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President Linda enjoying a brief rain-free portion of the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, playing hide and seek by hiding behind one of our newest AAMA members.



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As confirmed at our 60th Anniversary Party, the AAMA is truly an eating club with an old car disorder. Mark Graber provided cookies and coffee under a canopy for the members who showed their cars at the State Fair, but the real eating is inside the Fairgrounds itself!

We are salivating before we pass the entry gates. Who doesn't love a pork chop on a stick? Or fried peanut potatoes? Or crab cakes? Or turkey legs? Or funnel cakes? Or soft-serve pineapple ice cream? Who hasn't succumbed to the lure of the corn dog or the scent of curly fries?

Our taste buds tingle at fresh-squeezed lemonade and fried Oreos. We eat our dessert first with Dippin' Dots, Hawaiian shaved ice, cream puffs bigger than our heads, cookies and milk, or my personal favorite, peaches and cream.

Needing a bit of protein to offset the sugar, we attack the burgers (beef and buffalo), the bread bowl filled with chowder, cheese steaks, barbecue, and seafood from Alaska. Cajun jambalaya, hearty stew, pizza, corn on the cob roasted in its husk; all these tempt our palette.

We can eat around the world here as well; tacos, salmon quesadillas, and nachos if we are interested in Mexican. Go Caribbean with Cuban black beans and rice. There are crepes from France and Dutch poffertjes, or piroshki and borscht from Russia. Want to visit Asia? No problem. Mongolian beef and cashew chicken; or pad thai and dumplings, all await the hungry fair-goer.

And because we can't eat another bite, but want the experience to last, we bring home zucchinis, Yukon Gold potatoes, and Talkeetna spinach bread, as well as lots of things not so good for us: cotton candy, kettle corn, elephant ears, and another personal favorite, caramel apples.

I can't wait for next year!

-Linda

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Schedule of Events

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

- * September 14—6:30 General Meeting at Hope Community Resources
- * September 17—Dimond Center Show 10-4, east side parking lot
- * September 24—Seward Fall Colors Tour, leave Carr's Huffman 9 am
- * October 12—6:30 General Meeting at Hope Community Resources
- * November 9—6:30 General Meeting at Hope Community Resources
- * December 4—Christmas Party at Château des Ishams



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AAMA Business Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2022

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

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by President Linda Mattes Golding. There were 29 members present.

Scott Hulse provided the financial report. Expenses were for the website hosting fee and Sal's catering for the 60th anniversary celebration. The club received back the \$300 deposit for the Hope Retreat that was cancelled. Art and Tam Isham donated \$250 they received for using one of their vehicles for a wedding.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Linda Mattes Golding thanked Don Lederhos for the sound system he provided at the Show and Shine car show.

Richard Golding talked about the pre-Show and Shine that took place on Saturday August 6th. There were 33 cars at the windy and rainy event. Eleven of the vehicles at the show were from AAMA club members.

Linda Mattes Golding thanked everyone who helped with the setup and provided food for the Show and Shine car show on Sunday August 7th. Also, the guests from Fairbanks that traveled down to be in the show.

The 60th anniversary celebration will be held at the Alaska Aviation Museum on Saturday August 13.

Hot summer nights in Palmer is also happening on Saturday August 13.

Mark Graber gave an update on the State Fair parade Saturday August 20th. Meet in downtown Palmer at 10:30 am. The parade begins at 11:00 am and includes admission to the fair for participants.

Discussion about having a Hope retreat in 2023 and participating in Wagon Trail Days. A motion was made to make a reservation for the 3rd Sunday in July 2023. The motion passed. Howard Hansen will contact them about setting up the reservation and organizing the event. Scott Hulse said he will also help with the planning.

The club has rescheduled the Turnagain Social Club visit that was originally planned in June but was cancelled. The event will take place on August 25 at 1:00 pm to show vehicles in their back parking lot off 32nd Avenue.

The Kenai Cruise happens on Saturday August 20th. Meet at the Carr's store on Huffman at 8:00 am.

