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## McCarthy 'Beauty and the Beast' Tour



Lionelli

*Dressed in period clothing suggesting a young kid in overalls and page boy hat, Tamea Isham sits on the running board of Ishams' 1930 Model A in front of Ma Johnson's hotel in McCarthy.*

by Jim Fredenhagen, Tamea and Art Isham  
Our Wrangell Mountains tour, which could aptly be called the *Beauty and the Beast Tour* was a resounding success, despite one unpleasant result. All the beauty and grandeur an Alaskan trip could offer—near-perfect weather, a minimum of bugs and great people, was marred only by a few vehicle issues and one major one. We had mostly clear, picture-postcard weather. The *beast* part of the trip, however, was lurking, waiting for us in the little village of McCarthy. We'll get to that.

Our group, consisted of 38 hardy travelers, in 17 antique/classic vehicles and one modern, towed 5<sup>th</sup> wheel truck/trailer combo and came from Anchorage, Peters Creek, Seldovia, North Pole and Fairbanks. We all met in Chitina and caravanned the remaining, notorious 65 miles to McCarthy.

Unlike many of our tours, we did have a few mishaps: the automatic transmission in Brian Anderson's Jeep gave up the ghost just prior to Glennallen, and AAA took him back to Anchorage; David Jensen's muffler became disconnected when he drove over a curb at the Matanuska Glacier pull out, and he had to spend part of the day in Glennallen for repairs; Colleen and Howard Hansen's 1966 Barracuda had a flat while crossing the Kuskulana bridge, which—238 feet above the river and with no guard rails—is not an ideal location to have a flat!

Otherwise, our old cars were in their element as they plied first, the 65-mile right-of-way once occupied by the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad and then the dirt streets of McCarthy, which remain much the same today as they were up to 1938,

when the Kennecott copper mine closed.

Upon arrival in McCarthy, the 30 people of our group doubled the town's population instantly, and there was no shortage of visitors constantly looking at our group of antiques. It was like a 72-hour car show.

Each time we visit this wonderful time-locked memorial, we're gratified that the National Park Service is continually making the buildings and overall area safer and more educational for visitors.

Both Saturday and Sunday our group caravanned up the 5-mile former

(See p. 5, "Beauty and the Beast")

### July Meeting

Our July 13th meeting will take place at the Hope Community Resources Center at 6:30 pm.

The buzz will be about the upcoming Jay Ofsthun Show, which will be—as always—the first Sunday in August.

It is not required, but to err on the side of caution, you might wear a mask. No one will be critical of you.

Come and join us and enjoy an after-meeting driveabout and dinner somewhere.



# Running Board Reflections



Golding

President Linda poses with her Citroën during the McCarthy tour June 7th through 13.

I have often seen iconic photographs of the run-down, disintegrating Kennecott Mine, its striking red-painted mill building a stark contrast to the blue skies and towering, glacier-covered St. Elias Mountains. I have heard the first-hand accounts from my husband, Richard, and other Musers about the road, the mine, and the town of McCarthy. So, when the McCarthy/Kennecott tour was first proposed, I deemed it an opportunity not to be missed. For years, Richard and I had been constrained by the obligations of our business and its schedule; we had been unable to participate in many of the long-distance tours. I was determined that this summer's tour would be different.

After reaching the Copper River, I was finally able to answer the age-old question "Where the hell is Chitina?" I arrived just in time to give a rain-soaked TV interview, and watched like a mother hen counting the "chicks" as they followed along; then breathed a sigh of relief when everyone scheduled for that evening actually arrived.

I had concerns regarding the road to McCarthy, having heard many stories about washed-out sections, miles of mud and/or dust, and nearly impassable areas. What I found was an unpaved road that was "not too bad." Since we arranged the caravan by age of the vehicles, Richard and I were nearly last in line. I will admit that I found the drive a bit boring, as Friday's overcast skies did not reveal the snow-capped peaks I had expected to see.

But Kennecott did not disappoint. By Saturday when we drove into the park, the weather began to clear, and the vistas began to appear. The adjectives "awe-inspiring" and "jaw-dropping" are paltry and overused and don't really convey the magnificence of the National Park and Preserve. McCarthy seems like a town trying to find its niche in a world of adventure-tourism and eco-tourism while maintaining its early 20<sup>th</sup> Century ambiance: a delicate balance.

