



AAMA Delivers Extra Bit of Rondy Fun



Roxanne Sidebottom uses her classic Rolleiflex twin-lens reflex film camera to take a self portrait with her boyfriend, Germaine, at the AAMA car show photo-op setup.

Rondy Parade and Show

The Photo Op

By Tom Cresap

We did something new this year at the AAMA Rondy Car Show: a DIY photo op.

Seems that while cooking up something to add pizzazz to the show, our photographer-in-residence, David Jensen, and our show architect, Art Isham concocted—and, subsequently, the club membership supported—adding an on-location photo backdrop, complete with lighting and an actual Model A pickup. It would provide an opportunity for our guests to use their phones or cameras to capture a selfie as souvenir of the year's event.

Throughout the two days of the show,

visitors could be seen taking advantage of the setting to create memories of themselves and/or their family and friends on a bench next to a 1931 Model A in front of a weathered garage. We even had one visitor, Roxanne Sidebottom of Chugiak, who used a vintage Rolleiflex twin-lens reflex for photos of herself and her boyfriend, Germaine.

Apparently, our creative minds hit the nail squarely on the head.

The Parade

By Laura Walter and Michael Packard

Carl and Kathleen Godsoe in their 1931 Model A pickup—with the AAMA banner—lead the pack in the parade, followed by Dutch Overly in his 1914 Stutz Bearcat. Dutch was graced with the presence of Don Burke the president of the Pioneers of Alaska (POA) as his rider. The 2025 POA Royalty Susie Martin and

Randy Rockrite from Seward rode in the back seat of Mike Wiedmer's 1949 Ford convertible.

David Jensen, in his 1931 Model A pickup, carried the Junior Rondy pin designer, Sierra LaPierre, and her mother. When the Rondy people delivered them to the lineup Sierra did not have a pin, so I asked the gentleman if he had another pin. He took his pin off and gave it to Sierra to wear while riding in the back of the pickup.

The designer of the 2025 Fur Rondy pin, Richard Rearick, rode with Dan Billman in his 1931 Model A Victoria, followed closely by Phil Morrow in his 1930 Model A Ford Cabriolet.

Next were Ken and Season Baker in their 1931 Model A Ford Tudor. New members, Michael and Patrina Langevin, brought two cars. The first was a 1930 Model A Tudor driven by their son Dalton. They drove the second, which appeared later in the parade.

Ken Acton drove the Wiedmers' 1941 Cadillac Coupe part way though the (See p. 4, "Rondy")

March Meeting

Our March 12th meeting will take place at Hope Community Resource Building at 570 W. 53rd Avenue in Anchorage at 6:30 pm.

Come join us as we recap the fun of the Fur Rondy and start getting ready for springtime. If it's nice enough, we might even be able to drive our old cars.

We'll dine out afterward.

Running Board Reflections



President Richard Golding presents the People's Choice Award certificate and a crisp \$50 bill for the 2025 Rondy car show to Bill Brown for his beautifully restored 1950 Chevrolet Pickup.

What an extraordinary and excellent Fur Rendezvous parade and show our gallant group of gearheads managed to pull off again this year!

Praise is due to all of our members that helped out and/or attended but should especially be heaped upon this year's parade coordinators, Michael Packard and his lovely bride, Laura Walter. Their combined efforts in herding the record number of a cats . . . er, I mean cars that showed up, was nothing less than Herculean. The smiles, grace and dignity this couple afforded us all should not soon be forgotten, particularly considering the enormous stress that type of close-knit work can put on a marriage. I hear tell that they may begin actually speaking to one another again, sometime soon.

On the other hand, Art and Tam Isham, who have been married for over 80 years, and therefore naturally never speak to each other, did a colossal job by pulling off yet another incredibly well-organized car show at Bob's Services. We all owe them a large debt of gratitude.

Thanks, too, goes to Bill Brown for once again lending us his support and his company's floorspace (Bob's Services) for use as our annual event's venue. Our membership really pitched in with a vast outpouring of foods and drink on both Saturday and Sunday. Many Musers, most now sporting XXL sweatpants,

really enjoyed all the soups, chili, desserts, sandwiches, deviled eggs, chateaubriand, roast suckling pig, and cheese balls. Accompanying those enticing culinary delights were beaucoup sodas, teas, coffee and bottled water, as well as a magnum of Dom Perignon (1982).

