



Rondy Parade and Show A Big success



Rosco, one of our miniature guests, was totally enthralled by the valve cover cars.

The Parade

by Donn Reese and Tom Cresap

On Friday night, February 24, preceding the Saturday opening of the Rondy, a beautiful fireworks display lighted the sky over Anchorage. After Saturday morning's footrace, the parade began at 10:30.

The Antique Auto Musers fielded eleven vehicles in our official entry and three cars that carried Pioneers of Alaska Royalty in a separate section.

The parade had some of the normal disorganization characteristic of all parades, but the staff was very helpful, and it came off without a hitch.

Vehicles that took part were: 1928 Model A, Rich Golding; 1930 Model A coupe, Ken and Season Baker; 1931 Model A pickup, Carl and Kathleen Godsoe; 1931 Model A Cabriolet, Phil Morrow; 1941 Cadillac, Wiedmers; 1937 GMC pickup, The Brown Family; 1952 Chevrolet stake bed, Wiedmers; 1957 Thunderbird, Jensen; 1967 Pontiac GTO, The Brown Family; 1974 Ford truck, unknown MSSRA member;

1976 Chrysler New Yorker, David Nolta & Donn Reese.

The cars carrying Pioneer of Alaska Royalty were: Gwyn Wiedmer in her 1927 Hupmobile with the Seward King and Queen Regent; Tom and Marcy Cresap in their 1925 Model T with Fairbanks King and Queen Regent, Roy and Amy; Mike Wiedmer in his 1949 Ford convertible with the Seward King and Queen Regent.

The Show

by Art Isham

Well – we did it. A very successful show and parade despite a slow start on getting cars and people signed up in January and massive record-

breaking amounts of snow in February that required some serious digging to get our cars out on the snowy roads. For the record, the following families had vehicles on display: Bill and Kaylene Brown, '28 McLaughlin-Buick Sedan, '55 T-Bird, '37 GMC Truck, '57 Ford Retractable Hardtop, '57 Ford 300, '21 Model T Truck and '67 Pontiac GTO; Rich and Linda Golding, '28 Model A Town Sedan, '71 VW Type 3 Squareback; Mike and Gwen Wiedmer, '41 Cadillac Coupe, '27 Hupmobile Sedan, '49 Ford Convertible, '52 Chevrolet 2 ton stakebed truck; Brian and Shirley Andersen, '64 Willys Jeep Forward Cab Truck; Ken Morton, '76 Triumph TR6;

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March Meeting

Our March 8th Meeting will begin at 6:30 :PM, Wednesday, March 8th at the Hope Community Resources Center in Anchorage. Come and hear different reports on the recent Rondy parade and show.

We look forward to seeing everyone. See you there!

Running Board Reflections



President Linda Golding presents the Peoples' Choice Award and a crisp \$50 bill to Bill Brown, who won the honor with his 1967 Pontiac GTO Convertible.

Friday afternoon found Art Isham and his crew of minions sweeping the garage bays at Bob's Services while vehicles were brought in. Tam Isham, with help from her own crew, set up the "Members Only" area.

The weather for the Fur Rondy parade on Saturday morning was sunny and (relatively) mild. We fielded a number of vehicles in the parade, as well as providing rides for the Pioneers of Alaska Court. The Wiedmers and Scott Hulse sported new club banners on their trucks. Donn Reese and David Jensen made sure that all went smoothly.

By 11:00am, the parade cars were beginning to show up at Bob's Services. Like stacking Tetris, Art Isham and his merry men (and women) found spots for over thirty vehicles. This year, there was also a display of kiddie cars, complete with a gas pump! Not to mention the Model T powered sawmill.

Tom and Marcy Cresap brought along the valve cover racetrack, although reports reached me of "rigged" races. Tam Isham coordinated the food. Lots of food. Soups galore! Chili with all the fixings! Veggies! Chips! And loads of desserts! And that was just Saturday! Darrell Krolick kept the coffee hot and fresh.

On Sunday, new soups, more chili, more veggies, and even homemade cinnamon rolls (courtesy of Mark Graber) appeared. No one went hungry!

The public was certainly appreciative. During Saturday and Sunday, several hundred people stopped by to ogle the cars, vote on their favorites, purchase popcorn, and take magazines home. Lots of magazines left the building, but there still seemed to be more. At about 3pm on Sunday, the votes were tallied. There were 399 ballots cast.