Departing on Monday, I was glad to scratch another item off my personal "bucket list."

—Linda



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**For Sale:** 1947 Plymouth; milled head (9:1 compression ratio); dual 4-barrel carbs; split cast-iron headers; excellent condition. \$21,000 obo. Sean Mesloh, 907-328-9979, text or call.



**For Sale:** Another rebuild from Jim's engine shop! Only \$2000.

Specs :

1. New stainless valves, exhaust valve seats, one piece guides, adjustable tappets,
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3. Crank polished, .030" under,
4. Main Bearings, new babbitt by Bill Barlow, Bend OR,

## Schedule of Events

Summer Wednesday drive-abouts began on May 11 and continue throughout the summer as weather permits.

- \* July 13—6:30 Meeting
- \* July 23—Valley Trash Show n Shine Sutton 11 am-4 pm
- \* August 6—Pre-Show n Shine Dimond and Jewel Lake, 4-9 pm
- \* August 7—Jay Ofsthun Show n Shine, Anchorage Park Strip 8-4
- \* August 10—6:30 Meeting
- \* August 13—Diamond Jubilee
- \* August 13—Hot Summer Nights show Palmer, 4-9 pm
- \* August 20—Kenai/Soldotna day trip, join Kaknu Kruzers, Leave 8 am from Carr's Huffman
- \* September 14—6:30 Meeting
- \* September 17—Dimond Center Show 10-4, east side parking lot
- \* September 24—Fall Colors Tour, leave Carr's Huffman 9 am
- \* October 12—6:30 Meeting
- \* November 9—6:30 Meeting
- \* December—Christmas Party (TBA)

5. Pistons, .080" over, Hastings rings,
  6. Rods, new babbitt from Snyders, .030" under.
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  9. Rebuilt oil pump, new cam drive gear.
- Jim, 907-351-3115.



**For Sale:** 1957 Thunderbird; health issues and lack of space; Torch Red; hard and soft top; 312 ci V8; 4 bbl carburetor; automatic transmission; new updated brake system; new radial white wall tires (less than 500 miles); recently tuned; rebuilt radiator; no rust or dents; new fuel tank; shop, repair and restoration manuals from the National Thunderbird club. Runs great. Over \$50,000 invested, and I'm asking \$35,000 obo. Contact Ron Martindale at (907)748-4385

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**For Sale:** 1962 Renault Caravelle convertible with removable hard top; 95% restored; Ward W. Wells, 1655 Bodenbug Lp., Palmer AK 99645. Phone: 907-232-5221.



**Free:** Glove box locks and keys; Pick them up at the July meeting;



# Independence Day

## Anchorage Parade

by Linda Mattes Golding

The weather was comfortably cool for Anchorage's Fourth of July Parade for 2022. Richard Golding led the AAMA with our club's banner mounted on his 1928 Model A Town Sedan. Nineteen other cars followed, mostly Musers, but many potential new members as well.

As usual, Model A's were well represented by current members Dale Dryden in his 1931 Taxi and Carl Godsoe driving his 1930 pickup; and (hopefully) new members Janice Czerinski in a 1931 Victoria, and Roy Rountree in a 1931 Tudor.

Also driving the parade route spanning 9th and 10th Avenues was Louis Mestier's 1963 T-Bird "Lucille;" Kurt Rein (who canceled his Washington DC trip) drove in his 1966 Mustang; Laura Smith, one of our new members, in her 1930 Packard 726; Nat Gardner's 1956 Ford Pickup "Chunky;" Fred Scharper with passenger Scott Hulse in his 1970 GMC Pickup; Tom Smith, another soon-to-be-member in a 1965 Pontiac GTO; Sara Stoops in her 1958 Chevy Bel-Air; Eli and Judy Powell in their striking 1959 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz; Karen Avila-Lederhos and Don Lederhos in their 1966 Mustang; and another car we have not seen before, a 1922 Model T Runabout

## Caution!

■ **July 17, 1905: Wichita sets automobile speed limits at 8 to 14 miles an hour. A month later, the Wichita chief of police issues an order to shoot tires of automobile speeders.**

Michael Wiedmer submitted this antique news highlight with a suggestion that we probably shouldn't drive our cars to Wichita. This is especially true if people start carrying guns again. Those were "the good ol' days," eh? 🤔

Pickup being driven by soon-to-be-member, Morgan Blanchard.

