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AAMA Touched by Royal Nuptials

by Tom Cresap

It was regal and fairytale-like. Although not exactly Harry and Megan, it was AAMA royalty, to be sure. The handsome prince and the lovely princess joined hands in matrimony in a private ceremony before joining their long-time friends for a celebratory reception at the Turnagain Social Club in Anchorage at 11:00 on the morning of Saturday, January 11, 2020.

The groom wore a suit and tie we don't recall seeing before, and the bride wore a very attractive cobalt blue satin dress with blue lace overlay. Both wore smiles as wide and bright as the Matanuska Glacier.

The story is as old as time: the pair, who have been good friends for over a quarter-century and who found themselves deprived of their respective spouses, decided to team up.

They have both been willing and staunch participants in AAMA activities all those years. Colleen is always right there when it comes time to help plan and prepare meals for our numerous dinners and to offer her bits of wisdom along the way. Howard has served as AAMA president, treasurer and numerous chairmanships, and has always been a resource for projects,



Colleen and Howard Hansen

especially those having to do with Mopar products.

And, oh, the places we've been and the adventures we've had with them! For instance, we've done trips that have included destinations in Alaska such as Homer, Hope, Denali National Park, Fairbanks, Palmer, Wasilla, Wiseman, Coldfoot, Deadhorse, Juneau/Douglas (via the Alaska Marine Highway) Skagway and Haines. In Canada, we ventured to Whitehorse, Atlin, Dawson Creek,

Yellow Knife, Hays River, Watson Lake and Inuvik. This doesn't name all the places we've been together, and it certainly does not define the many experiences we shared with them in those and other places.

What can we say? Over the years, these two have become a part of the fabric of our lives as individuals; and now, united, they will become a "double threat," commanding even more of whatever it is that bonds friendships.

Congratulations the prince and princess. May you live happily ever after! 🍷

February Meeting

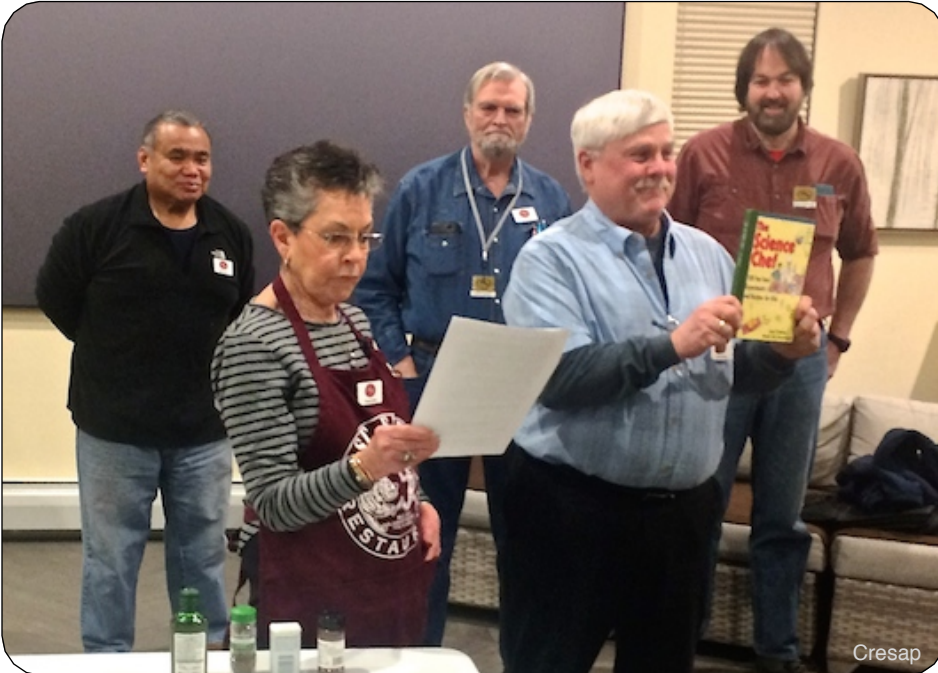
Our meeting will take place February 5th in the multipurpose room of Turnagain Social Club in Anchorage.

