



Tinkering Times



Rondy Update: The Latest Scoop

by Art and Tamea Isham

Items are listed in order of importance:

1. Food signup – Still need the following: **Saturday** – Green Salad, Small Sandwiches or Pinwheels, Cheetos, Small Vegetable Tray, Small Fruit Tray, Cookies. **Sunday** – Salad and cookies. **This is really, really important for everyone’s health and well being**

2. Parade – We have 3 committed and 4 maybe as of 1/30/22. Need a few more committed to make a good



Carl Godsoe carried the club banner on his 1931 Model A pickup in the 2019 Rondy parade. We are returning to that activity this year.

Your Dues

By Scott Hulse

Just a reminder that the AAMA and AACA dues are due. Email notices have been sent out, some of which may have ended up in the Junk mail folder.

I am notifying everyone who has **not** responded. Only about 50 percent of the renewals have been returned. Our first event of the year, the Fur Rondy parade and car show, will soon be here, and we are hoping our traditional activities will return to normal.

If you have already sent your dues, thank you. If you sent your check in the last two weeks and still received a notice, email me so I can follow up to make sure I haven’t missed you. My email is: hulse@alaska.net

showing. Call Kurt Rein at 907-344-5554 to get on the parade list.

3. Show signup – We have 10 committed and one maybe as of 1/30/22. We will need at least another 10-12 cars to present a broad spectrum of vehicles from the teens through the muscle car era. Call Donn Reese 907-748-0036 or Art Isham 907-688-3671 to get on the show list.

4. Valve Cover Racing – Cancelled for this year because the Cresaps will not be in state.

5. Canned Food Drive – We did not do this at Christmas because our annual party was cancelled. So bring canned goods to donate to the local Food Bank.

6. Old Car Magazines - Get all your old car magazines gathered up and bring them to the show so we can

recycle them with our visitors.

7. Alaska Territorial Cavalry – Do we want to ask this club if they want to display any vehicles, provided we have the space? They are not displaying this year at Anchorage Chrysler/Dodge. It would be fillers for empty spots. 🤔

February Meeting

The February meeting will take place at the Hope Community Resources Building off of International Airport Road. at 6:30 pm on February 9.

Discussion will include plans for the upcoming Fur Rendezvous parade and car show.

With the Omicron raging, we will wear masks and sanitize, of course.

Running Board Reflections



2022 AAMA president, Linda Mattis Golding swears on the Hemmings News at the January 12 installation ceremony conducted by "The History Professor," Mike Wiedmer.

Dear members, thanks for your vote of confidence in electing me as President of the AAMA. I hope that I can, along with our Board, keep the club fresh and active. David Jensen did a great job in the past three years steering us toward a technological future, which allowed us to continue meetings even during the turmoil of the Covid-19 pandemic. I thank him for all that work, and am glad he is still an officer.

I must also send regards to Mike Wiedmer for his interesting and original induction ceremony. I will admit, unbeknownst to The History Professor, that my daughter is a George Washington scholar. Just last year during the pandemic, I read a biography of Washington entitled "You Never Forget Your First." I would have been tarred and feathered if I had answered any GW question incorrectly.

Excitement is mounting for the upcoming Fur Rondy Parade, and the corresponding Car Show at Bob's Services. Besides being able to show

off our cars in the winter, we get to have potluck and socialize! Thanks in advance to Kurt Rein for organizing the Parade details, and thanks to Art & Tam Isham and Donn Reese for the work they have already done (and will do) to make the Car Show a success.

My elevation to President has reminded me of cars that have resonated with me in a visceral way. I vividly recall the day my father purchased a Chrysler New Yorker "woody" station wagon. He was on his way to buy the (used) car for our family of six kids and two adults, and showed me (and let me touch) the eight one-thousand dollar bills he would hand over to the dealer. Never before or since have I seen *one* one-thousand dollar bill, much less *eight* of them! I remember very little about that car (tan leather seats and a deep blue paint job notwithstanding) besides the price.

I look forward to seeing you all in person at our February meeting. Stay healthy!

-LMG



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Dave Syren



For Sale: 1987 560 SEL Mercedes; one owner; great condition; 121,000 miles; Anna Plumb, 907-240-8322 or aanaplumb@mac.com



FOR SALE : 1936 Airflow Chrysler Imperial C-10 - Unrestored refurbished original. 128 inch wheelbase, Straight 8 (130 hp), 3 speed with overdrive, new brakes, new wiring, wide white radial tires, original shop manual, rebuildable power brake unit and some spare parts. Headliner and upholstery good. Sealed beam conversion, Runs well. \$20,000. Art Isham 907-688-3671.

