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Old Cars and Nice Weather Bring Big Smiles

On September 4, we did a drive-by for the benefit of the residents of Aspen Creek Senior Living Complex. We had a good time showing off our cars, and apparently, the residents there were appreciative. We received the following note:

Thank you so much for visiting Aspen Creek Senior Living. My mom is there and I do appreciate all the folks who go out of their respective ways to do something nice. My mom doesn't get out but she said she saw the parade of cars from inside through her windows.

- Cynthia.



AAMA members gather in front of Aspen Creek Senior Living Center before circling the building five times to the delight of residents.

November Meeting To Be Held Via ZOOM

For the past several months, your AAMA board of officers has been using video ZOOM technology to meet and conduct the business of the club. The board has met at least four times via ZOOM this year (that has to be a club record.) Officers have connected via cell phones, iPads, and computer screens. It's been a safe, convenient way to plan, discuss business and stay in touch.

With recent elevated pandemic spikes throughout Alaska, the board held a special meeting to discuss the

Keep up with the fun, and keep a smile on the treasurer's face—pay your dues now.

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possibility of hosting the November general membership meeting exclusively through ZOOM. The October non-rolling meeting at HOPE

Community Resources was quite successful with social distancing, sterilization procedures and good

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AAMA November Meeting Agenda

November 11, 2020; 6:30 p.m.

Please sign in to the meeting at least 10 minutes in advance.

- Call meeting to order (Club President, David Jensen)
- Greetings and recognize any special guests
- Treasurer's Report (VP and Acting Treasurer, Scott Hulse)
- Old Business
- 2021 Calendar of Events
- ACA Insurance Binder supplemental payment
- Election of AAMA's 2021 officers - Nominating Committee (Art Isham and Donn Reese.)
- New Business
- Video presentation - prepared by Scott Hulse
- Slide show presentation "Dogs and their rides" prepared by David Jensen
- Anniversaries and Birthdays
- Other topics/Adjourn.

Thanks
-dj

Running Board Reflections



Beau apparently couldn't stand it that Sandy kept getting the limelight of being on page 2 of the "Tinkering Times." Maybe someday he will do something of suitable notoriety and wind up "On The Cover Of The Tinkerin' Times." Of course, that would mean he would have to displace Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show.

Coming from a background in the field of communications, I have a special interest in the times we live in and where we're going. It's easy to lose track of how many different kinds of phones, modems, computers and other devices I've owned. The truth is, we can't ignore our need to use these tools to communicate, even if the phone still has a dial and cord attached.

I'm sure you've invited younger people to hop into your classic or vintage car. Some will wonder how the car doors open from the inside or outside, being more accustomed to easy buttons and automation. I imagine the same confusion might ensue if a youngster was asked to make a phone call on a device that has a circular dial instead of an illuminated digital phone screen.

This brings me to offer some words of encouragement as the club holds its first-ever membership business meeting via ZOOM videoconferencing. You may have apprehensions about computers, the

internet or offering your email address to "the unknown."

Just remember, it's okay. You can do this! It's just a lever in a different shape. Be assured that millions of others in every demographic are using this technology and, it turns out, they are loving it as an alternative way to communicate.

Our club will resume meetings in-person when the climate says it's okay. For now, your AMAA officers are asking you to give ZOOM a try and join us for the next meeting. Scott Hulse will present a short video during the meeting. I'm going to offer up a fun slide show called "Dogs and their rides." Most important, we need you to sign up and tune in to vote on your 2021 AAMA Officers. This is the group that helps shape the future of the club and its events. Nominations are still open. Contact Art Isham or Donn Reese if you're interested in becoming an officer.

Thanks and see you soon, virtually.

-dj and Beau



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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
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Dave Syren

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

For Sale: John Urquhart, who owns ABC Motorhomes on Old Seward in Anchorage, is selling his seven car collection and has them on display at the ABC showroom.

He also owns the 907 Alehouse next door and will give club members a 5% discount there for coming to look at his cars.

The cars are: 1929 Chev Sedan, 1951(?) Chevrolet coupe, 1927 Model T Ford, 1929 Model A Special Coupe (rare), 1931 Model A Deluxe Coupe, 1929 Model A roadster, 1981(?) V-12 Jaguar convertible.

