



## Rondy Gets Cold Wind and Snow

by Donn Reese

Since 1961, one of the main events of the Antique Auto Mushers has been the Greater Anchorage, Inc. Fur Rendezvous Grand Parade.

This year it was held on February 24, and the club fielded ten cars plus three others providing rides for dignitaries of the Pioneers of Alaska: Royalty from Anchorage rode in Michael Packard's Ford Bronco, Palmer royalty rode in Bill Brown's GTO, and Homer's Don Burt, who is actually the Grand President for the state, was in Tom Cresap's 1925 Model T Ford.

In addition, at the last moment Rondy folks asked us to provide a seat for the Rondy Bear mascot, who ended up in a chair in the bed of David Jensen's 1931 Model A pickup. Carl Godsoe's 1931 Model A pickup gave a ride to Rondy pin designer, Cory Green.

Other cars included Phil Morrow's Model A carrying the club's banner, Bill Brown's Ford Skyliner which carried this year's booster pin designer, Declan Tegge, a fifth grader at Kincaid Elementary School.

Louis Mestier's Ford Thunderbird was in the line and the Weidmers went to a lot of work to provide four cars for the parade: their 1927 Hupmobile, 1952 stake bed Chevy truck, 1949 Ford convertible, and 1941 Cadillac.

This year was a bit more chaotic than previous years with a few last-minute additions, lost participants, and miscommunication between Rondy staff and us. But in the end, just as the parade was starting everything finally came together.

We'd had a decent snowfall overnight prior to the parade and it continued until about the time the parade was half over.

Everyone in the club made it, with David Jensen reporting that getting down from O'Malley Road was a bit nerve



*Star the reindeer (not one of Santa's) checks out Phil Morrow's 1930 Model A Deluxe Cabriolet, that carried the club banner in the Rondy parade.*

racking.

Rondy staff, in conjunction with city maintenance, did their best to clear some of the snow downtown prior to the parade start and that helped a bit for many of our cars that don't have a limited-slip differential option. The weight of my 1960 Imperial helps a bit but unfortunately with this year's high snow fall, the roof of my shop where it's parked is essentially flat with an old-style, slab slide-back door that is jammed shut by the weight of the roof load.

I'm sure everyone had a great time, especially the guests some of our members carried. Thank you everyone for providing cars, it is sometimes a lot of work during winter but I'm very proud we are such a hardy group, not afraid of a little adventure.

### The Show

by Art Isham

We now have another Fur Rondy show under our belt, and it appears to have been a big success, despite the 4 to 6

inches of snow the first day of the show, and then the plummeting temperatures on both Saturday and Sunday. The Grand Parade prior to the show was very well

(See p. 4, Rondy Parade)

### March Meeting

Our March meeting will begin at 6:30 pm March 13th at Hope Community Center Resources building at 570 W. 53rd Avenue in Anchorage.

Of course, we are all looking forward to spring, which is not happening right now; but we can plan for those elusive warm, sunny days. So, the gist of this meeting will be planning and getting details for Adopt-A-Road, The Homer trip, Father's Day at the Zoo, Independence Day, Hope Weekend and more.

See you there!



# Running Board Reflections



*President Linda presents the 2024 Rondy People's Choice Award to Brian Anderson for his beautiful 1962 Willys Jeep station wagon. Brian also won \$50.00 cash.*

What a wonderful turnout we had for the Fur Rondy parade and AAMA Car Show at Bob's Services. Members managed to drive their vehicles through a heavy wet snowfall to participate in the downtown parade, and then make it to Bob's Services.

This event has always been well-attended. I think all of us are happy to have a break from the winter weather in anticipation of the driving days to come. As usual, there were lots of vehicles at the show itself, with spaces filled in both of Bob's Service's buildings. With great attendance by the public, some of whom make this an annual event for themselves and their families.

We were treated to a debut of two vehicles new to members: Bill Brown's McLaughlin Buick, and David Jensen's Model A Pickup. Both cars have interesting Alaska stories.

Popcorn sales were brisk, and Laura

Walter managed to give away TONS of used magazines. There was lots of food in the members-only area. We feasted on two types of chili; chicken tortilla and mushroom soups; and shrimp jambalaya. Not to mention deviled eggs, green salad, fruit salad, chips and salsa, the ubiquitous cheese balls, and of course, lots of desserts!

A big thank you to the Brown family at Bob's Service's for supplying the venue, cleaning up, and moving snow so that we could take over their space. And a special thank you to Donn Reese as well as Art and Tamea Isham for coordinating the weekend's events.

