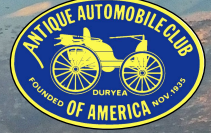


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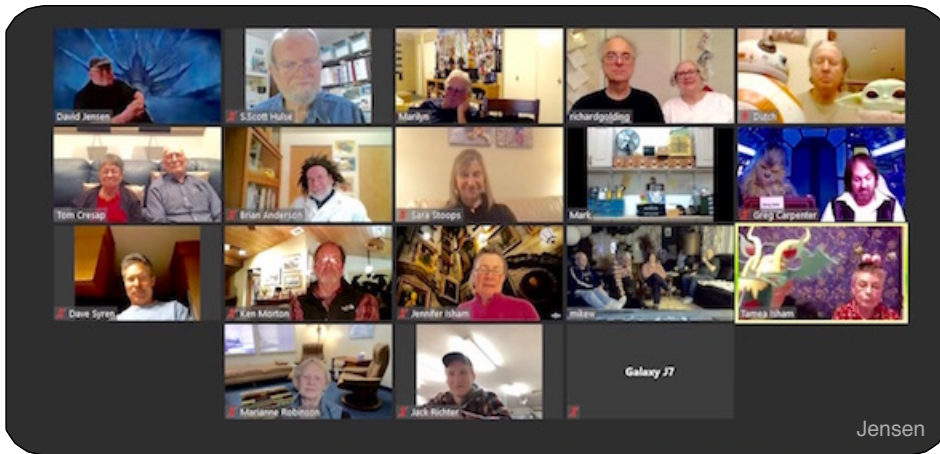


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Out Of This World Installation of Officers



Installation of officers takes place at our February Zoom Meeting.

Our January 13 Zoom meeting was the venue for the installation of officers for 2021. Art and Tamea Isham chose a Star Wars theme, complete with appropriate Zoom backgrounds. Tamea explained that the theme was indicative of the “out of this world” adjustments we have endured in 2020. We changed our

meeting place, learned Zoom, participated in abbreviated pop tours, learned how to wear masks and socially distance. As Yoda might say, “Stronger we have survived for it.”

Honored inductees, who took their oath of office on a virtual Hemmings Manual, were David Skywalker as president, Princess Linda Organa as

vice president, Obi Scott Kenobi as treasurer, Greg Solo as secretary and Dutch Vader as the appointed sergeant-at-arms. Three volunteer members-at-large are Brian Anderson, Allen Combs and Tamea Isham.

As an interlude in the ceremony, Tam and Art recognized and thanked Milt and Pam Tanora for their excellent services as both treasurer and secretary over the past several years. We all joined in wishing them well in their move to Oregon.

In conclusion, the new officers and board members were instructed to teleport their right hand and place it on the Hemmings Manual and pledge to accept the responsibilities of their respective elected, appointed or voluntary position.

With the ceremony complete, our first business meeting of 2021 began.

Rondy Parade

Kurt Rein has announced that the 2021 Fur Rendezvous parade will take place on Saturday morning, February 27th.

He is in the process of getting our permit.

We will not give rides to Pioneer royalty or other dignitaries.

It is imperative that you sign up in advance with Kurt if you intend to participate. This is very important, and you have to call, because Kurt doesn't have a computer.

Call Kurt to sign up. 344-5554.

Great Plans

Plans are in the hopper for three events that were among those cancelled last year.

Dennis Allen has announced that we will do two drive-bys: both Serendipity and Turnagain Social Club on June 17th. Since these will be done with no contact with the clients, we are pretty sure that they will happen.

In addition, Dennis says we are going to try to do our traditional Father's Day show at the Alaska Zoo on June 20th. The date is set, but at this point, it will have to be a “wait and see.”

Let's keep our fingers crossed.

February Meeting

Time: Feb 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM social time, 6:30 PM meeting Alaska Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us>

Meeting ID: 941 4325 1844

Passcode: 117065

Marcy will forward a link prior to the meeting.