The Wiedmers fielded three vehicles. They drove their 1927 Hupmobile, and had Mr. Whitekeys drive their 1949 Ford Custom Convertible Coupe, while another friend piloted their 1941 Cadillac Series 62 Deluxe Coupe.

Carol Jensen drove their 1957 T-Bird, while David Jensen serenaded the crowds with trumpet solos.

President Linda Mattes-Golding and member Kathleen Godsoe found spaces in the crowd in order to take photos.

Many long-time members reported that the crowd in attendance was the possibly largest they have ever seen gathered for a fourth of July parade. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

## Chugiak Parade

By Linda Mattes Golding

The Chugiak Fourth of July Parade for 2022 honored fallen firefighters. Art and Tam Isham, in their 1966 powder-blue Mustang Convertible carried the Parade Grand Marshals, Ruth and Bill McLain. The McLain's son was a firefighter who died of cancer from the long-term effects of noxious (and obnoxious) chemicals.

The parade was set up differently than in the past. The AAMA cars were at the beginning of the parade entries,



A very tall parade clown joined Wiedmers' 1949 Ford for a photo.

immediately after the Anchorage Police Department vehicles. This allowed our group to keep a steady three-mile per hour pace, without stops and starts.

Following the Ishams were the Goldings in their 1928 Model A Town Sedan, the Wiedmers in the 1949 Ford Custom Convertible Coupe with guest Gwyn's mother Shirley. Sara Stoops brought her 1958 Chevy Bel-Air, but attended the parade as another passenger in the Wiedmer's car. Greg Carpenter's 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury

See p. 6, "Independence Day")

## \$10 Vehicle Fee Initiated at Jay Ofsthun Show

by Tom Cresap

Our Secretary, Scott Hulse, has announced a slight change in the Jay Ofsthun Show and Shine. This year, there will be a \$10 fee upon arrival as you enter the show with your car. We assume cash would be best.

This show is the largest in the state, with up to 500 cars at times. In the recent few years, its existence has been threatened first, by COVID, but also by financial complications due to the loss of business sponsorship.

Although the Antique Auto

Musers of Alaska and Midnight Sun Street Rod Association were the originators of the event, MSSRA has been the driving force for many years. In the recent five or six years, AAMA has been helping with the setup and cleanup afterwards.

If we don't want to lose this long-standing show—a landmark event for the Anchorage car club community—we need to step up and help shoulder the responsibility in some way. We will discuss the issue at the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. 🤔



An ample number of Anchorage and Fairbanks cars line the main street of McCarthy, where the COVID monster was lurking during our tour June 7-13. The weather was outstanding, and photo ops abounded all along the tour route, but especially in McCarthy and Kennecott.

## Beauty and the Beast

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railroad bed to explore the Kennecott copper mill and to take advantage of our privileged photo ops. Some of the group ventured on hikes out on the glacier and to other points of interest, always among stunning, panoramic views.

As a unique treat, one of our members, Dave Syren, gave us a tour of his museum/coffee shop, which is under construction near the iconic ore-processing mill.

At mealtime, McCarthy Lodge bistro and Golden Saloon accommodated our large group with surprisingly good food and drink.

Topping off our stay, on Sunday evening, we dressed up in period clothes for a photo shoot in front of the Ma Johnson hotel and Golden saloon.

All this conviviality and beauty was followed by the COVID *beast*, that imposed itself upon 11 of the 30 participants as they returned home, providing a cruel ending to an otherwise perfect trip. Thankfully, everyone, including some very senior drivers, seems to be recovering well.