Bon appétit, Jim Fredenhagen. (1)



Schedule of Events

We have discontinued our driveabouts until next driving season.

- * November 8–2:00 PM, ZOOM tutorial
- * November 11– 6:30 Meeting via ZOOM Election of officers
- * December 6– Christmas party (**Canceled**) Replacement Event
- * January 13–Meeting:Induction of officers
- * February 10–Meeting
- * March 10–Meeting
- * April 14–Meeting
- * May 12–Meeting
- * June 9–Meeting
- * July 14–Meeting
- * August 11–Meeting
- * September 8–Meeting
- * October 13–Meeting
- * November 10–Meeting

November Meeting

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attendance. And the facility at HOPE will be available to use in the future. For now, however, the board voted unanimously to hold the November membership meeting via ZOOM with the hope that the club can get back to meeting in person in 2021 when it's safer for all to attend.

There were a few things that had to be considered before making the decision to use ZOOM for a membership meeting. One was whether video conferencing fits within our club's bylaws, especially since the November meeting is also election central. This is the perennial meeting that includes voting on each of AAMA's officer nominees for the coming year. It was decided that, given the current situation, it was unlikely that members of the club will object to conducting business this way. And, anyone in attendance at the November meeting can bring this topic up for discussion along with other old or new business. The meeting will be conducted in the same manner as other meetings except that club members may have their coffee, dinner, or cats and dogs in the same room. Don't worry about noisy distractions because club president David Jensen will have his finger on the mute button.

Please plan to attend the November business meeting via ZOOM. Directions for participation using your device are included in this edition of Tinkering Times. It's easier than you might think. And, a practice session will be hosted by club President David Jensen and Vice President Scott Hulse Sunday, November 8th at 2 p.m. You'll see an email with more information and instructions. You can also get a personal tutorial by calling David at (907) 244-4197 or Scott ((907) 240-4048. 🌐

AAMA ZOOM Demonstration - November 8

Scott Hulse and David Jensen will host a sample meeting so you can test your ZOOM skills. Look for an email from Tom and Marcy Cresap. It will include a link to the demonstration meeting which will

happen Sunday, November 8th, 2021 at 2 p.m. With all ZOOM meetings, please plan to sign in at least 10 minutes ahead of the meeting.

The necessary links are also included directly below on this page. 🌐

Demo Link with Scott Hulse and David Jensen Sunday, November 8th; 2 p.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/](https://zoom.us/j/97323519244pwd=eWUrNkdaZUxic1hYR3hPbVd3UExPUT09)

[97323519244pwd=eWUrNkdaZUxic1hYR3hPbVd3UExPUT09](https://zoom.us/j/97323519244pwd=eWUrNkdaZUxic1hYR3hPbVd3UExPUT09)

Membership Meeting Link: Wednesday, November 11th; 6:30 p.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/](https://zoom.us/j/98223386409pwd=ODB5L1kzQUxSb3E5eWJqRTBFQitlQT09)

[98223386409pwd=ODB5L1kzQUxSb3E5eWJqRTBFQitlQT09](https://zoom.us/j/98223386409pwd=ODB5L1kzQUxSb3E5eWJqRTBFQitlQT09)

ZOOM Tutorial

First off, don't be afraid. Using ZOOM is easy and you have lots of support from your fellow club members. You're going to find that this is also a fun way to meet.

1. Please follow these steps a few days before the November meeting. Signup in advance is required before participating in the meeting.
2. Turn on your computer or device.
3. Go to the ZOOM website: www.zoom.us/signup
4. Click the orange tab that says "Sign up. It's Free."
5. Enter your birthdate (will be kept private)
6. Provide your email address
7. You should receive an email from ZOOM immediately
8. Check your Junk folder if needed
9. Open ZOOM Email and Click the confirmation link.
10. Provide your name and a password.

If you do not have a computer/internet connection, call another club member who has internet access and a ZOOM account.

It's That Dues Time of the Year

In the last Tinkering Times, we included a notice about 2021 dues. Yes, it is that time again, and our acting treasurer has made the following announcement.

AAMA / AACA renewal notices will be in your email soon! Anyone without email will receive the notice via USPS.

Scott Hulse announced that membership renewal notices will be sent out over the next week. Members who already paid will be credited.