Running Board Reflections



Jensen

The sparks are firing under the club's hood the past few weeks. As you may have noticed, AAMA has some welcome new faces as officers for the club. We've already met as a board to discuss membership topics. We're working behind the scenes in advance of our annual spring officers meeting in March.

Thanks to the club's new VP Linda Golding, wrench and pliers in hand, for jumping feet-first into keeping our calendar updated. I hope you'll visit the calendar on our club website (click "Events.") On it, you'll see that we're planning to tour the 2021 Rondo Parade February 27. Updates will be coming via email and we'll all practice safe social distancing.

The online calendar shows several other spring and summer events on the horizon. Those include annual travels to Hope and Homer along with a new event, captained by Jim Fredenhagen, that will take some of our antique rides to Fairbanks. Make your reservations while they're still available at great prices.

Summer events may also include

Father's Day at the Zoo and parading around and near several assisted living homes. While it's not likely that we'll offer rides to clients at the homes, I know residents will love seeing us again as we drive through the parking lots.

For virtual fun, your board has been working to step up our social media. The club now has its own YouTube Channel. Do you have a video highlighting a past AAMA activity that you'd like to post for the masses? If so, drop me an email and I'll help launch it to the world wide web for all to see and share.

Finally, if you haven't joined our monthly online ZOOM general membership meetings yet, you're missing some good stuff. Longtime club members Dave and Marilyn Chiotti zoomed in from Santa Rose, California, during our January meeting. And, in February, we'll share one or two new club videos. Stay tuned.

Thanks everyone. 2021 is looking to be a great year for the club.

—David



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President: David Jensen
868-1680

Vice President: Linda Golding
351-3251

Secretary: Greg Carpenter
Treasurer: Scott Hulse
240-4028

Members at Large

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Al Combs-242-6491

Tamea Isham-688-3671

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Gwyn Wiedmer (2017-18)

Brian Anderson (2015-16)

Mike Wiedmer (2013-14)

Howard Hansen (2012)

Donn Reese (2009-2011)

Jeff Hassler/Donn Reese (2008)

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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: 1990 Olds Toronado-free to first club member who tows it out of Sutton warehouse by 6/15. Len Kelley 5299395--len8185@aol.com (5)

AAMA Business Meeting January 13, 2021

Location: Zoom meeting from the comfort of your home

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

There were 25 members present who logged into the Zoom meeting.

This was the second business meeting conducted through the computer program Zoom.

Special guests: members, Dave and Marilyn Chiotti, from Santa Rosa California

Treasurer's Report

Scott Hulse provided the financial report.

Minutes

November minutes (our last meeting) as published in the *Tinkering Times*, approved.

Installation of officers

After a brief ceremony, based

Schedule of Events

- * February 10—Zoom Meeting
- * March 10—Meeting
- * April 14—Meeting
- * May 12—Meeting
- * May 22-24—Homer Shake-Down (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * June 9—Meeting
- * June 17—Serendipity & Turnagain Soc. Club drive-byes (Dennis Allen, 345-6355)
- * June 20—Father's Day car show at Zoo (Dennis Allen, 345-6355)
- * July 14—Meeting
- * July 16-18—Hope Wagon Trail Weekend (Dennis Allen, 345-6355)
- * July 19-24—Fairbanks Trip (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- * August 11—Meeting
- * September 8—Meeting
- * October 13—Meeting
- * November 10—Meeting

on the Star Wars theme and officiated by Art and Tamea Isham, the 2021 AAMA Board was sworn in. The officers were as follows:

President: David Jensen (David Skywalker)

Vice President: Linda Golding (Princess Linda Organa)

Treasurer: Scott Hulse (Obi Scott Kenobi)

Secretary: Greg Carpenter (Greg Solo)

Sergeant of Arms: Dutch Overly (Dutch Vader)

Members at Large: Brian Anderson, Tam Isham and Allen Combs

New Business

***Scott Hulse reminded everyone about membership dues. Currently 42 club members have paid.*

***Art Isham informed everyone that there would be no car show for Fur Rondy, but the parade was still going to happen on February 27th at 10:30 AM.*

***Rich Golding talked about*

Jim Fredenhagen's plans for a trip to Fairbanks after July 4th. It would essentially be a trip that was planned for last summer but was cancelled.

