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## Manifold Cooking Tour Opens New Vistas

by Tamea and Art Isham

With most restaurants closed or providing only take out because of the pandemic, a new approach was necessary to allow a hot meal while on a road tour. Why not use all that excess heat generated by the engine to cook something? All you need is a container to put the ingredients in that doesn't leak and that can withstand temperatures around 400 degrees.

This can be easily accomplished by using heavy duty aluminum foil to make a double layered packet that you put your meat/chicken/vegetables in and then seal the edges by folding and place the package on the manifold and tie it down with wire. Distance traveled rather than time determines how well your meal gets cooked.

Eleven intrepid couples in the club took up the challenge posed by Tam Isham when they went on a 170-mile jaunt over Hatcher Pass from the Palmer to the Wasilla side on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day when everybody gathered at the Isham home at 2:00 PM in Peters Creek to attach their pre-cooked meals to their manifolds (pre-cooked so all that was required was a warm up since the distance to the meal stop was only about 30 miles - not enough distance to cook anything seriously). Every vehicle was different so there was a unique attachment



The group of manifold cookers lunched at the Fishhook Trailhead parking lot. (l-to-r) Russell (1990 Dodge Ramcharger) Jensen (1957 Thunderbird) Stoops (1958 Chevrolet) Cresaps (1938 Chrysler) Wiedmer (1949 Ford) Hansen (1968 Dodge A-100) Golding (1986 Citroen 2CV) Graber (1947 Packard) Anderson (1979 AMC Jeep) Rein (1966 Mustang) Isham (1930 Model A).

method for everybody.

The group hit the road at exactly 3:00 PM, and by 4:30, were eating their meals at the Fishhook Trailhead parking lot.

After cleaning up we moved on up the road to the Independence Mine parking lot where we did the usual

photo op. A rainstorm had just passed

(See p. 4, "Manifold Cooking")

**Dimond Center  
Car Show**

September 12th

See p. 4 for details.

## September Meeting

Our September General Membership meeting will be held again in the parking lot of the HOPE Community Resources Auditorium; 570 West 53rd Avenue; Wednesday; September 9, 2020 at 6:30.

The agenda will include formation of a Nomination Committee, which will begin the process of accepting nominations for 2021 AAMA Officers including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and members at large. Nominations will be presented during the October meeting and voted upon during the November meeting. The new board will assume duties after being sworn in this coming January.

We will have a driveabout after the meeting. Oh yes, a special thanks to Rich Golding, who arranged our tour of Muldoon Manor last month. -dj

## Adopt-A-Road

This Saturday, September 5th  
See p. 3 for details.

# Running Board Reflections



AAMA president David Jensen's 1957 Ford Thunderbird sits in the parking lot—wet from a recent rain—at Independence Mine in Hatcher Pass during the recent Manifold Cooking Tour.

A few days ago, I was rolling along toward Hatcher Pass with other AAMA members and their beautiful cars. My copilot, Sandi was by my side and I couldn't help but smile while thinking of the friendships that have been created and sustained because of our car club.

When AAMA was founded back in 1962, it was created through friendships and a common interest in preserving and sharing a love of classic, antique and vintage automobiles. To this day, the strongest bonds in our club are such relationships within.

It's been difficult to stay in touch with everyone as often as we're used to. Many of us are rightfully hunkered down. If so, I hope you're tinkering with your cars and staying healthy. Please know that we miss seeing you and can't wait to have you back on the road with us. You come up in conversations often in forms of "Have you heard from (fill in your name) or

"I heard (fill in your name) is doing well."

Standing at a pharmacy recently, I heard "Hello, stranger" from behind. I turned around and saw Dennis Allen behind his perfectly positioned mask. We chatted briefly while waiting for our turns at the front counter. He and Diane are doing well and hunkering down with their pup Kadie, who is enjoying the extra time with her humans.

The point of this is, stay healthy and stay in touch. If you can't join us for public gatherings quite yet, please send a note to Tinkering Times's Editors Marcy and Tom Cresap with an update on how you've been spending your summer. Share a story. We'd love to hear from you. It'll bring us comfort knowing that you're doing well or, perhaps, looking for a helping hand which I know we'd be happy to lend.

