



Tinkering Times



We Are Ready For Some Auction Action!

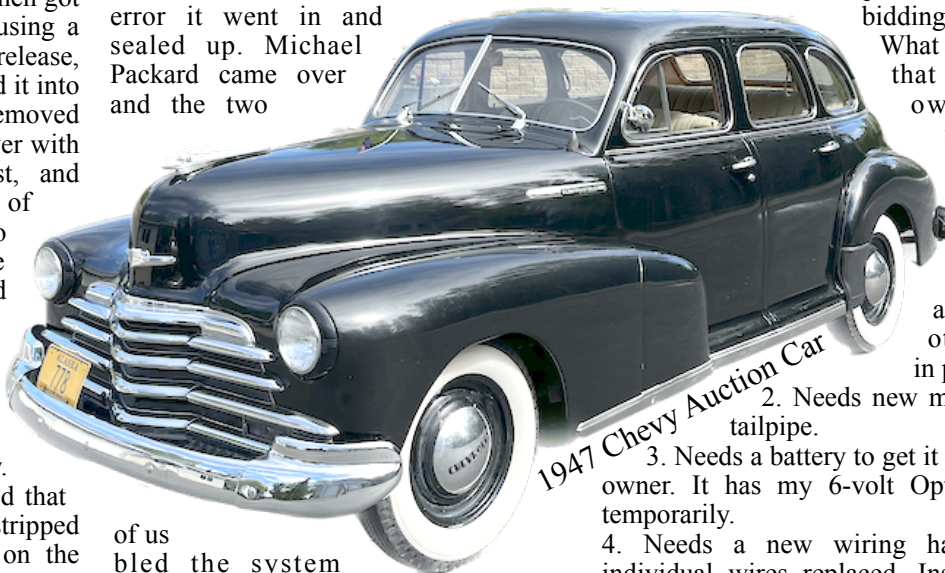
by Art Isham

The 1947 Chevrolet donated by Len Kelley is ready and I towed it to our Chugiak garage using a dolly borrowed from Brian Anderson. Tam and I then got it into the garage and on a lift using a come along. The hood would not release, so I got a special tool and threaded it into the latch and opened it. I then removed the release cable and worked it over with Kroil, which dissolved the rust, and reinstalled the cable. The inside of the car was wet and musty so Darrell Krolick came over and we took the carpets and seats out and started the drying process by opening the doors/windows / trunk and putting a small fan running 24/7 plus leaving the heat on in the garage. It took about a week to get everything dry.

In the meantime, I determined that the brakes did not work due to stripped threads in a brass brake block on the right rear, so the brake block was ordered. It also wouldn't start because the switch on the starter was worn out. Ken Evans and Mike Wiedmer came over with a switch out of Ken's Chevy. We installed it, and the starter worked, so I ordered a starter switch at the same time. Even though it would now turn over it still wouldn't start, so Ken started trouble shooting the ignition and determined that the points were corroded. Ignition point file solved that problem, and it started right up, but it was running rough. Ken adjusted the carburetor, so it purrs like a kitten. The accelerator pump leather has now softened up since there is gas in the fuel bowl and it starts every time with just a pump on the accelerator. It also has a new starter switch that should last another 5 years

It had a new master cylinder, new rubber lines, new shoes and internals, but the system was dry because the brake fluid had drained out of the stripped

brake block. When I tried to install the old rear brake line it would not go into the new block, so I bought a generic line and went through the drill of bending it to fit. With a lot of trial and error it went in and sealed up. Michael Packard came over and the two



1947 Chevy Auction Car

of us bled the system getting lots of crud and bubbles out, but in the end, we had a hard pedal. We took it out on a test drive, and the car pulled wildly to the right while the left wheel would barely turn. Something was wrong with the wheel cylinder. We pulled the drum and rebuilt the left wheel cylinder without removing it from the backing plate. Lots of crud and corrosion had caused it to seize. We put it all back together and took it out for another spin and it is working perfectly.