And the winner . . . Bill Brown's Pontiac GTO! Bill received a crisp \$50 bill.

Bill and family, including Chris and Steven, deserve a heartfelt "Thank You" for allowing us to show our cars within his fantastic workshop.

Special thanks to Art and Tam Isham, along with Donn Reese, for coordinating the parade and the show, and thanks to David and Carol Jensen, Scott Hulse, and Tom and Marcy Cresap for going above and beyond. And to all the members who sold popcorn and badgered guests to leave with at least one magazine, a huge thanks.

What a great way for the AAMA to start 2023!

-Linda



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Schedule of events

- o March 8–6:30 Meeting
- o April 12–6:30 Meeting
- o May 10–6:30 Meeting
- o May 20-22–Homer Trip (Jim Fredenhagen, 907-351-3115)
- o June 14–6:30 Meeting
- o July 4–Anchorage and Chugiak parades; picnic at Cresaps'
- o July 12–6:30 Meeting
- o July 14-17–Hope Weekend (Howard Hansen, 907-440-1002)
- o August 9–6:30 Meeting
- o September 13–6:30 Meeting
- o October 11–6:30 Meeting

Rondy Parade and Show

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Ken Evans '55 Cadillac Eldorado; Donn Reese, '76 Chrysler New Yorker; Howard and Colleen Hansen, '68 Dodge A100 pickup; David and Carol Jensen, '57 T- Bird; Tom and Marcy Cresap, '25 Model T Touring; Dave Syren, 1915 White Touring; Scott and Cheryl Hulse '39 International Harvester D2 Truck; Dutch and Jo Overly '56 MG ZA Sedan; Tom Schrader 1902 Curved Dash Oldsmobile; Steve Petraitis, '74 Swedish VW Sno-Go Ambulance; Carl and Kathleen Godsoe, '31 Model A Pickup; Art and Tamea Isham, '73 Volvo 1800ES. Note that all the dates are pre-ceeded by a 19. No plastic cars.

Dave and Carol Jensen put together a wonderful display of restored and un-restored antique pedal cars, a restored 66 gas

pump that had a looped video display of our previous events, and other child rideable items provided by club members. The display was next to Bill Brown's operational Model T kiddie ride, which was a big hit with the kids, especially the AAOOGHA horn.

The Model T sawmill was in operation and handing out branded log disks. The greeting table was selling popcorn, forcing old automotive literature on our guests and generally talking up the club. Thanks to all who operated that part of the show.

The People's Choice Award along with a crisp new \$50 bill went to Bill and Kaylene Brown for their beautiful 1967 Pontiac GTO convertible. We had 399 votes cast in the voting so we estimate there were over 450 people passing through our show over the two days.

Almost forgot the FOOD. It was great, with no shortages. We (See p. 4, "Rondy Show and Parade")



Above, Brown's Services, Inc. the site of our Rony show, was festooned with BurmaShave signs.



Cresap

Above, the King and Queen Regent from Fairbanks, got a ride in the parade with the Cresaps.

Rony Show and Parade

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left some for Bill's employees to enjoy on Monday as they put the shop back together. Again, we thank Bob's Services and all their people for hosting the show.

Valve Cover Races

Our Rony activities disappeared in 2021 because of Covid and though we had a parade and show in 2022, we had no valve cover races because the guy who brings the track was out of state. This year, the races returned to be part of one of the best Rony shows ever.

We had some new contenders; and some old ones that had disappeared showed up again. Doug Nolte brought *Rocket* and *Bruno*. Howard Hansen had *Horace* and *Bullwinkle*. David Jensen returned with *Layla* and *Smiley*.

Brian Anderson fielded *Tornado*, a hot contender. Other strong competitors were Art Isham's *Half-Fast*, Tom Cresap's *Blue Dragon* and Marcy Cresap's *Mini*.

All the cars got a workout throughout the two days of the show as young attendees took an interest and tried to guess which car was the fastest. They would choose a car, then throw the starting lever. The competition almost reached a fever pitch at times. In the end, the three top winners were Tom's *Blue Dragon*, Brian's *Tornado* and Art's *Half Fast*.

Lots of thanks go to Howard and Colleen Hansen, Michael Packard and Darrell Krolick, all of whom helped set up and take down the track and monitor the races. 🌈



Godsoe

Tom Schrader's authentic 1904 Olds Curved Dash was a treat that drew a lot of attention throughout the show.