Schedule of Events

- * February 9—6:30 Meeting at Hope Center
- * February 26—Rondy Parade (Kurt Rein, 907-344-5554)
- * February 26,27—Fur Rondy (Art Isham, 688-3671)
- * March 9—6:30 Meeting
- * April 13—6:30 Meeting
- * August 13—Diamond Jubilee

Bill Chace in Hospital

by Scott Hulse

Joyce Chace called from Seattle. Bill is in the Swedish Heart and Vascular Hospital, Cherry Hill Campus, (17th Ave and East Cherry St. room 239). Bill is scheduled for open heart surgery to have an LVAD pump installed, on Tuesday, (Feb 1st).

Joyce asks for everyone's prayers and positive thoughts for Bill.

Bill is in ICU, **no visitors** are allowed, and Joyce asked that people should not call before the surgery. Getting any rest is difficult as there is a constant stream of nurses, doctors and attendants waking him up.

Joyce is moving into a furnished Air B&B house near the hospital; her daughter is currently in Seattle to help. Recovery will require about 3 weeks in the hospital after the surgery, plus significant rehab. If everything goes well, Bill will be able to return to near normal activities sometime in the future.

Joyce's phone is 907-322-0513.

She said text messaging is the best way to contact her. ☺

A Letter From Friends You May Remember

Editor's note: Some of you may remember Dave and Donna Kawa, who visited us in their Pinto about three years ago at our July 4th party. They plan to visit again this summer.

Tom Marcy

Thanks for putting me on the email list! We will be heading your way in 16 1/2 weeks via Route 66 and the west coast highway. But first a three-week camping trip to Florida in February to make sure the car and camper are ready, and a week in Maui in March. Hopefully things get better by then.

—Dave and Donna

Car Request: We are looking for someone with a late 1930's or 1940's luxury car for purposes of transporting 3 twelve year old girls to a Big Band fundraiser at the Lake Hood Aviation Museum 2 April; a Saturday. Obviously weather permitting. It would be a one-way trip and all about making a splashy entrance. Call Mike in Wasilla 907-317-0340.

Free: Unused Shock Absorbers; 2 each Monroe 5818; fit 53-62 Corvette Rear and probably other Chevrolets from that period. 2 each Monroe 1007; fit 53-62 Corvette Front and probably other Chevrolets from that period. Art Isham 907-688-3671.

For Sale: Set of four new, never used, Vision Rally 55-5661 steel wheel rims; in their original shipping boxes; painted silver. The specifications are 15"x6", 5 on 4.75"/120.65mm bolt pattern, 81.7mm bore, +12mm offset, and 4" backspace. These rims fit more than 350 mostly rear wheel drive vehicle applications, especially General Motors cars and some trucks for model years 1951-56 and 1967-93. Will consider offers for the sale of the rims, either individually or as the set of four. Ed Penisten, ejp1961@yahoo.com

**AAMA Business Meeting
January 12, 2022**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by President David Jensen

There were 25 members present and no guests.

The installation ceremony of new officers and members at large was performed by the history professor, Mike Wiedmer. Mike provided a history lesson in the form of multiple-choice questions for each elected position. Each elected person was sworn in by placing their right hand on a copy of Hemmings Motor News along with reciting the oath of office. The 2022 AAMA Board consists of the following members:



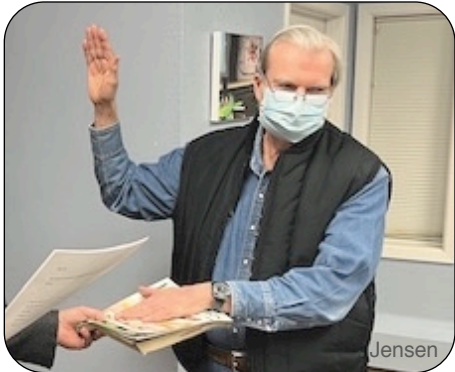
MC, Mike Wiedmer



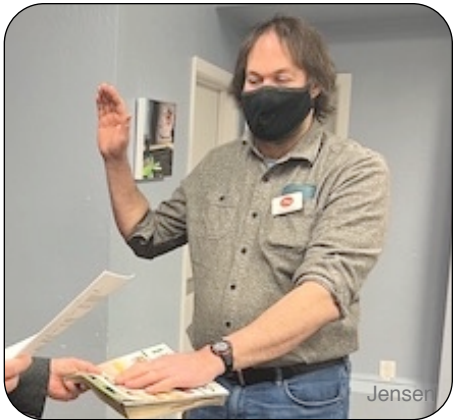
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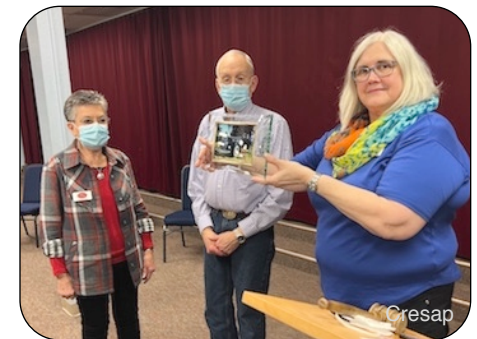
Members at Large: Brian Anderson, Tamea Isham and Donn Reese

Treasurer's Report

Scott Hulse provided the financial report. He is currently processing applications and payment of membership dues.

Award

Art and Tam Isham received the plaque for the Jay Ofsthun trophy for the 2021 Show and Shine car show.



New Business

**Art Isham gave an update on the Fur Rondy car show to be held at Bob's Services and the parade. Multiple signup sheets were passed around for the members who wanted to participate in the parade, car show, working the popcorn booth and food for the potluck. Art also talked about valve cover car races and had the rules and regulations if anyone was interested in building a car to race at the car show.

A motion was passed for a \$50.00 prize for the People's Choice award at the Fur Rondy car show.

**David Jensen mentioned that Hope Community Resources is looking for a car to be part of their fundraising event at the Marriott on February 12 at 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Mike Wiedmer and Scott Hulse have
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Oh, the Places You'll Go!

by Rich Golding

(Being a continuation of last month's story)

November 7, 2021–Addendum– Dear Diary:

After the Regent Street Car Show, I walked into the city centre and bought a ticket to see a performance tonight of Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore* performed by the English Opera at the London Colosseum. Excellent show. Still can't stop the lyrics for "He Is an Englishman" from repeating over and over in my head.

November 8, 2021 - Dear Diary:

Spent most of the day Sherlock Holmes hunting.

Being one of Arthur Conan Doyle's greatest admirers, I systematically searched the English capital for buildings and street addresses that played important roles in the Holmes canon. Geeky? I suppose . . . but great fun.



I located Montague Street, where Holmes lived early in his career, before he met and began his collaboration with Dr. Watson. It's rather hidden, tucked away behind the British Museum.

Later, after considerable searching, I was able to determine where, in the late nineteenth century, during the time of Holmes, the REAL 221b Baker Street would have been situated. It is not at all the location it occupies in the twenty-first century. Naturally, I was also able to detect the building from "The Adventure of the

Empty House," directly across from 221b. It was there that Col. Sebastian Moran, utilizing a state-of-the-art air powered rifle, pointed out its second floor window, fired a deadly head shot at Holmes as he sat in a chair by his window across the street. However, having anticipated the attack on his life, Holmes had cleverly substituted a wax figure resembling the great detective into his chair. In actuality, he and Dr. Watson were hiding in the shadows of the gunman's room. Together they overpowered and apprehended the Colonel, Moriarty's top henchman.

I also took a selfie in front of the Lyceum Theatre by it's third column on the left. That being, of course, the precise arranged location that Holmes and Watson, along with Mary Morstan, met Thaddeus Sholto's carriage in "The Sign of Four." As you would certainly recall, Miss Morstan would eventually wed the good Doctor Watson.

November 10, 2021 - Dear Diary:

Today this elderly English Lit major spent most of the day Shakespeare hunting. Much the same, though completely different from Sherlock hunting. Get the picture?

Also attended a performance of "The Eroica" (Beethoven's Third Symphony), quite aptly performed by the London Symphony Orchestra at The Barbican Center.

November 11, 2021 - Dear Diary:

Boarded a train at Paddington Station for Birmingham (England's second largest city). Managed to find and check into the hotel room I reserved near the downtown railway station.