If you didn't attend, I bet you're sorry now, eh?

The Antique Auto Musers of Alaska are more than a tight-knit group of goofs. We are a tight-knit group of friends, with an endless appetite for good food and drink, as we enjoy the omnipresent companionship and camaraderie that defines what it is to be a Musher.

After talking with many of the spectators having attended our parades and car shows, I can tell you that they are always so appreciative of what we bring to their community, season after season, year after year.

So, let's all give ourselves a well-deserved pat on the back for this year's valiant and triumphant efforts. The city of Anchorage is a better place because of us. Its people enjoy a richer and certainly more fulfilling existence because of the AAMA. And its merchants, especially those that sell size XXL sweatpants, shall forever be in our debt.

—Richard



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AAMA Business Meeting February 12, 2025

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

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by
President Richard Golding
There were 36 members present.
Guests Ally Melin and Keith Mitchener

January Minutes

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

Schedule of events

- o March 12–6:30 pm Meeting
- o April 9–6:30 pm Meeting
- o May 10–Adopt-A-Road (Marcy Cresap 907-947-7509)
- o May 14–6:30 Meeting
- o May 17-19–Homer Tour (Richard Golding(907)227-2595)



Our National affiliate, AACA, bestowed the 2024 Award of Excellence on our humble little Tinkering Times. We appreciate their attention and their continued honors.

Treasurer's Report

Louis Mestier provided the treasurers report.

Old Business

**The history professor Mike Wiedmer inducted Dutch Overly as the Sargeant-at-Arms since he was absent from the January business meeting when all the officers and members at large were sworn into office.

**Richard Golding talked about the Homer Cruise on May 17-19. All the rooms were sold out at the Aspen Hotel, but rooms were still available at Ocean Shores.

**Art Isham gave an update on the Fur Rondy car show to be held at Bob's Services and the parade. Signup sheets were passed around again for the members who wanted to participate in the parade and car show. Michael Packard and Laura Walters will be heading up the

parade since Donn Reese was in the hospital. Art also talked about valve cover car races and putting signs up for the car show

**Tam Isham passed multiple signup sheets around again for the members who wanted to work at the information table, popcorn booth and food for the potluck. She also reminded everyone of the canned food drive.

**David Jensen talked about the photo booth setup for the car show and had the backdrop for it hung at the meeting for people to see.

**Richard Golding mentioned that there would be a spring board meeting on Sunday February 23 during the car show.

New Business

**The club is looking for a coordinator for the Hope weekend event happening on July 18-20. If you are interested contact (See p.6, "February Minutes")



Carl and Kathleen Godsoe's 1931 Model A carried the club banner in the 2025 Rondy Grand Parade. The streets lacked their customary coating of ice, snow and slush, and the temperatures—which have, on occasion, been well below zero, were mid-thirties. Given some leaves on the trees, this could have been a photo of the 4th of July Parade.

Rondy

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parade and then changed drivers, using the old Chinese fire drill. Michael Packard and Laura Walter paraded in the 1942 Plymouth Special Deluxe coupe with their friend Jeanne in the back seat. Gwyn Wiedmer—in their 1952 Chevrolet 2-ton truck—was followed by Bill Brown in the award winning 1954 ½-ton Chevrolet pickup.

Louis Finch—in his 1956 Mercury Montclair—was just in front of the three Thunderbirds: Rob Finch, 1956 T Bird convertible, Patrina Langevin in her beautiful Red and white 1957 and last but not least Louis Mestier in his 1963 Ford Thunderbird.

Steve Brown was next in a 1967 Pontiac GTO. Donn Reese and David Nolta drove the 1976 Chrysler New Yorker. Richard Golding drove his 1986 Citroen 2CV in the shadow of the New Yorker. Another new member Ally Melin brought her 1988 Ford Bronco II, and Dick Anderson brought up the rear with his 1955 Ford F100 pickup.

The lineup had a couple of hiccups, but all was forgotten with the on-time start and the admiring fans, that included club members, Ken and Dolly Morton. As we

dove through the last red light on the parade route, I said to the policeman, "I swear this is the first red light I have ever run." He was not amused but the couple beside him laughed.

