



Independence Day Is Full of Events



Looking as though they just stepped out of a band box, Marianne Robinson and her daughter Martha donned their fancy millinery to show their celebratory sentiments in the Anchorage Independence Day parade. Their classy ride-of-choice was Marianne's 1930 Model A ford.

By Linda Mattes Golding

Anchorage Parade

Leading our group on a cold morning was Carl Godsoe in his 1931 Model A Pickup, carrying the Club's

banner. There were twelve other cars which joined the parade down 9th and 10th Avenues. Most belonged to members, but we hosted two guest cars: Joe Jemison, a neighbor of Scott Hulse,

Auction Car Has Been Sold

By Linda Mattes Golding

The 1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster, gifted to the AAMA by Len Kelley has been sold. The auction ended with a successful bid of over \$6000 by Willy Vinton.

On July 2nd, Jeff Creamer brought a trailer from Fairbanks. In just a few minutes the car was started; Brian Anderson drove the car into the trailer,

and the car was secured. Jeff stayed only long enough to hand over the money and receive the title.

Then he was on the road for the immediate drive back north. Long day.



Brian Anderson loads the 1947 Chevy into Jeff Creamer's Trailer.

who drove his 1955 turquoise T-Bird (purchased only last year); and Mike Redden and family, driving a 1928 Chevrolet Cabriolet. We may be able to twist Mike's arm to become a member.

Morgan Blanchard brought his 1922 Model T, Marianne Robinson her trusty 1930 Model A Ford, and new member Bill Dam proudly drove his 1944 Willys Jeep. Mike Wiedmer drove his 1927 Hupmobile, Mr. Whitekeys piloted the Wiedmer's 1949 Ford Custom Convertible Coupe, while Gwyn and mom Shirley drove Gwyn's beloved 1956 T-Bird. Ken Acton and Tim Troll, "former made men in the Spensard Syndicate" drove the Wiedmer's 1941 (See p. 4, "Celebrating . . .")

Adopt-A-Road Cleanup July 8

Join us for the Adopt-A-Road cleanup. We meet at 9:00 AM at Carr's Muldoon parking lot. Marcy says we will have breakfast snacks, as usual.

July Meeting

Our July 12th meeting will take place at 6:30 PM at the Hope Community Resource Building at 570 W. 53rd Ave. in Anchorage.

Join us as we share new developments. Things have been happening. See you there. We'll drive about and eat out afterwards.

Due to your editor's upcoming road trip, the August TT Deadline will be Thursday, July 27th.

Running Board Reflections



President Linda is interviewed by KTUU during the Alaska Zoo Father's Day car show.

The summer car season is off to a great start! What a wonderful turnout we had for our Father's Day Show at the Zoo. Thanks to the Zoo's director Pat Lampi and their marketing staff, we drew lots of media attention to our Car Show, as well as to the Zoo itself. We not only had lots of our own club's cars there, but a large number of visitors and guest vehicles. We handed out applications and may have even brought in a new member or two.

There are a lot of activities planned for July. By the time of publication of the *Tinkering Times*, we will have participated in several Independence Day parades and at least one picnic.

Later this month, the Hope retreat will be in full swing. You can look forward to a weekend of camaraderie with other members, as well as a pancake feed, parade, and maybe even a cake walk at the Hope Social Hall. The biggest event is the

Hope-Sunrise Wagon Trail 5K Run on Sunday July 16th. Several of our members participate in the annual race, with the rest of our contingent cheering all the runners on!

Our second Adopt-A-Road takes place on Saturday July 8th. With the extensive trash pickup done in May, this clean-up should be a breeze.

We are tentatively scheduled to attend a "Wings & Wheels" event at the Aviation Heritage Museum on Lake Hood on August 3rd.

On August 6th, we can look forward to the annual Jay Ofsthun Show & Shine at the west end of the Park Strip, as well as the Pre Show & Shine Car Show hosted by MSSRA at the Police Training Center parking lot on Dimond (just east of Jewel Lake) the evening before.

Don't forget to watch the website calendar. Activities are being added, and information is updated regularly.

—Linda



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Schedule of events

Weekly drive-about take place (when weather permits) each Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. We meet at the REI parking lot on Northern.Lights.

- 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

Club FaceBook Page Updated

by David Jensen

Our club's Facebook page has been updated. Check it out and follow along.

If you are a Facebook user, type Antique Auto Musers of Alaska into the search window (upper left corner.)