David Jensen informed everyone that the board approved renewing the Zoom membership fee. He also suggested possibly using Zoom for the business meetings during the winter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hope Community Resources will be having their fund-raising event on Saturday October 8th. The theme of this year's program is a "Night of Hope" masquerade event. Mike Wiedmer talked about last year's charity auction that offered a ride in a

classic car at the Fur Rondy parade and a summer drive around town followed by pictures and drop-off at a restaurant. Looking for volunteers willing to participate with their vehicles to provide these auction items again at this year's event.

Marcy Cresap reminded everyone that the last adopt a road cleanup for the year will be on Saturday September 3 at 9:00 am at the Carr's parking lot at Northern Lights and Muldoon.

The Dimond Center car show takes place on Saturday September 17 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The fall colors tour to Seward is planned for Saturday September 24. Meet at the Carr's parking lot on Huffman at 9:00 am. Bring your own lunch for a picnic at the Pavilion followed by ice cream at the Harbor Creamery.

Tom and Marcy Cresap will lead the drive around after the September business meeting.

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

Split the pot winner was Greg Carpenter. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm followed by a drive to Sami's restaurant for dinner.

Respectfully submitted.

Greg Carpenter, Secretary



Our cars lined-up in the parking lot of Hope Community Resources Learning Center for the August 2022 meeting

AAMA 60TH ANNIVERSARY

cover story by *Brenda Starr*

On a gray overcast Saturday, the AAMA filled the Alaska Aviation Museum with vivid color. On August 13th, eighty-one members and guests packed the banquet room to celebrate our club's sixty years.

After passing a newly painted "Burma Shave" signs, members parked their old cars in front of the Museum, then were greeted by a photo booth to record the momentous event. Appetizers were set out by our caterer, Sal's New York Grill, and guests had the opportunity to visit the Museum itself for an hour.

The tables sported bright red tablecloths and, instead of being numbered, were named for extinct American car brands. Instead of a floral arrangement, each table had a centerpiece of car books, old car parts, or car toys. There were "ice breaker" questions at each table to stimulate conversation. At each place setting was a commemorative glass for each guest to use, then take home.

The program began at six o'clock, when President Linda Mattes-Golding welcomed the participants. "It is fitting that we meet here at the Aviation Museum because many of the men who started the loose collaboration of old car enthusiasts (which later became the AAMA) were Air Force members serving at Elmendorf Air Force Base. It is also



fitting that we meet in the month of August, since the first official meeting of the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska was held in August 1962, exactly sixty years ago".

Linda then introduced our Guests of Honor, Kurt and Paula Grau, who represented Kurt's parents, Leonard and Marguerite Grau, among the club's original founders. Len Grau had hoped to be with us, but passed away in late July of this year.

Finally, she introduced long-time member Marianne Robinson, who, with her husband Robbie, had provided the AAMA with a clubhouse above their garage. Marianne gave us the Invocation, which spoke of the camaraderie of our members in keeping our club so vibrant for so long. "We love our cars and we also love to eat together. Tonight we combine the two in this wonderful venue – a great way to ring in our seventh decade. May the food we are about to enjoy nourish our

bodies and enrich our spirits and may this evening's program inspire us to continue what is meaningful in our fellowship".

Art Isham called the table names, one by one, to the buffet dinner of garden salad, rolls and butter, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Garlic Infused Flank Steak, Fettucine Alfredo with Smoked Salmon, Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes, and Ratatouille. Coffee and water, plain and infused, were available to drink. Several members brought wine to share with their table mates.

Attendees seemed to enjoy the atmosphere and the company. Background "car" music played during much of the evening, but was drowned out by myriad conversations. Throughout the meal, Art Isham picked raffle numbers for door prizes-colorful museum posters from the Midwest. He did eventually get a plate of food for himself.

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While people finished eating their meal and dessert, Linda again stepped forward to make a toast to Leonard Grau, and to introduce the speaker for the evening.

The History Professor took the podium for a short talk about the current makeup of the AAMA. It was no surprise that we have an "older" membership, and that Fords make up a huge number of our vehicles. This, of course, is attributed to the large number of Model A's owned by club members.

