



## Join Us For The 2016 AAMA Christmas Party!

Diane Allen reports that the Christmas party is coming together nicely. For those who can help, the set-up will take place from 2:00 to 4:00. Then the party runs from 4:00 to 8:00.

As usual, we will collect donations for Day Break Center. We should also remember to bring canned food, which we will donate to one of the local organizations feeding the homeless or needy.

Be sure to remember to bring your gift (\$20-\$25) for the Chinese Auction gift exchange.

Food: We are preparing to feed 60 guests.

### We have:

- \*Two turkeys
- \*Gravy and dressing
- \*Ham
- \*Mashed Potatoes
- \*Candied yams

### We need:

- \*Cranberry sauce or cranberry/orange relish
- \*5 pies (2 pumpkin, 2 apple and 1 cherry)
- \*One other dessert, cookies and cake
- \*Regular and decaf coffee, punch and hot chocolate
- \*More desserts
- \*Veggie casseroles
- \*Salads, veggie trays

If you can supply any of these needed items, please call Diane so she can coordinate. (907) 345-6355 (Leave a message if she is not home.)

## AAMA Elects a New Set of Officers

2017 was time for change in AAMA leadership, and we elected a new crew: President, Gwyn Wiedmer; Vice President, David Jensen; Secretary, Scott Hulse and Treasurer, Milt Tanora.

A great big thanks goes to Brian Anderson, Gwyn Wiedmer, Donn Reese and Pam Tanora for serving so well for the past two years—Donn Reese for much longer than

that.

We all look forward to helping to make everything work for the incoming officers.

Rounding out the other positions for the new year are: Members at Large: Brian Anderson, Howard Hansen, Donn Reese, and Sergeant-at-Arms: Dutch Overly.

Art and Tam Isham will be the MC's at the January 11, 2017 Installation.

## Plan Now For the 2017 Long Distance Tour to Kodiak

Jim Fredenhagen, has filed the following report concerning the 2017 Long Distance Tour. If you are planning to attend, it is important that you (1) make your ferry and hotel reservations and (2) notify Jim that you are going.

The Alaska ferry schedules for 2017 just came out, and it looks very good for our trip to Kodiak. We'll be sailing from Homer on Sunday, June 18 at 10:45 AM and arriving in Kodiak at 7:45 that evening.

We'll stay for three nights: Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Coming back, we leave Wednesday night June 21 at 7:00 and arrive in Homer at 9:00 Thursday morning, June 22.

That gives us three full days in

(See p. 3, "Long Distance")

## Check the Mercury, the Pontiac and the gas price!



Anderson

During the mid-1950's, Brian Anderson's father worked for Safeway Truck Lines in Chicago (no relation to the grocery chain). Here he is examining the company's new "safety car," a 1955 Mercury sedan. In the background, note the service station sign showing the price of regular gasoline at the time.

# Running Board Reflections



Anderson

*Brian Anderson and his wife, Shirley, was taken April 7, 2012, the day Anchorage set a seasonal snowfall record. They are posing in front of Brian's plow truck, a 1977 Jeep J-10, Golden Eagle special edition pickup.*

As we approach the end of 2016, now is a good time to reflect on some of the great AAMA activities we shared during this past year. We had plenty of opportunities to get out this year, and public interest in our vintage cars and automotive history remains strong. As usual, our first big event of the year is the Fur Rendezvous parade and car show, one of my favorite activities and a sure cure for cabin fever. This year's event did not disappoint, with good attendance and a welcome new approach that replaced the traditional Saturday evening banquet with a potluck at the show. Please bear with me as I try to remember what happened between then and now.

May: To kick off the driving season, we brought back one of our traditional activities, that being a "local" shakedown cruise. This well-attended event had us driving to the Knik River Lodge, a perfect combination of distance, scenery, and good food, which I hope we can repeat next year. Soon thereafter, we had our first rolling meeting of the season, and the initial adopt-a-road clean-up session.

Finally, a bunch of us headed south for the annual trip to Homer to enjoy this picturesque town ahead of the busy tourist season.

June: In place of our normal rolling meeting, we gathered for a very pleasant evening at the Brown's museum. Our members also gave antique car rides to clients at some local senior facilities, including our host, the Daybreak Center. But for me, the highlight of the month was the fantastic Joint Meet we hosted in scenic Valdez, where cooperative weather, a unique venue, and lots of fun activities made for a great time with our friends from the Vernon L. Nash club in Fairbanks. We participated in many other car shows during June, including the Anchorage solstice celebration, military appreciation, Colony Days, and the Mirror Lake Rumble.

