



## A Very Unique Model T

by Tom Cresap

It was bizarre, something you wouldn't expect to see, contrary to Henry's famous color scheme: "... any color, as long as it's black." But there it was. It appeared in the late 1970's, and through the early 1980's, it persisted at the Park Strip (Jay Ofsthun) show, AAMA's traditional Alaska Sales Rondy show and finally at our Northway Mall show, where I first laid eyes on it in 1987. It was the fluorescent, metal-fleck pink Model T Ford.

When I first saw it, I had not yet joined the Antique Auto Mushers. I had acquired my own 1925 Model T in 1984, I was just finishing the restoration and I was unsure how to install the upholstery. I had a kit to replace my car's top and seats in the original style, but I needed the details, especially for the top and how it attached to the windshield. The Pink car had beautiful diamond-tufted white leather seats, which were far from stock, and it had no top. I was impressed with the pink paint and the upholstery, and the wheel spokes that were not the original hickory, but appeared to be cherry. This was not what I needed, but I never quite forgot the



car.

Fast forward to about a month ago, when the pink car surfaced again among the collection of then current owner, Kurt Rein. Kurt was downsizing and sold it to Kurt Grau, son of the late AAMA member, Len Grau.

In my search for the car's history, I contacted Chalon Rein, Kurt's son, who shared that,

(See p. 4, "Unique Model T")

### 2024 Membership Dues

The 2024 yearly dues for both the AACA and the AAMA need to be paid in December or January.

Dues to the AACA (\$45 for single or joint membership) can be paid online via a credit card by going to: [aaca.org](http://aaca.org). You can also call 717-534-1910 and pay over the phone with a credit card. If you wish to mail a check, send it to AACA, 800 W. Hersheypark Dr., Hershey, PA 17033.

AAMA dues for 2024 are remaining at \$20/year for single or joint memberships. This includes the email issue of the monthly Tinkering Times. If you wish to receive a PRINTED copy of the TT, please add an additional \$30. The online payment portal for the AAMA website is not yet available. We will be sending reminder notices out within the week. You can mail a check to AAMA at PO Box 232086, Anchorage AK 99523, or hand cash or check to Treasurer Louis Mestier.

### Christmas Party

The AAMA Christmas Party will be on the 10th of December starting at 2:00 pm. Location is the Isham's house at 19944 Upper Greatland Drive in Chugiak. If you get lost call us at 907-688-3671.

Don't forget a gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. We will also be collecting money donations to give to Hope Inc., the folks who provides our meeting venue.

We will have a canned food drive in February for the local food bank, so don't bring those donations until the Fur Rondy show. Tam will send out an email blast this week reminding everyone what they signed up to provide for the Christmas party. See you then and remember Santa is watching

# Running Board Reflections



*President Linda Mattes-Golding pauses before her handsome new home. –And if you think the house is nice, you should see the shop behind it!*

Happy Holidays! It is time again for the annual holiday party, being hosted once more by Art and Tamea Isham at their Chugiak home on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have never attended, please consider it this year. There is always lots of good food, good company, and a fun-filled gift exchange.

And don't forget that our next meeting is Wednesday, January 10, 2024, where your new officers will be installed.

Most of you are aware that Richard and I have been house-hunting for more than four years. Late in September, we found the Dream House! With a Dream Shop! In Peter's Creek! Through the topsy-turvy month of October, which included my first bout with Covid as well as my rescheduled hip-replacement surgery, we waited for the time when we could sign the closing paperwork.

That day finally arrived in the midst of one of our huge snowfalls, but

the house is now ours. Over the last few weeks, Richard has had lots of practice using his new snow-blower; we have had furniture and tool chests delivered, and, on the occasional sunny day, have managed to move three of our cars into the 1700 square-foot shop. And we hosted Thanksgiving dinner for our children there. It is feeling more like our home.

Since I am still using a walker, Richard has done most of the schlepping of furniture, boxes, artwork, car parts, and tools. Slowly, the place is taking on its own personality. We hope to have the movers bring in the large furniture pieces by Christmas. . . maybe?

So we as a couple, and I personally, have lots to be thankful for this holiday season. The property has lots of parking spaces, so we hope to be able to host an event or two next year. We look forward to having you visit.

