



# Tinkering Times



## Homer Trip Resurrected For 2021

Our Shake-Down Cruise to Homer is on again after a disappointing furlough last year. We will be trying out our cars and the road (which is reportedly in for repairs at Cooper Landing) to the little Kachemak Bay community on May 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

This is an event we share with the Alaskan A's; Jim Fredenhagen is the main coordinator, with some help this year from Rich Golding.

Most of our members have already made hotel reservations, but if you haven't done so, now would be a good time. We traditionally stay at Ocean Shores, but this year a new hotel, the Aspen, has offered prices that are difficult to refuse.

We will enjoy cruises, car shows and lots of gabbing, as we join for our first in-person event of 2021. 🍷



*Adventures await in Homer. This was May 21, 2016, on the Spit: Wiedmer's 1942 Cadillac, Tanora's 1985 Mercedes, Godsoe's 1931 Model A, Fredenhagen's 1930 Model A, Golding's 1952 Buick and Kimzey's 1931 Model A.*

### An Advanced Report

As we begin the 2021 year, not much seems to be happening. We seem to be suffering from a sort of hangover from all the closures that happened in

2020. But behind the scenes, some pretty momentous things are happening.

Last month, we reported about the drama of losing our website, so meticulously constructed and (See p. 3, "Advanced Report")

### Adopt-A-Road

AAMA's first Adopt-A-Road cleanup for 2021 will take place on Saturday morning, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Meet at the Carr's parking lot at the corner of Muldoon and Northern Lights in Anchorage. See you there! (Cresap, 694-7510)

### Weekly Driveabouts

Each Wednesday during the summer months—except for meeting nights—we tour Anchorage, then eat out somewhere. The first one will be tonight, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the REI parking lot on Northern Lights at 6:00 PM. See you there.

### May Meeting

by David Jensen

Our May meeting and all subsequent meetings for the year will take place in the auditorium at HOPE Community Resources. Inside meetings are much more friendly and official than talking loud in a parking lot as traffic drives by, and we don't have to worry about weather.

All the protocols, such as masks, social distancing, etc. will remain in place for the meeting.

We will have access to the building by 6:00 for our 6:30 PM meeting. This will give me (and others?) a chance to set up tables and chairs that HOPE provides before the business meeting. It would also be nice if some of us could stay after the meeting to help straighten and clean up.

If you have any other ideas or concerns you would like to bring up, let me know. I'm hoping we can see a nice turnout for this meeting and subsequent drive around.

Thanks a lot! It sure will be nice to have a regular meeting again.

David

# Running Board Reflections



*President David Jensen poses with his cohort-in-training, Beau, before the snow all went away.*

Spring chores found me polishing the clear coat on my '57 yesterday when I heard a commotion in the creek. The ice had cleared the night before and a yearling moose was acting as if he had just won his version of the Nenana Ice Classic on the Jensen's small creek. He was splashing up and down the stream with joy while his mama was planning ways to ditch him before her birthing season. Spring is here and what a joy to have it back.

Speaking of newborns (awkward transition) I invite you to visit the club's new website. It's fresh and quite reflective of our club's quality and class. It gives a modern look for our not so modern cars and trucks. On the new website, you'll see familiar information along with an easily accessed calendar of events. A "Members Only" page gives added value to club members. Visit that page for exclusive information and easy downloads. Click the "Members" tab and it'll ask you for a clue. Simply answer 1961 and you're there. Membership does have privileges!

AAMA's website is now compatible with computers, devices and smart phones. I hope you'll pay it a visit. Offer some feedback and tell your board members what you like and what you'd like to see in the future. [www.antiqueautomushersak.org](http://www.antiqueautomushersak.org)

I have to give another shout out to your board and other volunteers. Though they will not come right and say this, it takes a fair amount of care to keep the club moving forward. For example, a group of six club members are currently working behind the scenes as they plan next year's 60th anniversary event. Club treasurer Scott Hulse is keeping the bills paid, doing membership work and keeping our non-profit status up to date. Mike Wiedmer continues to diligently maintain our membership directory as no one else can. Vice President Linda Golding is managing our very active events calendar. And club Secretary Greg Carpenter is doing exceptional work documenting our minutes. Your webmaster, Donn Reese, expertly fine tunes things for us on the internet. And finally, Tom and Marcy Cresap generously share their journalistic talent creating each edition of the club's centerpiece, *The Tinkering Times*.

Beau and I will see you on the road and at our first 2021 in-person meeting Wednesday, May 12, 2021; 6:30 p.m. at HOPE Community Resources. We're sure looking forward to visiting with you again.

Now, I've got to make sure that moose isn't splashing water on the Thunderbird.

dj and Beau.