The front end had been completely rebuilt and it steers like it has power steering. I adjusted the toe -in, but don't know about the caster and camber. Clutch does not slip and is adjusted correctly. Transmission linkage is a little stiff, but a lube job should solve that.

The engine is a 1956 model (265ci) so it is significantly better than the original 216 ci. Parts are readily available online or from local stores.

The car comes with a complete set of

shop manuals, owner manual and other period advertisements.

It will be moved to Howard and Colleen Hansen's garage for viewing and inspection before bidding opens.

What problems that the new owner will inherit?

1. Needs new tires if it is to be driven anywhere other than in parades.
2. Needs new muffler and tailpipe.
3. Needs a battery to get it to the new owner. It has my 6-volt Optima in it temporarily.
4. Needs a new wiring harness, or individual wires replaced. Insulation is missing on many wire bundles and could result in shorts or a vehicle fire.
5. Has a heater but it is disconnected, so it probably needs a new or repaired core.
6. Needs a new emergency brake cable for the left rear. Right is OK.
7. Probably needs all 4 knee action

(See p. 4, "The Auction Car is Here")

June Meeting

Our June 14th meeting will take place at 6:30 pm at the Hope Community Resource building at 570 W. 53rd Avenue in Anchorage. Join us as we see what kind of trouble we can stir up.

Running Board Reflections



President Linda does her best at goofing off sometimes.

I think spring has truly sprung! Yes, I had expressed hope in last month's TT, but I do believe that our weather has finally turned. Besides the obvious arrival of ducks, geese, robins, and seagulls, I have seen several butterflies. And actual flies. And Richard insists that he was bitten by a mosquito today.

The last of the snow has sloughed off the north side of our roof, with enough strength to shake the house. In the thirty years we have lived here, that has never happened. The rear deck snow has receded enough to see the patio chairs. The cul-de-sac Mount Everest is now a small-scale model of the rock of Gibraltar.

And this week, we played Tetris with the vehicles in our garage. I am sure I have mentioned to most of you that we are able to store five cars (in the winter months) inside our two-car garage. This, however, entails a wholesale shift twice a year.

Richard has been actively working on the 1969 VW Fastback, our (or should I say "my") project car. Lillian, as she is now known, has working wheels, and can now at least be rolled along. It was imperative to

have her mobile, in order to rescue Jacques from the five-foot wide storage area behind her.

To facilitate the shift, my Subaru had to be parked on the street. Richard then drove Irving and Arthur out of the garage onto the driveway. Lillian had to be pushed out of the corner of the garage and moved to the driveway as well. Jim Fredenhagen's help was appreciated. Jacques was then pulled from his winter hibernation lair. He, too, was pushed onto the drive.

After cleaning the garage floor, the shift was reversed. Lillian returned to her corner, Jacques took a quick drive to the gas station and was backed into the opposite corner, while Arthur and Irving settled into their respective locations.

The Subaru is parked on the driveway in the summer months. I'm not sure WHERE Broderick the Buick will rest! A question for another day.

—Linda



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Dave Syren



FOR SALE: 1932 Studebaker Dictator \$12,200. Comes with many spare parts, including full drive train. Has overdrive. Rick Larrick -text 907-687-2036.



For Sale: 1959 Ford Galaxie Skyliner with an enhanced 390 c.i. V8 engine that sports a Ford tri-power setup and all is mated to a modified automatic transmission. Asking \$20,000 for this unique vehicle. Contact Scott Grundy at

Schedule of events

- o June 11-12-5 Colony Days car show, Palmer
- o June 14-6:30 Rolling Meeting
- o June 16-3:00-Aspen Creek car show
- o June 18-9:00-Father's Day Car Show at the Zoo
- o June 21-Solstice Car Show at Mirror Lake (MSSRA)
- o July 4-Anchorage and Chugiak parades; picnic at Cresaps'
- o July 8-Adopt-A-Road (Marcy Cresap)
- o July 12-6:30 Meeting
- o July 14-17-Hope Weekend (Howard Hansen, 907-440-1002)
- o July 22-Sutton Car Show (Jim Fredenhagen)
- o August 6-Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine
- o August 9-6:30 Rolling Meeting
- o August 12-Hot Summer Nights Car Show (Palmer)
- o August 19-State Fair Parade & Show (Mark Graber)
- o August 19-Show & Shine at Kenai Senior Center (Kaknu Kruzer's)
- o September 2-Adopt-A-Road (Marcy Cresap)
- o September 13-6:30 Rolling Meeting
- o September 30-Seward Fall Foliage Tour (Jim Fredenhagen)
- o October 11-6:30 Meeting
- o November 8-6:30 Meeting
- o December 6- TBA Christmas Party