***Tom Cresap said the video he is has been putting together of trips of the club has done over the past 30 years is done.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

President David Jensen announced birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

Respectfully submitted.

Greg Carpenter, Secretary

Let's
Rondy!!
Call Kurt Rein
to
join us in the parade.
344-5554

Evolving into Activities . . .

by Jim Fredenhagen

The event schedule for 2021 will be an evolving process as we see what can be done and what facilities for eating and lodging will be available. I'll post a list in the month preceding—sooner if I can—and then update as we need.

There are two events, however, that are already “cast in stone”.

1. *Fairbanks Tour*, Jul 19 - 24, Four days of exploring and day trips, Staying at newly renovated Bear Lodge at Fountainhead Car Museum, \$154/night.

See attachment for booking info, which must be done by phone for the discount rate.

Fairbanks reservations:

Bear Lodge would like to offer you a special room rate for the upcoming stay. This rate will be available from 7/18/21 to 7/ 24/21. To guarantee reservations, please book as soon as possible. Standard Double Queen: \$154.00; single/double occupancy plus \$10.00 for each additional guest.

Needs Help With 1934 Ford Pickup

Ron Henry contacted the club through email looking for some guidance and advice with a 1934 Ford truck project he has. Ron is not currently a member of AAMA but expressed interest and Donn Reese invited him to our February Zoom meeting.

Ron acquired his truck a couple years ago in a disassembled condition and not being a mechanic on this level before, he's having trouble with reassembly. He's done a lot of internet research but says that has not been very helpful.

Anyone wanting to reach out to him to offer some advice and maybe some guidance, please contact Ron by phone: 907-252-6969 or email: akhenry1947@hotmail.com

(Maximum occupancy, 4 guests)

*All rates are subject to 8% bed tax. Rates are not available to reservations booked on line.

**Cancellation policy: Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid any penalty.

2. *Homer Trip*, May 22 -24: Car show and tour, Ocean Shores Motel, call 907-235-7705 only, mention Antique Car Club for \$125 Terrace or \$139 Beachfront rooms.

Thanks, we're looking forward to some fun showing and touring in 2021! Cheers, Jim

From Fox Island Washington

Tom,

Thanks for the email, always good to catch up.

No, we have not joined any club yet. We did attend one here in Gig Harbor which is how we get to Fox Island. We have a bridge off the island so don't have to ferry off.

There is a Model T club in Tacoma that I plan to check out. I still have a 1925 TT that I need to finish. Jim's model T's are in Arizona with a daughter and son. The A is now my

(See p. 6, “Word from Dave”)

Do You Know What's Going on?

Along with the honor of the office of vice president of AAMA for 2021, Linda Golding has been handed the task of keeping our events calendar up to date. This involves keeping up with the daunting task that was handled so effectively by her predecessor, Scott Hulse, who has moved on to the auspicious and challenging position of treasurer for 2021.

In order to help Linda in her effort to tell us where and when to do things—if you are unlike the rest of us and you know what's going on—

please contact our vice president and tell her of upcoming events. Planning this year will be especially challenging in these uncertain times.

She will do her best to post updates at least once a week, and the *Tinkering Times* editor will do his best to post those things in our list of events.

If you have information on an upcoming event, text or call Linda at 351-3251, or send an email to: lmg@mailcache.com (note: the first letter is 'L')

Check out the Antique Auto Musers You Tube offerings

The following are the links to the AAMA YouTube offerings to date. Check them out, if you like, and share with friends.