Fur Rendezvous is coming up at the end of the month, so come and get the latest lowdown on the parade and car show. Kurt, Art and Donn will be there to fill us in on those things.

The after-meeting feast will be provided by Linda Golding, Terry Young and Michael Campbell.

We would like to thank Donn Reese, David Jensen, Milt Tanora, Tamea Isham and Marcy Cresap for embellishing Christmas leftovers at the January meeting. Yummm!

Running Board Reflections



Tam Isham installs David Jensen as 2020 president of AAMA while Milt Tanora (Treasurer) Scott Hulse (Vice President) and Greg Carpenter (Secretary) look on.

Fur Rondy has been an Anchorage tradition since 1935. That's 85 years of dogs, carnivals, crafts and antique cars. Admittedly, cars were less antique in those early years but they were an attraction all the same.

This year will be no different as AAMA enthusiasts participate in the grand parade Saturday, February 29 and a weekend car show at Bob's Services that same weekend. Bob's has expanded their shop floor space making things even better to participate in and watch the 2020 Rondy Valve Cover Races.

I've always viewed the Fur Rendezvous as Anchorage's way of knocking on Spring's front door. Daylight makes its return. Cars are polished up after a few months of hibernation in the garage or from under their super hero winter capes. And, friends gather and start to make plans for the warmer months to follow.

This brings the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska calendar to mind. AAMA's Vice President and calendar

keeper Scott Hulse has been torquing and polishing our 2020 schedule of events. When you have a moment, log on to our website and click the Events link at www.antiqueautomusersak.org. You'll see that each month has been updated with news about general membership meetings, rolling meetings beginning in May and many of our annual car shows. Some of these events are hungry for committee chairs. I hope you'll consider volunteering. You'll always have friends by your side to lend a hand. It's very easy to chair an event - much the same as the following have done:

Parade Chairperson: Kurt Rein, 344-5554

Car Show: Art Isham, 688-3671 and Donn Reese, 748-0036.

2020 Calendar of Events Chairperson: Scott Hulse, 240-4028.

Whether or not you're in the parade or car show, come out and say hi to everyone. With good timing, you might be able to say hi to sweet Sandi.

—David



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Secured, Enclosed Storage In West Downtown Anchorage

9'x18'x 7-1/2' high space
\$150/month for single
2 spaces-\$125/each
Dave Syren



For Sale: Project 1956 Ford F-100; includes extra set + original pair of front fenders and running boards. Glass is good; floor in cab was replaced; some new parts - headliner, shocks, generator and hoses. A mercury engine installation begun; it starts. \$3600-Sandra Lane, rsnjlane@gmail.com (3)



For Sale: 1930 Model A Pickup; Coker Classic radial tires; newly powder-coated 16" wheels with chrome rings and chrome caps; new headlights; new radiator, leakless water pump, oil filter, coil, alternator; engine mounts, wiring harness, hoses, as well as Flathead Ted brakes. Ricky Byrd, 907-855-0725 or primus19@gci.net

Schedule of Events

- * February 12-6:30 Meeting (Linda Golding and Terry Young)
- * February 29-Fur Rendezvous Parade (Kurt Rein, 344-5554)
- * February 29-March 1-Fur Rendezvous (Art Isham, 688-3671 and Donn Reese, 748-0036)
- * March 11-6:30 Meeting (Donn Reese, Marcy Cresap)
- * April 8-6:30 Meeting (Refreshments ?)
- * April 25-Model A Talkeetna Lunch Run (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * May 2-Garcia's Lunch Run (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * May 9-Adopt-A-Road (Marcy Cresap, 694-7510)
- * May13-6:30 Rolling Meeting (Driveabout chairperson?)
- * May 16-18-Homer Trip (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * June 10- 6:30 Rolling Meeting (Driveabout chairperson?)
- * June 11-1:00-2:30, Serendipity Senior Rides (Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- * June 18-Turnagain Social Club Senior Rides (Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- * June 19-21-Joint Meet with VLNAACF (Scott Hulse, 240-4028)
- * June 21-Father's Day Car Show at the Zoo (Dennis and Diane)