907-322-9283 for additional photographs &/or an appointment to see.



For Sale: 1963 Ford Galaxie 500XL fastback with factory AC, a solid 390 c.i.(?) V8 with a four-barrel carburetor and an automatic transmission. Burnie purchased the car as a 406 c.i. V8 and it's badged as such, but there is some suspicion it may be a 390 c.i. Regardless

it's a beautiful and functional car. Only asking \$16,000. Call Scott Grundy for additional photographs &/or an appointment to view.



For sale: 1940 Dodge Coupe; dual carbs, dual exhaust; radial tires. \$9,000. Call Howard, (907) 440-1002.

July 4th Parade is Coming

The Veteran's 4th of July Parade is coming soon to downtown Anchorage. This is Alaska's largest parade, and our club's cars are always very much appreciated. Location for staging will be sent to all who have signed up at one of our meetings or through parade co-chairs Scott Hulse and David Jensen.

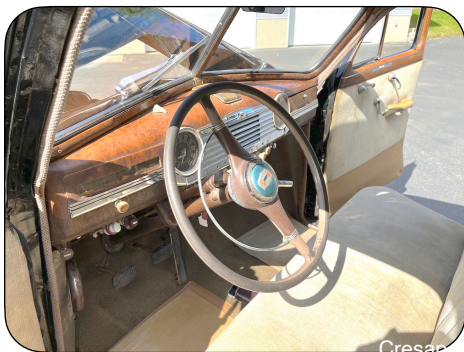
The parade will begin at 11 a.m. but we're asking participants to be at the staging area by 9 a.m. Roadblocks and floats may prevent or make it difficult for participants arriving later than 9 a.m. This earlier time also gives us a chance to organize our cars (earliest to latest models) for the parade and stage announcers.

Please sign up in advance if you're going to join us. Our entry in the parade is limited to club members or our invited guests.

Carl and Kathleen Godsoe will lead the parade with the club banner in their Model A.

Scott: hulse@alaska.net

David: david@alaskaportraits.com



The 1947 Chevrolet auction car is complete and has impressive upholstery. It could very well be rolling restoration with reasonable challenges.



The Alaska Zoo is once again hosting our club's Father's Day Car Show Sunday, June 18; 10-3p.m. Set up begins at 9 a.m. in the paved parking lot that we've used in past years (to the right of the Zoo's main entrance.) A canopy will be available along with a table or two. You're welcome to share snacks. The Alaska Zoo also offers food and beverages for purchase. For more information or to sign up, please contact David Jensen (907) 868-1680 or david@alaskaportraits.com

The Auction Car is Here

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shocks rebuilt.

8. Needs all fluids changed and bearings packed.

9. Needs the lower pan and upper cover on the bell housing. They are missing, so the flywheel, ring gear and clutch are exposed to the elements. The upper cover is sold on line and the lower pan is probably available as a used part, or it could be fabricated by a sheet metal shop.

10. Some of the windows do not open. Probably taking the door panels off and lubing everything would solve that.

11 Needs to have weatherstripping installed. Cowl and trunk area leaks when washed. Lots or uninstalled weatherstrip in the trunk.

12.The rest is cosmetics. Do as much or as little as you want or can afford.

This auction is open to all car enthusiasts. It is a sealed-bid, cash-only auction. It has a minimum bid of \$3,000.00.

There will be a minimum bid, "a reserve," of \$3,000.