July: We began this month with Independence Day parades, and this year our members participated in no less than four of them: Anchorage, Chugiak, Glenallen, and Seldovia. For the first time  
(See p. 3, "President's message")



## 2016 Officers

President: Brian Anderson 345-9244

Vice President: Gwyn Wiedmer  
243-7005

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Sergeant at Arms: Milt Tanora

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Dennis Allen 345-6355

Howard Hansen 345-1268

Scott Hulse 240-4028

## Past Presidents (10 years)

Brian Anderson (2015)

Mike Wiedmer (2013-14)

Howard Hansen (2012)

Donn Reese (2009-2011)

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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  
\$140/month for single  
2 spaces—\$225  
Dave Syren,  
440-2982



FOR SALE: 1964 Ford Falcon Futura Convertible; 6 cyl., auto trans., \$10,000 OBO, call Drew Morris, 365-9379.

## Long Distance

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Kodiak.

Getting reservations on the ferry is the priority since it could fill up. There are two ways to do this: by phone or online. The online process works well, except for the part of giving the year and make of your car. If you get hung up on that, their phone is 907-772-3818.

I spoke with the Shelikof Lodge in Kodiak and they're happy to give us a group rate of \$115/night + tax. Just call them at 907-486-4141 and tell them you're with the antique car club. Again, we'll be staying three nights: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please let me know when you've made your reservations. I'll put you on the email list to keep you posted on details, including the upcoming trip itinerary.  
—Thanks, Jim

## Schedule of Events

- \* December 10—4:00-8:00 PM Christmas Party at Day Break (Allens, Kimzeys and potluck)
- \* January 11— 7:00 PM, Installation of Officers, Day Break Center (Leftovers and Goldings)(MC's: Art and Tamea Isham)
- \* February 8—7:00 PM, Meeting at Day Break Center (Hosts?)
- \* March 8—7:00 PM, Meeting at Day Break Center (Hosts?)
- \* April 12—7:00 PM Meeting at Day Break Center (Hosts?)
- \* May 10— 6:30 PM, Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Hosts?)
- \* June 14—6:30 PM, Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Hosts?)
- \* July 12—6:30 PM, Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Hosts?)
- \* August 9—6:30 PM, Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Hosts?)
- \* September 13—6:30 PM, Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Hosts?)
- \* October 11—7:00 PM, Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Hosts?)
- \* November 8—7:00 PM, Rolling Meeting at Day Break Center (Hosts?)
- \* December—Christmas party (TBA)

## President's Message

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in quite a while, AAMA didn't organize a long-distance tour, but the Fairbanks club kindly invited AAMA members to join their "Adventure Before Dementia" tour, and a few of us jumped on board. A July highlight is the Hope weekend, which this year was unusual due to the unseasonably warm and dry conditions. Still more car shows this month, including the fast-growing Bear Paw Festival, and a relaxing Valley Trash event in Sutton.

August: At the Jay Ofsthun Show-and-Shine, the conditions encountered in Hope were quickly forgotten as we endured the wettest Show-and-Shine in recent memory. But we came prepared for rain, and I think that those who braved the conditions still had a good time. Besides, a couple of our members' cars were awarded the show's best trophies. Soon thereafter, our attention shifted north to Palmer, for the Hot August Nights show, and fine weather returned for another great State Fair

parade and car show.

September: We wrapped up our adopt-a-road obligation this month, leaving that stretch of east Northern Lights Boulevard as a blank slate for those who will provide us with something to pick up next May. Later in the month, the AAMA driving season concluded with another breathtaking tour into Denali National Park. I should also mention that many of us enjoyed participating in trips organized by the Alaskan A's group, who start their driving season early and run their Model A's late into the fall.

Of course, these activities only happen because folks step up to organize them. I didn't identify the individuals responsible for all the fun events this year, but we know who you are, and I want to thank you all personally for your part in making 2016 a banner year for AAMA. I hope to see a lot of members at the holiday party on December 10, and look forward to another great year ahead.

Happy Holidays!

—Brian

## Antique Auto Musers of Alaska Minutes for Meeting November 9, 2016

Daybreak Facility on Abbott Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Brain Anderson.

There were no guests at the meeting. There were 27 members present.

Pam Tanora read the minutes of the October meeting.

Donn Reese gave the treasurer's report.

The Tinkering Times was noted as a great issue, thank you Tom and Marcy.

Donn reported there are 45 paid members for 2017 at this time.

A nice note from Dominic Spezialy was shared about his appreciation of the Tinkering Times.

The by-laws are on the webpage. The webpage consists of current information.