Our page will pop up. You'll also see a blue button that says "Follow." Click that button. Now you'll see club posts on your personal Facebook feed and be able to share events with your friends so we can expand our audience and visibility.

Celebrating Independence Day



Jensen

*Above: gathering at Cresaps' after the parade
Right: staging in Anchorage*

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Cadillac Deluxe.

John and Cheryl Martin showed off their recently acquired 1960 Corvette with its fitting license plate "BABBLU," while Scott Hulse drove his trusty 1939 International Pickup, and Nat Gardner piloted her 1955 Ford F100 Pickup "Chunky." The Goldings, in the youngest vehicle in the group, brought up the rear in "Jacques" their 1986 Citroen 2CV, showing off the AAMA magnetic sign.

Chugiak Parade

The AAMA made a great showing at the 2023 Chugiak July 4th parade. Carrying Grand Marshal Trigg Bjorklund (purveyor of the Chugiak Cafe) was Mike Wiedmer in his 1949 Ford Custom Convertible. A few of the vehicles from the Anchorage parade joined Mike: Gwyn and mom Shirley in the 1956 T-Bird, Nat Gardner in "Chunky," the 1955 Ford F-100 Pickup, carrying Sarah Stoops, and the Goldings in "Jacques," the 1986 Citroen 2CV.

Greg Carpenter and son Garrett drove their 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury, Dick and Barb Henningsen drove their 1960 Buick LeSabre, and Louis Finch brought his 1956 T-Bird and 1956 Mercury Montclair. Guests Phillip and Victoria Gotthardt drove their distinctively painted 1935 Ford Panel Truck, while new "past" member Jack Rathert and family drove their 1959 Lincoln Premier.

We hope to see the Ratherts at upcoming events, and perhaps we will

nudge the Gotthardts into joining the club.

Barbeque

After the parades, everyone headed for the Cresaps' place to wind down with some hot dogs, hamburgers and potluck trimmings: a decent way to finish celebrating Independence Day.



Hulse



Hulse



Wiedmer

*Above: Anchorage, 1928 Chevy Cabriolet (Mike Redden) 1943 Willys Jeep (Bill Dam) and 1922 Model T (Morgan Blanchard)
Left: Chugiak parade marshal, Björkland and his interesting hybrid car of mixed badges. Trigg is proprietor of Chugiak Cafe.*

Father's Day Car Show At the Zoo

by Linda Mattes Golding

After a three-year Covid and road construction hiatus, the annual Father's Day Car Show returned to the Alaska Zoo on Sunday June 18th. The sunshine and warm temperatures were a gift for all the fathers (and everyone else) who attended.

And boy, did we have attendance! We began staging with our own members' cars, but soon found ourselves hosting lots of guest vehicles, thanks to the media coverage by KTUU, KTVA, and some radio stations as well.

Our first visitors were the off-road vehicles from the 907 Exclusive C.C. These off-roads and big rigs added a new dimension to our car show. Their club had heard the media reports about the car show and joined the party. From pickups to Porsches, Volvos to Vespas, an eclectic group of happy car owners had fun together.

The best part of the show was welcoming cars and people we've never seen before. Robby Arlt brought his gorgeously restored 1963 VW Beetle, and we saw a recently purchased 1961 Red Corvette making its debut for its owners. The Hawthorne family, toting visitors from out-of-state, parked their 1955 Bel Air 2-door Nomad Station Wagon while taking advantage of the Zoo's free attendance for Dads on Father's Day.

Two cars from active members were making their debuts: the Ishams showed off their new 2006 Chrysler Crossfire, and Brian Anderson brought his 1962 Willy's Utility Wagon, which has finally returned to Alaska after seven years of restoration.

Long time member Dennis Allen made an appearance with his 1951 Willy's Jeep. We haven't seen Dennis since the start of Covid; unfortunately, wife Diane stayed home. Willys were well-represented with Darrell Krolick's 1948 Willy's Overland Station Wagon.

Even the Alaska Territorial Cavalry (Motorized) was represented. Fred Sharper, whom we see far too rarely, drove his "modern" car, a 1970 GMC pickup, and Paul Williams drove in from the Valley, trailering his 1942 Ford GPW.

Nat Gardner, with perennial favorite



Some displayed cars came and went throughout the day, but we had a total of approximately 50 cars throughout the day—half of which were guests.

"Chunky," her 1956 Ford F100 pickup, came by later in the afternoon, as did Ken Evans in his not-often-seen 1931 Chevy 5-Window Coupe. Bob Dreezen and son-in-law arrived in 1931 Model A Victoria Tudor and 1928 Model A Rumble Seat Roadster, respectively.