November 12, 2021 - Dear Diary:

My birthday!

I hopped an intercity train early this morning, bound for the NEC (that's the UK's 'National Exposition Centre'), an absolutely ginormous exposition complex. Today was the first of two consecutive days I plan on

spending there, attending one of the world's largest annual classic car shows. This is something that has been on my bucket list for decades. It's the English equivalent of our Hershey show, but held completely indoors.

It's a good thing that I scheduled two full days to take in this show, as I
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Tableware Inventory

From Linda Mattis Golding

The club has received boxes of tableware and cutlery from Dennis Allen. If you are in need of plates, forks, cups, or bowls for an AAMA event, please do not purchase anything.

Forks—a paltry 500

Spoons—a whopping 800

Knives—a scant 600

Dixie Paper Dinner Plates—a mere 300

Dixie Paper Bowls—only 150

16 oz Solo Cups—approximately 60

8-oz. Paper Hot/Cold Cups—a voluminous 450

We also have 4 large plastic serving bowls for chips or salads.

There are several "Cars" (the Disney movie) themed tablecloths, napkins, and small dessert plates, along with some cocktail napkins in various colors.

Contact Linda at 907-351-3251 or 1954lmg@gmail if you are in need. 🌐

Minutes

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volunteered to provide vehicles.

**Starting in May the Wednesday driveabouts will begin again.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

President Linda Mattes Golding announced birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Greg Carpenter, Secretary

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was only able to cover about half of it today. The halls were packed with tens of thousands of car enthusiasts who have journeyed here from every corner of the globe.



1954 Riley

I found hundreds of car makes and models represented, many so obscure and foreign that I suspect very few American car lovers have ever even heard of them. More than one hundred car clubs have booths alongside their vehicles. There was everything from Rolls Royces to kit



cars. I spotted cars from as early as the 1890's, as well as steam cars and antique electric vehicles. There were lots of itsy-bitsy bubble cars represented, like the Isetta, the Heinkle, the Trojan and Messerschmidts. There were three-wheeled cars like the Bond and the Robin Reliant. I even saw a rocket car (basically a huge Rolls Royce jet engine with four wheels under it). There were huge, mile-long European limousines and dozens of small British sports cars. Museum pieces and barn finds. Vehicles with

nameplates hailing from just about every country in the world that has ever built a car.



And like at car shows on our side of the pond, there are gobs of booths selling wares of all kinds, targeting auto lovers. Automotive tools, parts, bodywork and painting supplies, memorabilia, hats, jackets and t-shirts. You name it, it was there. Amongst my favorites were guys with thick Cockney accents demonstrating and hawking everything from miracle waxes to industrial strength super glues.

I must have taken five hundred pictures. But the best part of my visit was chatting with the different car club members. As soon as I identified myself as a Ford Model A enthusiast, or a Citroën 2cv owner, I was immediately welcomed, open-arms, into that club's fold. After displaying a photo of my fifty year old Volkswagen Squareback daily driver, or my 70 year old Buick Roadmaster on my phone, it seems I was instantly admitted into their families. Such is the power and allure of owning, loving, and caring for these venerable vehicles. A camaraderie that extends beyond nationality, language or politics.

It seems there is a lesson to be learned by associating with these clubs and their members. Perhaps this world would be a kinder, gentler, more understanding place if everybody drove old cars.

November 14, 2021 - Dear Diary:

Arrived by train this afternoon in the quaint town of Malvern, in the

county of Worcestershire, which lies within the West Midlands region of England, approximately thirty miles from the Welsh border. Here I was met and welcomed by my second cousin Kim, her husband Chris as well as her son Alex, and daughter Lily. Cousin Kim, a doctor of psychology, retained her maiden name of Golding. We met rather accidentally online whilst each of us was researching our family's genealogy. A cyber relationship and authentic friendship ensued over the course of a year or so. Before then, other than my own three kids, I knew of no other relatives still living with my same last name.

Considering the circumstances governing our finding one another, and establishing a meeting, especially with someone I had never actually spoken to, our first contact went exceedingly well. "Brilliant" is how a Brit might put it. I spent the next few days in Malvern - somewhat confusingly pronounced (particularly to an American) by the locals as *mull-vin*. That pronunciation took a bit of getting used to, however, when in Rome . . .

November 15, 2021 - Dear Diary:

Cousins Kim and Chris, knowing of my love of old and classic cars, had arranged for the three of us to tour the Morgan sports car factory, which is located just down the road from their house.