Godsoe

One of David Jensen's pedal cars, which was displayed with other antique toys and an antique gas pump with a video displaying club events.

AAMA Business Meeting
February 8, 2023
Location: Hope
Community
Resources Learning
Center
570 W. 53rd Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by President Linda Mattes Golding

There were 26 members present.

Guests included Pat Herring, Michael Packard and Laura Walter

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

Treasurer's Report

Louis Mestier provided the treasurers report. Both Louis and Linda have been added to the bank account and each also have debit cards.

Old Business

**Linda Mattes Golding reminded everyone to pay their AAMA and AACA membership dues to participate in club events like the upcoming Fur Rondy parade.

**Donn Reese is the lead for the Fur Rondy parade. Donn had a request for cars available for Fur Rendezvous dignitaries to ride in for the parade. David Jensen will be the parade assistant to run information to the parade grandstand booth.

**Art Isham gave an update on the Fur Rondy car show to be held at Bob's Services. Multiple signup sheets were passed around again 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



flyers to advertise the car show. David Jensen said there will be a section of the show with old pedal cars.

**Linda Mattes Golding talked about the 1947 Chevrolet 4-door Fleetmaster that Len Kelly wants to donate to the club. The plan is to get a better inspection of the car in the spring after the snow is off then determine if the club wants to have a raffle, silent auction or sell the vehicle.

New Business

**Linda Mattes Golding was contacted by Ella Emory from the Alaska Vintage Market at the State Fair grounds. She would like to

have old cars displayed during Mother's Day weekend May 12-14, 2023.

**Jim Fredenhagen mentioned that this year's trip to Homer will be May 20-22, 2023.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

President Linda Mattes Golding announced birthdays for the month. There were no anniversaries.

Split the Pot

Split the pot winner Greg Carpenter

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Greg Carpenter, Secretary

From the Editor's Desk



Sometimes, one gets into a pickle. The person has done nothing wrong, but an embarrassing or unpleasant situation just happens.

Recently, for instance, our club has been dealing with the requirement that only members can

participate in events. This is not new. We've known forever that our national club insurance covers only members, and occasionally, a venue will require proof that we are covered. The issue has always been an underlying one for our group, and we have always soft-pedaled it in the interest of being diplomatic with people who want to join us as guests at shows and parades.

On another note, we are apolitical and non-religious. It is not required on a personal level, but our

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Letter From the Tanoras



Hi Marcy & Tom,

Yipee -- after 2 years, 6 months, and 6 days, we've finally moved into our new home. We're slowly getting excited again, as we had lost a lot of enthusiasm as the build dragged on. Attaching some videos of the home the week prior to when we started moving in. Our household goods were delivered on Feb. 7th--after spending all that time in storage in Eugene. As our luck would have it, they had a mishap at the warehouse as they prepared to load the trucks, and some of our property was damaged -- oh well.

Hope you are both doing well, and pass on our regards to The Club!

Milt & Pam

Parade Passengers



Gwyn Wiedmer Chauffeured the King and Queen Regent from Seward.



From The Editor's Desk

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by-laws specify that our organization should remain neutral on such things. It works well.

This past weekend, during the Rondy parade, we got into a bit of a pickle when a large pickup displaying two 4' x 6' American flags showed up just minutes before the parade, and as we began an to roll, the driver joined ranks with us.

Now, while displaying the American flag is appropriate in a parade, a large, loud pickup with over-sized flags has become an obvious, in-your-face political icon in our present-day hyperbolized and angry political scene. The pickup's presence in our group, by either conscious or subliminal visual association, made it appear that The Antique Auto Musers were making a political statement.

The guy in the pickup--unknowingly, I'm sure--violated our

club's constitution in two ways: being a non-member participating in a sanctioned event and expressing a political position in our name. He obviously knew what he was doing politically, but this move went beyond exercising his First Amendment Rights and the result was irritating and, it seems to me, he infringed on our Rights by ignoring our intent about such matters.

I am sure that many parade goers who witnessed this spectacle came away with either a political affirmation or a modicum of disgust for our club, depending on their own political position.

I don't have a solution for this unpleasant pickle. Rather, I want to bring attention, and possibly some clarification, to an unpleasant incident that played out before hundreds of our fellow Anchorageites. 🙏

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Humor by Rich Golding

Helluva of a winter, huh? I can't remember that many Anchorage winters where we had more snow than this. And I've seen over fifty of them.