We ask that everyone look over

the renewal. If there are any changes to the cars you own, or other changes to your status; please indicate them on the form and send it to Scott. He will forward the information to Mike Wiedmer to update the register.

Send your payments to: AAMA , PO Box 232086, Anchorage, AK 99523-2086. If you just have information changes, feel free to transmit the information to Scott by Email. Send to hulse@alaska.net. Please put "AAMA" in the subject line to make sure he reads it. 🌐

Mystery Tool



Barry Fowler has revealed the use of the mystery tool we had in the October issue. Anyone who has worked on any manner of older machines, and has had to deal with cotter pins, will immediately see that it would be really handy for removing problematic cotter pins. The metal shank follows through the handle, ending in an end that can be struck with a hammer for those really difficult pins. And there you have it.

Thanks, Barry for adding this bit of mystery. 🤔



Brian Anderson's dad started taking photographs early as a staff photographer for his high school yearbook. He also did his own developing of B&W prints, and continued later in life, doing lots of vehicles, such as the locomotive portraits we occasionally include in the *Tinkering Times*. These are some of the equipment he saved and Brian still has, including a Ciro-flex, a Zeiss Icon and a GE light meter.

From the Editor's Desk

"That effort early on in the pandemic basically translated to very low case counts in Alaska. And that basically bought us time to learn more about how to best care for COVID." (Joe McLaughlin, state epidemiologist, Anchorage Daily News, October 30, 2020, p. A-6)

The article in the ADN reported the recent growing spike in Alaska COVID-19 infections and deaths. We

had an almost exemplary record in the first months of the pandemic (one of the lowest per-capita states) but as we got heady about our success, we became emboldened and tired of the restrictions. That led to our present predicament: exploding numbers.

We have conducted our club activities with care, practicing all the recommended precautions, and so far . . . knock on wood . . . we have stayed healthy. I have boasted about our being able to go on with our fun—carefully— and staying healthy.

But now this news that hits hard,

(See p. 6, "Editorial")

AAMA's 2021 Officer Elections

Our club will elect its 2021 officers during the November 11 membership meeting.

Art Isham and Donn Reese, co-chairs of the nominating committee will run the election.

Nominations remain open for each officer position. Candidates, to date, are included below and you're encouraged to include your name on the list by contacting Art (688-3671) or Donn (748-0036).

- President, David Jensen
- Vice President, Linda Golding
- Treasurer, Scott Hulse
- Secretary, Greg Carpenter

- Three at-large positions

The nominating committee will ask for nominations to fill the three at-large positions during the meeting. If more than three names come up for consideration, Art and Tam will draw those names from a hat to fill the nomination slate. If the nominees and at-large positions are uncontested, Art and Donn will ask membership via ZOOM if there are any objections to approving the slate as officers for the 2021 year. With no objections, the members will be approved. New officers will be installed during our January meeting. 🤔

October Trouthouse Run



On Saturday, October 10th, the Alaskan Model A's and some of the Antique Auto Musers joined ranks to take part in a tour to Wasilla's Trouthouse restaurant for lunch. This was billed as "the last drive of the season," and seven Model A's and one Plymouth Barracuda participated: Hansens (1966 Barracuda) Tichenors

(1931 Model A) Dave Burkhart (1930 Model A) Cresap (1930 Model A) Godsoe (1931 Model A) Jerod Tichenor (1930 Model A) and Dryden (1931 Model A).

It was a beautiful day for the last hurrah, and after lunch at the Trouthouse, the group drove over to the Pamer Hotel for some pie.



Cresap

AAMA Business Meeting

October 14, 2020

Location: Hope Community
Resources Learning Center
at 570 W. 53rd Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM
by President David Jensen.

There were 18 members present.

This was the first indoor meeting at Hope Community Resources and all members signed in, wore masks, used hand sanitizer, and practiced social distancing. No snacks or beverages at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Scott Hulse provided the financial report. Talked about the Zoom membership and Tinkering Times expenditures.

New Business

**Nominating committee Art Isham and Donn Reese. Art talked about nominations to be printed in the Tinkering Times for voting at the next business meeting. David Jensen President, Linda Golding Vice President, Scott Hulse Treasurer, Greg Carpenter Secretary, and members at large.

**There will be no Christmas party this year, so Tom Cresap would like to put together a video of old pictures and trips the club has done in honor of long-

standing club members. If anyone has pictures or stories to share, please bring them to the next business meeting and give them to Tom.