Enclosed in a series of many old red-brick Victorian factory buildings, these wonderful automobiles have continuously been manufactured and assembled here for over a century, each and every one completely by hand. I have taken many automobile factory tours and visited car museums around the world, but nothing I have ever seen before could prepare me for what I was to experience here. In a world of robotic assembly lines and computerized

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Obituaries

Boyd Watson



We lost a former member, Boyd Watson, of Prescott, Arizona. If you would like to send a card, his wife, Robyn's address is:

Robyn Watson
1353 Sabatina St.
Prescott, AZ 86301



James Malcolm Foss
February 22, 1950
December 19, 2021

Jim and his son, Jan, were members of AAMA briefly and we enjoyed having them attend several events.

Diane Christine Wohlwend

May 30, 1947
January 15, 2022

Diane and her husband, Fritz, were AAMA members for quite a few years, even after they moved to their retirement ranch in Missouri. After they moved, we would hear from them occasionally, and they continued their membership. Diane developed a love for antique tractors and cars, especially her supercharged V-8 Jaguar.



Stanley Steamer at the UK National Exposition Center

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mass production, the gentle art of English craftsmanship remains alive and well and is practiced every day, as it has been for over a hundred years, within these red-brick walls.



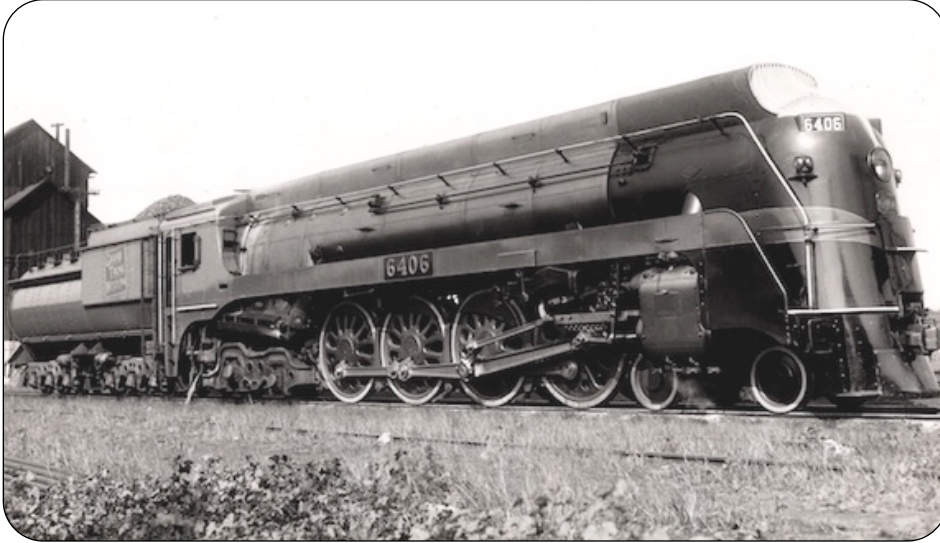
Morgan Factory and Showroom



I witnessed the creation of car bodies shaped and hammered out,

completely by hand, from flat sheets of aluminum. Frames and interiors all hand made. Seats being built and covered with specially sourced leathers. Wood-grained dashboards and interiors created from raw cut lumber, and finished by the loving hands of journeymen that take their time, working with their hands and tools, many of which are as old as the factory. A single Morgan car, which is made to order, can take three months to complete. The factory traditionally yields somewhere between 900 to 1800 new cars per year.

Greatly prized, these vehicles are a great source of national pride. Their continuous manufacture is practiced daily in a little town with a tricky pronunciation, nestled in the picturesque western hill country of England. Constructed with British pride of skill and expertise. A quality that sadly has gone the way of the hoop skirt and buggy whip throughout most of the rest of the world. 🌍



Brian Anderson says his dad probably took this photo in Markham Yards in Chicago sometime around World War II. This was not your ordinary steam engine!

February

Birthdays

Daniele Meslow—4th
 Kathleen Godsoe—6th
 Laura Therriault—6th
 Louis Mestier—8th
 Trudy Keller—11th
 Genevieve Griffin-
 Goodwin—14th
 Cliff Belleau—20th
 Martie Black—20th
 Pam Tanora—21st
 Georgia Knazovich—
 24th



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