I have heard from several members that they are not able to even find their cars (and/or their garages) under the accumulated snow. But with the recent sunshine, many of us are starting to hope that we can actually shovel enough snow to have our cars ready to roll before May!

—Linda

## May Tour to Homer

Save the Date! We are indeed taking our annual Tour to Homer/Homer Car Show. The Homer Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to seeing us on May 18th and 19th, 2024. The Visitor's Center will again open their parking lot to our

vehicles on Sunday May 19.

Coordinators Rich Golding and Jim Fredenhagen will have more information regarding hotels and meals by the March 13th meeting.



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# One Man's Treasures

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# Schedule of events

- o March 13—6:30 PM, regular meeting
- o April 10—6:30 PM, regular meeting
- o May 4—First Adopt-A-Road cleanup (Marcy Cresap, 947-7509)
- o May 8—6:30 PM, regular meeting
- o May 18-19—Homer Trip and Car Show (Fredenhagen (907)351-3115, Goldings, (907)227-2595)
- o June 12—6:30 PM, regular meeting
- o June 16—Father's Day at the Zoo Car Show
- o July 4—Anchorage and Chugiak parades
- o July 4—Barbecue at Cresaps (Tom and Marcy Cresap, 907-694-7510)
- o July 6—Adopt-A-Road cleanup (Marcy Cresap, 947-7509)
- o July 10—6:30 PM, regular meeting
- o July 19-21—Hope Weekend (Howard and Colleen Hansen, 344-3349)
- o August 3—Jay Ofsthun Pre-Show
- o August 4—Jay Ofsthun Car Show at the Park Strip
- o August 6-11—Long Distance Tour (Tamea Isham, (907)688
- o August 14—6:30 PM, regular meeting
- o August 17—State Fair Parade (Mark Graber—(907)745-8570)
- o September 7—Adopt-A-Road cleanup (Marcy Cresap, 947-7509)
- o September 11—6:30 PM, regular meeting
- o September 14—Diamond Center Car Show (Jim Fredenhagen 907-351-3115)
- o September 21—Fall Colors Tour to Seward (Jim Fredenhagen 907-351-3115)
- o October 9—6:30 PM, regular meeting
- o November 13—6:30 PM, regular meeting
- o December 8—Christmas Party (TBA)

**Info Wanted:** I have a 1936, 3-window ford I'm getting ready to start. I need to replace the frame. Does anyone know of one that is available? I want to keep the car as original as I can. Info would be greatly appreciated. Martin Barton, [martini1015@yahoo.com](mailto:martini1015@yahoo.com)



For Sale: 15" hubcaps for 1970's & 80's Ford; \$25; Jim, 907-351-3115.



**For Sale:** 1928 Model A Roadster; in Homer; good condition. Nice older museum restoration; used for parades/shows; garage stored; all stock; \$14,000, Linda Lempe, 907-299-1719.

- Jim Fredenhagen provided a list of Model A's and parts for sale in Alaska.**
1. '29 Pickup, Sterling, Excellent, Show condition, \$31,000, Bill Eckhardt, 907-227-2755.
  2. '29 Pickup, Anchorage, Good condition, '80s restoration, \$19,000, Eric Serballenger, 505-604-4376, extra rear fender, radiator shell.
  3. '29 Tudor, Sterling, 100 miles on frame off, Mod B engine, O/D, 12 volt, alternator, LED, trailer hitch, \$24,000, Bill Eckhardt, 907-227-2755.
  4. '29 Briggs Town Sedan, Anchorage, Excellent, frame off, total authentic, show condition, \$26,000, Terry

(See p. 4, "One Man's")



## Rondy Parade

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attended by the public, with Donn Reese herding the cats/cars successfully.

We had approximately 300 visitors over the two days, with 196 ballots cast for the Peoples Choice award. This year Brian Anderson's flawless 1962 Willys Jeep Station Wagon was selected by the public as the Peoples Choice, and it was a well-deserved award.

Other cars displayed were: Bill Brown – 1957 Ford 300, 1957 Ford Retractable Hardtop, 1967 Pontiac GTO Convertible, 1937 GMC Pickup, 1928 McLaughlin-Buick; Chris Brown – 1922 Ford Model T Pickup; Ken Evans – 1955 Cadillac El Dorado Convertible; Scott/Cheryl Hulse – 1939 International Harvester Pickup; Michael Packard – 1984 Ford Bronco II; Ken Morton – 1993 Jeep XJ Cherokee; Art/Tamea Isham – 1973 Volvo 1800ES; Mike/Gwen Weidmer – 1949 Ford Convertible, 1941 Cadillac Series 62 Coupe, 1927 Hupmobile Sedan, 1952 Chevrolet 2-ton Stakebed Truck; David Jensen – 1931 Ford Model A Pickup; Carl/Kathleen Godsoe – 1931 Ford Model A Pickup; Phil Morrow – 1930 Ford Model A Cabriolet; Richard/Linda Golding – 1986 Citroen 2CV; Louis Mestier – 1963 Thunderbird Coupe; Tom/Marcy Cresap – 1925 Ford

Model T Touring; Howard/Colleen Hansen – 1965 Dodge A-100 Pickup; Dave Syren – 1915 White Touring.