Linda and I live on a cul-de-sac on the South Side of our fair city, er, I mean *Municipality*. Winters past, plows drove down our street and around the outer perimeter of our cul-de-sac, leaving the plowed snow neatly deposited into a pile in the center of the cul-de-sac. And each winter the city . . . er, I mean *Municipality* would send out a front-end loader every couple or three weeks to remove those center snow mesas, loading them into empty snow dump-trucks that would drive off and deposit it into the city . . . er, I mean *Municipal* snow dump sites.

That was, it seems, until this year.

Granted, I realize that this has been an exceptionally heavy snow season, and that our snow removal crews and equipment have been overworked, and most likely under loved. But, this is still Alaska, right? Aren't we supposed to be prepared for lots of snow in the winter?

By late February, the aforementioned cul-de-sac in front of my house has yet to have it's accumulating snow hill removed. Not even once. This has resulted in an enormous snow mountain in my cul-de-sac. It is so large, and so tall, that I literally cannot see

my neighbors' homes from my front windows. And they, the same for mine. If you were to informally poll my neighbors, some of them might find that scenario particularly agreeable.

In fact, the mountain in front of my home had become so tall and enormous in girth that my wife and I had nicknamed it Mount McKinley. Seeing that the

(See p. 8, "Go Tell It . . .")

AllenCombs November 1, 1931- February 5, 2023

On Sunday, February 5, 2023, Allen Charles Combs, 91, passed away in Anchorage, Alaska. He valiantly fought a heart failure condition for years in spite of receiving excellent care and support from his medical team.

Allen was born on November 4, 1931 in Baltimore Maryland, to Raymond and Marjorie Combs. He grew up in Sharonville, Ohio, and then the family moved to Guam. Allen graduated from the George Washington High School. After moving to Anchorage, Allen enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1952, during the Korean War and was stationed in Fort Richardson. During his off-duty hours, he built a house for his parents in South Anchorage. Allen saw a business opportunity to build a gas station that was called Rabbit Creek Garage, which was the last place on the Seward Highway to purchase gas before heading south. It was during this time, Allen met and married his wife, Esther Marcell.

After attending Alaska Pacific University – formerly Alaska Methodist University – majoring in business administration, he sold his business and went to work for the Alaska State Troopers, serving warrants and

performing other Trooper duties. In 1976, Allen went to the North Slope to work on the Alyeska Oil Pipeline project. He was a Shop Foreman for the Ahtna/Alyeska Pipeline Contractor in Glennallen, Alaska, where he was commissioned to set up a heavy-duty truck maintenance facility.

Upon returning to Anchorage, Allen started two related businesses, Alaska Motorhome Rental & Sales, and Arctic Alignment & RV Repair. During which, he became active in the Rotary Club and was a lifetime member for 30 years. He served as President (1969) of the Spenard club, which later became Anchorage International Rotary Club.

Allen was a homebuilder/remodeler from 1996-2011 and was a licensed inspector. His family is grateful for the home he built in South Anchorage – built for health accessibility, energy efficiency and structural strength. He was a proud member of Alaska Woodworking Association, Antique Auto Musers of Alaska, and Anchorage Mended Hearts – Alaska Chapter 290, from 2011 to present.

His life was not all work. He enjoyed halibut and salmon fishing in Seward and Homer, Alaska. When the Kenai River was full of chinook salmon, he caught a 70-pounder that was later featured on the brochure of one of the charter companies. For a few years, he was on the Alaska team of the Bill-fishing Tournament in Kona, Hawaii.

A high point for Allen was in April 2022 being selected to join the Veterans Last Frontier Honor Flight to visit the war memorial in Washington, D.C.

Allen is survived by his wife, Esther, of 66. Years; daughter, Lisa; and grandsons, James Combs-Franklin (Maegan) and Josh Combs-Franklin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Marjorie Combs and brother, Ronnie. A memorial service was held at St. John United Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at 2 p.m., with a reception afterwards. 🌹

Go Tell It On The Mountain

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‘powers that be’ had some time ago decommissioned that name from the peak between Anchorage and Fairbanks. It then became known as Denali. So I figured the older moniker was up for grabs. In any event, it seemed totally appropriate.

I made a few phone calls to different state and federal offices. Every one of them, after listening to my queries regarding the naming of newly discovered mountains, would pass the buck onto some other department or agency up the frozen-food chain. I finally found some guy in Washington DC that would listen to my pleas for assistance and guidance.