The Professor ended his talk with a presentation of the true mission of the AAMA: "We are an eating club with an old car problem."

Art Isham again spoke to the group. One printed program at each table had a "dot" on its reverse. The owner of that program was compelled to take that table's centerpiece home. In this way, a few old car books and parts changed hands to new owners. There was even some horse-trading among the "winners" to finagle different books or car parts.

The attendees left happy and full of cheer.

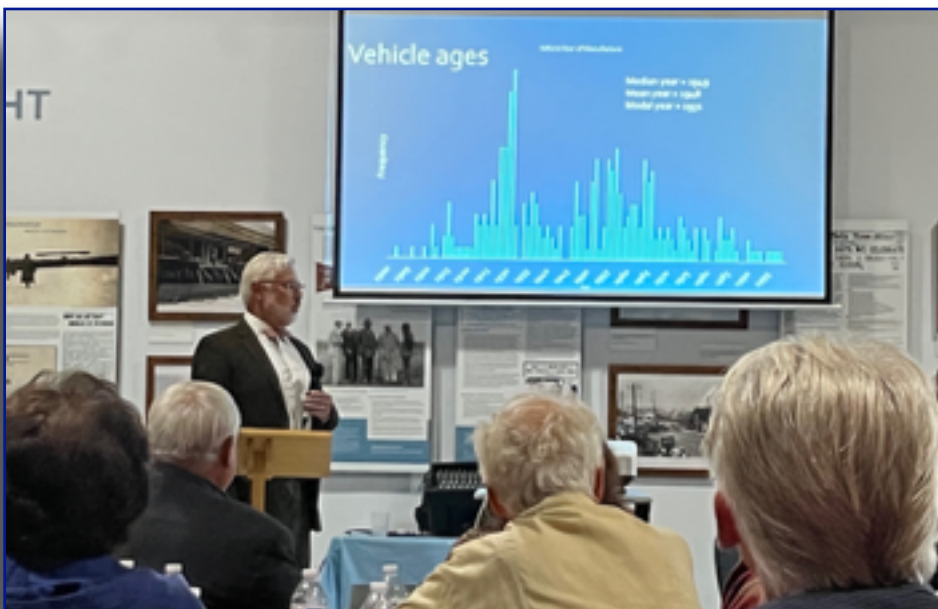


The Organizing Committee wishes to thank the members who came early to help set up the tables and centerpieces. They also wish to thank the following: Don and Karen Lederhos for lending us the sound system; Scott Hulse for helping to set up the sound system; Richard Golding for the Burma Shave signs and the "car" music; Tom and Marcy Cresap for their donation of the car posters given away as door prizes. David Jensen went above

and beyond to scan hundreds of photos and to put the slide show together, while Mike Wiedmer secured the services of The History Professor.

The Isham family came out en masse as support workers. Daughter Jennifer and her partner Brian helped as "roaming ambassadors," filling in wherever help was needed. Grandsons Nathan and Christopher helped to place the vehicles during parking. Their girlfriends Megan and Sky "manned" the greeting table. Granddaughter Madeline took the photos at the photo booth; her boyfriend Michael took outdoor and candid shots during the event.

President Linda has a thank you as well. "I was so honored to work with the incredible team of people who helped put this event together. David Jensen, Donn Reese and David Nolta, Sara Stoops, and Art and Tamea Isham labored for eighteen months to find a venue, hire the caterers, design and mail the invitations, plan the program and the table decorations, purchase souvenirs, and be ready to set up the venue on the day of. And they did it all within budget".



model A odyssey: A Sequel (Part One of Two)

AZ to AK: our return. may~july 2021
by walt sonen

from the last episode, you may recall that we had put our model A pickup in storage in prescott, AZ, november 2019. a year ago in late may, we flew to tucson to revisit our friends there who graciously drove us to reclaim our ride. we rolled the A out into the alley between multitudinous units on 4 very low tires and, by golly, the old fella started right up! no rats! —could it have been my strategic placement of a year's supply of irish spring bar soap? a quick trip to the friendly NAPA store yielded a plug-in tire pump and we were mobile. after our tucson friends took off, we enjoyed a relaxing visit with my cousin there in prescott, after which we were on our way over a northerly winding road to jerome, a copper mining boom town of 100 years ago. it is nestled in the side of a mountain and was rejuvenated by the hippies of 50 years ago.