–Linda



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## Schedule of events

- o December 10—2:00-8:00 Christmas party at Isham's in Peters Creek
- o January 10—6:30 pm Meeting (Installation of officers)
- o February 14—6:30 pm Meeting
- o February 24—Rondy parade and show (Art Isham & Donn Reese)
- o February 25—Rondy Show

**For sale:** 1928 Model A Standard Roadster, \$14,000. Located in Homer, always garaged, all original, no rust or damage, paint good but faded..



**For Sale:** 1931 Chevy 5-window coupe; all wood replaced; Hampton interior; \$16,000 negotiable; Ken, 907-240-3746



**For Sale:** 1985 Oldsmobile, 1970 International, 1979 Chrysler Newport, 1967 Buick Station Wagon; not running. Contact Laura Fitzgerald at [lfitzak@yahoo.com](mailto:lfitzak@yahoo.com)



**Available to a good home:** four AMC Eagles, three station wagons, one sedan. Very complete, bodies in fine shape; mechanical conditions unknown. Contact Mike Wiedmer if interested—(907)-632-1687



### AAMA Magnetic Door/ Parade Decals

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Contact Scott Hulse at (907) 240-4028, or E-mail [hulse@alaska.net](mailto:hulse@alaska.net), if you would like a set made.

## From the Editor's Desk

Corrections: In our October 4<sup>th</sup> issue, I mistakenly identified Blacky Black's pickup as a 1993 Chevy. It is really a 1992 GMC. He said he was afraid that out of spite, the poor thing may not want to start in the spring. Good thing I didn't slip and call it a Ford—it might have melted into the

ground!

On another note—having just read the article in the most recent issue of *The Antique Automobile* about the 2023 Hershey meet, I received an email from Ken Morton. He pointed out that, “You may need to run a correction on my Hershey story. After reading the story in the November/December issue of *Antique Automobile*, it appears the 700 number I was given was swap meet booths; there were 1000 automobiles on display in the show. No wonder our feet were aching!”

My apologies to Blacky, and for Ken: who's counting? It was a treat to have boots on the ground at the legendary national meet, and we enjoyed your first-hand report. Thanks.



Rein

*Kurt Rein's family enjoyed taking the little pink T to parades, musical events, weddings, car shows, ad well as just riding around the neighborhood.*

## Unique Model T

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“It is a 1923 Model T (so it is 100 years old this year!). My dad bought the car on May 3, 1982, from John Monaco, here in Anchorage. I was 11 years old at the time, and I remember him coming to pick me up at school in the car, and my friends all said that my dad was there in line with all the other parents, with a sparkly, pink, old car. I didn't believe them, but of course, it turned out to be true. It was the first historic car that he bought to keep here in Alaska, with several more to come over the years. He loved driving it in parades, for musical events, weddings, etc...”

Chalon goes on to report that, “John Monaco was the person who had done the entire restoration of the car from top to bottom, just prior to my dad purchasing it from him. I don't know if John is still around, but I remember him doing another restoration of a really nice old white truck,

with wood in the bed as well, after the Model T.”

Kurt stored the T for many years, and it was badly in need of repairs. Chalon goes on to say that, “Unfortunately, sometime around the late 1980's or early 1990's (I don't really remember anymore), the car received some vandalism, and it sat in my dad's garage, unrepaired ever since.”

Now we know a bit more about the outlandish, pink Model T, and since it has the renewed interest through AAMA member and new owner, Kurt Grau, we may see it again someday. Maybe Kurt Grau will preserve the unforgettable, candy apple pink glow that some of us remember. Whichever way he goes with his restoration, this car will be quite a conversation piece and a tangible reference to our club's past. Go for it, Kurt!

## Recognition from afar

Dear Editors of *Tinkering Times*,

I passed your November newsletter to Vermont friends, who take their well-preserved auto to the big Hershey, Pennsylvania show every year.

### HMN SHOW COVERAGE



Incredible is the only word to describe this very well-preserved and all-original 1934 four-door sedan brought by Merrill Mundell from Wilmington, Vermont.

I'm sending along her reply with pictures of their 2023 trip to Hershey, and their prize winning Pontiac.

Marion (fan from Vermont)  
(To Sally . . .)

