



## Rondy Gets Good Dose of Cold and Snow

### Parade

This year, the parade happened in cooler temperatures than last year. Maybe that is the reason we didn't receive a list of cars represented in the lineup. (We'll do our best at guessing.)

Things were, however, warm-hearted, and the group was impressive. As is our custom, some of our cars were commandeered by different organizations to carry "royalty." Ken Evans carried a Rondy princess in his 1955 Cadillac Eldorado convertible, Mike Wiedmer had five Rondy princesses in his 1949 Ford convertible, Gwyn Wiedmer carried the Seward Alaska Pioneer King and Queen Regent in

her 1927 Hupmobile and Tom and Marcy Cresap chauffeured the Fairbanks Pioneer King and Queen Regent in their 1925 Model T.

We don't have names of all the AAMA contingent, but it was led by Dale Dryden in his 1931 Model A fire truck. Others in the group included: Kurt Rein (1966 Mustang) David Jensen (1957 Thunderbird) Dick and Barb Henningsen (1960 Buick) Bill and

(See p. 4, "Rondy.")



*Chris Brown runs his Model T to power the buzz saw while his dad, Bill Brown, cuts a log into slabs, which are later branded (inset) and given to show patrons as a souvenir of the 2020 Fur Rendezvous. (All Photos by David Jensen)*



### March Meeting

Our meeting will take place at 6:30 PM March 11th in the multipurpose room of the Turnagain Social Club in Anchorage.

We will be decompressing and breathing a sigh of relief after the Rondy activities. Come help us plan for activities of the coming spring and summer.

Donn Reese and Marcy Cresap will provide the after-meeting refreshments.

Many thanks to Linda Golding, Terry Young and Michael Campbell for last month's repast.

# Running Board Reflections

*Sandy waited for a call from president David Jensen. The call may have had something to do with a problem of getting home in an open car in a snow storm. Sure enough, that is what took place at the end of the Rondy show. Sandy—the ever-faithful companion through thick and thin—ultimately capitulated and allowed David to drive the Thunderbird. She went home in the warm, dry comfort of mom’s modern car.*



As seen through the pages of this month's Tinkering Times, 2020 is off to a great beginning. The club was well-represented at both the Rondy Grand Parade and our annual Car Show at Bob's Services.

The strength of our club is a lot more than the beautiful cars we share with others (that is significant by itself.) What's most remarkable is the Alaska spirit shown when so many club members team up to make these events happen. Art and Tam Isham, and Donn Reese are meticulous with each detail in organizing the car show including logistics, potluck coordination and more. Tom Cresap's work as the Valve Cover Racing Marshal brings smiles to club members and guests with each pull on the race track starting lever. The races are highly anticipated and this year's race drew a nice crowd of racers and onlookers.



*Wiedmers' 1951 Chevrolet 2-ton flatbed wore sandwich boards at nearby Alaska Mill and Feed to promote the Rondy show.*

Bill Brown and family make a huge effort each year as they provide spacious car showrooms at Bob's Services. Dennis Allen carefully places and collects directional signs at several visible intersections. Mike and Gwyn Weidmer add extra charm to the car show by placing their 1951 Chevrolet 2-ton truck and signage outside Alaska Mill Feed and Garden to help draw more visitors. Scott Hulse made it his mission to repair the antique water pump that is on display at the show. He was successful with help from the usual think tank that always gathers when something mechanical isn't working just right.

Kurt Rein, perennial chair of all things related to parades, came through again. We had a splendid turnout regardless of the questionable roads to and from downtown Anchorage.

To everyone who brought cars and trucks out, or simply dropped by to visit, thank you. To those who helped in ways not recognized above, thank you.

Next up, cleaning the melted snow stains from our hoods and fenders as we dig out from this record-breaking snowfall. Spring and summer are just a few weeks away.