Bruce Campbell, Well Ain't He Somethin'

<https://youtu.be/Vxg3jE8mFrk>

A Visit with The Professor

<https://youtu.be/6eeibUSNPos>

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Membership Meeting/Installation of Officers

<https://youtu.be/-q0o6l6XLV8>

Elisabeth Wiedmer

July 14, 1924–February 19, 2020

Elisabeth Wiedmer died, age 95, in her Anchorage, Alaska home on February 19, 2020. Born July 14, 1924, in Spiez, Switzerland to Fritz and Anna (Barben) Schneider, Elisabeth spent her youth on the family farm with her older brother Kurt and younger sisters Annemarie and Idele.

She excelled at school and trained both in administration and nursing. Her relatives knew her as “Bohne,” in Swill German short for “Bohnenstrange” or beanpole, as she was tall and slender. In 1950, Elisabeth emigrated to the United States, settling first in Seattle with her uncle, Ernst Schneider. On December 21, 1950, she married Hans Wiedmer, also from Switzerland.

During early 1950’s, Elisabeth and Hans lived in and near the Weyerhaeuser mill town of Snoqualmie Falls. In summer and fall, Elisabeth walked to area farms to help harvest fruits and vegetables. During this time, Elisabeth became a naturalized U.S. citizen. During the late 1950’s and early 1960’s, Hans’ civil engineering work took Elisabeth to many remote towns across the western states. In 1964, they moved to Anchorage, where Hans worked on the White Alice Communications System.

In Anchorage, Elisabeth volunteered for several charities, including well-child clinics and at the Gilded Cage in support of the Alaska Crippled Children’s Association. She was also active with the Anchorage Homemakers Association, in her gardens and was an excellent and enthusiastic chef.

In 1985, after Hans’ sudden death, Elisabeth learned to drive, got her first driver’s license and, with her friend, drove a 1971 Ford station wagon 4,500 miles from Anchorage to Walden, Vermont, where she and Hans had planned to retire. Elisabeth lived in Walden for 30 years, welcoming family and many friends, volunteering and staying active in the Walden Home Demonstration Group and gardening.

Elisabeth traveled to many foreign lands, enjoying local landscape, cultures and cuisines, but she always happily came back to the companionship of her birds, squirrels, chipmunks, racoons, skunks, bobcats, fishers, deer, bears and other wildlife. In 2015, she returned to Anchorage and the home she left in 1985, to live with her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Gwyn.

At 92, she won her age group in the annual Hope Wagon Trail 5-K run. Retired from her racing career, she spent many wonderful hours at the Day Break Adult Day Center and Turnagain Social Club. Elisabeth is survived by her sister, Idele Stüder; brother-in-law, Fritz Waber; many nieces, nephews and cousins, all in Switzerland; and by Michael and Gwyn and their children and grandchildren.

Those of us in the Antique Auto Musers, lucky enough to have personally known Elisabeth, remember her for the many activities (like Hope Weekend—where we often celebrated her birthday—as well as, other tours and driveabouts.) We remember her cheerful presence, and we thank Mike for always sharing the gift of his mom’s presence with us.



From The Editor’s Desk

Last year at this time, we had no idea what was coming at us. This year, we have learned some of the rules about how to blindly navigate.

First, we have learned the entertaining and useful tool, Zoom. Far from an oppressive thing Zoom gives us the ability to enjoy meeting while in the comfort of our own living room. It also makes it possible to gather friends, like Bill and Joyce Chace in North Pole, Jim Jacobson in Anchorage or some remote location where he is working or David and Marilyn Chiotti in California. The possibilities are almost endless. It

(See p. 6, “Editorial”)



Check out our three videos on YouTube, especially the one we did featuring Bruce Campbell and the adventures of AAMA over the past thirty years or so.

From Bruce

Hi Tom and Marcy,

I have now reviewed your video depicting my planning efforts for various AAMA activities and Professor Wiedmer's report on my Beaver Creek incident. Both were accurate, funny, and well done.

Obviously you two spent many hours putting the tale together. You also succeeded in getting other club members to participate which, added a broader picture of my involvement in the clubs activities.