it was the 1st of june, it was in the 100° territory, HOT. i was finding that the A did not like the heat. this was to plague us throughout our journey home as summer 2021 set records throughout and in several places as we visited. it would be too repetitive to go on about the number of times we stopped to let the engine cool. we changed out the condenser, carburetor, distributor, wrapped foil and clothes pins around the gas line to address vapor lock. we never really found a cure. when we resumed travel it would seem better, but along the way several states later, i changed some of the various items back again. i know now that some of our troubles were vapor lock, but that didn't help much.

i should pause here to explain that we had a target date to be home for a wedding on the last day of july. and the month of august was set to reroof our house—long overdue—as i had materials

and a couple of guys lined up for the job. our southerly trek the summer/fall of 2019 was in two sections for good reason. we had flown home for two months to avoid the heat.

still driving north that 1st day, we came through sedona, flagstaff, and up into grand canyon nat'l park (south rim). "campgrounds are full." so we found a great little (commercial) spot that we had passed not far from the entrance. it was almost empty. up early, we reentered the park and had the place to ourselves for the first several hours. it is indeed grand! stopping by many overlooks to the east, we exited the park and spent some time at the marble canyon twin bridges which span the colorado river. and we stopped at nearby lee's ferry where i had embarked on a 21 day downriver raft/camping trip some 10 years before. not too far along i replaced the antifreeze with water, removed the thermostat and front license plate. we camped alongside the road at a place called cliff dweller.

the next morning we climbed to 7000 feet to jacobs lake then through fredonia and into utah. we had a late breakfast at a killer corner cafe that we

had enjoyed 2 years before during our 5 day stay in kanob with hundreds of model A's that had come for a national club tour. we made 2~3 cooling stops that day which became the norm. enriching the fuel mixture was the only thing that i did which made a noticeable difference. we proceeded north to US 50 to "border" and stayed for the night. it's not really a town. the gas and motel are in UT and seamlessly in the same complex, the restaurant, bar, gift shop and casino are in NV.

a cool, early start became the norm. we were headed west on route 50, the "loneliest road". yes, traffic is sparse. dry country but wonderful landscape and a number of 6~7000' passes which start from a floor of 4~5000', not a preferred truck route. we had a delightful stop at a museum in austin, NV, a pony express station during its short-lived operation. we were told that 10~15 miles apart. we made it most of the way across nevada that day and it wasn't uncommon for the riders to be 12~14 years old (120 lbs. max) and ride multiple horses changing at stations 10~15 miles apart.

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we made it most of the way across nevada that day and stopped in fallon for the night.

we spent the next several days in minden, NV, visiting the wife of my recently deceased uncle walt. then west over the sierras on CA route 4 for another stay with jack and his wife, my H.S. pal, who had relocated to murphys, CA. my notes include rum from belize, cuban cigars, and banana omelettes—my specialty (ask). we then wandered and raced (on unavoidable freeways) to our next plush stay with old seldovia friends in benicia on san francisco bay, clean sheets can be habit forming! we delayed our start for several days due to record heat. then on to CA coastal rt. 1 which was measurably cooler. except for the traffic, what a wonderful drive: the scenery, the road, the mom-and-pop type businesses. at some point i had noticed that the water pump had developed a minor leak, a concern.

at a filling station approaching fort bragg, an old guy (my age) engaged us in conversation. he was driving a honda insight. he had two. he also had two model A's. we followed him eventually to a dirt road leading to his homestead which, except for the climate, would have fit in many a backwoods location in alaska. he loaned me a (perhaps) serviceable water pump from several that he located in the myriad of his 50+years of various collections, fascinating stuff!