Sally,

I am forwarding the *Tinkering Times*, edited by my friends, Tom Cresap and his  
(See p. 5, “Recognition”)

**AAMA Business Meeting**  
**November 8, 2023**  
**Location: Hope**  
**Community Resources**  
**Learning Center, 570 W.**  
**53<sup>rd</sup> Ave.**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m. by President Linda Golding.

There were 26 members present including new member Ivan Jaklenec. Also attending was guest Roger Weinfurter.

#### October Minutes

A motion was approved to accept the minutes from the October 11, 2023, business meeting as published in the Tinkering Times.

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Louis Mestier gave the financial report. He also briefed the members present on membership renewal options.

#### Operating Budget

The proposed operating budget for 2024 as originally described during the October business meeting was reviewed, and a motion to accept the proposed budget was approved.

#### Old Business

\*\*The Halloween "trunk or treat" event was a success with four cars participating.

\*\*Tam Isham reviewed plans for the upcoming Christmas party at the Isham residence, including that there will be a voluntary financial collection for Hope Community Resources.

\*\*Scott Hulse announced that large AAMA logo decals will be available for \$15 each. If requested, Scott will also affix magnetic backing to the decals for an additional \$15 for each pair (total \$45/pair).

#### AAMA Executive Board Elections

Nominating committee volunteer Art Isham reviewed the previously announced slate of corporation officer candidates for the 2024 AAMA Executive Board: Linda Golding, president; Michael Packard, vice president; Greg Carpenter, secretary; and Louis Mestier, treasurer. There being no additional nominations from the floor, a motion to elect these candidates was approved by a quorum the membership present.



Cresap

The three individuals who volunteered for the three members-at-large positions on the Executive Board and were approved are Donn Reese, Tam Isham, and Scott Hulse. Dutch Overly will continue as Sergeant-At-Arms.

#### New Business

\*\*Mike Kerr displayed some historical road maps of South Dakota (1913) and Montana (1914).

\*\*Art Isham provided an update on planning for the 2024 Fur Rendezvous

parade and car show indicating that most of the necessary requirements having been completed.

#### Split the Pot

The split-the-pot (\$63) was won by Michael Packard

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries

President Golding announced the birthdays and anniversaries for November.

#### Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. We drove to Firetap for our after-meeting dinner while a record-breaking snowfall was happening.

Respectfully submitted,

## Recognition

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wife Marcy. When I was reading it, I spotted the article about Hershey, and I thought about you. You will find this newsletter interesting. They win national AACA awards every year as being one of the clubs with the best newsletter.

Read and enjoy,

Marion Daley

(Sally's response . . .)

Marion,

A bushel of thanks for forwarding the current issue of "Tinkering Times!"

It is such fun to share the articles others have written! It's easy to see how this newsletter earns its rank!

Share our appreciation with your friends, Tom & Marcy, please!

Sally

It is good to get kudos from near or far, and we thank Marion and Sally for their compliments. Also, thanks to our member, Ken Morton, who wrote the article that impressed these two ladies so much. -Tom



Cresap

*On November 19th, we went to visit Kurt Rein at the All About Care Assisted Living in Anchorage. Rich and Linda Golding, Marcy and Tom Cresap and Tamea and Art Isham had a great time talking about the things we've done together and the things we plan to do. Kurt sends his best to everyone in the club.*



## December

### Birthdays

Howard Hansen—1<sup>st</sup>  
 Brian Anderson—2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Ben Drury—2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Marilyn Chiotti—2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Linda Mattes Golding—7<sup>th</sup>  
 Dale Dryden—12<sup>th</sup>  
 Laura Smith 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Dennis Allen—17<sup>th</sup>  
 Art Isham—18<sup>th</sup>  
 Colleen Hansen—20<sup>th</sup>  
 Barbara Tullis—20<sup>th</sup>  
 Michael Campbell—21<sup>st</sup>  
 Tom Cresap—21<sup>st</sup>  
 Marl Campbell—28<sup>th</sup>  
 Jack Richter—29<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversaries

Marilyn & Dave Chiotti—2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Doris & Barry Fowler—14<sup>th</sup>  
 Laura & Mike Smith—14<sup>th</sup>  
 Barbara & Dick Henningsen—15<sup>th</sup>  
 Tamea & Art Isham—18<sup>th</sup>  
 Joanne & Dutch Overly—29<sup>th</sup>

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