After you cajoled me into joining the club you wanted my green Model T Coupe to join the display at the Fur Rendezvous car show in the shop area of Alaska Sales and Service. That car was my 1st restoration. I attended the show and was disappointed by the low number of antique autos on display and the lack of a pleasing presentation.

I decided to direct my efforts to making the club activities more interesting and above all more fun.

The next time there was a car show I volunteered to plan and supervise the club's display. I also agreed to handle all shows, parades, and outings provided I would not have to serve as a club officer, the

club agreed.

Your video presented the results of my 30 year efforts in a year by year chronology better than I could ever relate them. I will cherish your gift during the last remaining days of my residence on planet Earth. After viewing your tribute a few times I found myself remembering various incidents that occurred

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brings old-car friends together, no matter where they happen to be.

Then, we have learned—with the help of our capable leader, David Jensen—how to share the wonders of our club via the magic of YouTube. I believe that the number of our videos will burgeon in the months to come.

In the arena of personal adventures, we may find some restrictions, but we plan to continue to try. Examples are the plans by Jim Fredenhagen, who is offering up trips to Homer and Fairbanks, both of which offer a modicum of freedom on the road.

Dennis and Diane Allen are

during those 30 years. My foggy memory popped up a couple highlights that are listed below for your amusement.

The first show at the Northway Mall that I supervised had 70 antique autos displayed. This record still stands to the best of my memory. My goal was get every member to display an antique auto and I pestered, cajoled, and threatened members until they complied. I created several life long enemies over these tactics, but it was a lot easier in following shows to get eager participation.

In Skagway our group was going to ride the White Pass RR to Fraser. I talked the conductor into giving us a private car, which kept us together.

The rebellion of our wives in Dawson was led by my North Arrow (Marl). They decided to travel in nice warm, comfortable accommodations on a Yukon River boat instead of riding with their
(See p, 7, "Bruce Campbell")

planning Hope-fully for our annual Hope Weekend, which depends largely on whether the town is open in July. Dennis also wants us to do the Father's Day show at the Alaska Zoo and a driveby each at Serendipity and Turnagain Social Club.

So, we are looking with anticipation at an uncertain, but intriguing year. Lets's do it with gusto!

Word from Dave

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son's and we have the Jeepster. Both of these are here on Fox Island.

Great to hear of Bruce, hard to believe he's 90! I went to school with his kids. Tell him and all I said hi. Maybe I can catch a meeting in Anchorage sometime.

Regards,
Dave Beck

Bruce

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husbands in drafty bouncy antiques over 150 miles on a muddy single lane road to Eagle in a rain storm.

Please extend my sincere thanks to all the folks who helped you put together this wonderful video.

I was stunned when I watched it and am still in awe.

Tom and Marcy, Marl and I thank you for your super effort and will be forever in your debt. We owe you big time!!

–Bruce
aka the “Cat Herder”

Bruce—

I'm glad you liked the video. It was a brain child that began with a late-night inspiration in late September. The club accepted the idea presented at the October meeting with a mix of WARMTH—probably because it was something we could do for an aging member who had done incredible things for the club—and INCREDULITY—based on the perception that it was the product of me as an unhinged or senile old fool.

Full-on research began the next day, and a completed DVD reached you a little over four months later.

It was a long haul, but I enjoyed every moment. Looking back at all the things we did together and how much you were willing to contribute to round out the club's Alaskan and Canadian adventures made me realize anew how insignificant our thank-you's were along the way. Just doing this project was rewarding, but to know you enjoyed it makes it even more fulfilling.

Maybe it was enough to take the place of all the wimpy thanks we gave along the way.

It has been a long and entertaining journey.

–Tom



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Birthdays

Kathleen Godsoe—6th

Laura Therriault—6th

Trudy Keller—11th

Martie Black—20th

Pam Tanora—21st



Brian Anderson offers us this 1949 photo of his grandparents and their 1948 Hudson Super Six in front of a motor hotel somewhere in Tennessee. Brian has a huge collection of excellent photos taken by his dad, who indulged in photography when he was young.



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