Free: Four 600x16 bias-ply tires and tubes; good shape; free. Howard, 440-1002. (4)

For Sale: 1949 Olds; straight six and automatic transmission; interior very good and original; outside needs work. Was running a few years ago; very reasonable price. Ron Strode, 907-315-1194, ron_strode@hotmail.com (3)



For Sale: Picnic trunk; form the days of the Model A; includes icebox and place for dinnerware and linens; \$150 OBO. Tom, 694-7510. (5)

Join us for
Rondy fun!
February 29th
March 1st
Bring your valve
cover racer

Installation of officers

The installation of officers got a bit of a twist when Tamea and Art Isham conducted it using cooking as a metaphor for the mix of leadership and the general membership.

The 2020 officers are David Jensen (President) Scott Hulse (Vice President) Milt Tanora (Treasurer) and Greg Carpenter (Secretary).

We wish these four the best of luck, and we will all pitch in whenever necessary.

One of the major hurdles to clear this year is the fate of the Jay Ofsthun Show-N-Shine in August. This is a rather big deal, and we need to help in any way we can to reduce the angst that will undoubtedly ensue.

Thanks to everyone in advance for your ideas and help in alleviating this problem. 🙏

Fur Rendezvous

We have had a “real winter” this year, with lots of sub-zero temps and some nice snow. It’s time for some celebration in the form of Anchorage’s winter carnival, the *Fur Rendezvous*.

The Antique Auto Musers of Alaska will be participating in the annual parade, and afterwards we will have a car show sponsored by BSI, Bob’s services at 2009 Spar Avenue in Anchorage.

Kurt Rein, chairman of the parade and Art Isham and Donn Reese, co-chairs of the car show will give us any information we need about the parade at the February meeting. We will also get directions about the potluck from Tamea Isham.

We all need to start chipping away at accumulated snow and ice that might be hemming in our treasurers.

Again, we want to invite everyone to bring a valve cover racer. Tom Cresap will bring the club racetrack, and this year it will be set up in a special new area of the BSI shop. If you are making a racer, be sure to check out the requirements listed at the right for your convenience. 🙏

Join in the Fun: Valve Cover Racing



Art Isham, Tom Cresap and the late Bub Larson watch intently as Rick Larrick presses the start lever for the valve cover race during the AAMA/VLNAACF Joing Meet in Delta in 2015. This will be an attraction at the 2020 Rondy Car Show at the BSI shops this February 29th and March 1st. Be sure to bring your race car and join in the competition.

Valve Cover Racer Rules

1. Racer must be built with an original valve cover from an internal combustion engine and must retain the original gasket surface. Please sand or file any sharp edges that could cause injury, without destroying the original mounting surface to the point it cannot be reused.

2. Racer must have no moving parts other than the axels or wheels.

3. Racer must have no means of propulsion other than gravity and must have no shifting or liquid weights.

4. Racer must have a minimum of three (3) wheels.

5. Nothing can protrude on either end of the valve cover.

6. Tires (wheels) must not exceed 4 inches in diameter and must have a nonmetallic area touching the track. No DVD’s, CD’s, etc. may be used. Skate board, in-line skate or homebuilt wheels with a minimum of ¼” face are okay. Wheels may be mounted either inside or outside of the valve cover.

7. The maximum length of the racer

must not exceed 30 inches. The width may not exceed 10 inches from the outside of wheel to out outside of wheel. Total weight may not exceed 10 pounds. Maximum height can be 10 inches.

8. Valve covers must retain the original gasket surface, and must not leak oil; dripping oil on the track will disqualify the entrant.

9. Racer may be painted or unpainted. The use of graphics or decals is okay. No holes may be cut into the valve cover or external modifications made to prevent it from being reinstalled and run on Mom’s car. External add-ons may be done using existing mounting holes only.

10. The maximum distance from the track to the front edge of the valve cover is 3 ½ inches to accommodate the release pin for the starting gate.