The vehicle will be located in Howard and Colleen Hanson's garage in south Anchorage, located at 14840 Loc Loman Lane.

The dates for viewing the car are: Saturday, June 24th, 2023, from noon to 6:00 pm, and Tuesday, June 27 from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm. These are the only viewing dates.

Only email bids will be accepted, at:aama_webmechanic@yahoo.com

Bidding opens at 12:00 pm AKDT Saturday, June 24th, 2023 and closes at 11:59 pm AKDT Thursday, June 29th, 2023. All bids are confidential.

The winning bidder will be notified on June 30th, 2023. Due to the July 4th holiday weekend, the winning bidder must take possession no later than 5:00 pm AKDT July 6th, 2023.

A Model A Reunion



by Jim Fredenhagen

I'd like to extend a personal thank you for taking the time to come to our first Model A Homecoming event at Chad Ringler's Alaska Brewery in Anchorage. It thrilled me to be able to see all of you Model A owners and realize what a great community we have created.

Chad deserves a special thanks for his idea to meet and coordinate the other businesses to let us use the whole parking area.

What happens when two Model A owners like Chad Ringler (owner of Brewwerks Brewery) and I start talking about Model A's and having beer?

That was the nucleus for having a Model A Homecoming event, to have the largest ever meeting of A's in Alaska.

Chad supplied the venue with his huge brewery parking area, and I started putting out the word through our Alaskan A's network. In all, with perfect weather, 30 A's met for an afternoon of hotdogs, great beer, and rekindled friendships

With such success we all look forward to this being an annual event.

A big thanks to photographer, Dave Jensen, for his beautiful photo of this historic Model A gathering.

1. Monte Handy-'28 Pickup
2. Dale Dryden-'30 Firetruck, '31 Taxi
3. Art Isham-'30 Town Sedan
4. Tamia Isham-'31 Deluxe Roadster
5. Dan Gullickson-'29 Tudor
6. Roy Rountree-'30 Tudor
7. Marianne Robinson-'30 Town Sedan
8. Val Bell-'30 Sport Coupe
9. Bob Dreeszen-'28 Roadster, '31 Victoria
10. John Martin-'30 Coupe
11. Carl Lind-'30 Tudor
12. Phil Morrow-'28 AR Pickup
13. Louis Finch-'28 Special Coupe
14. John Tichenor-'30 Pickup
15. Janice Tichenor-'31 Pickup
16. Mark Barker-'30 Town Sedan
17. Laura Smith-'31 Coupe
18. Gary Parsons-'31 WB Pickup
19. Brian Whitehead-'30 Tudor
20. John Stoehne-'30 Coupe
21. Tom Cresap-'31 Slant Fordor
22. Chad Ringler-'30 Coupe, '31 Pickup
23. Todd Kukowski-'31 Coupe
23. Carl Godsoe-'31 Pickup

24. Ken Baker-'30 Tudor
25. Rob Peacock-'30 Coupe
27. Rich Golding-'28 Town Sedan

Dale Dryden, Bob Dreeszen, Chad brought two cars, making 30 cars total.

A Note From Chad Ringler All,

Thank you so much for coming out to the brewery Sunday. It was amazing to see all the cars, as well as so many wonderful owners.

When I told Jim that I wanted to gather as many A's as we could in place, he jumped at the chance to organize it, and a fine job of that he did.

Much thanks go to him, especially since we're going to make him do it again next year (40 cars this time).

Have a wonderful day, and safe motoring.

Chad Ringler
Founder/Brewer
Brewwerks

To the Aid of the Audubon Society

On Saturday, May 27th, the Anchorage Audubon Society, started giving away white spruce seedlings. Their goal was 10,000 seedlings in hopes that residents would plant them to replace mature trees lost to spruce bark beetles this weekend.

Cars were needed at 15th and Cordova Saturday Market, The South O'Malley Market (Saturday) and Alaska Mill and Feed (Sunday). Audubon staff took care of the tree dispersal; they just needed our cars for "eye candy."