Participants were Jim and Victoria Fredenhagen in their 1929 Ford Tudor; Carl and Kathleen Godsoe in their 1931

Ford Pickup; Howard and Colleen Hansen in their Plymouth Baracuda; Bill and Kaylene Brown in their 1957 Ford 300; Kurt Rein in his 1966 Mustang Coupe; Jim Fena and Shirley Alberg in their 1930 Ford Tudor; Walt and Sachiko Sonen in their 1931 Ford Pickup; Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer in their 1931 Reo Speedwagon; David Jensen in his 1957 Ford Thunderbird; Phil and Doug Morrow in their 1928 Ford Tudor; Richard and Linda Golding in their 1985 Citroen 2CV; Rick Larrick with his 1955 Buick Special; Ed McLaughlin with his 1986 Citroen 2CV; Bill and Joyce Chace and family with their 1922 Ford Touring; Ron

Allen and Richard Gresham with their 1930 Ford Fordor; Dave and Ellie Benesch with their 1972 Chevrolet Pickup and Art and Tam Isham in their 1930 Ford Town Sedan.

The round-trip tour included over 510 miles of (kinda/sorta) paving and 120 miles of dirt/gravel roads. "Paved (kinda/sorta)" mileage happened because of the varied starting points. In addition, some of our travelers had an uncharacteristically calm and serene crossing Prince William Sound on Alaska Ferry System's *Aurora* from Whittier to Valdez. 🌊



Eight of the tourists cars took advantage of their privileged entry into the park to take photos at the over National Creed in Kennecott: Browns–1957 Ford, Final/Alberg–1930 Model A, Hansens–1966 Barracuda, Phil and Doug Morrow–1928 Model A, Chaces–historic Gibson 1916 Model T, Wiedmers–1931 REO, Isham–1930 Model A and Goldings–1986 Citroën 2CV.



## Weekly Drive-Abouts

by Tom Cresap

So far this summer, the weather has been great for meeting and showing off our cars. This is good for our car activities, but not for the fire danger. Some of our group also discovered the COVID bug was still out there.

On the June 15th drive-about, only three members showed up: Louis Mestier in his 1963 T Bird, Ken Morton, in his 1973 Triumph and Brian Anderson in his 1979 Jeep CJ-7. That was because of the COVID brought back from the McCarthy trip.

June 22nd was a little better with four cars: Goldings, Cresaps, Ken Morton and Jim Fredenhagen.

June 29th was back to the normal crowd: Wiedmers, Gwyn and her mom, Shirley and Mike in their beautiful 1927 Hupmobile; Jim Fredenhagen, 1929 Model A; Greg Carpenter, 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury, Rich and Linda Golding in their Citroën 2CV; Howard and Colleen Hansen, 1936 Dodge; Tom and Marcy Cresap, 1938 Chrysler Royal; Michael Campbell, 1986 Alpha Romeo; Brian Anderson, 1979 Jeep CJ-7 and Ken Evans, 1955 Cadillac Eldorado.

Our final destination was Don José's Restaurant. 🍷

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and the Anderson's 1979 Jeep CJ-7 rounded out the AAMA entries.

The 2 mile parade route along the Old Glenn Highway was lined with families, many with children, clamoring for the candy being tossed to them by us. At least two of our cars ran out of candy before the end of the parade, making us realize we should have brought a LOT more. We were finished with the parade route in about forty-five minutes, enough time for the quick drive to the Cresap's home for the annual holiday picnic. 🍷



June 15th

Morton



June 29th

Cresap



June 29th

Cresap

June 29th: 1927 Hupmobile, Wiedmer; 1929 Model A, Fredenhagen; 1986 Citroën, Golding; 1936 Dodge, Hansen; 1938 Chrysler, Cresap; 1986 Alpha Romeo, Campbell; 1979 AMC Jeep J-10, Anderson. Things finally came together, and after a brief—if somewhat convoluted tour—the group wound up at Don José's for dinner.



# Mirror Lake Summer Solstice Rumble

by Lois Lane

The MSSRA held their annual Summer Solstice Rumble at Mirror Lake on a warm Tuesday evening June 21<sup>st</sup>. Some forty-two cars from various area car clubs showed up, and there were hot dogs and hamburgers for all attendees, cooked by the MSSRA chefs on the park grills, as well as home made cookies and treats.

Six Model A's parked in a row,



Greg Carpenter reported that about 41 cars attended the Mirror Lake show.

representing the AAMA (Jim Fredenhagen, Louis Finch, and Richard Golding) as well as the Alaskan A's (Ken Baker, Ken Holland and Sharon Rudd). This reporter also found other AAMA members there, displaying their cars and soaking up the summer sunshine: master cookie maker Nat Gardner brought her '56 Ford F100 "Chunky;" Greg Carpenter and his son showed off their '64 Plymouth Sport Fury; and The Hansen's, Howard and

Colleen, displayed their '68 Dodge A100 Pickup.