ft. bragg was in the midst of it's car show of the year. 130 cars, among which were 4 non-souped up model A's. one of the cars was a very cherry '31 roadster with 6K original miles. then literally through a redwood in leggett and then through the "avenue of the giants" the next day. after being misled by confusing signs indicating campgrounds leading us far astray, we camped at a motel in brookings, just inside the oregon line. a water pump was ordered to be delivered at a pal's place to the north.

one of the 'must stop' places the next day was port orford. for having fished our own salmon troller for many years, this is an interesting place. it is a port

without boat slips or a harbor to speak of. wooden boats needed very stout keels because they were launched and retrieved by a crane on the dock which protrudes into deeper water. the marina, if you will, is the large dock platform itself with each boat having its own wheeled cradle. these days fiberglass sport-type boats are dominant and did not seem to require such reinforcement. if there, we recommend 'griff's on the dock' for lunch. it was quite foggy along the oregon coast which is common. our old car got us into an otherwise full campground that night. this had happened before. if you drive an old car, you know.

—(To be continued next month)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PHIL MORROW!

On August 11th the Anchorage Model A club, at their weekly "thursday" meeting at Piper's Sports Lounge, threw an ad-hoc birthday bash for local legend, raconteur, alchemist, and man-about-town Phil Morrow, who turned 92 that day.

Phil, a relatively new member of the Antique Auto Musers, is the proud owner of no less than three Model A's.

The happy celebrant seemed to especially enjoy the birthday cards and cake that accompanied the festivities.



2022 Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show and Shine *by Linda Mattes-Golding*

Sunday morning August 6th dawned grey and windy. Several Club members made it to the park Strip before eight a.m. to help set up the overall event, as well as to erect the canopies for the AAMA.

Scott Hulse, David Jensen (who did not stay because of work commitments), Art and Tam Isham, Nat Gardner, Donn Reese, and Linda Mattes-Golding got the canopies upright and secure (no small feat in the brisk wind and sputtering rain), fortified by tent stakes, donuts, and coffee.

By ten o'clock, cars began arriving. Because of the weather, and perhaps because of the request for entry fees by MSSRA, the turnout was not as good as in previous years. At the entry ramp, the "fee" became a "donation," which seemed to please more attendees.

We set up our canopies away from the edge of the aisle, which was blocked by two Wiedmer vehicles: a 1953 REO F22B Civil Defense Rescue Service Truck, and their 1952 Chevy Stakebed, used to support the sound system loaned from Don and Karen Lederhos. One canopy sheltered the cooking and food area, while the other two canopies sheltered club members.

As expected, Model A's were well represented. The Godsoes showed their 1931 Pickup, and Valerie Bell drove her 1930 Sport Coupe. Dale Dryden's 1931 Taxicab made its usual splash, and new members Janice and Mike Czerwinski showed off their 1931 Victoria Tudor, while Marianne Robinson's 1930 Fordor Sedan got some TLC from Jim Fredenhagen who drove "Lily" his 1929 Tudor. The Alaskan A's added to the mix with the 1929 Opera Coupe owned by Frank Nosek, Terry Teilborg's 1929 Town Sedan, Brian Whitehead's 1930 Tudor Sedan, and the 1929 Town Sedan owned by Carlos.

Scott Hulse brought the 1930 International Harvester D2 and individually wrapped cookies from



The Show was a success, except for two wind-driven "fatalities": the Isham's canopy blew over and was destroyed as it was being taken down, and one of the Club's coffee urns was blown off the table, meeting an unhappy ending.

Sheryl, while Nat Gardner's 1956 Ford Pickup was parked near the entryway. Nat was handing out dash plaques as cars arrived. Howard and Colleen Hanson drove their 1968 Dodge Pickup, while Brain Anderson and Ken Morton brought Jeeps - Brian's a 1979 Jeep CJ-7, and Ken's a 1993 Cherokee XJ.

The Ishams brought their 1963 Imperial; needing the trunk space for all the supplies. Sara Stoops showed her 1958 Chevy BelAir, and Kurt Rein drove his 1966 Mustang. Mike Campbell and Terri Young drove their 1986 Alfa Romeo Spider, while Greg Carpenter displayed the family 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury.