In all, over the Memorial Day weekend, AAMA helped the Anchorage Audubon Society distribute around 3000 white spruce seedlings to replace trees lost to the region's ongoing spruce bark beetle infestation. That made a nice beginning for the project.



Cresaps had their 1938 Chrysler at the 15th and Cordova Market.

KidStockAk Fundraiser: Kids Kupboard

With an eye towards boosting our club's presence and exposure within the community, the AAMA accepted an invitation to participate in a fund-raiser for Kids Kupboard. Based in the Mat-Su Valley, Kids Kupboard now gives 120,000 meals out to Alaskan children each year, at forty locations across the state. Without the aid of state or federal money, the group is funded entirely by donations, and has only four paid staff members. A huge army of volunteers

(See p. 8, "Kids Kupboard")



Scott Hulse's 1939 International pickup helped distribute trees at South O'Malley Market. The trees were conveniently kept in the bed of the truck.

Hulse

AAMA Business Meeting May 10, 2023 Hope Community Resources Learning Center 570 W. 53rd Ave. Anchorage, Alaska

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

There were 23 members present and no guests.

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

Treasurer's Report

Louis Mestier provided the treasurers report.

Old Business

**Art Isham gave an update on Len Kelly's 1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster. He uncovered the car and took several pictures that he printed off and passed around for people to look at.

Thanks to Dave Syren for taking bags of trash to the dump that were collected during the adopt a road cleanup.

The Mother's Day car show at the vintage market will take place at the Palmer Fairgrounds on May 13 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and May 14 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**The Homer trip and car show will be May 20 -22. For those participating the group will meet at Carr's Huffman at 9:00 am on Saturday May 20. The car show will take place on Sunday at the Homer Chamber of Commerce parking lot.

**The Father's Day car show will be at the Alaska Zoo on June 18.

There will be no joint meeting

with Fairbanks this summer.

New Business

**Drive around volunteers are needed for the July and August business meetings.

**Aspen Creek Senior Living community requested if the club could have a car show at their facility for the residents. This is planned for Friday June 16 at 3:00 pm followed by a barbeque at 5:00 pm.

**A motion was made to give the AAMA board authority to spend up to \$500 to secure a deposit and application to the park strip for the Show and Shine car show. Linda will contact the city Parks and Recreation department to check if a permit has been granted to the Midnight Sun Street Rod Club for the event.

**Mike Weidmer talked about the Audubon Society having 10,000 white spruce seedling trees they would like to distribute from the back of a vintage car or truck.

**Louis Mestier gave an update on credit card processing on the club website for members to pay AAMA club dues. The website host Square Space charges an additional \$84 annually for this service. In addition, each transaction would be subject to a 5.9% charge plus .10 cents. The platform would support Visa, Master Card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo, and PayPal. A motion was made to install Square on our website and pay the \$84.00 set up fee. The motion passed.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Split the Pot

Split the pot winner David Jensen

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm. The drive around ended at Seward's Folly restaurant for dinner.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Carpenter, Secretary

By Brian Anderson

Imagine my surprise when my son, Will, called a few weeks back to ask if I would like to join him in a visit to Jay Leno's Garage in Burbank, California. His girlfriend, Amy, who hails from Juneau, has an uncle named John who is employed at Leno's Garage, but I never thought that I would have an opportunity to visit.

Turns out that Will and Amy planned to visit her uncle during their drive from her college in Phoenix to Will's place in Bellingham, Washington. My decision was easy, and I quickly made the necessary airline and hotel reservations.

Jay Leno's Garage is located in a nondescript industrial park adjacent to the runway at the Hollywood Burbank Airport. From the entrance, there's no indication whatsoever that a great automotive collection and restoration shop lies beyond the gate. At the prescribed after-hours time, John opened that gate and we began what would be a two-hour tour of the facility.

The Garage is not open to the public, and for obvious reasons, photographs are not allowed (save for a single group photo taken by John).

Those who have watched episodes of *Jay Leno's Garage* would be familiar with the layout of the room where subject vehicles are examined. But there are six large warehouse rooms holding the vast collection, with walls almost entirely covered by huge reproductions of vintage advertisements, as well as signs, photographs, model cars, etc.