**Scott Hulse talked about club membership and payment of dues. AACA dues are \$45.00 and can be paid online. To show your paid membership, turn in a printed receipt to Scott. AAMA dues are \$30.00 and can be paid by check or cash. Please submit your payment in an envelope with your name and AACA membership number.

**AACA has contacted the club about hosting a national tour or show. It was decided to form a committee to explore the possibility. The committee includes Mike Weidmer, Kurt Rein, Art Isham, Tam Isham, David Jensen and Donn Reese.

**The value of having a December business meeting was suggested by David Jensen. A motion was approved to not have a December meeting.

**The 2021 Calendar of Events will be put together by the vice president.

**Kurt Rein talked about the Fur Rondy parade. With the current state of the pandemic, the parade may not happen. It was suggested that the club have its own parade on the streets in downtown Anchorage. Art Isham brought up that there would be no car show at Bob's Services for Fur Rondy.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

President David Jensen announced birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

Split the Pot

Split the pot winner Tam Isham.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Greg Carpenter, Secretary

Editorial

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but true, as we head into the winter months. This is that time we know we will move inside to have meetings and gatherings. Indoors and close are a "no-no."

So, our meeting this month's meeting will be by ZOOM, and we will all have to try something new. Our president, David, has worked diligently with our Board to arrange the details for our upcoming virtual meetings, the first will be next Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30.

We can do this. We have to, because it is necessary to keep us from becoming part of the numbers. When we emerge from the other side of this nightmare, it will be like after a bad storm: we'll look back and think about how terrible it was but feel good. We kept a level head, acted responsibly and survived. Together.

See you at the virtual meeting. 🌐

Where No Man Has Gone Before

Humor by Rich Golding

For weeks, I had been trying to diagnose an insidious slow leak in one of the tires on my 1951 Buick. I'd examined the entire tire and wheel for nails or screws in the tread *—no soap*. I removed the tire from the wheel and inspected it's interior walls for any punctures *—nada*. I checked and cleaned the rim and the tire bead, then remounted the tire *—zip*. I'd even submerged the complete assembly in a bathtub full of water and searched for air bubbles *—bupkis!*

I originally got interested in 50's Buicks because my grandfather owned one. He was a simple immigrant who was never afraid of speaking his mind. Articulating in a thick Eastern European accent, his wrinkled, weather-worn face would always advise me to "keep tings zimple. Don't over cumpleekate da problems!" With that sage advice in mind, having tried everything else I could think of, I pulled open a lower drawer in my tool chest, and rummaged for a bit, eventually locating a rather unpretentious, small screwdriver shaped device. My valve stem tool.

A few minutes later I emerged from another full day of tire toiling in the garage, and into the family room.

"It's almost time for Star Trek!" I announced, planting a smooch on my wife's lips, and plopping myself down on the couch in front of our big screen television.

I have been a die-hard Trekkie since the program first aired in the 60's. I know every show by heart. Every scene. Every line of dialog. Every photon torpedo ever fired. And

each and every gorgeous female crew member, all scantily clad in their unbelievably short skirted uniforms. My unbroken relationship with the show throughout the decades can perhaps best be summed up by a poster I have hanging on my garage wall, it's wordage proudly proclaims: "Everything I learned in life, I learned from Star Trek!"

Reruns of the show still play every night on TV. I never miss them.

Having taken control of the 'conn' on my couch, I query my spouse, "Where's the remote?"

"There it is, Commander Cody," she responds, pointing at the end table next to me. "Were you able to finally get that tire fixed?"

"Uh-huh," I respond, as I hold out the remote in front of me like a hand held phaser, and fire it over and over

(See p. 8, Where No Man . . . ")



Take another look at the group of neat old cars that brought smiles to the faces of many of the inhabitants of Aspen Creek Senior Living Complex on a gorgeous day, September 4th.

Student One-Liners

In perusing old "Tinkering Times," I ran across this.—Ed

Student One-Liners

- The earth makes one resolution every 24 hours.
- A circle is a figure with no corners and only one side.
- Genetics explains why you look like your father and if you don't, why you should.
- Water is composed of two gins, Oxygen and Hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water.
- When Oxygen combines with anything, heat is given off. This is known as constipation.