11. The length from the front of the valve cover to the rear axle may not exceed 22 inches.

(Willy Vinton, 2014 Valve Cover Race Chairman) 🙏

Milnor Gilbert Larson July 22, 1942- January 25, 2020



Bub and his daughter, Rochelle

Milnor Gilbert (Bub) Larson, 77, died Saturday, January 25, 2020. He was doing what he loved; getting parts for one of his many projects.

He was born in Seattle on July 22, 1942. He got his nickname "Bub" from his sister, Nelda, when his mother, Eva Larson, brought him home to Fairbanks. When she was told this was her baby brother, she couldn't say "brother," so called him "my baby Bubby." It stuck. All through grade school he was called Bubby. As he got older, it became "Bub." He'd been named for one of his dad's professors up at the School of Mines (UAF), where his dad studied mining after his arrival in Alaska in 1939.

Bub met and married the love of his life, Marion (MaryAnn) Engebretson in 1966. They raised two daughters, Rhonda and Shelly.

He joined the Army National Guard in 1964 and was honorably discharged in 1970.

He had his own trucking business from the '60s through the '80s, (MG Larson Trucking) and was the owner of Larson's Locksmith. He and his family took the Locksmith part of Larson's, Inc. (Jewelers and Locksmiths) when it was sold in 1989, and it continues with his family: daughters, Rhonda Morgan and Rochelle (Shelly) Larson, and

grandsons, Johnny, Jeremy and Jesse Morgan.

For the past 13 years, after Marion passed away, Bub was an avid collector of old Farmall Tractors. He had 7 of them, and one Model A Ford. He was an active member of the Vernon Nash Antique Car Club, Alaskan A's, Fairbanks Vintage Power Club, Pioneers of Alaska, Moose Lodge and the American Legion.

He is survived by his daughters, Rhonda (John) Morgan and Rochelle "Shelly" Larson; grandsons, Johnny (Lori), Jeremy (Kara) and Jesse (Hannah) Morgan; granddaughter, Maria Gendron and ten great-grandchildren; sister, Nelda (Tom) Nixon; niece, Roxanne McLeod Moore, great-nephew, Cameron

McLeod, and great-niece, Katie (John) Harrop; niece, Tracy McLeod and her children, Brier McLeod and Sean (Karissa) McDermott; cousins, Marlene Connelly, Carolyn (Rich) Sarver, Rolfe Johnson, Burt (Peggy) Caley, Chuck (Sally) Caley, Ken (Kathy) Caley, Doug Caley and Karen Beasley, of Washington state, and Ann Pierson, of Florida; plus nieces and nephews in Minnesota and South Dakota. He leaves many, good friends and an empty chair at his daily breakfast table with his morning coffee buddies.

A Memorial Service is planned for 6 PM Thursday, February 6, at the Fairbanks Lutheran Church, 1012 Cowles Street, Fairbanks. A reception in the Church will follow after the service. 🌍



One of Bub Larson's passions was antique tractors. These were displayed on his front lawn during AAMA's visit there during the 2018 Model A Fairbanks Run.

Editorial

This month has presented a mixed bag. We have some happy stuff and some rough, unpleasant stuff.

First, the happy: we are pleased to include the story of a wedding in the AAMA family, that of Howard Hansen and Colleen Kimzey. That story is front-and-center on page one, because it is a big deal, starring two of our long-time members and favorite people.

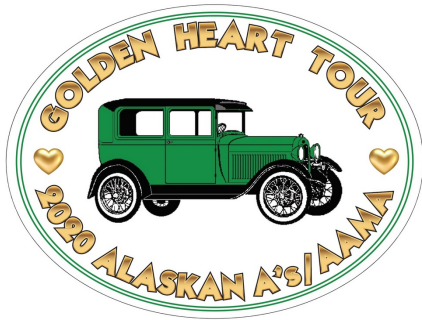
Then, sadly, we have two obituaries: Rose Smith of Rosie's

Café in Healy and Bub Larson, member of Fairbanks Vernon Nash Club. These are both folks who have touched our lives in different ways over the years.