The collection encompasses an extremely broad range of automobiles and motorcycles (he owns 169 cars and 117 motorbikes according to Wikipedia), including foreign and domestic, newer and very old models, supercars and full classics. Many are rare models, associated with famous individuals, or are otherwise noted for their technological advances of the period.

With knowledge acquired from working at the Garage for over 30 years, John regaled us with the fascinating histories of many of the vehicles. Automobiles by Duesenberg, Rolls Royce, Packard, Bugatti, and Lamborghini were some of the standouts, but there were plenty of representatives of Detroit's "big three"



Brian, Will and Will's girlfriend pose during their private tour of the famous collection of Jay Leno in Burbank, California.

and many other American makes, plus foreign cars from France, Great Britain, Italy, Russia, and even Czechoslovakia (Tatra!).

I couldn't begin to name many of the motorcycles present, and my head was spinning by the time we walked back out into the sunshine. But we were not done yet.

In a separate building is the shop where a number of restorations are underway, employing around six mechanics. There's also a display of several industrial steam engines

complete with their massive flywheels. In an adjacent room are a half dozen steam-powered automobiles by Doble, White, and Stanley.

As we departed, I couldn't help but wonder what will become of Jay Leno's collection when he's finished with it. After doing so much for the old car hobby through his publication and preservation activities, I can only hope that his legacy can be continued. But seeing it in person was indeed a rare opportunity.



Drive-Abouts: Our drive-about season is in full swing, and we have had some good turnouts, but we would really enjoy seeing more people show up. It is our custom to meet at the REI parking lot on Northern Lights Blvd., visit for a while, drive about and have dinner. Pictured is the May 24th get together with Marcy Cresap, Rich Golding, Marianne Robinson, Linda Golding, new members, Randy and Judy Canarr and Brian Anderson.

Mother's Day Craft Show

By Tom Cresap

Four AAMA cars met at the Palmer State Fair Grounds to celebrate Mother's Day at the Mother's Day Craft Show. Showing were 1928 Model A (Goldings) 1931 Model A (Cresaps) 1938 Chrysler (Cresaps) and a 1941 Cadillac (Wiedmers). The affair actually began the previous day, and Goldings were there with their Citroën 2-CV.

The temperature was cold, and a stiff breeze forced us to stay in our cars for warmth most of the day. We nevertheless got a chance to visit some of the displays, listen to the live music, and experience and visit with quite a few appreciative viewers.

Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

Saturday, May 6th, about 28 years after the first annual attempt, we joined at the Carr's parking lot at the corner of Muldoon and Northern Lights for the first of three 2023 Adopt-A-Road cleanups.

The spring weather is still on its way, so the trash was still in the process of blossoming, and the weather was a bit chilly. Our intrepid group, however, was up to the task, and they got right out and did their thing.

Our group always does a great

(See p. 9, "Cleanup")



Cresap

Kidstock Show cars (l to r) 1930 Model A Roadster (Ishams) 1947 Packard Clipper (Graber) 1938 Chrysler Royal (Cresaps) 1968 Dodge A-100 (Hansens) 1931 Model A Slant Window (Cresaps) 1986 Citroën 2-CV (Goldings) and 1928 Model A "Arthur" (Goldings).



Cresap

One of the kid activities at Kidstock was a take-off on apple bobbing. In this case, a powdered sugar doughnut was suspended on a string. The result was pretty hilarious and fun for the contestants, who ended up with powdered sugar all over their faces.

Kids Kupboard

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gives freely of their time to make sure that kids get fed.

KidStockAK, held at the Palmer Fairground on Saturday June 3rd was an inaugural event and fund-raiser for the organization. There were many kid's games and lots of music at the Borealis Theater.

The event kicked off with a Color Guard consisting of members of American Legion Post 15 Riders, while the National Anthem was beautifully sung by Dexter Saddler. Lt. Governor Nancy Dahlstrom spoke to begin the festivities.