A special treat this year was a display of an under construction Pietenpol Air Camper provided by Mark Barker. The aircraft design was first flown with a modified Modal A engine in 1929, which then started the homebuilt aircraft movement that continues to this day. The plans are still available and there is a fly-in every two years for those enthusiasts, which draws 25-30 home-built Pietenpols. There are two under construction in the Anchorage area.

As usual, the food was good and plentiful and nobody went away hungry.

Tom Cresap, Michael Packard, Brian Anderson and David Jensen operated the Valve Cover Racetrack and delighted the kids as they had the opportunity to race the available speedsters.

Laura Walter gets the Salesperson of the Year award for her work on disposing of the donated car literature available at the Welcome Desk. She would not let visitors out the door unless they took something, or multiple somethings.

Thanks to David Jensen for the pedal car display and to Dutch Overly for the bulk motor oil dispenser display.

Our special thanks to Bill Brown and the crew at Bob's Services for their support in hosting this event. It is truly the highlight of the winter for the car nuts of Alaska.



David Jensen's tagalong companion, Iris, checks out the snow as she waits for the parade to begin.



Ken Odsather, president of the Anchorage Igloo of the Alaska Pioneers, shows off the gavel he used when he was president of the Antique Auto Musers in 1970.



One of our photographers, Kathleen Godsoe, caught this sideline portrayal of the kids watching the parade in the midst of wind-driven snow. Just another normal day . . .

## One Man's Treasurers

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Teilborg, 907-229-9696.

5. '31 Tudor, Sterling, Good condition, 12 volt, alt, Weber carb, new rad, \$22,000, Jim Fena, 907-252-3404.

6. '30 Coupe, Anchorage, Project w/2 chassis, 2 sets fenders/aprons, Chev 327 engine, \$6,000, Monte Handy, 907-230-8557.

7. Parts - Sterling, A & B engine parts, accessories, carbs, distribs, ign sw pop out, fuel sys parts, '30/31 front fibr fenders, left w well, turn sigs, wiring harnesses, trans/bell housing, 5 tires/6-19" wheels, '31 inst panels, \$2500, Linda Piper, 907-229-2766.

8. Parts - Peters Creek, numerous new A parts, lists available, catalog pricing without shipping, Art Isham, 907-688-3671.



**AAMA Business Meeting  
February 14, 2024  
Location: Hope Community  
Resources Learning Center  
70 W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska**

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

There were 26 members present and no guests.

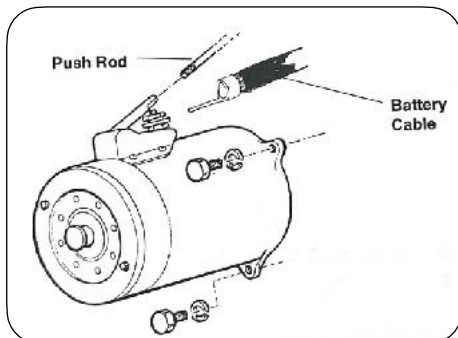
**January Minutes**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Louis Mestier provided the treasurers

## Starter Switch Solution



[The following is information condensed from a short article by Jim Cannon. It was submitted by our own Model A guru, Jim Fredenhagen.]

The Model A starter switch consists of a 5/16" rod with a 1" diameter "pedal" on top. It passes through the floorboard and threads into the a rod that activates the electrical switch. It is quite simple, but engine vibration can, and eventually will, cause the rod to completely unscrew and disconnect, sometimes causing a scary and dangerous electrical short.

Jim Cannon suggests you do one of the following to prevent problems out there on the road.

\*Add a small drop of threat locker to the threads when you assemble it.

\*Gently tap the threads with a hammer to deform them.

\*If you are not planning to have your car judged, add a 5/16" jamb nut. Judges won't like this, but it is the best solution.

If you have a Model A, you should make one of these simple alteration right away before you have a serious problem.

report.

**Old Business**

\*\*Donn Reese, David Jensen, and Louis Mestier are finishing work on the credit card payment system for the AAMA website. An email will be sent out when everything is completed.