• If conditions are not favorable, bacteria go into a period of adolescence.

• When you breath, you inspire. When you do not breath, you expire.

• To collect fumes of sulfur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube.

• When you smell an odorless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.

• Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.

• Blood flows down on leg and up the other.

• Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull. 🌀

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at the TV until it lands on the correct channel. The opening theme song is just ending.

“So, what was wrong with it?”

“Huh?” I respond, my eyes glued to the screen, my mind occupied with more pressing matters.

“How did you end up fixing the tire?”

“Oh . . .” I respond, pulling the valve core tool from my pocket and waiving it over my head.

“That’s all it took?”

“Uh-huh. Now can I watch my show in peace, please?”

“I don’t understand how you can watch the same shows, over and over and over, night after night. You know them all by heart. All you ever do is fall asleep on the couch, anyway,” she scowls like a Romulan. “I’m going upstairs to read. I’ll see you up there, later. Don’t fall asleep on the couch!”

“Uh-huh, dear. That’s nice dear,” I respond, giving her my fullest attention. I point at the action on the screen. “Oooh, Klingons!” I murmur under my breath.

About five minutes later, Linda’s loving, melodious voice floats through the air, wafting down the stairs. “Hey! I can hear you snoring all the way up here! Turn off the TV and come upstairs to bed!”

But her words are wasted, as I am being transported far away from these surly bonds of earth. I rematerialize atom by atom onto the bridge of the starship Enterprise. I look about in astonishment. I can’t believe it! My life’s ambition fulfilled – I’m finally here! There is Mr. Spock at his science station. Sulu and Chekov are

at the helm. All the flashing lights and computer consoles are there! The turbolift doors swoosh open and out races Chief engineer Montgomery Scott, his worried face covered in dread.

“Captain, I don’t know how they did it, but the Klingon’s weapon fire has knocked out the warp drive. And worse yet, there’s a breach in the hull on decks eleven through twenty-two. The entire ship’s venting atmosphere! I’m afraid we’re about to lose life support!”

The big man’s chair swings around, and there sits Captain James T. Kirk himself, instantly taking command of the situation.

“Red alert, red alert!” he orders.

“Attempting repairs, Captain,” responds Mr. Spock in an unemotional, logical manner.

Scotty joins the Vulcan in his repairs, his head tucked under a console. Sparks are flying everywhere. “It’s no use, Captain!” shouts the Scotsman, “Life support is failing!”

Kirk turns to his science officer. “Spock, can’t it be fixed?”

“Sorry Captain, but the problem

defies logic. Every repair I have effected seems to be rejected by the pneumatic life support system.”

Smoke is billowing across the bridge. Lieutenant Uhuru is hacking and gagging, seated at her communications station. With each cough her already impossibly short uniform inches higher and higher up her thigh.

The captain swats the speaker button on his chair’s console with his clenched fist and shouts “Dr. McCoy . . . is there anything you can do? Some sort of antidote to counteract the effects of the smoke? Can you buy us some time, Bones?”

The good doctor’s voice responds through the speaker “Dammit Jim, I’m a doctor, not a fireman!”

With the red alert sirens blaring, and with what seems all hope abandoned, the Captain turns and looks directly at me. “Ensign, is there nothing we can do? Ensign, what should we do?”

The situation is bleak. All eyes on the bridge turn in unison towards me.

I swallow hard. “Sir, I think I may have the solution!” I answer, stepping forward.

(See p. 9, “Where No Man . . .”)



These are the cars that made it to the Palmer Hotel for pie on October 10. Dryden’s 1931 Model A Taxi, Burkhart’s 1930 Tudor, Tichenors’ 1930 Model A pickup, Tichenors’ 1931 Model A Pickup, Godsoes’ 1931 Model A Pickup and Hansens’ 1966 Plymouth Barracuda.

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“For God’s sake, Ensign, save us! Save us, please,” plead the Captain and the crew aloud.

I step forward to the damaged console where Spock and Scotty’s restoration attempts have all failed.

Cool, calm, level headed and exhibiting nerves of steel in such a dire crisis situation, I implore them, “Gentlemen, if you wouldn’t mind stepping aside for a moment, I think there may still be time enough for me to save the ship.” I reach into my uniform and withdraw the small screwdriver like tool I am carrying my the pocket. “I believe this will do the job!”