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President: David Jensen  
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351-3251  
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240-4028

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## Past Presidents (10 years)

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Donn Reese (2009-2011)  
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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:** NOS fender for 1939-40 Pontiac; left rear. John Fisher, 250-1643. (6)



**For Sale:** A genuine, 105-year-old 1916 Model T; restored by Bert Harrison of Salem Washington; located in Knik off KGB road; transition year between the old exposed brass radiators and the black sheet metal covered radiators; old auto shop teacher feels like it is time to sell. Asking \$16,000. Jim Uhl <[uhldwm@mtaonline.net](mailto:uhldwm@mtaonline.net)> (6)



**For Sale:** 1966 & 1967 tornados, as is where is, in seldovia. call Frank, 907-399-1841 (8)

# Schedule of Events

Starting May 5th, we will have weekly driveabouts on non-meeting Wednesdays. We meet at 6:00 at the REI parking lot on Northern Lights.

- \* **May 5**—Driveabout, 6:00 PM, REI parking lot, Northern Lights in Anchorage
- \* **May 8**—Adopt-A-Road (Marcy Cresap, 694-7510)
- \* **May 12**—Meeting. (Driveabout, David Jensen)
- \* **May 22-24**—Homer Shake-Down (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- \* **June 9**—Meeting. (Driveabout, Rich Golding)
- \* **June 11**—Colony Days Car show 5-8 PM (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- \* **June 12**—Colony Days Parade (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- \* **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)
- \* **June 20**—Solstice car show, Mirror Lake, 4-9 PM (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- \* **July 4th**—Popup Parade, Picnic at Cresaps (Marcy, 694-7510)
- \* **July 14**—Meeting
- \* **July 16-18**—(Tentative) Hope Wagon Trail Weekend (Dennis Allen, 345-6355)

## An Advanced Report

(Continued from p. 1)

maintained by member, Donn Reese. That has been remedied by our president, David Jensen, and everyone should check it out at [www.antiqueautomushersak.org](http://www.antiqueautomushersak.org)

This month, we are reporting something a little happier: the



**For Sale:** 1930 Ford Model A Tudor; all black with silver wheels and gray interior; spare parts, including fenders, a running board, a light bar, a radiator surround, and a set of inner tubes. JoAnn Berna, [rberna@gci.net](mailto:rberna@gci.net), 907-351-2584. (8)

preparation for the 2022 celebration of AAMA's Diamond Jubilee. The committee's second meeting took place Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM. The planning group includes Tam and Art Isham, Don Reese and David Nolta, Sara Stoops, Linda Golding, Kurt Rein, David Jensen and his sidekick, Beau.

The committee focused attention on venues for the event, and they will present possible locations to the general membership at our June meeting. 🌀



**For Sale:** 1984 Corvette with removable top; 18" wheels, new urethane suspension, shocks, rack and pinion; Custom paint, polished intack mangold. Headers and power chip. Glass top and painted top. \$15,000. Margie. [tsax4144@gmail.com](mailto:tsax4144@gmail.com)

## July 4 Pop-Up ‘Non-Parade’

Anchorage will not be hosting an Independence Day parade this July 4.

That's a call to action!

AAMA will take the lead for the second straight year with a pop-up parade. Our friends with British Sports Car Club of Alaska and Midnight Sun Street Rod Association have agreed to put out the word to their members to join us for a tour of the town.

This year's parade route will

include some senior and assisted living neighborhoods in Anchorage and Eagle River/Chugiak. After the touring, AAMA club members will gather for the traditional picnic at Cresaps' place in Eagle River.

Please mark your calendars and help us spread the cheer as we honor the flag throughout Anchorage, Eagle River and Chugiak.

We will reveal specific details in the June edition of *Tinkering Times*.

## Word From Seldovia

*Editor's note: While messaging back and forth with AAMA member Walt Sonen, who lives in Seldovia, I mentioned AAMA's visit to his home town for the Forth of July festivities in 2004. That year, our club took advantage of a special run made by the Alaska Ferry, Tustumena, to take our vehicles and us across Kachemak Bay for a parade and a day's visit with the locals. These are his memories of many years of that festival.*

*by Walt Sonen*

Yeah, the Tusty came to Seldovia for the day on the Fourth. It was scheduled every year.

I fished during the summer and had lived here for 30 years before I attended a parade/fourth event. I was told that as many as 2K people would come! The Coasties would come in their cutter and challenge the locals to a softball game. We had log jousting, greased pig, pole climbing, horseshoes, 5K run, you name it. And prizes!

The event was cancelled last year [due to the pandemic and state budget cuts]. Nothing lasts forever! 🍷

## From The Editor's Desk (Workshop)

I walked out to get the paper this morning and heard my first robin. They have been reported showing up here and there in our fair state—the first report by John Schandelmeier, nature commentator in the Anchorage Daily News, a couple of days ago. He says he saw one up north on the side of the Danali Highway.