\*\*Donn Reese is the lead for the Fur Rondy parade. He passed around a sign-up sheet for anyone participating in the parade. The parade is on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Staging will take place at 9:00 am. An email will be sent out with the exact location and the

position AAMA will be in the parade.

\*\*Tam Isham passed multiple sign-up sheets around again for the members who wanted to work at the hospitality table, popcorn booth and bringing food for the potluck.

\*\*Tam also gave an update on the long-distance tour in August. The trip will depart Anchorage on Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> and drive up to Healy. On August 7<sup>th</sup> drive into Denali National Park to Savage River and possibly meet up with the Horseless Carriage tour then on up to

(See p. 6, "Minutes")

## Another Day at the Races



David Jensen explains how to throw the starting lever to a young visitor who was enjoying our valve cover racers at the Rondy Car Show.

*(Over the years that we have deployed our valve cover racetrack, the members of the club have had some pretty intense, but friendly competition. While we had all the cars there, for this, the 2024 Rondy, they were all the same ones that had raced previously; so, the competition was a foregone conclusion. We decided to let the kids at the show have all the fun.)*

One of the track helpers, David Jensen, tells a neat story about the impact the cars had on one of the little visitors.

by David Jensen

One of many bright sides to the

events: A young boy walked into the building with his mom. He was frowning and not happy about the day. I asked if he wanted to say hello to Iris in my truck and he was a certain and unexpected "no." I asked if he wanted to check out the valve cover racers. He looked over at the track, which was not in use at the time, and his face lit up immediately. After racing several combinations of cars, he was laughing and smiling ear to ear. He and his mom left the show in much brighter spirits.

Many more stories, I'm sure. All with great credit to the club and members who volunteered throughout.

## Ben Holeman, Jr. November 25, 1940- February 6, 2024

On the afternoon of February 6, 2024, Benjamin Rapely Holeman, Jr. passed away peacefully due to natural causes at Providence Medical Center in Anchorage. He was surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Ben was one of the first babies born at Providence Hospital in Anchorage and attended Anchorage High School, Alaska Methodist University and Wenatchee Community College.

Ben met His loving wife, Lila, at a widow/widowers Christmas party, and they were married in 2002.

Ben was extremely proud of his two sons and often boasted about them.

He was not a member of the Antique

## Two Notes From Fairbanks

Tom,

What a great TT issue! I was surprised to see the history of our ABDT included, but it fits nicely! We're looking forward to playing with you AAMA folks this summer!

Scott Grundy

Mr. Golding,

I sure wish you would have conferred with me prior to purchasing that toy snowblower. You should have known I'm an expert at such things even though I reside in a semiarid low snowfall area. But admittedly, I'm past the age where I enjoy such exercise. My best advice at this point is for you to "winter" in sunny Arizona or some such and let the snow pile high in your Alaskan drive! Better yet, have an Alaskan neighbor with a gas polluting three-stage behemoth plow your drive as a complimentary gesture because you're old! I, too, am frugal and certainly don't want to appear cheap and unappreciative, so I always take him a choice bottle of Three-Buck-Chuck from Trader Joe's. Yah, it used to cost two bucks and admittedly that hurts me a bit, but I want to be a good neighbor!

Scott Grundy

Auto Musers, but we all knew him.

Ben was preceded in death by his father, Ben, Sr. and his mother, Margaret. He was survived by His wife, Lila Smith, ex-wife, Barbara Boxby, and their two sons, Curtis and Perry Holeman. Also surviving are his brother, Richard Holeman, sisters, Virginia Leavitt and Margaret Holeman, stepdaughters, Linn McCabe and Lena Flensburg and stepson,

Leon Smith.

A celebration of life will be scheduled for later.

### Memories of Ben

by Ray Eleven

I lost a good Alaskan friend yesterday. I first met Ben Holeman in the late 80's, when we both joined the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association about the same  
(See p. 7, Ben Holeman)

## February Minutes

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Fairbanks. On August 9<sup>th</sup> leave Fairbanks to Glennallen then over to Chitina. Depart on August 10<sup>th</sup> from Chitina for the drive back to Anchorage. If you are planning to participate in this trip, she suggested getting your room reservations now.

\*\*Art Isham gave an update on the Fur Rondy car show to be held at Bob's Services. Signup sheets were passed around again for the members who wanted to participate in the parade and car show. If you are participating in the car show you can drop your car off at Bob's Services on Friday February 23 between 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Art also talked about valve cover car races and putting signs up for the car show. The canned food drive will be during the car show with all the donations going to the Food Bank.

\*\*Linda Mattes Golding mentioned that the spring Board meeting would take place on Sunday February 25 during the car show.