Enjoy the fall colors, friends.  
dj



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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



**For Sale:** 1941 K1 or K2 International Harvester pickup; barn find, good bones; originally from Utah; lots of surface rust; last used in 1962; in Anchorage, has title; present owner wants to see it when it is restored; make offer. Contact Justin & Rebekkah Golarz (907)-223-0124 Cell. (10)

**For Sale:** Acetylene torch outfit for sale; tanks, gauges, hoses, torches, portable carrier. Also portable Emglo compressor and tank. Bruce Campbell 345-3129 (12)



## Schedule of Events

As long as weather permits during the summer months, we will meet each Wednesday (except meeting days) at 6:00 PM in the REI parking lot on Northern Lights for a driveabout.

- \* September 5—Adopt-A-Road (Marcy Cresap)
- \* September 9— 6:30 Rolling Meeting (Donn Reese)
- \* September 12—Diamond Car Show (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- \* October 14— 6:30 Meeting (Refreshments ?)
- \* November 11— 6:30 Meeting (Refreshments ?)
- \* December 6— Christmas party (TBA)

## Last Adopt-A-Road for 2020

Our September 5 Adopt-A-Road cleanup will be the last one for the 2020 summer season. We have a contract with the Municipality of Anchorage to clean our adopted street, Northern Lights, from Muldoon to Boniface three times each summer.

The task is something we took on almost exactly 27 years ago when late members Lorraine Foster and Claire Batchelor got their heads together and talked us into it. In the ensuing years, we have picked up trash, rain or shine.

Traditionally, we would have a tailgate breakfast, which was supplied by the event chairperson. With the present restrictions, that has become impossible, so this year we have just cleaned up without the fun of having delicious breakfast treats.

Marcy Cresap is our leader for this last adventure of the summer, and she has announced that we will meet at the Muldoon Carr's store at the corner of Northern Lights and Muldoon at 9:00. Be sure to bring

**For Sale:** 1964 Cadillac Sedan DeVille 429; stored in Anchorage for 25 years; driveable when put in storage. Time for restoration by a new owner. \$1,000 or best offer. Contact Teddi. 907-227-8987, text or phone. [Teddiat@yahoo.com](mailto:Teddiat@yahoo.com).

your mask. We will be careful not to get too close together and together manage to get Northern Lights as spotlessly clean as possible.



*Milt Tanora, who recently moved outside with his wife Pam to build their dream home in Oregon, is seen picking up trash at our July 11th cleanup.*

## Dimond Center Car Show

by Jim Fredenhagen

For the last four years our club has had its fall car show at the Dimond Center, Eastside parking lot.

This year's show will be on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We can set up starting at 9:00 AM.

Its the last show opportunity of the year, so I'm encouraging us all to "bring out your iron" for the day and enjoy the hospitality of the Dimond Center.

As in previous years they will be greeting early birds with goody bags from various vendors as well as meal coupons for lunch ideas there.

Additionally there will be door prize drawings through the day for Dimond Center cash cards.

Coincidentally, September 12<sup>th</sup> is also International Model A Ford Day. A warm welcome to all Model A'ers for this show, too.

Weather permitting, we will have valve cover races. Bring your racer and join in!

See you there. Questions? Call Jim, 351-3115.



*Left: Jacques carried the neatly-wrapped pan with a certain amount of dignity under his hood. Above: The food appeared to be quite delicious on the picnic table—covered in plaide— at the Fishhook Trailhead parking lot.*

## His Name Is Jacques.

by Rich Golding

The car is a 1986 Citroën 2CV. His name is Jacques. Seeing as he is a French car—built at the Paris factory—I felt it only appropriate that we enjoy an authentic French manifold meal.