Howard Hansen was featured in a television interview discussing his 1966

Barracuda, while grandson Joshua Kimzey was able to bring his 1965 Dodge Coronet, a family vehicle.

All told, twenty-five cars from the club, and approximately twenty-five visiting cars spent time with us at the Zoo. We handed out lots of membership applications, with high hopes for new members.



Here's an old friend we haven't seen for any length of time since the onset of the pandemic: Dennis Allen. Dennis brought his Army Jeep and joined the military ATC group.

Hope Springs Eternal

by Scott Hulse

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL; at least a day or two in HOPE will provide a peaceful and relaxing getaway.

AAMA continues our annual Hope weekend on Friday July 14th through Sunday July 16th. Howard will arrive Friday to open the retreat. Saturday we soak up the slower pace of Hope. There is fishing in Resurrection Creek, a slow walk or ride to the Creekbend Café, (ex-Titos), a drive out Resurrection Creek. You can also just sit back and enjoy time talking and getting to know other Antique Auto Musers better. On Sunday is the Wagon Trail Run. AAMA members set up our chairs in front of the Retreat and cheer the running going out

and coming back.

Come for just a day visit or spend a night. It is only about an hour and a half drive from Anchorage. We look forward to your company!

A couple cautions. Hope's gas station closed several years ago. Make sure you have enough to get from Girdwood to Hope and back to Girdwood. That is the closest gas station. There also has been construction near the Portage Turnoff. There may be traffic delays by the construction.

Call Scott Hulse (907) 240-4028 or Howard Hansen (907) 440-1002 to let us know to expect you or if you have any questions.

A Note From the Road



Hi, everyone—

We had a grueling day driving from Tok to Haines Junction. The road was awful from the border to Destruction Bay. Motor homes and towed trailers were getting damaged by frost heaves and construction. Trip from Chugiak to Tok yesterday was uneventful and sunny.

The Airflow is running great, just killing a lot of bugs. Look forward to a short trip to Haines tomorrow (150 miles) where we will be staying at the old officers quarters at Fort Seward (Chilkoot Barracks), which was the original US Army garrison in Alaska. It operated from 1904 through 1946 when it was deactivated and sold to a group of Army veterans who turned the buildings into homes and businesses.

More to follow tomorrow after good nights sleep.

—Art and Tamea

A visit to the Folks at Providence Transitional Care



Providence Transitional Care Center On our June 7th drive-about, we opted to visit the Providence Transitional Care Center off Boniface Road in Anchorage. 1928 Model A—Rich Golding, 1928 Chrysler Royal—Cresaps, 1973 Triumph TR6—Ken Morten, 1986 Citroën 2-CV—Linda Golding, 1983 Jeep J-10—Brian Anderson, 1954 Ford—Jim Fredenhagen, 1984 Dodge 1-ton Dodge Pickup—JR and Barb Russell (not pictured). Everyone at the center agreed that we should visit again.

AAMA Business Meeting June 14, 2023

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

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm
by President Linda Mattes Golding.

There were 31 members present.

Guests: Bill and Kathy Dam who
became new members.

May Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Louis Mestier provided the
treasurers report.

Old Business

**Linda Mattes Golding went over
the auction of the 1947 Chevrolet
Fleetmaster donated by Len Kelly.

**The Aspen Creek Senior Living
community car show for their residents
is planned for Friday June 16 at 3:00
pm followed by a barbeque at 5:00 pm.

**The VW family reunion car
show is Saturday June 17 from 10:00
am to 4:00 pm at Dimond Center.

**The Father's Day car show will
be at the Alaska Zoo on June 18 from
9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**The MSSRA Mirror Lake
(See p. 7, "June Minutes")

From the Editor's Desk

by Tom Cresap

While showing our car at KidstockAK on June 3, Marcy and I walked around the Palmer Alaska State Fairgrounds to check out the various events.

One booth offered raffle tickets for a nice-looking Fender acoustic guitar, which had been donated by Peter's Violin Shop in Anchorage. All proceeds would go to Kids Kupboard. I appreciate a nice guitar and have done my share of picking, so I bought 20 tickets. We pocketed the tickets and continued to enjoy the pleasant, partly cloudy day and the various activities offered for the attending families.

About three weeks passed, and the tickets were forgotten. The young man selling the tickets had said he didn't know when the drawing would take place, but that the winner's number would be posted on their website.

On about June 23rd, Marcy became curious and checked to see if the drawing had happened. Lo and behold, ours was the winning number.

