



# Auto Mushers Meet Noah in Hope

By Tom Cresap

After three years of COVID-induced absence, we finally returned to one of our favorite events. The Hope Wagon Trail Days Weekend. All our events are favorites, but this one provides silly relaxation and freedom that is characterized by the little community of Hope and its annual 5-K run.

Besides eating and visiting while we are there, the most consequential and strictly scheduled thing we do traditionally is cheer on the runners as they go by. This year, we had four runners: Howard and Colleen Hansen, Laura Walter and Bill Kimzey, but we cheer for everyone. Howard came away with the Blue Ribbon for his age group



*Antique Auto Mushers cheer as a runner passes by toward the finish line during the Hope Wagon Trail Days 5-K run.*



*Howard and Colleen Hansen with Howard's Blue Ribbon for race.*

(nonagenarians).

We always buy raffle tickets to help benefit their EMT services, and this year, Debbie Hansen, Howard's daughter, won a rafting trip for two. We also enjoyed the pancake feed, a benefit event, on Saturday morning.

The weather consisted of almost constant deluge—think Noah, biblical proportions—but we did two parades through downtown Hope and Porcupine Campground. When we weren't slogging in mud, we sought shelter in the retreat house, where we enjoyed two hamburger/hot dog meals and one waffle/pancake feed of our own making.

Donn Reese and Tom Cresap provided waffles and pancakes, respectively, and Mike Wiedmer and Tom manned the grills for burgers and dogs. Everyone offered potluck items to round off our food.

As a bit of a novelty at about 2:30 Sunday morning, we sat up in bed as our cell phones warned of a possible tsunami, the result of a 7.2 magnitude quake just off the coast of the Alaska

peninsula. That turned out to be a false alarm, but it did cause concern, since Hope is situated not very far above high tide on Turnagain Arm.

Saturday night, we had a singalong led by Barb Russell and Tom Cresap, who played their guitars.

In spite of the drenching, Hope delivered the usual measure of joy and relaxation.

## August Meeting

Join us for our 6:30 pm meeting on August 9th at the Hope Community Resource building at 570 W. 53rd Avenue in Anchorage.

Our after-meeting drive-about needs a coordinator. It may turn out to be a spontaneous job. Many thanks to Gwyn Wiedmer's thoughtful guidance after last month's meeting.

We hope to see everyone there!

**Jay Ofsthun  
Show N Shine**  
(Help MSSRA set up, 8:00 am)

**August 6th  
10-4**

**Adopt-A-Road  
9 am  
Saturday, September 2nd**

# Running Board Reflections



*Editor Tom when he showers, shaves and puts on a tie—phenomena that don't often happen simultaneously—in particular, the tie.*

I am sitting in for our president, Linda, who is taking a very well-deserved break in the great windy city of Chicago. Among other activities while there, she and Rich plan to attend a Sox game at Wrigley Field, die-hard fans that they are. I wish them success and a good rest.

Talking about travel, Marcy and I will drive out for a visit in New Mexico as soon as I finish publishing this issue.

We have friends and family in Washington, as well, so it will be a busy itinerary. I hope to be back to compose the September *Tinkering Times*.

Goldings managed to miss our cold and soggy Hope weekend, but they will return for the August business meeting and the subsequent Jay Ofsthun Show-N-Shine.

We have a host of other events, beginning with the Aviation Museum's Wings and Wheels on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. It had been tentative, but Linda just reported from Chicago that it is a go. The Jay Ofsthun Show-N-Shine will happen, as always, on the first Sunday of August, the 6<sup>th</sup> this year; the Pre-Show will be at McDonald's on the corner of Jewel Lake and Dimond the night before.

The 49<sup>th</sup> State Streetrodders will host Hot Summer Nights in Palmer on August 12<sup>th</sup>, and one of our favorites, the Alaska State Fair parade and car show will be Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark Graber always does a great job of communicating with the wonderfully friendly State Fair people to get us free tickets and to locate us in a favorable spot.

The last thing to mention is our last Adopt-A-Road for 2023, which will be on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Marcy will return in time to provide early-morning snacks, and we will hope for favorable weather like we had for the last cleanup.

On the road again . . .  
Tom



*Saturday, July 22, was cool, but not forbidding. And we didn't have rain. So met, kibitzed a while, snacked a bit and got down to the business at hand on east Northern Lights Blvd. Pictured pickers: Brian Anderson, Colleen Hansen, Michael Packard, Howard Hansen, Laura Walter, Mike Wiedmer, Sara Stoops, Gwyn Wiedmer, Greg Carpenter, Shirley Alexander, Scott Hulse, Marcy Cresap, Terry Young and Michael Campbell. (Tom Cresap behind camera)*



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Dave Syren



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**For sale:** 1997 Land Rover Discovery, 200K miles, burns oil, needs rear brakes, \$8,000 OBO. Call Len Kelley 907-529-9395.