Le menu:

L' A p e r i t i f :  
Champagne, Veuve  
Clicquot étiquette jaune

L'Entree/Hors D'oeuvres:  
salmon mousse et asperges  
froides avec craquelins de  
seigle et de blé

Le plat principal: Poulet  
aux légumes et sauce au  
beurre blanc

Salade: Légumes de  
printemps à la romaine et  
mini carottes

Fromage: Vacherin du  
Haut-Doubs servi avec des  
baguettes croustillantes

D e s s e r t : T a r t e  
au citron aux macarons  
colorés

Et le vin: 2015 Domaine  
Bernard Fleuriet et Fils  
Tradition Sancerre, correcte  
ment refroidi à 5 degrés  
Celsius

Vive la France!

## Manifold Cooking

(Continued from p.1)

over the summit but missed us completely and wet down the dirt road just enough to kill the dust, so we drove to the summit.

A few of the group decided to turn around at the top and return home the way they came. The remainder headed down the Wasilla side, where we saw daredevils paragliding off the cliffs above the road and people everywhere in the bushes picking berries (did not see any bears competing for the bounty.)

Only mechanical problem encountered was a blown/corroded fuse that hobbled the Isham's 1930 Model A Roadster, which required a tow job by fellow traveler, JR Russell, for about 20 miles until the problem was discovered. Never leave home without your voltmeter is the lesson.

The following gourmet chefs were on the tour: Brian Anderson; Kurt Rein; Sara Stoops; Marcy and Tom Cresap; Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer; David Jensen; JR and Barbara Russell; Rich and Linda Golding; Mark Graber; Howard and Colleen Hansen; and Art and Tam Isham.

**AAMA Business Meeting**  
**August 12, 2020**  
**Location: Hope Community**  
**Resources Learning Center**  
**parking lot**  
**at 570 W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue,**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**



Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM by president David Jensen.

24 members were present. All members wore masks and practiced social distancing in the parking lot for a quick meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Milt Tanora will hold his position as club treasurer for now while Scott Hulse assumes interim duties. Scott provided the financial report.

#### **Minutes**

There were no minutes, since our July meeting was rained out.

#### **New Business**

**\*\*Masks and social distancing required at meetings.**

**\*\*President David Jensen discussed having Board meetings through the computer program Zoom and purchasing a subscription. The program is free for the first 40 minutes; then you need a new session to continue using it for free. Motion to approve purchase of membership, if needed, with a one-year sunset clause. Motion was approved for expenditure not to exceed \$200, if needed.**

**\*\*Nominating committee for club officers will be decided at the September business meeting.**

**\*\*Marcy Cresap announced that Adopt-A-Road cleanup is on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to**

11:00 AM. Meet at Carr's parking lot on Muldoon Road and Northern Lights.

**\*\*The Alaska A's** are having their Soldotna run on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, departing from Carr's Huffman at 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The event calendar is posted on the AAMA *website*.

**\*\*It was suggested** that the club scale back on refreshments at future business meetings.

**\*\*Kurt Rein** gave an update on the Fur Rendezvous parade and car show. He indicated that the club may want to consider it's own tour if the Rony parade is cancelled due to COVID-19.

**\*\*Tom Cresap** was giving away car books from the Bill Waldron estate to club members during the meeting.

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

President David Jensen announced August birthdays and anniversaries.

#### **Driveabout**

Rich and Linda Golding led the after-meeting driveabout to Marlow Manor Senior Living Complex.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



*Brad Tischer and his 1931 Model A were at the August 19th Driveabout.*

## **August After-Meeting Driveabout**

Following our socially-distanced August general meeting, held in the parking lot adjacent to Hope Community Resources, Linda and Richard Golding led a long string of our old cars out to the east side of the city, where we staged a touchless drive-by car show in the parking lots of three retirement communities, Marlow Manor Assisted Living, Muldoon Manor Apartments and the

Chester Park Senior Housing Cooperative.

Under cloudy skies we were greeted warmly by the senior residents that came out to cheer us from the curb, or gestured from their apartment windows and balconies as we paraded by in our shiny vintage automobiles, waving and honking.

All in all, a very successful and enjoyable evening's drive.