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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 In West Downtown Anchorage

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

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



**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)



**For Sale:** 1930 Model A Pickup; Coker Classic radial tires; newly powder-coated 16" wheels with chrome rings and chrome caps; new

## Schedule of Events

- \* March 11–6:30 Meeting (Donn Reese and Marcy Cresap)
- \* April 8–6:30 Meeting (Mike Wiedmer and David Jensen)
- \* 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)
- \* May 13–6:30 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 12– 4:00 PM-8:00 PM, Palmer Colony Days car show, Palmer main Street (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- \* June 18–Turnagain Social Club Senior Rides (Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- \* June ?–Joint Meet with VLNAACF? (Scott Hulse, 240-4028)
- \* June 20– 4 - 9pm, MSSRA Solstice Rumble Car show at Mirror Lake will be on Saturday (instead of the normal 21<sup>st</sup>) Bring something for the pot luck dinner.
- \* June 21–Father's Day Car Show at the Zoo (Dennis and Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- \* July 4–Parades: Anchorage (Kurt Rein, 344-5554) Chugiak, Allens, 345-6355) After-parade potluck (Cresaps, 694-7510)
- \* July 6-12–AAMA and Model A trip to Fairbanks (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- \* July 8– 6:30 Rolling Meeting (Driveabout chairperson?)
- \* July 16-20–Hope Weekend (Dennis and Diane Allen, 345-6355)
- \* July 25 (?)–Adopt-A-Road (Chairperson needed)
- \* August 1–Pre-show & Shine car show at McDonald's
- \* August 2–Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show at Parkstrip
- \* August 12– 6:30 Rolling Meeting (Driveabout chairperson?)

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](mailto:primus19@gci.net)> (5)

**For Sale:** 1987 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Coupe; 4.1 Liter V8; 108,000 miles; automatic transmission; original paint and leather interior. Excellent condition inside and out. New tires. Always garaged. \$7,000 OBO. Charles Worthy, [chasw@gci.net](mailto:chasw@gci.net), 907-354-1853 (6)

**For Sale:** The Cramer family in

Kenai is selling a beautiful black rumble seat '31 Deluxe Coupe. It had a professional restoration around 2010 by the previous owner. Mostly stock but also has a Borg Warner overdrive, turn signals, 17" rims/tires in addition to the stock 19" wheels. It has an alternator, leakless water pump, hydraulic brakes, and luggage rack and trunk. Asking price is \$18K. For more info, Brandon Cramer [thecosmocramer@yahoo.com](mailto:thecosmocramer@yahoo.com), or 907-513-8998. (6)

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# Rondy

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Chris Brown (two 1957 Fords) Dale Dryden's 1931 Model A Taxi, and Brown family's 1937 GMC pickup.

## Car Show

by Art Isham

"Neither rain nor sleet nor snow". This sums up the attitude of the AAMA crew that put on the 2020 Fur Rondy car show at Bob's Services on February 29 and March 1. The threatening snow did not discourage 25 cars from showing up and displaying their finery for over 350 visitors during the two-day extravaganza.

We had Bill Brown and family with a 1954 Chevrolet pickup, a 1922 Model T truck, a 1937 GMC half ton truck, a 1957 Ford Retractable Hardtop, a 1957 Ford 300 sedan, a 1916 Overland and a 1917 Model T truck. Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer brought a 1949 Ford convertible, a 1941 Cadillac Coupe, and a 1927 Hupmobile. Scott Hulse showed a 1958 Rolls Royce and a 1939 International truck. Dale Dryden brought a 1930 Ford Model A fire truck and a 1931 Ford Model A taxi. Howard and Colleen Hansen slid in with a 1968 Dodge A-100 pickup, Ken Evans had his 1955 Cadillac convertible, Brian Anderson offered a 1964 Willys Jeep FC-170 truck, Dave Syren had a 1915 White Touring Car, Don Reese was there with his 1960 Imperial Custom. In addition we had Dennis Allen's 1948 Ford ¾ ton truck, Sara Stoops' 1958 Chevrolet sedan, Kurt Rein (1966 Mustang Coupe) Tom and Marcy Cresap (1925 Model T touring) David Jensen and Sandi (the Golden

Retriever) in a 1957 Thunderbird and Art and Tamea Isham with a 1930 Ford Model A Town Sedan.

Bill Brown ran the buzz saw demonstration on Sunday and handed out branded slices of birch wood to our visitors for souvenirs. Howard Hansen officiated at the Double Elimination Valve Cover Races, which was won by Tom Cresap's "Blue Dragon", much to the chagrin of Art Isham and the valve cover racer "Half Fast". Every year we get more racers participating, which increases the competition and the rivalry.