The AAMA, along with the 49th State Street Rodders brought fifteen cars. Several motorcycle groups brought their bikes to show off. The

public was asked to buy "tickets" for \$1.00 each. The tickets were then placed in a container next to each vehicle to determine "People's Choice" winners. All proceeds went to Kids Kupboard.

Participants from the AAMA were the Goldings who brought the oldest and the youngest cars, their 1928 Model A Fordor and their 1986 Citroën 2cv. The Ishams drove their 1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster. The Cresaps also brought two vehicles, their 1931 Model A Slant Window Fordor and their 1938 Chrysler Royal. Mark Graber showed off his 1947 Packard Clipper Custom Super, while Nat Gardner drove her 1956 Ford F100 302 pickup named "Chunky." It was nice to see the Hansons after their month-long road trip. They drove their 1968 Dodge A100 pickup.

The car show portion of the fundraiser netted \$270 for Kids Kupboard. That amount translates to 600-700 meals!



Cresap

Our group, minus Phil Morrow's 1930 Model A, stopped for a photo just before reaching Homer. (L to r) 1938 Chrysler (Cresap) Citroën 2-CV (Golding) 1936 Chrysler Air Flo (Isham) 1931 Model A pickup (Tishner) 1941 Cadillac (Wiedmer) 1950 Hudson Commodore 6 (Anderson) 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury (Carpenter) 1960 Buick LeSabre (Henningsens) 1963 T-Bird (Mestier) 1964 Chevy Pickup (Benesch/Carty) and 1984 Bronco II (Packard/Walter).

Homer Trip And Car Show

by Rich Golding

On a partly cloudy Saturday afternoon, twelve cars from the AAMA began the drive south to the yearly Homer Car Show. This year, long time members were joined by Dave Benesch and Ellie Carty in their 1964 two-toned Chevy Pickup, Louis and Dimi Mestier taking their beloved 1963 T-Bird "Lucille" for her first long drive, Phil Morrow driving his 1930 Model A Cabriolet, and Michael Packard and Laura Walter driving their 1984 Bronco II.

Other cars included the Tichner's 1931 Model A Pickup, the Isham's 1936 Chrysler Airflow Imperial, the Cresap's 1938 Chrysler Royal, the Wiedmer's 1941 Cadillac Deluxe Series 62, Brian Anderson's 1950 Hudson Commodore 6, the Henningsen's 1960 Buick LeSabre, Greg Carpenter's legacy 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury, and the Golding's 1986 Citroën 2cv.

The journey along Turnagain Arm was rainy, but after the obligatory stop in Girdwood for gas, the convoy headed south into better weather.

Another stop was made at the Hope Turnout for photos, and we continued on toward Soldotna.

Jim Fredenhagen, in his 1929 Model A Tudor, met up with us in Soldotna where we lunched at St.

Elias Brewing Company. Some members of the Kaknu Kruzers also joined us. After lunch, most of the vehicles gassed up at the Fred Meyer, and continued the journey.

(See p 10, "Homer Trip")



Cresap

Cleanup

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job, and, as usual, we had a fun time visiting and enjoying Marcy's blueberry muffins and zucchini bread, as well as fruit, orange juice water and coffee.

The May cleanup crew consisted of 17: Gwyn and Mike Wiedmer, Michael Packard, Laura Walter, Darrell Krolick, J.R. Russell, Linda Golding, Marcy Cresap, Terry Young, Michael Campbell, Greg Carpenter, Scott Hulse, and Brian Anderson, Mark Graber, Dave Syren, David Jensen and Tom Cresap (not in picture).

Homer Bugatti!

by Tom Cresap

Four Bugatti Atlantic Type 57's came into existence between 1936 and 1938. Three of the four original distinctively styled luxury sports cars still exist and are regarded as the most valuable car in the world. Reportedly \$19-million each.

Attendees at our May 21 Homer car show got what is probably the closest to really experiencing one of the incredibly rare cars in person when Cliff Jeska displayed the full-scale replica he meticulously created out of fiberglass.