*Members queued up in the driveway before the drive-by car show at Marlow Manor. (l-to-r) Golding (1971 Volkswagen) Stoops (1958 Chevrolet Belair) Cresaps (1931 Model A) Rein (1966 Mustang) Reese (1960 Imperial) Fredenhagen (1929 Model A) Jensen (1957 Thunderbird) and Russell (1990 Dodge Ramcharger).*

## From The Editor's Desk . . .

These days, we hear many complaints about restrictions on our freedom because of COVID-19. But in this time of health adversity, we in the AAMA are learning to get together and have fun with our cars while avoiding the dreaded infection.

While it is true that we miss a good hug or old-fashioned handshake, we are learning to mask up, keep our distance and enjoy the great outdoors. In this issue, we report on events we have done—carefully, but safely. And we have had a great time doing it.

Well-planned outings such as the Hatcher Pass Manifold Cooking Tour (Tamea Isham) and the Soldotna Run (Jim Fredenhagen) not to mention our weekly driveabouts, tours of senior living centers and open-air meetings are an example. We have some members who know how to craft harmless fun.

Then, there is the gift of time alone in our home shops, time that has afforded a “quarantined”

experience to get those long neglected projects knocked off the list. For me, this has meant being able to live up to the possibly mythical belief my grandchildren have, “grandpa can fix anything.”



But besides house maintenance and taking care of the lawn, I have also had time to completely reupholster my 1931 Model A, design and construct a trunk for it—then to design and make arm rests and install turn signals in my 1938 Chrysler.

I suppose it goes without saying, but for me, there just isn't time for TV.

This old car hobby has provided us with tools to weather the challenge of the pandemic, not to mention several other maladies that have come



along with it.

Take advantage of the freedom all this has provided. You know, as Dale Carnegie said, “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.”

—Tom

## Freedom Flag Run

Well, I am happy to say that it is time for our annual “Freedom Flag Run” in memory of 9/11, and it looks like we will be able to have it despite COVID-19.

The “Freedom Flag Run” Stages at Wasilla High School back parking lot around 9:00am and we decorate the cars in flags and other patriotic memorabilia, then lead by a group of motorcycles flying the American Flag we all drive to Alaska Raceway Park at around 10:30 to 11:00am for the car show.

If you don't want to caravan from the high school to the drag strip you can meet up at the strip at around Noon for just the car show. There will be our beautiful trophies made by Valley Trophy, and Affordable Caterings Studebaker Truck will be there to offer their fine food.

They will be letting cars run down the drag strip as usual, but you have to do it early in the show because the fire crew has to get over to the oval track for their time and testing trials.

Be sure to have a helmet, fire extinguisher and long sleeves if you want to drag.

This is one of our big shows of the season and we usually have a large turn out of both cars and bikes so please try to pre-register your vehicle.

Mark your calendar for Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and be at Wasilla High School around 9'ish for the parade and noon at Alaska Raceway Park for just the car show.

In hopes that the sun will shine and the weather will be beautiful!

—Eileen Grape



AAMA VP Scott Hulse loaned his beautiful Rolls Royce “Heather” for some high school senior portraits of Emma recently. She and her family lived in England for a spot of time and Scott's car was a perfect compliment to the theme near Kincaid Chalet.

Now, to throw in a few extra fun things we did this month



Kenai with the Kaknu Kruzers August 15th



Kenai with the Kaknu Kruzers August 15th



Driveabout August 5th



Driveabout August 19th



Driveabout August 5th



Mushers come down the Willow side of the Willow-Hatcher Pass Road: (l-to-r) Ishams (1930 Model A) Cresaps (1938 Chrysler) Stoops (1958 Chevrolet Belair) Wiedmers (1949 Ford convertible) Goldings (1986 Citroen 2CV) Rein (1966 Mustang) and Russell (1990 Dodge Ramcharger).

## September

### Birthdays

Louis Finch—3<sup>rd</sup>

Ron Keller—25<sup>th</sup>

Donald Lederhos—25<sup>th</sup>

Gretchen Stoddard—24<sup>th</sup>

Brad Tischer—30<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversaries

Judy and Eli Powell—7<sup>th</sup>

Linda and Richard

Golding—11<sup>th</sup>

Esther and Allen

Combs—21<sup>st</sup>



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