### New Business

\*\*Art Isham talked about the Arctic Thunder Airshow on July 20-21, 2024. This year the Airforce Thunderbirds will be in the airshow. The plan is to have Ford Thunderbird vehicles drop off the pilots at their airplanes. There will be more updates to follow.

\*\*Linda Mattes Golding said the AAMA event calendar on the website will be updated by March. One of the planned events is a shop-crawl/dinner at the garages of Art and Tam Isham, Tom and Marcy Cresap, and Richard and Linda Golding in July.

### Birthdays/Anniversaries

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

### Split the Pot

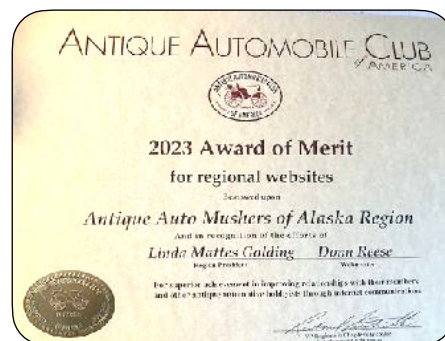
Split the pot winner Ken Morton

### Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.  
Dinner at Fire Tap restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Carpenter, Secretary

## Highly Appreciated 2023 National AACA Awards for Our Publications



*Our website, the most recent version of which was set up by David Jensen, and is maintained by Donn Reese, is well worth the time to take a look. It is handy to answer questions about our club and about the calendar, which is managed by Michael Packard. Congratulations to all these guys for a job well done.*



*2023 was your editor's 23rd year at the process, and he has garnered national awards up to and including Master Editor (for a number of years) and the prestigious Ann S. Eady Memorial Award in 2000. Tom is quite happy to sit back now and let other club editors enjoy those top awards.*



# Ben Holeman



Ben and Lila Holeman



Eleven

*This is the 1957 Chevrolet ragtop, Ben's pride and joy. It's hard to think of Ben without remembering this car he owned since the 80's.*

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time. We had a lot of fun participating in club events and attending car shows. Me in my '59 El Camino and he in one of two '57 Chevys.

We were destined to be friends. Ben was born in Anchorage, Alaska the same year as my Big Brother and with the same birthdate as my Little Big Brother. Alaska became a State January 1, 1959 and the

next day, the first day for an Alaska Driver's License, Ben was one of the first in line to get his license. This gave him a four- or five-digit license number. By comparison, I got to Alaska in 1978 and I had a seven-digit license number.

Ben worked for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, and I worked for Alaska National Insurance Company when we met. Many times, we ended up in the same Fairbanks hotel and enjoyed a

few adult beverages in the hotel bar telling jokes, talking cars, and telling lies. Let's just say those bars will never be the same.

His career was always in the oil industry, first in the Cook Inlet Captaining a supply boat, then to the North Slope oil fields, construction of the Trans Alaska Pipeline, and finally a career with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. I remember him telling me, "I was on the North Slope when there were only two lights. Me and someone else who was lost."

Labor Day weekend of 2014 Neil Noll and I left Alaska on our motorcycles. We had sold our homes and were homeless for a few days. Ben and Lila put us up until we were ready to leave. We really appreciated the hospitality.

Ben and I have kept in touch through FaceBook, emails, and few phone calls. I'll miss Ben's sense of humor and war stories. He could spin a yarn about life experience in Alaska, the oil industry, cars, or whatever. Rest in peace my friend, I'll miss you. Ben was 83 years old.



Cresap



Godsoe

*Left: (After the snow) Alaska Pioneers State Grand President, Don Burt, stands next to his parade ride, Tom Cresap's 1925 Model T Ford. Above: (During the snow) Kathleen Godsoe caught these two parade watchers, who were smuggled up for a ride in their wagon.*



*Brian Anderson's 1962 Willys Jeep Station Wagon  
2024 Ronny Car Show People's Choice Award*

## March

### BIRTHDAYS

Ingrid Woodard—10<sup>th</sup>

Roy Foster—13<sup>th</sup>

Sheryl Hulse—14<sup>th</sup>

Donny Bell—15<sup>th</sup>

Chris Brown—18<sup>th</sup>

Laura Kelley—22<sup>nd</sup>

Mark Graber—23<sup>rd</sup>

Michael Kerr—24<sup>th</sup>

Joyce Chace—28<sup>th</sup>

Barbara Henningsen—30<sup>th</sup>

Mike Wiedmer—31<sup>st</sup>

### ANNIVERSARY

Lorraine & Glenn Bohn—6<sup>th</sup>

*A recipient of AACA Awards of Excellence, Master Editor and the Ann S. Eady Memorial Award*

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