Now, when you spot the first robin, it is a significant sighting, because it is a sure sign of spring here in the North Country, and it means car-driving season is upon us. For about seven months, we have had our rolling treasures tucked away in dry (even sometimes warm) stalls, waiting for our five months of fun. It goes without saying that we are ready to roll!

The off-season is usually something we all use to our advantage to make repairs and modifications, and—for me—those endeavors were almost overwhelming in number. I had four somewhat involved alterations on various vehicles, but those are fodder for another story or two. I figured, well, what else is a fellow to do when hiding indoors to avoid COVID-19? I certainly was not going to sit in front of the TV.

Somewhere in the midst of all the activity, I added 3-point seat belts in my 1938 Chrysler. Car seat belts were

practically—if not totally—unheard of in 1938, and I started about 10 years ago with lap belts, just after completing the restoration. As time went by, I began to think that the doorposts on a four-door sedan appeared to be a good, stout place to attach the shoulder strap; so I went about securing a captured nut to receive the bolt there to anchor the third point.

When all was said and done, it looks like the straps were meant to be there, and I'm sure they will add a modicum of safety, as well. —Tom



*The Chrysler's metal door post provides a sturdy point to attach the heavy (about 12-gauge) sheet metal piece with a nut welded to the back. The piece is secured with pop rivets and Cyanoacrylate to avoid the heat of welding. More on p. 5.*

## Welcome New Members

Our Treasurer, Scott Hulse, reports that we have three new memberships this year, as well as one returning one.

We would like to welcome new members: Cliff Belleau and Sara Maurer, Michael and Georgia Krazovich and Darrell Krolick. We also want to welcome back Heidi and Curly Packer.

We look forward to sharing our adventures with these new and returning members as things cautiously open up this summer.

## AAMA Business Meeting April 14, 2021 Location: Zoom Meeting From the Comfort of Your Home

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

There were 26 members present who logged into the Zoom meeting.

### Special guests

Willie Vinton from Fountain Head Car Museum in Fairbanks and Jeff Creamer, president of the Vernon Nash Club of Fairbanks.

### Treasurer's Report

Scott Hulse provided the financial report. Since there was no Fur Rondy parade the \$50.00 registration check was refunded to the club.

### Guest Presentations

\*\*Jeff Creamer, Fairbanks Vernon Nash Club president, gave an update on the events they have planned for the summer. One of those events is a tour of Creamer's Field farm during the Alaskan Model A Club's Fairbanks trip planned for July 19-24, 2021.

\*\*Willie Vinton from the Fountain

Head Museum in Fairbanks, gave an update on the new cars acquired and current restoration projects at the museum. Updates can also be found on the museum's Facebook page. He provided a tip about not using Sierra brand non-toxic antifreeze in older vehicles with soldered radiators. It will degrade the solder over time and the radiator will begin to leak. The Sierra brand antifreeze is fine for aluminum or plastic radiators.

### New Rosters

Mike Wiedmer has sent out the updated club membership rosters.

### Calendar Update

Linda Golding gave an update on the calendar of events for this summer. All the events are posted on the club's website. Driveabouts will begin in May. The first adopt a road cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### March Minutes

The minutes were approved from the March business meeting as published in the *Tinkering Times*.

### New Business

\*\*David Jensen brought everyone up to date on the club's website design and movement to a new hosting platform. Using the web design

company Square Space, we would own the rights to make changes to the website and it could be viewed on mobile devices. The cost would be \$144 a year for the website. A motion was presented and approved to pat for the new website. The webmaster will have the discretion on when the transfer over from the old website to the new platform will happen.

\*\*On April 21<sup>st</sup> the planning committee for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration that happens in 2022 will have their first meeting. Committee members include Donn Reese, David Nolta, Art and Tam Isham, David Jensen, Linda Golding, Sara Stoops, and Kurt Rein.

\*\*The next business meeting on May 12, 2021 will be held at Hope Community Resources Learning Center.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

President David Jensen announced birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Greg Carpenter, Secretary



Cresap



Cresap



David Jensen was shocked to see that his classic car parts from a Wisconsin body shop bore Santa's 'stamps of approval,' in the form of nearly 100 postage stamps. There was barely enough room for the address!

## May

### May Birthdays

Linda Grundy – 6<sup>th</sup>

Ken Evans – 6<sup>th</sup>

Carol Jensen – 13<sup>th</sup>

Eli Powell–13<sup>th</sup>

David Jensen – 20<sup>th</sup>

Barry Fowler–26<sup>th</sup>

Diane Wohlwend – 30<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversaries

Gretchen & Michael  
Stoddard–3<sup>rd</sup>

Dolly Larkin & Ken

Morton–16<sup>th</sup>