“Fascinating,” observes Mr. Spock, one eyebrow precariously raised higher than the other.

A moment later the sparks and smoke begin to subside. The bridge normalizes. The Captain orders “Stand down red alert!”

I emerge from under the repaired life support panel. Mr. Scott is patting me on the back, and shaking my hand, whilst announcing “Aye, he’s a real miracle worker, this one is!”

Dr. McCoy enters the bridge from the turbolift. “Jim, you did it! You’ve saved us all!”

“Not I, Bones,” the Captain pronounces loudly to the doctor and bridge’s full complement, “We owe it all to him!” He points directly at me. “Tell me Ensign . . . you’re new here, aren’t you?”

“Yes sir, Captain Kirk . . . Sir!” I gulp.

“I believe a Star Fleet field promotion is unquestionably in order,” announces the Captain to his

crew. “The rank of full Commander certainly seems justified. How does that suit you, mister . . . ah . . . mister . . . say, I’m afraid you have us all at a disadvantage,” exclaims the Captain, “What did you say your name was?”

“Richard,” I say, holding up the tool that saved us all and clearing my throat, then bellowing out loud and proud, “Richard Golding, Sir!”

Dr. McCoy turns and approaches me. Gazing directly at me, face to face, I cannot help but recognize the weathered and wrinkled countenance of my grandfather. His Eastern European accent screams out “Golding . . . GOLDING! –Vat kind name for a specimen is Golding?”

The crew are all advancing towards me. They are chanting and mocking my name over and over. “Golding . . . Golding, vat kind name for a specimen is Golding!”

I am found out! I drop the tool, holding my hands up before my face for protection. My eyes dart back and forth, searching desperately for a way out. My aggressors surround me, grabbing and shaking my shoulders, all the while shouting louder and louder in repetitious incantation: “Wake up, Wake up, WAKE UP!”

Screaming at the top of my lungs, my eyelids burst open. I am drenched in a cold sweat. Linda is bent over my prostrate body on the couch, her hands on my shoulders, shaking me. “Wake up. Wake up, Richard, it’s alright! It’s all just a bad dream!”

My screaming stops. I look about dazed and confused. The television is booming the Star Trek theme music as the closing credits flash across the screen.

“Are you alright? I told you you would fall asleep! You always fall

asleep on the couch watching those old Star Trek episodes!” She extends a caring hand and helps me to my feet. I hold up the remote control, aim it at the TV and proffer up one last phaser blast to shut the set off.

We climb the stairs together to our bedroom. I get undressed. Before taking off my trousers, I root through the pocket for the valve core tool, but search as I may, it is not there.

Linda chirps, “What are you looking for?”

“ . . . Uh, nothing, dear.”

“Come to bed, already,” she commands.

I pat and search all my pockets once more, to no avail. I climb between the bed sheets, and with one eyebrow raised precariously higher than the other, I murmur to myself, “Fascinating!” 🌀

A note From Texas Friends

We never can resist a good pat on the back. The following is a note from one of our newsletter exchange editors, Nancy Whiddon, former Wasillan, who years ago transplanted to Texas. Nancy and her husband have visited at least one of our meetings in the past. (ed)

A wonderful issue, love your layout and your stories and articles, especially liked the Hatcher Pass story, visited it several times when we lived in Wasilla and on our trips since then. And the idea to cook over a manifold, what a good idea. Very nice issue, thanks for sharing.

Take care & stay safe,

Nancy Whiddon
The Broken Axle
Victoria, TX

November Meeting by Zoom! Instructions Inside

Brian Anderson's dad took this 1949 photo in front of the old Abraham Lincoln Hotel on 5th Street in Springfield, Illinois. What a line of treasures—daily drivers at that time.



November

Birthdays

- Al Combs—4th
- Jack Rathert—4th
- Bill Brown—5th
- Dolly Larkin—10th
- Jim Jacobson—11th
- Rich Golding—12th
- Scott Hulse—12th
- Greg Carpenter—14th
- Carl Godsoe—14th
- Tam Isham—28th

Anniversaries

- Carol and David Jensen—8th
- Sheryl and Scott Hulse—13th
- Lisa and Erik Maurer—13th
- Barbara and J.R. Russell—20th



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