Last, we include a story that comes from a member of the Gold Coast Antique Auto club in Australia. Peter Amey, a member of GCAAC brings home a fragment of the tragedy unfolding in the Down Under. The Australians have suffered tremendous loss of life, property, natural beauty and wildlife. Our hearts go out to them.

—Tom

Long-Distance Tour: Fairbanks



*Proposed tour patch designed by
Curley Packer*

Tam Isham and Jim Fredenhagen have coordinated efforts for the July 6th-12th Alaskan A's/AAMA Golden Heart Tour to Fairbanks.

It's not too early to book the Wedgewood Suites in Fairbanks. The number is 907-456-7143, Jenny is the contact person and the code is AAAC-720.

Jim is planning to use time in Fairbanks to explore Vernon Nash

A Note From Lee Plummer

Tom & Marcy

I am in hospital & will be for some time. We will have to hold off on subject. [Name tags]

Love ya both
Lee

Lee is a member of the Antique Auto Musers who lives in Florida. He and his late wife, Betty Wescott-Plummer came to Alaska on a lark in 2001 to join us on our 3,000-mile long-distance run, which went down the inside passage to Prince Rupert and back via the Cassiar Highway. They fell in love with the people and the country here, and ended up moving up for a number of years before relocating back to Florida.

If you would like to send Lee a card, his address is:

2850 59th Street South
#605
Gulfport FL 33707-5332

club's favorite places, as well as others we've not been able to do in past years. Suggestions so far include the UAF Museum, Ft. Knox gold mine tour, Steese Highway rour, Dalton Highway tour to Arctic Circle, Riverboat Discovery tour and Chatanika.

When we depart Fairbanks for home on July 12th there will be an optional side trip to Valdez for anyone interested. We'll leave Fairbanks via the Richardson, stop at Reka Roadhouse in Delta and Black Rapids Lodge. We'll then overnight at Copper Center Princess Lodge. (Reserve online via [TripAdvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com). \$164/night.)

Next day, July 13th, we'll arrive in Valdez around midday, tour, explore and have dinner. Then we'll stay at Keystone hotel. (Reserve online at

AAMA's First Newsletters Added to Website

Editor's note: the electronic archiving of the club's newsletter is a huge task that our Webmaster, Donn Reese has been trying to achieve for a number of years. The early history of the club is rather interesting, and you can check it out on our website.

by Donn Reese, Webmaster

I scanned the first year of newsletters from the large stack that Ted Kimzey had saved and Colleen recently donated.

This is the first time the 1970's newsletter page has been activated. I was testing scan and crop process to most efficiently prep the pages for conversion to PDF so I only did the one year for now. By 1981 they switched to the current letter size layout.

What was donated will fill out the majority of editions from 1977 through the 80's, and then the archive picks up again in the mid-1990's into the 2000's.

When I get them all scanned and uploaded I'll do another newsletter piece to announce it.

-Donn

[Hotels.com](https://www.hotels.com). \$115/night)

On July 14th, we will drive to Anchorage via the Richardson and Glenn highways.

If you'd like to pursue this option, it's best to get on it now as the bookings are quite active.

Jim has a reservation at the Princess he's not going to use. If anyone wants it, he'll be happy to make the change. Let him know by phone or email.

Be sure to let Jim Fredenhagen (351-3115) or Tam (688-3671) know when you've booked. 🌐

Rose Smith January 20, 2020



Editor's note: I noticed this on Face Book and thought I'd pass it along. We all know Rosie's Café from our sojourns in Healy over the years.

Lana Smith shared a photo in a post in which she mentioned she had lost her dad to an infection on Father's Day, 2019. At that time, she reported that her mom, Rose was in the hospital with sage-4 pancreatic cancer.

A short time later, she posted that her mom had died.

She was asking for comments and photos and stories " . . . about my parents to help me and my brothers David Smith, the new owner, and my other brother Will Smith get through this rough time in our lives. Thank you for all your prayers." 🌐

AAMA Business Meeting
January 8, 2020
Turnagain Social Club
3201 Turnagain Street,
Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm
 by President David Jensen.
 There were 32 members present.