Louis Finch was detained at the end of the parade by the beauty queens wanting photos beside his 1956 T Bird, of course it did not take any persuading.

The Show

By Art Isham

The 2025 Fur Rondy Antique Car Show at Bob's Services was a success with 29 vehicles/displays seen by over 300 visitors on 21 and 22 February.

The newest addition to the show was a Selfie Photo Booth, designed and set up by David Jensen. It featured an old garage backdrop and was populated by a 1931 Model A pickup. It turned out to be a big hit with everyone. Check out some of the attached photos.

Tom Cresap set up the valve cover racetrack which attracted throngs of kids competing with the racers we had on the shelf by the track. I personally saw one young man, who was carried out screaming and kicking by his father, and who calmed down only after his dad promised to set up his own Hot Wheels racetrack when they got home. I did not realize that our racetrack had such an influence on youngsters.

This year's Peoples' Choice Award went to Bill and Kaylene Brown for their wonderfully restored 1954 Chevrolet Pickup Truck, that was also in the parade.

Tom Schrader brought out his original 1902 Curved Dash Oldsmobile and drove it (and our President, Richard Golding) around the parking lot before placing it in the display area. This authentic, 123-year-old piece of automobile history has a very unique sound.

Food was plentiful on both days, and a special thanks to Louis Finch for providing homemade apple pie, from apples that he grows at his home in Eagle River. (Your editor verifies the quality and outstanding flavor. He couldn't get enough!)

Popcorn sales were down this year, perhaps due to the warm (30 degree) weather.

The following members displayed vehicles in the show: Bill/Kaylene Brown-1967 Pontiac GTO, 1954 Chevrolet PU, Model T Kiddie Ride, 1922 Model T PU, 1916 GMC, 1937 GMC PU, 1957 Ford 300; Mike/Gwen Weidmer-1927 Hupmobile, 1949 Ford Convertible, 1941 Cadillac, 1952 Chevrolet Stake bed; Dan/Patty Billman-1931 Ford Victoria; Tam Isham-1978 Citroen 2CV and Dave Syren-1915 White Touring.

Tom Schrader displayed his 1902 Curved Dash Oldsmobile; Ken Morton/Dolly Larkin-1965 Austin Healy 3000 MK II; Scott/Cheryl Hulse-1958 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud; Brian Anderson-1952 Hudson Wasp Convertible; Ken Evans-1955 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible; Carl/Kathleen Godsoe-1931 Ford PU and Kathleen's childhood pedal-car Fire Engine; Michael Packard/Laura Walter-1942 Plymouth;

(See p. 5, "Rondy Fun")



A 1953 Murry Pedal Car firetruck graced the show. Kathleen Godsoe's childhood toy was displayed next to their outstanding 1931 Model A pickup.

Rondy Fun



Young

Tom Schrader explains the intricacies of his beautiful 1902 Curved Dash Oldsmobile. Tom trailered the little piece of history to the show, then gave our president a ride around the parking lot under its own power. We discovered it has a distinctive sound.

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Ally Melin-1988 Ford Bronco II; Tom/Marcy Cresap-1925 Ford Model T (celebrating 100 years of age); Richard/Linda Golding-1986 Citroen 2CV; Dutch/Joanne Overly-1914 Stutz Bearcat Replica; Howard/Colleen Hansen-1968 Dodge A100 PU; Donn Reese-1976 Chrysler New Yorker; Louis Finch-1956 Mercury Montclair HT, 1956 Ford Thunderbird; David/Carole Jensen-1931 Ford Model A PU and the Selfie Booth.

A special thanks to Bob's Services and all the volunteers who worked the parade, the sign and show set up, provided the food and drinks, made the Food Bank

delivery, operated and set up the Valve Cover racetrack, operated the Welcome Desk area and made and sold popcorn.

All this enthusiasm and happy volunteering made an impression on five people, who were subsequently inspired to join the AAMA during the show. So, it was obviously a success!!

The Valve Cover Races

By Tom Cresap

The valve cover racetrack, a popular event with our younger carshow attendees, almost didn't make the show this year when Tom Cresap's enclosed trailer, where the track is stored,

developed two last-minute flat tires. All was saved, however, with a quick trip to Eagle River's Alaska Tire, where the specialists did repairs. The unfortunate delay caused Tom to miss having his 1925 Model T, Gertie, in the grand parade, but Gertie and the track made it to the show only about an hour late, and all was saved.