We signed up two new members at the Show. Beccy and Alan

Monsma from Fairbanks, who drove their 1958 Plymouth Fury "Christine" (a trophy winner at this year's Pre-Show & Shine) and Lambert De Gavare, whose 1962 Citroen 2cv adds to the increasing number of French cars in our club. Niki DeSanto had her 1974 2cv, while Richard Golding drove his 1986 2cv.



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Another new vehicle is the one recently purchased by Donn Reese and David Nolta. Their 1976 Chrysler New Yorker appears to have plush Lazy Boy chairs for seats.

Hot dogs were cooked and members shared salads and

desserts, and, wrapped up in coats hats and gloves, shared lots of good conversation.

Marlon and Tammy Pruett drove from Fairbanks with their 1966 Ford F150 Pickup, modified with a Kenilworth front end and an antique tricycle in the rear truck bed. As guests, they were tasked

with the job of judging for the Jay Ofsthun Trophy. They were compensated for their labors with hot dogs and cookies.

Two trophies were handed out. The Jay Ofsthun trophy handed out by the AAMA went to Jim and Sharon Geeslin, members of the Kaknu Kruzers. Jim drove north from Sterling to attend the Show & Shine. Their 1958 Chevy Apache Truck was our judge's winner. This truck often pulls a sweet tear-drop trailer which AAMA members may remember from the Homer show in May.

The MSSRA gave "Ed's Pick" to the 1940 Ford Pickup owned by Anthony Kaercher, who remarked, "It's all my Dad'.

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Marlon Pruett was awarded the Jay Ofsthun Trophy

AAMA pioneer Len Grau 1936-2022

Len Grau, the last surviving founder of the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska, was born in Wasilla in 1936. His work for the FAA spanned 50 years.

In 1959 Len married his sweetheart, Marguerite. They were married 61 years, when Marguerite passed in 2020.

Len owned several Ford Model T's over the years, including a 1925 C Cab truck and a 1919 Speedster. However, his favorite vehicle, as per his son, Kurt, was his 1932 Packard.

Len was considered to be a master gardener, and was quite active in the Alaska Pioneers Igloo 15.



Anthony Kaercher was awarded the Ed's Pick Trophy

Len is survived by his son Kurt, daughter-in-law Paula, and granddaughter Gretchen.

A celebration of Len Grau's life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 10th at the Farm Loop Christian Center, 5900 Loop Road in Palmer.

2022 Alaska State Fair Parade and Car Show

by *Mark Graber*

Although the weather was a bit moist, the AAMA was well represented at this year's parade and car show in Palmer.

Rich Golding led the parade in his '28 Model A, followed by Mark Graber in his '47 Packard. Donn Reese and David Nolta were next with their '76 Chrysler New Yorker. Nat Gardner drove her '56 Ford F-100 and Karen and Don Lederhos drove their '66 Mustang. Janice Czerwinski drove her '31 Model A with Mike Scruggs as co-pilot. Scott and Cheryl Hulse drove their '39 International Harvester and Fred Sharper drove his '70 GMC.

Our last three vehicles chauffeured dignitaries from the Alaska Pioneers. Mike and Gwen Wiedmer drove their '41 Cadillac Coupe, Art and Tam Isham drove their '63 Imperial Crown, and Ken and Season Baker drove their '30 Model A.

The parade ended at the Alaska Pioneers and Veterans Home and from there we headed over to the Fairgrounds. We had a couple of light rain showers, but that didn't seem to bother the fairgoers. Our cars were in a great location and we had a lot of visitors throughout the afternoon.

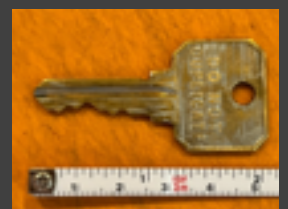


If you enjoyed the slide show at the 60th Anniversary celebration, David plans to formalize the collection into a video which will eventually appear on the club's website. Additional contributions to the show are encouraged if you would like to add some of your own. He's also able to share images individually if you saw something you would like to have on your own computer via email. David thanks everyone who has contributed so far including Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer, Marianne Robinson, Linda and Richard Golding, and Kathleen and Carl Godsoe (he apologizes to anyone forgotten here).