## Schedule of events

- o August 3—Wings and Wheels (Aviation Museum—tentative)
- o August 5—5 pm, Pre Jay Ofsthun Show at Mc Donalds (MSSRA)
- 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 and lunch at Kenai Senior Center (Kaknu Kruzers) (Jim Fredenhagen)
- o August 23—6 pm, Providence Transitional Care car show
- 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



Isham



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

### Ishams' Trip

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Art and Tamea Isham started on an Odyssey In their 1936 Chrysler Air Flow, destined for the National Airflow meet in Cambria, California. Tamea has been doing well giving us an account of the trip, and we anticipate a comprehensive report to publish in our September *Tinkering Times*.



## July 4th, Sedovia Style

From the other side of beautiful Kachemak Bay: Walt and Sachiko Sonnen were involved in a bit of Seldovia July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrating. Walt quoted a bit of old-fisherman wisdom referring to a slow fishing day: "Participation is the most important thing!" It looks like they did their part in their 1934 Ford. As part of their duties in the Seldovia parade, they chauffeured one of their best friends, Vivian Rojas (pictured) who has been very active in the city for many years and has been weakened considerably with ALS.

The city honored her with the title of 'Old Crab' (the Grand Marshall of the parade.) Walt and his 1934 Ford got willingly roped in as the chariot and charioteer.

## From Chugiak Fire Department Chugiak Pride! What a Parade

[Editor's note: The President of Chugiak Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department published the following in their newsletter:]

by Jack Gilbertsen

Community spirit and patriotism was overflowing, and we were pleased to see such a big turnout. We hope everyone enjoyed the parade as much as we did!

Mother Nature was really on our side, the weather was perfect, and there were no injuries or accidents reported. You couldn't have asked for a better, safer day!

### CVFRD Nonprofit:

Now that the parade is over, CVFRD asks that you please don't forget us.

We are still seeking donations to our nonprofit, which funds the many activities that our operations budget (money from taxes) can't cover. This includes weekend and holiday meals for our duty crews, recreation equipment, and other items to

support morale. Nonprofit donations are vitally needed to enable our outreach and engagement initiatives, including: *The Fourth of July Parade*, *Boo at the Beach*, *Trunk or Treat*, and *Christmas Family adoption (three or four families per year)*. Donations can be made anytime at [www.CVFRD.com](http://www.CVFRD.com).



The fire people liked Gwyn Wiedmer's T Bird, Nat Gardner's 1956 Ford, "Chunky" and Goldings' 2CV.

## Runnin' in the Rain, Cookin' in the Rain . . .



Above: Hot dog chef, Mike Wiedmer shows style while cooking in the rain.

Right: Bill Kimzey (rear) Michael Packard, Laura Walter and Howard Hansen display the fine art of competing in the 5-K Run in the rain.



### AAMA Business Meeting July 12, 2023

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

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by  
President Linda Mattes Golding  
There were 30 members present.

#### Guests

Guests: Dana Anderson and Kent Dickens

#### July minutes

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

#### Treasurer's Report

Louis Mestier provided the treasurers  
report.

#### New Business

\*\*Linda Mattes Golding read  
correspondence from former club member  
Doug Ogden who sent photos of club  
activities from the 1980's and 1990's.

\*\*Len Kelly's 1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster  
the club had up for auction sold to Willy  
Vinton from Fairbanks. The car sold for  
\$6,751.00 and was picked up on July 2,  
2023.

\*\*Howard Hansen reminded everyone  
that the Hope weekend retreat is July  
14-17.

\*\*The Bear Paw car show is Friday July  
14 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Staging will  
begin at 5:00 pm

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

\*\*Looking for volunteers to lead the drive  
around and place for dinner following the  
August business meeting.

\*\*The Show and Shine car show is

Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*Mark Graber gave an update about the  
Alaska State Fair and parade on Saturday  
August 19. The parade starts at 11:00 am.  
The car show will be at the yellow gate of  
the fairgrounds. Those participating in the  
car show will receive tickets to the State  
Fair.

\*\*Dana Anderson was at the meeting and  
has a 1989 Acura Legend for sale with  
snow tires extra.

#### BD's & Anniversaries

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

#### Split the Pot

Split the pot winner: Greg Carpenter

#### Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm. The  
drive-about ended at Piper's restaurant for  
dinner.

Respectfully submitted  
Greg Carpenter, Secretary

## . . . And Singin' in the Rain



*At the Hope weekend, we saw a return of the traditional singalong. Tom Cresap and Barb Russell led with their guitars while it rained outside.*

## August

### Birthdays

Marianne Robinson—6<sup>th</sup>

David Tullis—8<sup>th</sup>

Bill Dam—8<sup>th</sup>

Lester (Blacky) Black—  
15<sup>th</sup>

Philip Morrow—19<sup>th</sup>

Karen Avila-Lederhos—  
23<sup>rd</sup>

Scott Grundy—25<sup>th</sup>

Ellie Carty—28<sup>th</sup>

Bill Chace—31<sup>st</sup>

### Anniversaries

Marcy & Tom Cresap—  
31<sup>st</sup>

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