This is not quite the end of the story. I was previously scheduled to be part of the entertainment, playing my guitar for both AAMA's July 4th barbeque and Hope Wagon Trail Days weekend. I expect to use my *new* guitar. Come and hear how it sounds.



Treats #2 and #3 at the meeting: Bill Dam's 1944 Willys Jeep and Michael Packard's 1947 Plymouth.



Treat #1 at the June meeting: Laura and Mike Smith's 1932 Buick.

June Minutes

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solstice car show and picnic is Wednesday June 21 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

**Mike Wiedmer gave an update on the Chugiak 4th of July parade. Bring lots of candy to toss during the parade. The parade begins at 1:00 pm but you can show up ahead of time for a free lunch.

**The 4th of July parade in Anchorage will start at 11:00 am but staging begins at 8:30 am. David Jensen and Scott Hulse are coordinators of this event.

**The 4th of July picnic will be held at the Cresaps house at 3:00 pm. A sign-up sheet for food was passed around.

**The Hope weekend retreat is July 14-17. A sign-up sheet for food to bring was passed around.

New Business

**The Aviation Museum will hold their Wings and Wheels event on Thursday August 3 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

**The Providence Transitional Care facility had a mini car show on June 7 as part of the Club's Wednesday night drive around and would like to

have another visit on August 23.

**Mark Graber gave an update about the Alaska State Fair and parade on Saturday August 19.

**Jim Fredenhagen will lead a trip to Soldotna on Saturday August 19 to join with the Kaknu Cruisers for a car show at the Soldotna Senior Center and lunch. Meet at Carrs Huffman at 9:00 am.

**Mike Wiedmer thanked Art and Tam Isham and anyone else who helped work on the 1947 Fleetmaster that the club will auction off.

**Volunteers are needed to lead the drive arounds after the business meetings. Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer volunteered for the July meeting.

BD's & Anniversaries

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

Split The Pot

Split the pot winner: new member, Kathy Dam.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm. The drive around ended at the Bear Paw restaurant for dinner.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Carpenter, Secretary



Cresap



Cresap

Six of our antique cars were just the ticket for the residents of Aspen Suites.

Colony Days Car Show Sunday, June 11th

Palmer

At the Sunday, June 11th Colony Days Car Show, we were treated to hyperbolized Palmer, Alaska weather. You could safely say it was more than blustery. On a positive note, the sun shone brightly, and the usual, appreciative Valley crowd—always a pleasure—thronged to ogle our trusty steeds.

Among the many vehicles, AAMA and the Alaskan A's displayed five: (1931 Model A—Cresaps, there, but not seen) the Blue 1956 Ford pickup, “Chunky”—Nat Gardner, Red 1931 Model A, Janice Tichenor, Yellow 1931 Model A—John and Sandy Tichenor, the beautiful 1956 Mercury—Louie Finch and the venerable 1928 Model A—Goldings.

Aspen Suites Enjoys Show and Rides



Cresap

At our Aspen Suites Car Show in Anchorage, a resident, Rodney, posed with Cresap's 1938 Chrysler after taking a ride during our visit on Friday, June 16th.



Cresap

Tom's guitar, complete with signatures of musical personalities, local and national. The instrument sounds good. Come and hear for yourself during Hope weekend.

Palmer Colony Days



Cresap

The Antique Auto Musters and the Alaskan A's displayed five cars: (1931 Model A—Cresaps, there, but not seen) the Blue 1956 Ford pickup, “Chunky”—Nat Gardner; Red 1931 Model A, Janice Tichenor; Yellow 1931 Model A—John and Tichenor; the beautiful 1956 Mercury—Louie Finch and the venerable 1928 Model A—Goldings.



Cresap



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Jensen

Clockwise: Vespa Father's Day at the zoo, Brian Anderson's 1962 Willys Jeep and Darrell Krolick's 1948 Willys Jeep at the Zoo and Marcy and Tom Cresap at the July 4th picnic.



Mike Wiedmer's 1949 Ford convertible dresses up very nicely for a parade

July

Birthdays

John (J.R.) Russell—4th

Valerie Bell—11th

Kaylene Brown—14th

Dick Henningsen—14th

Judy Powell—15th

Doug Nolte—15th

Doris Fowler—18th

Esther Combs—24th

Gwyn Wiedmer—31st

Anniversaries

Kaylene & Bill Brown—1st

Diane & Dennis Allen—6th

Gwyn & Mike Wiedmer—
24th

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