The 'best of show' trophy was awarded to MSSRA member Brad Tischer for his '31 Model A Coupe hot-rod.

Commensurate with the warm summer weather, many spectators showed-up, and there were throngs of bathing suited children swimming in the lake. A good time was had by all. 🌈



TeriYoung, Jen Johnson, David and Barb Henningsen, Sara Stoops, Colleen and Howard Hansen, Greg Carpenter, Gwyn Wiedmer, Mike Campbell, Shirley, Mike Wiedmer, Marcy and Tom Cresap with Scott Hulse in the background. Beau is in the foreground. (David Jensen behind camera.)

## Pam and Milt Tanora



Pam has passed the '32 Chevy to her son Barrett. Their new home in Oregon is progressing slowly.



Curiosity about Scott Hulse's 1958 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud may be plaguing some of us who miss seeing Scott show up to add a little class to our events. He has been reporting that he was working on the valves, but recently, he ran into an insurmountable problem involving a pan that doesn't want to come off. He would probably accept some help if anyone can come up with an answer to this new problem.



## Wings & Wheels at the Aviation Museum

by James Bartholomew Olsen

Blue skies and sunshine presided over our June 23<sup>rd</sup> evening show at the Alaska Aviation Museum.

The “member appreciation night” attendance was both accentuated and complemented by nineteen shiny cars on display, courtesy of the Antique Auto Musers and friends.

The museum reciprocated with a wonderful barbecue and an open bar, as we displayed and answered questions about our vehicles to all attendees. In turn, we were given a tour of the museum’s facilities. Everyone had a great time, and added significantly to their summer tans, as the hot dogs, burgers and conversation stretched into the night.

### Aviation Museum Needs Help



*Museum Tug*

by Linda Mattes–Golding

The volunteer mechanics at the Aviation Museum are crack shots with airplane engines. When it comes to motor vehicles, they are not as expert.

At the Wings & Wheels event on June 23, AAMA members were approached to look at a “tug” –which they hope to use to move small planes– that has some issues, and is not drivable at this time. Since the engine is a Chrysler/Dodge product, Howard

(See p.9, “Tug”)



*Greg Carpenter’s 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury and Brian Anderson’s 1950 Hudson Commodoresit among historic aircraft at the Aviation Museum at the Wings and Wheels show on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

Attendees included Eli Powell and Ken Evans’ two Eldorados, parked side by side in Cadillac Corner. Louis Mestier and his wife Dimi displayed their beautiful 1963 T-Bird. President Linda Mattes–Golding brought her 1986 Citroën 2cv, while Scott Hulse arrived in his 1939 International Harvester pick-up truck. Brian Anderson was accompanied by his ’50 Hudson, parked next to Secretary Greg Carpenter’s 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury. Howard and Colleen Hansen had their ’36 Dodge and Dick and Barbara Henningsen showed off their 1960 Buick LeSabre. Ken Morton piloted his 1965 Austin Healy and Darell Krolick had his 1948 Willy’s Overland station wagon. Gwyn Wiedmer and her mother Shirley, brought their 1941 Cadillac, while hubby Mike showed up in the 1931 Reo Speedwagen. Jim Fredenhagen, Dale Dryden and Ingrid Woodard, Bob Dreezen and Nancy, as well as friend Phil Morrow and Richard Golding all displayed their Model A’s in a nice, neat row. Kim Kaufman of the Corvette Club graced us with his 2017 Stingray.

As stated before, the weather was particularly nice, as we whiled away the evening watching planes take off

and land behind us on beautiful Lake Hood. 🌀

### Bruce and Marl Campbell

Marl got out of the hospital yesterday [Wednesday, June 29] PM. She has little energy and sleeps a lot.

I don’t know what the road ahead holds but I’ll try to keep you informed.

Bruce

### Scott and Lynn Grundy Back Home In North Pole

Lynn is doing great back-wise, but her arthritic hip is killing her. It was a toss up which to do first. We hope to get her cataracts & hip fixed this summer.