Blaze Aid



Peter Amey

Editor's Note: For a number of years now, I have been exchanging newsletters with Gold Coast Antique Auto Club's Crankhandle News." We met the former editor, Peter Jones when he and his wife visited here in June of 2014. The Crankhandle has a new editor now, Karen Hayes.

The club resides in and around Mudgeeraba, a suburb in the City of Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. In testimony to the humor of the Australians, "Mudgeeraba" is an indigenous word meaning "place of infant's excrement" (Wangerriburra Tribe) or "place where someone told lies."

Karen Hayes wrote: "So far, it has been a terrible summer for the East Coast of Australia with all the Bush Fires raging everywhere. The Fires have been pushed to the limit. Peoples' livelihood taken from them with homes, machinery and livestock destroyed, plus the massive loss to wild life. We send well wishes to everyone who has been touched by these disasters.

One of our members, Peter Amey, was a volunteer with Blaze Aid leading a team repairing fences. This is his story."

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Milt Tanora provided the financial report. A total of 74-member renewal notices have been sent out and he has received 54 responses. Milt was also accepting payment of \$11.00 for the new member name tags that could be ordered.

Installation of Officers

In a brief ceremony, officiated by Art and Tamea Isham, the 2020 AAMA

I have recently spent a week with Blaze Aid at their Casino Camp working in fire-ravaged areas in the Casino District.

My first task was on a chainsaw all day clearing fallen trees of a fence line so as a new boundary fence could be constructed along a State Forrest. The fire went through this area one month ago and the ground in the Forrest was still hot to the feel and dead Kangaroos sighted through the trees. This particular farmer lost cattle in the blaze, which eventuated in costly excavator hire to bury the stock and re-fence his boundary.

The second farm I attended was total devastation. The only thing that was left was the homestead; sheds, machinery, tractors and cars were lost, but no livestock.

There were twenty six volunteers camped at Casino Showgrounds helping in these tasks, all from a diverse cross section of people from all walks of life, male and female, who have never been involved in fencing before.

Community spirit is amazing as all the volunteers were fed very well with 3 meals per day. All the food donated by the following:

- Salvos
- United Church
- Local Chinese Restaurant
- Those in need
- Local Farmers

It was hard dirty work but very rewarding to be able to give something back.

—Peter Amey.

Board was sworn in, consisting of the following members:

- * President: David Jensen
 - * Vice President: Scott Hulse
 - * Treasurer: Milt Tanora
 - * Secretary: Greg Carpenter
- Members at Large: Donn Reese, Tam Isham and Mark Graber

President David Jensen appointed Dutch Overly as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Old Business

President Dave Jensen offered a big thank you to Art and Tam Isham for hosting the wonderful AAMA Christmas party at their house.

New Business

Kurt Rein said he has obtained the required permit to participate in the Fur Rondy parade. He passed around a sign up sheet for members that would like to bring a vehicle and participate in the parade.

Art Isham provided a map of Bob's Services to show where the cars would be displayed along with the valve cover race track, potluck and popcorn sales. He said Bob's Services has added onto their building providing more room for the car show and activities. Art reminded everyone if

(See p. 8, "Minutes")

Welcome to New Members

We would like to welcome new members, Robert (Bob) & Joan Brodie, who live in Kodiak.

They have a green, restored 1930 Ford Model A Ford that is in running condition.

Bob tells us, "I grew up in Northern California. One day my father brought home an old neglected car on a trailer. Through my high school and college vacations, we worked on wood interior, frame & engine to get it running. When my father died in the early 80's, I took it to a restoration shop for paint & upholstery. It sat in my mother's barn until she passed away. I then put it in a box trailer and shipped to Kodiak in 2018. I try to drive it to work on nice days." 🌞

What's Wrong With This Picture?