Jeska's creation rests on a Chevy S-10 chassis and uses that power train, which has been shortened 3 feet to accommodate the requirements of the design.

Cliff chuckles as he tells of going to the DMV to register the vehicle. First, the clerk didn't know what a Bugatti was but became even more confused when the VIN was that of an S-10. After much discussion with the powers-that-be, the vehicle received registration as an S-10 coupe.

I didn't think to ask if Cliff drives around Homer very often, but it goes without saying that the little black beauty undoubtedly causes many quick double-takes (and possibly wrenched necks) in the supermarket parking lot, the gas station or sitting at a stoplight.



Talk about Classy: Ishams had their 1936 Chrysler Airflow at the Homer Car show.. Appropriately, the local missionary priest presented her with a decorative bouquet of roses, which stayed with the car for the remainder of the day.



Cresap

Homer Trip

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We did make one more stop, at the American Legion Post #18 in Ninilchik. In honor of Military Appreciation Day, the Legion was hosting a car show. Although many of the cars had left, we added our cars to the show. Still another stop was a photo op at the overlook before arriving in Homer.

Phil Morrow's Model A developed some problems after lunch. He and Jim were unable to fix what turned out to be three separate issues. His car ended its journey in Clam Gulch at his daughter's house. Phil joined us for the remainder of the trip after his daughter drove him into Homer.

The group met for dinner at the Kannery Restaurant, where we had a chance to listen to local music with dinner. JR and Barb Russell joined us. Although they did not bring an old vehicle, they brought their camper and parked overlooking the ocean. Most of us returned to our hotel(s) but a few intrepid souls visited the Russell's campsite where a fire blazed on the windy cliffs, and an impromptu sing-along was held in the warmth of the camper.

Sunday morning saw most of the group meeting informally at the Duncan House for breakfast. The staging of the cars began at 9:00am in the Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center parking lot. The weather

continued to warm up, and more cars from Homer and Soldotna joined us. By noon, there were between forty and fifty vehicles. In all, there were eight decades of vehicles, from the 1920s to the 1990s.

A perennial favorite is the 1957 T-Bird owned by Marie and Boyd Walker, long-time Homer residents and former AAMA members. Marie is to be thanked for volunteering to help keep the Visitor Center open. As the day progressed, it became warm and sunny; a few of us, as usual, forgot our sunscreen.

When the car show ended, many members took a trip to Bay Weld Boats, where local, Al Engebretsen, gave a tour of the facility. Two aluminum boats, 80 feet and 100 feet, are being constructed. It is a reminder that Homer is not only a tourist destination, but a hard-working fishing town.

The finale of the trip was a pizza party on Sunday evening. Most of the group met in the Aspen Suites Conference Room, where Richard Golding showed a few car videos, along with some Laurel and Hardy movies. Tam Isham provided a large salad, and we bought six large pizzas from Fat Olive's. There were very few leftovers!

On Monday after breakfast, Most people made their way home. Brian and Greg caravanned, since Brian's starter was iffy at best (there was some push-starting involved). And Phil Morrow has an interesting story to tell about his adventure in returning to Anchorage.



Cresap

After a full day at Kidstock in Palmer, the crew stopped to relax. (L-r) Rich and Linda Golding, Colleen and Howard Hansen, Mark Graber, Marcy Cresap, Art and Tamea Isham.



Cresap

Bian Anderson displays his treasurers.



Golding

Darrell Krolick poses with our Adopt-A-Road sign.



Golding

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June

Birthdays

David Nolta—8th
 Heather Lea Engle—8th
 Ken Morton—9th
 Shirley Cordle—12th
 Marilyn Chiotti—18th
 Carolyn Rathert—18th
 Kurt Rein—19th
 John Martin—26th
 Thomas Schrader—30th

Anniversaries

Susan & Mark Graber—11th
 Linda & Scott Grundy—11th
 Kathy & Ralph Centoni—15th
 Ingrid Woodard & Dale Dryden—
 15th
 Joyce & Bill Chace—18th
 Marl & Bruce Campbell—21st

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