As for myself, my right knee & hip are bugging me too, but not enough to undergo the knife. Yep, it's major overhaul time for the Grundys, but we'll getter done!!

Hope you good people are doing better than we ol' folks!

We're both pleased to be back in AK. Have a great summer & AAMA celebration. Our best to you!

Scott Grundy  
North Pole



## Prestige Car Show and Barbecue

by Linda Mattes-Golding

On June 1st, instead of our usual Wednesday drive, our group met at *Prestige Care Center* on the east side of Anchorage for a car show and barbecue. On the clear, sunny evening, we were treated to a picnic of hot dogs, potato salad, lemonade, and even pie!

In return, the Prestige residents and their family members got to ogle a number of our old cars. They had loads of questions, took a lot of selfies, and in some cases sat behind the wheel of some of the cars.

Brian Anderson showed off his 1950 Hudson, Ken Morton drove his 1965 Austin Healy, Jim Fredenhagen, Carl and Kathleen Godsoe, Tom and Marcy Cresap, and Richard Golding all arrived in their Model A's. Her 1986 Citroen 2CV was piloted by Linda Mattes-Golding; Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer, showing their REO



*Marcy Cresap, Gwyn Wiedmer, Rich Golding, Carl Godsoe and Linda Golding take refuge in the cool shade by Carl's 1931 Model A pickup after spending the evening regaling PACC clients with cars and palaver during the Prestige Adult Care Center show. (Tom Cresap is behind the camera, and Mike Wiedmer is the cadaver at right;)*

Speedwagon met up with Dave Syren while he dropped off some supplies for the upcoming McCarthy trip, and Nat Gardner showed her turquoise

Ford Pickup, "Chunky."

The residents and staff truly appreciated our presence. They asked us back, anytime it is convenient. 🌈

### AAMA Business Meeting

June 8, 2022

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

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by President Linda Mattes Golding

There were 15 members present and no guests

#### Treasurer's Report

Scott Hulse provided the financial report.

#### Minutes

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

#### Old Business

**\*\*Linda Mattes Golding said that the Prestige Care Center really enjoyed the cars that came by on June 1 as part of the Wednesday drive around. Participants also enjoyed hot dogs, chips, pie, and lemonade.**

#### New Business

**\*\*Colony Days in Palmer will have a car show on Friday evening June 10<sup>th</sup> and a parade on Saturday**

June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*On Friday June 17 there will be a car show at Turnagain Social Club from 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**\*\*David Jensen gave an update on the Father's Day cruise scheduled for Saturday June 18. Participants will meet at the REI parking lot at 9:30 am and then drive to the Thomas Center, Maple Springs, Baxter Senior Living and Chester Park.**

**\*\*On Thursday June 23 starting at 5:00 pm the Aviation Museum on Lake Hood will host our club at their member appreciation event. Food will be available for purchase.**

**\*\*The Hope retreat scheduled for July 14-17 is looking for a chairperson for this event. Linda will check with Dennis Allen on what is needed.**

**\*\*Kurt Rein is the contact person and organizer for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Kurt will be gone for the parade and is looking for a coordinator. David Jensen volunteered.**

**\*\*The Vernon Nash club in Fairbanks will not be coming down to Anchorage so there is no joint meet this year.**

**\*\*Linda Mattes Golding updated everyone about the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration progress. So far over 50 people have confirmed and purchased tickets. All the invites have been mailed out and need to be returned by July 1 for a head count.**

**\*\*Jim Fredenhagen informed everyone that fellow member Bob**

(See p. 10, "Minutes")

## Tug

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Hansen took a look at it and spoke with the mechanics to pass along some ideas to help get the ignition system working.