“Now let me see if I’ve got this straight, Sir,” the sympathetic bureaucrat on the other end of the line responded after I stated my question.

“You live in Alaska, right?”

“That’s right.”

“And you want to report a new mountain that you have recently discovered nearby?”

“Yes.”

“But you say you live in the middle of the city of Anchorage?”

“It’s a *Municipality*, not a city.”

“Uh-huh. But you can see it from your front door? So where exactly in Alaska is this mountain located?”

“Right outside my house, in the middle of the cul-de-sac I live on.”

“In the city of Anchorage?”

“It’s a *Municipality*, not a city.”

“Right.”

“A lot of people get that mixed up. To be honest with you, I’ve never really understood it, myself.”

“I see. So anyway, you want to know if you can name this mountain? Is that your question?”

“Yeah.”

“Well Sir, I think that naming mountains falls under the purview of the Bureau of Land Management. You should really be talking to them about it.”

“I’ve already talked to them. They told me to call you.”

“Uh-huh. I see. Well Sir, I’ve got to admit, you’ve got me stumped on this one. I mean I get a lot of calls from weir- . . . er . . . concerned citizens about a lot of things, but . . .”

“I seem to remember reading somewhere that the first person to discover a new mountain, has the right to name it.”

“Well, that’s generally true. But very few of those mountains spring up in the middle of a city.”

“It’s a *Municipality*, not a city.”

“Whatever.”

“So can I name it Mount

McKinley?”

“Well, I’m pretty sure that name is already taken. I mean, isn’t there a Mount McKinley there already . . . you know, in Alaska?”

“Not anymore. It’s called Denali now.”

“Uh-huh. Well then . . . uh . . . sure! I don’t see why you can’t name it Mount McKinley. As a matter of fact, Guy, you go ahead and name it anything your little heart desires.”

“Wow, it’s that easy, is it?”

“Yep.”

“And, so who do I have to call to let the map makers and globe manufacturers know about this new mountain and it’s name?”

“You know what, don’t let that worry you at all. I’ll be happy to notify the folks that take care of that kinda stuff. Heck, I’m talkin’ with ‘em all the time! Nope . . . don’t you fret one little bit there, Sport. I’m gonna take good care of it!”

(See p. 9, “Go Tell It . . .”)

Rondy Show at Brown’s



David Jensen displayed a collection of antique pedal cars and other toys, as well as a family heirloom gas pump rigged with a looped video of club events.



Godsoe

Bill Brown displayed an arcade ride that delighted the young visitors. It had a working Ahooga horn.



Godsoe

Rich Golding carried the club banner on his 1928 Model A. He was followed by Ken and Season Baker in their 1930 Model A and Carl Godsoe in his 1931 Model A pickup.



Godsoe

David Nolta and Donn Reese drove David's newly-acquired 1976 Chrysler New Yorker in the parade.

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“You’ll be sure to get it done soon, before the spring thaw?”

“No problem! I’m gonna get on it right away, Chief! –I’ll be on it like a duck on a junebug! Well, I gotta go now, Cousin. There’s lots of pressing gub’mint work needs to get done, you know. You understand, don’cha Bunkie? Take care, and don’t let them Alaskan bedbugs bite, huh? Bye.” –Click.

I turned to glance proudly out my front window at my very own Mt. McKinley, when much to my dismay several large front-end loaders drove up. They were followed by a virtual army of empty dump trucks, all in a row, their line stretching down the street and disappearing around the corner.

The road crewmen were busily positioning all their heavy equipment, and, by the looks of it, they were preparing to scoop up and cart off my mountain!

I threw on my parka, gloves, boots and crampons, and mushed my way down my driveway.

“Wait a minute, wait a minute,” I screamed, waiving my hands. “Who are you guys, and what are you planning on doing?”

“We’re here to remove this snow pile. We’re with the city department of snow removal.”

“Don’t you mean the *Municipal* department of snow removal?”

“Whatever.” 🌀



One of the most intriguing vehicles on display at the Rondy show was Steve Petraitis' 1974 Swedish VW Snow-Go Ambulance.

March

Birthdays

Ingrid Woodard—10th

Ken Baker—12th

Roy Foster—13th

Sheryl Hulse—14th

Donny Bell—15th

Chris Brown—18th

Laura Kelley—22nd

Mark Graber—23rd

Joyce Chace—28th

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