Donn Reese and Tamea Isham coordinated the excellent pot luck which was laid out in the new building addition that Bill added this past year. Snacks were there for the early arrivals before they left for the Fur Rondy parade on Saturday morning, and lunch started as soon as the parade was over. We ended up with minimal leftovers, so the food was both good and quantities well planned.

The team operating the welcome table was busy selling popcorn and coffee and forcing automotive literature on our visitors. We hit the jackpot when one visitor said he would take everything because he was planning on opening a car museum and needed the magazines for reference material.

The People's Choice award and a \$50 gift certificate went to Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer for their 1941 Cadillac Coupe, but it was a close competition with only one vote separating them from Sandi (the Golden Retriever) and David Jensen's 1957 Thunderbird. Sandi

was a real hit with everyone that came in, including other dogs.

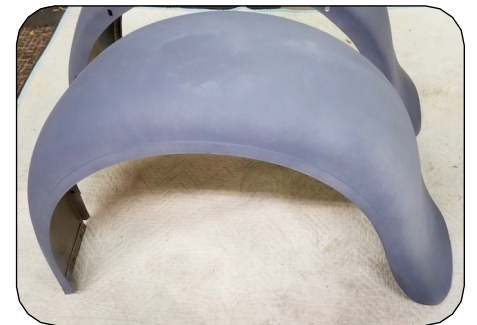
The snow held off until late Sunday afternoon when it really started coming down. This encouraged everyone to hustle on the breakdown. We got everybody out by 5:30 PM and on their way home. Latest reports are that everybody got back to their garages safely in spite of the fresh 4 inches of white stuff.

See you next year! 🍀

## One Man's Treasures



**For Sale:** 4 Model A Show spark plugs; all four, \$80. Regular price is \$37 each (\$148 for 4). Ricky Byrd, 907-855-0725. (6)



**For Sale:** New Model A rear fenders. Both left and right fenders; selling these as a set only; \$550; regular price is \$300 each plus shipping. Ricky Byrd, 907-855-0725. (6)

## Tinkering Times Receives AACA Award



### Editorial

It seems that we are taking one step forward and two steps back these days. Along with some normal, happy activities, we have to report in this issue the loss of some old friends.

Buzz Wallace, a Homer resident until just a few years ago, was a very well liked member of the Antique Auto Musers. As a resident of Homer, he would host the club at his pace there with an annual spring barbecue and a car show. (Our visits became a tradition that continues as the "Homer Run.") As a member, he would travel all the way up to Anchorage from Homer to attend our monthly meetings. Later, when he moved to Michigan, he maintained his membership for several years.

Although Elmer Patson wasn't an AAMA member, his was a very familiar name in the Anchorage automobile community. Elmer owned E.A. Patson Parts and Equipment for 58 years. He was born on July 22, 1923 and passed away on February 6, 2020 at the age of 96.

Elisabeth Wiedmer, mother of long time member and AAMA past president, Mike Wiedmer will be remembered for her quiet manner as she joined in and helped us enjoy many adventures over the years. We will include an obituary for Elisabeth in our April issue.

-Tom

We have just received the AACA *Award of Excellence* for 2019, Volume 60, of the *Tinkering Times*.

The Antique Auto Club of America provides this friendly competition as a sort of shot in the arm for the newsletter editors worldwide who spread the good word about the antique car hobby. Judging involves criteria having to do with literary correctness, inclusion of national information and the size,

consistency and timing of a publication.

The *Tinkering Times* has received numerous awards over the years, awards ranging from simple recognition to *Master Editor* and even the very highest award, the *Ann S. Eady Award* (in the year, 2,000).

We are proud to accept this award on behalf of all the members of this great little organization. Thanks to the AACA for the award and to the members of the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska, who provide the award-winning fodder for publication. Here's to you! 🌟

### Arnold "Buzz" C. Wallace 1943-2020

Arnold C. "Buzz" Wallace passed away peacefully, on February 14th, 2020, at 77 years of age, at Woodland Hospice in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan after a battle with cancer.

Arnold was born in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and spent his formative years on the family farm at Big Norway Lake Ranch in Clare County's Freeman Township.

A lifelong bachelor, Arnold resided in Farwell, in Homer Alaska and wintered in Hastings Florida after he retired.