Humor by Rich Golding

I came to Utah to walk. I had hurt my back the month before and needed the stretching benefits that only walking seems to bring me. But trying to walk outside in a particularly cold and icy Alaskan winter seemed foolhardy. I probably wouldn't get more than a block from home before I slipped and broke my neck. And walking in malls is just not my style. I don't mind marauding the endless corridors of the Dimond Center if I'm there to shop. But without an actual consumer objective, it feels like spinning my wheels.

I needed a relatively flat, warm, dry place where I could be turned out to pasture and graze. Utah seemed ideal. Specifically southwestern Utah, an area my wife and I are intimately familiar with, having lived there just after we were married, many years ago. We spent a summer working in one of the most beautiful places on earth, Zion National Park. Every couple of decades or so, I get a little homesick for our old stomping grounds. So I bought an airplane ticket and flew there to stomp my heart out.

Amongst all the beauty and grandeur that Zion Canyon has to offer, there is now a magnificent visitor's center and gift shop, erected some twenty years ago. After a couple of days trekking the trails, I decided to stop and check it out.

The shop is replete with native American arts and crafts. Handicrafts of the original, indigenous people of southwestern Utah. A race of people long since eradicated or relocated by the now very white skinned, local population. As I recall, there weren't many of these indigenous residents to speak of, back when we resided there in the seventies. Today, there appear to be none.

But much to my surprise, the park gift shop, along with native arts and crafts, sports a real, live, breathing Indian greeter. Adorned in beaded buckskin, and bedecked with a long feathered headdress, as befits the image of a true autochthonous Utahn inhabitant.

That's right – "Utahn," – *look it up!*
I flash the greeter a cordial nod as I pass him by and enter the gift shop. He responds verbally with a throaty "Ugh," in what I deduce as an incredibly non-PC situation.

In the shop one finds much Indian art, as well as postcards, picture books

and posters detailing Zion's past. Scanning a wall full of framed pictures and posters, my glance settles on one in particular. It is from a set of early twentieth century travel posters created especially for the national parks. Beautifully painted endorsements aimed

(See p. 9, What's Wrong . . . ")



One of the options during the 2020 Long-Distance Tour is a visit to the location where the Dalton Highway crosses the Arctic Circle. We are still considering tour ideas.

January Minutes

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they have old car magazines to give away to bring them down.

Tam Isham passed around a sign-up sheet for people to bring food for the potluck and those willing to volunteer to operate the popcorn sales booth.

A motion was made for the club to give away a \$50 prize for the people's choice award at the car show. The motion passed.

Donn Reese presented examples of the flyers and posters for the Fur Rondy car show. A motion was made to have 15 large posters and 30 small posters printed. The motion passed.

Scott Hulse provided an over view of all the 2020 calendar of events. He was also looking for volunteers to chair several of the events or provide help.

The event calendar is posted on the AAMA website.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays and anniversaries for the month of January were read by President Jensen.

Split the Pot

Split the pot winner Greg Carpenter

Refreshments

After-Meeting Refreshments (Christmas left-overs with

After meeting food was provided by many people including leftovers from the Christmas party and extras by Donn Reese, David Jensen, Milt Tanora, Marcy Cresap and Tamea Isham)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Respectfully submitted

Greg Carpenter, Secretary

What's Wrong With This Picture?

(Continued from p. 8)

specifically at the newly motorized American public, inviting Mom, Dad and the kiddies to behold the wonders of the national parks in their family car. This particular poster celebrates the opening of the "Zion-Carmel Highway" tunnel that was dug through over a mile of solid rock, finally affording motorized access to the park from all points east. Its picture exhibits a Model A Ford emerging from said tunnel on its opening day. The bottom of the poster notates the specific date of the tunnel opening: July 4th, 1930.

Wait a minute, there appears to be something amiss here! After a thorough examination, I call for the store's manager. A moment later a young lady steps up and greets me.

"Are you the manager?" I ask.

"The manager is off today," she responds, chewing a large wad of gum, "I'm the assistant manager." Her lips are replete with no less than three pierced rings. There is a tattoo, wrapped around her neck, of a dragon, its jaws open and belching fire down the center of her chest, which disappears into her store uniform polo shirt. Her name tag, partially visible behind stringy pink and green hair, reads simply: "Tranquility."