Contact David directly at: 907-868-1680 or via email at: david@alaskaportraits.com

LOST KEY

Found at Show and Shine, on the ground by Donn's blue Chrysler. Contact Linda at 907-351-3251



Mushers triumphant return to The Turnagain Social Club

by *Mike Wiedmer*



Last June AAMA planned to display cars for the clients of the Turnagain Social Club, an Anchorage adult day care facility and our club's former home. Unfortunately, we had to postpone that visit as it was booked the week many in our club contracted the McCarthy flu. After regaining our health, we successfully visited the Social Club for a pleasantly dry hour the afternoon of Thursday, August 25.



Seven AAMA cars filled the available parking space: Linda Mattes-Golding brought her 1986 Citroën 2cv, Darrell Krolick drove his 1948 Willys Jeep station wagon, Laura Smith arrived in her 1929 Hudson Super 6 four-door sedan, Nat Gardner escorted her 1956 Ford F-100 (Chunky) pickup, Gwyn Wiedmer and Shirley Alexander appeared in their 1927 Hupmobile Model A, Michael Wiedmer stumbled in with his 1949 Ford Custom convertible coupe, and Richard Golding, jaunty and debonair as always, graced all with his 1928 Ford Model A Town Sedan (Arthur).



As in prior years, Turnagain Social Club clients enjoyed the opportunity to reminisce and the young staff relished looking at cars they had only seen in black and white movies. We look forward to returning next summer.



Mushers Join the Kaknu Kruzers in Soldotna for Show

by *Jim Fredenhagen*

Ten years ago the fledgling Alaskan A's Model A group started making this day trip to Soldotna, ostensibly to visit our friend , Barb Dilley.

A great fan of the Model A, she has a '29 Coupe, and she and her family made us welcome every year with a rib lunch.

There were always at least 10 A's willing to brave any condition for her amazing ribs.

This gathering got us acquainted with the peninsula car club, the Kaknu Kruzers, who liked lunch as much as we did.

Now, the Model A group and Mushers get together with them for a lunch and carshow every summer in the Kenai/Soldotna area.

This years gathering had an ominous rain overtone along with a very muddy construction zone on

the Sterling Highway at Cooper Landing.

Aug 27 looked like an opportunity so four intrepid Mushers headed to Soldotna; Weidmer's (1941 Cadillac), Hansen's (1967 Barricuda), Golding (1986 2CV), and Fredenhagen (1929 Ford A).

After a thorough drenching and mud bath, we were greeted in Soldotna by 10 of the Kruzers at the

Senior Center, where we were invited to a chili feed and carshow.

After the lunch finished, the AAMA's First Gentleman, Rich Golding, presented a trophy to Jim Geesling of the Kruzers for his win at this year's Anchorage Show and Shine with his beautiful '58 Chevy pickup (see story and picture on pages 9 & 10).

Topping off the event was a visit from the Miss Alaska for America Strong Fabulous Face 2022, the lovely Grace Womac, who assisted Rich in presenting the trophy to Mr. Geesling

Returning to Anchorage, through the mud again, was moderated slightly by an ice cream stop at Wildman Lodge.

All in all, another fun day. trip.



2022 Adopt-A-Road The Mushers Really Clean-up!





Arthur makes a drive-by inspection of the Burma Shave signs on his way to the AAMA's 60th anniversary celebration and banquet, held at the Alaska Aviation Museum, Saturday August 13th, 2022.

September BIRTHDAYS

*Victoria Fredenhagen-1st
Conway Twitty-1st
Jenny Blanchard-2nd
Louis Finch-3rd
David Benesch-10th
Ron Keller-25th
Don Lederhos-25th
Alex Roesch-30th*

ANNIVERSARIES

*Eli & Judy Powell-7th
Richard & Linda Mattes
Golding-11th
Ester & Allen Combs-21st*



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