### **Christmas Party:**

The Holiday Party set-up time will be December 10 from 2:00-4:00; the party will be from 4:00-8:00. Diane Allen requested \$125 for decorations. The request was voted and approved. We will collect donations for the Daybreak Facility. There will also be a canned food collection, and a Chinese Auction. Diane inquired whether we thought we might need some entertainment for the party, but the planned activities were deemed sufficient.

Dennis Allen requested \$300 for the Hope Retreat House rent next summer. This too, was voted and approved.

### **Car Request:**

There is a car request for December 9, at the Egan Center. The theme of the party is The Great Gatsby. They are looking for a couple cars to have on display from the 1920's.

### **2017 Long Distance:**

Long Distance Trip; Jim Fredenhagen reviewed a couple itineraries that might be possible for the Kodiak Trip. All plans need to include the ferry schedule. The 2017 schedule is not available at this time. The trip will take place the second week in June.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Milt collected \$1.25 for name badges, Split the pot was \$73 total, half won by Jim Jacobson.

### **January Refreshments:**

Refreshments for January will be leftovers from the Christmas party, and Linda Golding will prepare something.

### **Fur Rendezvous Plans:**

Kurt asked if he should get the Fur Rondy Parade permit. It was agreed that we intend to participate so he should go ahead and get the permit. Brian Anderson and Art Isham will get the signs for the Fur Rondy Car Show, as Dennis will be out of town.

### **Elections for 2017:**

President: Gwyn Wiedmer  
Vice-President: David Jensen  
Treasurer: Milt Tanora  
Secretary: Scott Hulse

Since there was only one candidate per position, the slate was approved with one vote from the members.

Members at Large: Donn Reese, Howard Hansen, Brian Anderson,

Sergeant-at-Arms: Dutch Overly

### **Installation Plans:**

Ted Kimzey and Art Isham will be the installation of officers committee for the January meeting.

### **Health Update:**

Several members reported on Len Grau, as he is in the hospital and appreciates visitors. He is one of the founding members of the club.

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Brian reviewed birthdays and anniversaries.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

### **After-Meeting Refreshments:**

Donn Reese and Milt Tanora provided the refreshments that we all enjoyed after the meeting. Good food and social time.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Tanora, Secretary

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## IT'S A GIFT!

Humor by Rich Golding

What do you get for the cars that have everything?

That was the question foremost in my mind as I entered through the glass doors into the huge department store, a few days ago on Black Friday.

There were what seemed like thousands of customers milling about. Christmas decorations were hung everywhere, and the air was filled with Bing Crosby singing holiday classics. Everybody seemed to know what they wanted, what they had come for, which presents to buy.

I must have appeared a bit discombobulated, as I scoured the aisles to no avail, looking for an appropriate present for my four wheeled friends. A very nice young man approached me holding a clipboard. He was sporting a red tie and wearing a tan blazer with the

store's logo on it.

"Hello, I'm Steven, your personal shopping assistant!" he exclaimed. "I'm here to make this Christmas the perfect one for you and your loved ones. I couldn't help but notice you looked a bit disoriented. May I possibly help you in the selection of your holiday gifts?" he trumpeted ever so cheerfully, though truth be told, his words sounded a bit practiced.

"Am I that obvious?" I responded honestly.

"Well now, there's nothing to be ashamed of," he continued, "everybody needs some help now and then. And that's where I come in. I'm specially trained to assist you in the purchase of the perfect gift. I've been doing this for over ten Christmases, and I've helped thousands of our customers find just what their loved ones want or need. So, how can I help

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you? Who are you shopping for today, someone very special?"

I shook my head in the affirmative.

"I see, I see. Would that be your wife?"

My head's motion shifted from side to side.

"A girlfriend then, perhaps?"

More side to side.

"I see, I see. Well, what is her name, may I ask?"

"Irving, is *his* name" I responded quietly whilst clearing my throat.

"I see, I see," Steve responded with a bit of a wink. "And this Irving is very special to you, isn't he? Tell me, how long have you two been together?"

"Just over five years now."

"I see, I see. Well isn't that special! Well we must find Irving the perfect gift then, mustn't we?"

"Actually, I'm probably going to need something for Arthur, too. Something equally . . . special."

"Arthur . . . who's Arthur?"

"He's my other . . ."

". . . special friend?" Steven blurted, finishing my sentence. "Hmmm, I see, I see! Well that is *very special!* You're a lucky man, aren't you?"

"Actually, I know lots of guys in our group that have two or more . . ."