Arnold was a hard worker, who worked in a variety of different fields over the years, mainly teaching and mechanics. He had special skill with higher mathematics, and was an inveterate tinkerer. Arnold was a licensed pilot, and flew wherever he could. Arnold was a 1961 graduate of Farwell High School, attended Central Michigan University and Michigan State University, and a veteran of the US Army. He served on the Board of Trustees for Mid Michigan College in the 1970s.

Arnold is survived by a sister, Mary E. (Wallace) Geeck, of Coleman, Michigan, and numerous



*Buzz posed with his Model A during the AAMA 50th Jubilee celebration at Alyeska Resort in 2012*

nieces and nephews, and "greats."

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents Chet and Donna (Bassett) Wallace, his elder brother Daniel (Jan) Wallace, all of Farwell. In keeping with his wishes, arrangements have been entrusted to Stephenson Wyman Funeral Home. Mr. Wallace has been cremated and a simple service for the family will be scheduled in the future. 🌟

### Fan Mail

Dear Tom and Marcy,

What a nice story about your two friends who got married after their spouses died. It was a lovely story, and it made me happy to read it.

Thanks,  
Marion

# 2020 Rondy Valve Cover Races



*Marcy Cresap cheers for her car, "Mini," as it nears the finish line, slightly trailing Tom Cresap's "Blue Dragon."*

by Tom Cresap

One of the features of the 2020 Rondy car show at Bob's Services was our valve cover racer competition. AAMA has presented the races at the Fur Rendezvous car show since 2017.

All the valve cover foolishness—and fun—began when, following the lead of VLNAACA of Fairbanks, we designed and built a track and garnered a racing field of eight members who built racers. The adventurous new racers were; Brian Anderson, Marcy and Tom Cresap, Rich Golding, Howard and Debbie Hansen, Art Isham and Curly Packer. We christened our newly built track during the June 17-19, 2016 joint meet in Valdez, when we met with VLNAAC of Fairbanks.

Since that first race, we have gathered a little more interest, and we

have more racers. At this year's Rondy show, we had:

- Horace (Howard Hansen)
- Smiley (David Jensen)
- Half Fast (Art Isham)
- Fury (Greg Carpenter)
- Tornado (Brian Anderson)
- Blue Dragon (Tom Cresap)
- Layla (David Jensen)
- Rocket (Doug Nolte)
- Bullwinkle (Colleen Kimzey)
- Mini (Marcy Cresap)
- Bruno (Doug Nolte)

In the final throes of the exciting competition, three showed promise: Half Fast, Blue Dragon and Tornado. The last heat was very close, but Blue Dragon came out the victor.

Congratulations to Tom (Blue Dragon) and Art (Half Fast). These cars can be somewhat finicky, and the next race could show a different outcome. The suspense builds . . . ☺

## AAMA Business Meeting February 12, 2020

Location: Turnagain Social  
Club

3201 Turnagain Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM  
by President David Jensen

There were 34 members present.

### Rondy Business

\*\**Tam Isham* passed around the list for potluck food signup and another sheet for people to volunteer for being at the greeter table and popcorn sales at the Fur Rondy car show. The potluck will be behind the office area away from the public this year.

\*\**Art Isham* had posters for the Fur Rendezvous car show for people to put up at area businesses. He also showed a map of where the cars will be displayed in the two buildings at Bob's Services.

\*\**The valve cover racetrack* will be set up by Tom Cresap and any volunteers willing to help on Friday February 28 from 5:30 to 6:00 pm.

\*\**Kurt Rein* updated everyone about the Fur Rondy parade and asked

if any more people planned to enter their cars. For those participating, they need to meet at 9:30 am on Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup> at 7<sup>th</sup> and D street. The Antique Auto Musers Club position in the parade is spots 17 and 18.

### Get Well

\*\**Kurt* also passed around a get-well card for Lee Plummer for people to sign.

### Approval of Minutes

\*\**President Jensen* asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8<sup>th</sup> business meeting as published in the Tinkering Times. The motion was approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Milt Tanora provided the financial report.

### Old Business

\*\**Donn Reese* talked about the new badges being reprinted with the larger logo.

### Guest

Tom Cresap introduced special guest Alex Roesch who owns a Citroen 2CV.