We will keep in touch with the Aviation Museum mechanics, Ed Campbell 907-229-4727 and Chuck Hosack 907-351-9869 to monitor their progress. If the suggestions do not work, they may ask for more help. 🌈



## A Model A Odyssey (Part Two)

*Writing in E.E. Cummings' style, Walt continues with the fall part of the adventure he and Sachiko had in their Model A. This narration describes their experiences from Minden, Nevada to Phoenix, Arizona, where they again stored the Model A in hopes of a continuation of the trip in 2020.)*

by Walt Sonen

after a 2 month hiatus at home we flew back to rejoin the model A in minden, NV, in mid-september, 2019. we enjoyed another visit there with my uncle and his wife before driving south and up over the eastern slope of the sierras to visit my high school pal, jack. jack is into porsches, big time. i think he was driving #7, one at a time mind you. like entities attract. together we did an A tune-up, brakes and so on. then back over the mountains and on down US 395 for a bit and then west, again climbing the east side of the sierras to enter the back side of yosemite nat'l park. the entrance is on the very ridge, 9945 feet. not far into the park we camped at 8600 feet and, deciding to stay an extra day, we stretched our legs for a 3 mile hike, another 600 feet of elevation to a beautiful lake. holy cow! we must have stopped a half dozen times to rest. tough coastal alaskans? elevation +heat, not so much.

we gloried in the well-known yosemite valley the next day. i had been there as a boy in 1953, what a difference! it was quite a ways from our camp through the park to the valley. we were told to be there by 9:30 to find parking. we just made it. not to diminish the many exquisite facets of the natural beauty there, everyone should see it. everyone DESERVES to see it, but, by golly there sure are a lot of people!

the following few days we camped our way through kings canyon and sequoia nat'l parks. THE TREES! 'nuf said.

we then wandered down into the san joaquin valley to a nice mom'n'pop motel for a small respite and mapped out a course to death valley. well, the dot on the map that we had counted on

for a gas stop before climbing over the mountains to the east: nada! (it would have been fun, a dirt road (sherman pass, 9200'). we took the more sane route to the south and wound up for the night at the cusp of, and descending down into, death valley itself. the drive the next day (october 1st) was still plenty hot, a spectacular experience of itself.

to the south and not too far outside the park on the recommendation of a friend, we camped at tecopa hot springs. it is a rudimentary campsite with unlimited access to the hot springs across the street—at a rudimentary price. during my morning bath a couple of japanese businessmen came into the 20x30' tub and come to find out one of them had come there annually for many years (my japanese comes in handy every now and then). with the same friend's guidance we then found the 'china ranch date farm', an obscure tourist attraction, 4x4 or model A suggested. it's a surprising oasis in the middle of pretty dry country. a family has run it for years. the specialty is a date milkshake. it was first owned and farmed by a chinaman and was a water and food source for the hardscrabble miners of

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Bartlett had passed away.

\*\**The Senior Center in Homer* is having a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and asked if 3 or 4 cars would be interested in participating.

\*\**Possible mini car show* at Providence extended care during one of the Wednesday night drive-abouts.

### Other News

The May issue of the AARP magazine had an article on fraud related to ordering car parts and items online.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

### Split the Pot

Split the pot winner Don Lederhos.

### Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Greg Carpenter, Secretary



Walt Sonnen drives his 1934 Ford in the Seldovia Independence Day Parade. It was decorated as a mermaid.

an earlier era. he mysteriously disappeared circa 1930.

now we were headed to las vegas. joining I-15 was our only way into town. the road was under construction, 1 lane for many miles up the rise crossing into nevada. not many model A's can go 60~70 uphill. thankfully we found a hole in the fence and let several miles of traffic go by. vegas was just a gas stop for us. of course we had to see the hoover dam. i was awed by the lack of water! to have jumped into the reservoir from the dam itself would have been similar to jumping off the deck of an aircraft carrier!

at an overlook not too far distant, we

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## Reserve August 20— Join us at the Alaska State Fair!

by Mark Graber

This year's parade and show will be held on Saturday, August 20. We will meet in the morning in downtown Palmer for the parade and then proceed to the fairgrounds. Times and detailed directions will be circulated soon.

This is the second year that the show field will be just inside the yellow gate. Free admission to the Fair is part of the deal. We take turns watching the cars and greeting visitors while others can enjoy the fair. The location guarantees many folks will see our cars and it is a great way to promote our club. Give Mark Graber a call at 563-0056 if you have any questions.