Steven interrupted me again, patting my forearm and lowered his voice as if to remain inconspicuous amongst my fellow shoppers. "Well let's not get into too many details. The important thing is that we find the perfect gift to express your special love. Tell me, where does Irving live? Are you two . . . er, under the same roof?"

"Yes. He lives in the garage."

"In the garage?" he blurted, his eyes opening wide.

"Well, that is if my wife doesn't move him out onto the driveway. Sometimes she insists on parking her Subaru in the garage, and then out he goes, onto the asphalt!"

Steven's mouth was now opened as

wide as his eyes.

Sensing his distaste, I added "but that's usually only when it's raining or snowing outside."

Straightening his tie and adjusting his blazer, he gulped a bit then asked ". . . what about Arthur?"

"Oh, she usually lets him stay in the garage," I explained. "After all, he's eighty-eight years old."

The young man's clipboard slipped out of his hands and hit the floor. All of the store coupons it once held scattered about our feet. His eyes trained on the floor and from out his pursed lips I could hear a whispered ". . . I see, I see."

We both bent down to retrieve the bestrewn tickets when the young fellow's face grew very serious, and checking about to be sure no one else was privy to our conversation, he looked me square in the eye and murmured seriously, "Have you considered going to the police?"

"Why?"

"Well, that . . . that woman . . . she has to be stopped!"

"You know," I responded introspectively, "I've thought the same thing many times over the past few years. I mean, Irving and Arthur can get really filthy when they're forced to stay outside. But to her credit, my wife usually helps out by hosing them down before she allows them back into the garage."

Steven's face was now almost as red as his tie. He seemed to be shaking. "You should really contact the authorities!"

"Why?"

"Well . . . well I mean . . . this is terrible! Aren't there laws about such things?"

We straightened up together, and grabbing both of my shoulders with his clenched fists, he shook me a bit. "You've got to pull yourself together, Sir! You can't let that horrible woman do this anymore! No matter the . . . er, situation . . . we all have rights! We all deserve to be treated with some degree of dignity, wouldn't you say?"

Confused, I thought for a moment,

when another man in a red tie and tan store blazer approached us. He was older, and carried himself with a degree of authority.

"Steven, is everything alright?" he asked the younger man, who was unable to reply. He then turned towards me. "I'm the store manager, what seems to be the problem here?"

Although exasperated, Steven again attempted to broadcast his dismay, stopped short, when realizing how he must look, and turned away from the both of us to regain his composure.

The store manager and I took several steps away from the flustered younger man. "What seems to be the problem?" he asked me again, ever so seriously.

"I'm not sure," I answered honestly, "I was just trying to buy a couple of things for my antique cars. Steven here, seems to have a real problem with women. I think he may be, um . . . what's the word . . . oh yah, a *misogynist*."

"I see, I see. Well, I'm certainly sorry for your experience here at our store, Sir. I don't wish to appear rude, but it seems that your presence is aggravating my young colleague's condition. I'm sure you can understand," he said, rushing me towards the door. He reached into his blazer's inner pocket and withdrew two small cards and handed them to me. "Please accept these from me with my sincerest apologies, and have a very Merry Christmas!"

I exited through the glass doors onto the street, glancing back to witness the older man consoling the shaken younger man and ushering him off, his arm wrapped about his shoulder.

As it turns out, everything seems to have worked out alright. After relating my experience later that evening to my wife, she agreed to allow both Irving and Arthur use of the warm garage this holiday season.

And I'm sure both of them will appreciate and enjoy those one hundred dollar store gift cards they will each receive this Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

## December

### Birthdays

Howard Hansen-1<sup>st</sup>  
 Brian Anderson-2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Marilyn Chiotti-2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Kay Graham-6<sup>th</sup>  
 Linda Mattes Golding-7<sup>th</sup>  
 Hank Raymond-12<sup>th</sup>  
 Dennis Allen-17<sup>th</sup>  
 Art Isham-18<sup>th</sup>  
 Colleen Kimzey-20<sup>th</sup>  
 Barbara Tullis-20<sup>th</sup>  
 Michael Campbell-21<sup>st</sup>  
 Tom Cresap-21<sup>st</sup>  
 Marl Campbell-28<sup>th</sup>  
 Doming Spezialy-31<sup>st</sup>

### Anniversaries

Marilyn & Dave Chiotti-2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Doris & Barry Fowler-14<sup>th</sup>  
 Barbara & Dick Henningsen-15<sup>th</sup>  
 Tamia & Art Isham-18<sup>th</sup>  
 Joanne & Dutch Overly-29<sup>th</sup>



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