"At the risk of seeming rude, I can't

help but notice there is a rather blatant error to be found within this poster," I explain.

"Yah . . . so," she replies, indifferent, staring transfixed into a cellphone she holds, ever-present, before her face.

"Well, I would assume that you folks would be interested in identifying and correcting any such fallaciousness."

"Hey, man . . . whatever," she shrugs.

"Young woman, there was obviously a lot of effort put into this poster's creation, as well as its reproduction and subsequent exemplification to the credulous public. It deserves to be correct, don't you think?"

"Uh huh . . . is there anything else, 'cause my break is about to start soon."

"Is there some sort of a supervisor I might successfully address this grievance to?" I ask looking around.

"Nope, just me, but you could ask Running Badger."

"Who, or what is a Running Badger?"

She responds by putting two fingers into her mouth and blows a rather trumpeting, loud, shrill whistle. Then she motions towards the store's entrance with her arms and yells, "Hey, Chief!"

The aforementioned older Indian gentleman in the feathered headdress turns and heads our way.

"Ugh?" he queries aloud.

"This old guy says there's a problem with that poster, and he wants to talk to you."

"Well, I didn't specifically ask to speak to you, Sir, but your longevity could conceivably lend itself to wisdom. Perhaps you could more fully grasp the substance of the quandary presented by the erratum presented henceforth within this illustration."

"Ugh. Hurry please. Chief's break starting soon."

"You see," I continue, "the poster perspicuously

illustrates this motorcar, a Ford Model A, emerging from the Zion tunnel on its opening day. And the date is clearly notated on the poster as the fourth of July, 1930." I point at the car and the date. Chief Running Badger's eyes are now transfixed on the picture, while Tranquility seems to be picking at a small wad of her chewing gum that has become stuck on one of her lip rings.

"Well, you see . . . the problem is absolutely straightforward . . . that's a 1931 Model A. It has a painted radiator shell. The painted radiator shells didn't come along until 1931. If it were, in fact, an earlier Model A it would most certainly be sporting either a shiny nickel plated or stainless steel radiator shell."

Both Running Badger and Tranquility stand silent, gazing intensely at the poster, then at each other, and then back again at the picture on the wall. The Chief is scratching at his neck where a twisted feather is digging into it. The store manager's mouth is agape. There is still a little gum stuck on her lip.

"You really should remove this artifact from exhibit and cease offering it to the public posthaste, or at the very least until the offending depiction can be rectified, don't you think? Speaking as a Model A owner for some quarter century, I can tell you, this image's duplicitous representation is genuinely perturbing, and should be sequestered immediately from public aspect."

"I don't know," whispers Tranquility under her breath, whilst still picking at her lip. "Whad'ya think, Chief?"

"Ugh," he answers, continuing to fidget with that neck feather. The brown, weather worn skin on his brow wrinkles as he squints, studying the car in the illustration. "White man speak with Forded tongue!"

Tranquility points her phone at the poster and snaps a picture.

"I'm gonna post this on Instagram!" she murmurs.

"Hmmm, mutters the Chief. "A most singular state of affairs! Capricious and yet comparatively arbitrary, wouldn't you concur?"

"Ugh," I retort, turning for the door, and a long-deserved walk. ☺



This photo, taken in 1969, shows Brian Anderson's grandfather White with his '67 Buick Wildcat during a trip through the Phantom Canyon, an old railroad right-of-way near the town of Cripple Creek in Colorado. Brian reports that he remembers the tight squeeze driving the Buick through the narrow-gauge tunnels.

A Specimen of the Lost Era of Steam



Brian Anderson's father worked for the Illinois Central RR before WWII and was based in Chicago. Brian reports that his work "gave him access to the Markham Yard, where it appears that he photographed every locomotive passing through . . ."

February

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- Mary Taylor—6th
- Laura Therriault—6th
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- Jim Foss—22nd
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