We experienced a resurgence of participation in our valve cover races this year with the appearance of several new cars. Of particular note was Dave Jensen's Road Rage, which was a rebirth of his car formerly known as Smiley Face. David's Layla also reappeared with a new design. Michael Campbell surprised us with an entry, The Wondering Gypsy, so called because of its aversion to following the track. Richard Golding entered a Model A valve cover with very intricate design, The President's Limousine.

As usual, the show was boring for most of the younger set, who were undoubtedly dragged there by their dads. Boredom disappeared when they saw the track and the colorful little cars, and they gleefully joined in to choose and race their favorite cars.

At a little after 3:00 pm on Sunday, Howard Hansen presented the "official" Rondy Valve Cover Car Race. Howard is our official race master, always there with a proper way to determine the fastest car of the bunch. Although the "Ram" and "Road Rage" were serious contenders, the traditional winner was "Blue Dragon." It's clear that we need some expert and creative engineering to come up with another, faster contender to take out the Dragon. Watch for the next race!



Cresap

Gwyn Wiedmer, Michael Campbell, Mike Wiedmer and Brian Anderson diagnosed some problems with Brian's racer before it had to be removed from competition.

Our February Meeting

Our February meeting included a more-than-usual attendance, and almost everyone joined us at the dinner at Firetap afterward.

At the meeting, Mike Wiedmer, aka. "The History Professor," did a late installation of our sar-geant-at-arms, Dutch Overly with a temporary backdrop set up to display the photo booth coming up at our Rondy car show.

The photos below show our large crowd, which certainly must have tested the talents of the staff at the restaurant. The overflow table provided a private soiree for the Ishams and Hansens.



February Minutes

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Richard Golding.

****David Jensen made new signs** for directions to the Fur Rondy car show. During the January business meeting a motion passed for \$150.00 to buy materials to make the new signs. David Jensen spent an additional \$34.07 to complete the project so a motion was introduced to reimburse him for that amount. The motion passed unanimously.

****The Father's Day car show** at the Alaska Zoo will take place on Sunday June 15.

****Volunteers are needed** to be coordinators for events and activities over the

summer. This includes Wednesday drive arounds and cruises to restaurants after monthly business meetings. If you are interested in being a leader for any of these activities contact Richard Golding.

BD's & Anniversaries

President Richard Golding announced birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

Split the Pot

Split the pot winner Mike Campbell

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm. Dinner at Fire Tap restaurant

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Carpenter, Secretary

Random Shots at the Show



Iris drew lots of attention and was a perfect lady, welcoming visitors.



Howard Hansen was our Race Master and ran the final, official races Sunday afternoon. Dutch Overly relates some facts about his Stutz Bearcat replica.



From the Editor's Desk

March and April can be pretty slow for AAMA, due to typical Alaska weather. This year, however, the month of February—usually even colder, surprised us, and we were caught somewhat flat-footed.

February was warm. The Alaskan Model A Club, that usually beats us to the draw by hitting the road in late April, showed up at their weekly "Thursdays" meeting on February 20th. Three of their inveterate Model A's materialized—all raring to go—because they could. Owners, Carl Godsoe, Dan Billman and David Jensen, also AAMA members, drove right over to Piper's sport bar on almost-completely-dry streets.



The following weekend (February 22nd and 23rd) found AAMA participating in the Rondo Grand Parade downtown and at Bob's Services for the annual car show. Each year, we show up at this event come rain, wind, sleet or snow and usually have a great time doing it. This time, it was more like a 4th of July event.



Tom Cresap's Model T, "Gertie," sits outside his garage a few days before its trip to Anchorage and the Fur Rendezvous. By show time the snow was almost all gone and the weather was warm.

March

BIRTHDAYS

Ingrid Woodard-10th

Roy Foster-13th

Sheryl Hulse-14th

Donny Bell -15th

Rick Larrick-15th

Chris Brown-18th

Laura Kelley-22nd

Mark Graber-23rd

Michael Kerr-24th

Joyce Chace-28th

Barb Henningsen-30th

Mike Wiedmer-31st

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