifested itself.

After waiving my arms and whistling like some fool bird after a dozen or so cabs, one finally stopped in front of us and we entered, heedful of the disorientation that was most certainly to follow.

I reached forward from my position in the back seat, and spoke very slowly and very clearly to the driver. “Can you please take us to the Hotel de Stupido Touristos?” This was greeted, exactly as anticipated, by a look of utter confusion from the unshaven face staring back at me in the rear-view mirror. He scratched his head, and seemed genuinely bewildered with my verbal request. I tried a second appeal: “H-o-t-e-l-o . . . S-t-u-p-i-d-o . . . p-l-e-a-s-o!”

I could have been talking Klingon for all the good it seemed to be doing us.

Linda seemed very uncomfortable, and rummaging into her purse, she pulled out a business card that we had received from the front desk where we were staying. It was written in the driver’s mother tongue, and somehow, someway, we managed to convince the fellow behind the wheel where it was that we needed to travel to. We both settled back, releasing a collective sigh of relief, as the taxi shot forward into the organized chaos of the city’s traffic. I looked about the vehicle and could not help but notice that it was an American built Ford, as were most of the taxicabs that I had seen there.

While my wife was busy looking out her side window, studying and commenting on all the wonderful shop windows that contained so many unfamiliar things she absolutely needed to buy, my eyes were busy scanning the interior of the taxicab, and most especially its driver. He was busy fiddling with the radio, scanning the dial for some music that sounded a lot like Sergeant Pepper’s Lonely

Hearts Club Band being played backwards. It was just about at the part when the Beatles sang that “Paul is dead” that the realization came over me. I had an almost out-of-body occurrence of wisdom. Almost cathartic in nature. An awakening. A satori.

I could not help but notice the radio knobs were labelled in English. As was the speedometer, and the heater/air conditioning controls. Just like the Fords in our country. Even that frustrating blurb on the visor about how to keep from choking should the air bags deploy in a fender bender – these were all in English!

Realization began to set into my mind. I think the driver staring back at me in his rear view mirror sensed that I had broken through, and solved the enigma, that so far had so neatly evaded countless befuddled generations of traveling mono-linguistic Americans. I had achieved enlightenment! The look in that fellow’s eye – a light that suddenly extinguished, was the final indicator. It had been staring me and every other traveller from the U.S. straight in the face all these years . . . suddenly it all made sense. This guy spoke English!

The shopkeeper where Linda had just purchased the incredibly over-priced doohickey that was really made in China—she spoke English! The waiter that served us that funny looking meat in some sort of brown sauce—he spoke English! The dirty little kid with his dog, begging on the street—they spoke English!

“Oh my God,” I thought to myself . . . *EVERYBODY SPEAKS ENGLISH!*

Think about it – It’s so simple! They all speak English! Everybody, everywhere speaks English. The whole world speaks English. Otherwise how would they understand
(See p. 7, Truth Be Told)

Looking Back and Preparing for the Future



Cresap

Editorial

Well, there we were—photos don't lie—two early aficionados of motorized vehicular transportation. I was born December 21st, 1940, and my brother, Dave, was born April 3rd, 1945; so this was probably taken in the summer of 1948, when he was 3 and I was 7.

I don't know for sure, but I think

it was a Cushman. It belonged to a high school friend of my older brother and sister: Darrell Saykelley (sic), and we were thrilled to pretend to be zooming down the street at the whopping top speed of 25-30 mph.

So, there you have it. If you want to prevent me from continuing in my practice of filling space with pictures of myself, I suggest that you submit cute and/or embarrassing pictures of you in your early adventures with cars, planes, motorcycles, boats or trucks. The gauntlet is down. Let's see what you can come up with.

On an entirely different subject, I want to compliment our Board for their recent work on the re-writing of the club's bylaws. Such work can be devastatingly tedious, but we had been winging it for years. The

revisions make us more legitimate in our future operations, so a big thanks to everyone involved on that project! The results will be presented at the April meeting, and Brian will give us all a chance to get our two cents in before the final draft is presented in May.

—Tom

Truth Be Told

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anything? I mean, come on, have you honestly ever listened to some of the things they say to one another? How can you honestly think that gibberish they pretend to expel from their quaint foreign lips to one another while we're in the same room, could possibly mean anything . . . did you REALLY think they could make any sense of that? Give me a break!

It's all so simple. They wait until we leave their shop, or their restaurant or their massage parlor, and *bang*, they switch from their local made-up gobbledygook in a foreign accent to a perfect Bostonian brogue.

It remains to this day an almost global secret, but continues around the world, daily. There are millions of unsuspecting American travelers out there right now, being duped worldwide.

Remembering back to that fateful cab ride, after I had truly, yet quietly achieved enlightenment, the driver pulled up to the front entrance of our hotel. While uncertain that I had actually solved the riddle of the Sphinx, he espoused some foreign, exotic sounding twaddle, and pointed at the meter. A price of 4.50 was glowing in red electric numbers.

I tossed him a local fiver, and then boldly exclaimed "keep the change, Mack!"

He smiled slowly at me in the



Back in the Day



In this photo, taken about 1915, Chris Wetzstein, Tom Cresap's grandfather poses by his Model T delivery van. His daughter reported that he was very proud of that little van. He was bookkeeper and driver for Troy Laundry in Fort Madison, Iowa at the time.

April

BIRTHDAYS

Brian Leinon—4th

Linda Neslund—6th

Marcy Cresap—7th

Kathy Centoni—12th

Diane Allen—14th

Leonard Kelley—14th

Joanne Overly — 20th

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