### New Business

\*\**Scott Hulse* provided an overview of the 2020 calendar of events along with some changes. There is no Talkeetna show this year. The event

calendar is posted on the AAMA website. He was also seeking volunteers to chair the Adopt a Road cleanup and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Anchorage. For the Show and Shine car show in August, Scott was also asking for volunteers to help setup cones and lay things out before the show.

\*\**Jim Fredenhagen* was not available to provide an update on the Model A's Fairbanks tour this summer.

\*\**Scott* gave an update on the Joint meet this summer possibly happening on June 12-14 in Cantwell.

### Board Meeting Scheduled

The next AAMA board meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2020 at 10:00 am.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

### Split the Pot

Split the pot winner: Scott Hulse.

### Refreshments

After meeting food was provided by Terry Young, Mike Campbell, Richard and Linda Golding.

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Carpenter, Secretary

# Linda's Three-Meat, Three-Bean Chili

by Linda Mattes-Golding

I am a spice wimp, so I tend to make this chili "mild." One can always make it hotter!

The basic recipe can be doubled or tripled. Feel free to adapt it to your taste!

- \*1 pound pork chorizo
- \*1 pound coarse-ground beef
- \*1 pound chuck roast, in approx 1/2" cubes
- \*1 can black beans, drained
- \*1 can red kidney beans, drained
- \*1 can black soy beans, drained
- \*1 onion, chopped
- \*2-3 garlic cloves, minced or crushed
- \*2-3 16 oz jars of chunky salsa

- \*Ground cumin-to taste
- \*Chili powder-to taste
- \*Red pepper flakes-to taste
- \*Salt and pepper-to taste
- \*Hot sauce-to taste

In dutch oven, brown the chorizo, then drain and set it aside. Reserve the chorizo fat.

Using the leftover chorizo fat, brown the ground beef first, drain, then brown the chuck roast cubes. Drain and set aside.

Using the chorizo fat again, soften and brown the onions first, then the add garlic. Once the onions are softened, return the meat to the pot, and add two jars of salsa. Season

to taste with the salt, pepper, cumin, chili, and red pepper.

Put the dutch oven into a 200°F oven for 2-3 hours. This can also be cooked in a crock pot for 3-4 hours at the low setting.

Out of the oven, add the three cans of beans. If thick, add the third jar of salsa.

Return to the oven for another hour or two.

I usually make this at least one day in advance, and refrigerate it. That way, I can scrape off the excess fat, to keep it a little leaner.

Enjoy! 🍷

## 2020 Rondy Parade and Show



David Jensen's 1957 Thunderbird and Dale Dryden's 1930 Model A fire truck with club sign.



The 2020 Rondy car show took place in two shops at BSI in north Anchorage. The West Shop was nick-named "The Ford Barn" for obvious reasons



Art Isham presented the Peoples' Choice Award to Gwyn and Mike Wiedmer for their beautiful 1941 Cadillac Deluxe Coupe.



Gwyn Wiedmer chauffeured the Seward King and Queen Regent in Wiedmers' 1927 Hupmobile.



Alaska Pioneers Fairbanks King and Queen Regent, Steve Cooper and Ruth Knapman rode in Cresaps' 1925 Model T.



Mike Wiedmer piled five Rondy princesses into his 1949 Ford convertible.



Ken Evens supplied the 1955 Cadillac convertible chariot for one lovely princess.



Old friend and long time Antique Auto Musher member, Bruce Campbell, visited the Ronny show to have another look at the beautiful 57 Ford Skyliner he rebuilt before selling it to Bill Brown of BSI. This was Bruce's 11th in a line of restorations, all of which were carefully taken back to showroom quality.

## March

### BIRTHDAYS

Ingrid Woodard—10<sup>th</sup>

Roy Foster—13<sup>th</sup>

Sheryl Hulse—14<sup>th</sup>

Donny Bell—15<sup>th</sup>

Will Lord—16<sup>th</sup>

Chris Brown—18<sup>th</sup>

Laura Kelley—22<sup>nd</sup>

Mark Graber—23<sup>rd</sup>

Joyce Chace—28<sup>th</sup>

Barbara Henningsen—30<sup>th</sup>

Mike Wiedmer—31<sup>st</sup>

### ANNIVERSARY

Trudy & Ron Keller—17<sup>th</sup>



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