Hope to see you in Palmer on August 20! 🍷



## Odyssey

(Continued from p. 10)

found another model A (with NY tags). it wasn't a surprise as he and his wife were going to the same model A ford club of america (MAFCA) national tour destination several days hence. 300 cars were expected. like many, he had transported his car to the area. we had fun wandering around for a few days making slow progress east and staying off the freeways. some 20 miles before arriving at our tour group destination in Kanab, UT, we came across the 'coral pink sand dunes state park'. who would have expected humongous pink sand dunes out in the middle of nowhere with sand as fine as that of the sahara? we camped there and headed into Kanab the next day. we had reserved a camp space in an RV park not far from the "downtown" hotel that was to be the hub of the 5 day tour activity. we had a perfect little corner under an almond tree. falling almonds were ongoing.

the tour was anchored in Kanab as it is somewhat central among 3 national parks: Zion, Bryce and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. the idea was that we would independently choose and tour each park over a period of four days, the third day being set aside for an afternoon catered lunch gathering in a large outdoor pavilion. it was well planned and came off without a hitch, weather included. all the cars were virtual showpieces, an unending feast for my eyes. wherever we went there were model A's. what a hoot.

the event wound down with a farewell dinner. from there we went north and east for the next several days. we visited a number of small parks and sights then worked our way into Southeast Utah. it was mid-October and by then and traveling at altitude it was getting colder: the first night out was 10\*, so that was a good excuse to seek out motels more than usual. besides, the baseball playoffs were happening and we are October baseball fans. we could have easily spent much more time in this area. it's amazing. Sachiko still kids me about it, but I had to go 50 miles out of our way to four corners, a

bleak landscape where four states meet.

the next place we lingered was Canyon de Chelly (pronounced "shay") national monument in Northeast Arizona. it's hard to describe, but if you're in the area, it's worth a day or two of your time. traveling south along the Eastern AZ border, the next spot that popped our eyes out was the Morenci Copper Mine. the road follows it along for 5 miles (?) it is at least 1/4 mile deep. the large trucks hauling ore on the other side of the rent looked like ants! it put Pebble Mine into perspective for

me.

we continued south to the Chiricahua Nat'l monument, then Tombstone on away to Tucson to spend several days with old-time Seldovians. from there we were off to Prescott (avoiding Phoenix) to visit my same-age girl cousin to celebrate my 75th birthday at the old hotel on the town square. we put the pick-up in storage there and flew home, 60 days and 3840 miles on this, the second leg of our trip. we intended to return in the spring and drive back to Alaska. not. covid happened. 🌀

## Dennis and Diane Allen: 35th Wedding Anniversary



Diane and Dennis at Denali Park with Daisy, September, 2011

Dennis and Diane met at a square dance in Riverside, California on January 28th, 1987 and were married in the Rose Garden at Fairmont Park in Riverside on July 6th, 1987.

Dennis returned to his job in Anchorage, Alaska, while Diane remained in Riverside to reduce her worldly possessions and sell her house. In October, 1987, Dennis returned to Riverside, and they rented a U-Haul, packed it full and headed to Alaska—honeymoon on the Alaska Highway!

Combined, they have four children, five grand-children and 10 great-

grandchildren. Both retired from civil service on October 3rd, 1997: Dennis from Fort Richardson with 36 years, Diane from Elmendorf Air Force Base with 27 years.

The Allens have been very active in the Antique Auto Musers and have led us on many tours and other events, such as our annual weekends in Hope. Due to Diane's compromised immune system, they have had to quarantine for the last 2-1/2 years. We miss these long-time friends and hope to see them back with us some time in the future.

Congratulations! 🌀



## McCarthy Memories



*Our president, Linda Mattes Golding sits in the Golden Saloon in McCarthy with the first dude, Richard. They exchange dialogue from Laurel and Hardy.*

## July

### BIRTHDAYS

John (J.R.) Russell—4<sup>th</sup>

Valerie Bell—11<sup>th</sup>

Kaylene Brown—14<sup>th</sup>

Dick Henningsen—14<sup>th</sup>

Judy Powell—15<sup>th</sup>

Doug Nolte—15<sup>th</sup>

Doris Fowler—18<sup>th</sup>

Esther Combs—24<sup>th</sup>

Lee Plummer—30<sup>th</sup>

Gwyn Wiedmer—31<sup>st</sup>

### ANNIVERSARIES

Kaylene and Bill Brown—1<sup>st</sup>

Diane and Dennis Allen—6<sup>th</sup>

Gwyn and Mike Wiedmer—

24<sup>th</sup>



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