

Bundle Up For a Car Show? In June?

By Linda Mattes Golding

We had been promised sunshine for the entire Father's Day weekend, but we woke to clouds and cool temperatures. Nevertheless, many of our AAMA members donned sweaters and jackets instead of T-shirts and sun hats to attend one of our biggest car shows of the year. In June.

While event coordinator David Jensen set up canopies and the photo backdrop (with his 1931 Model A Pickup), Laura Walter, Michael Packard, and Michael Campbell set up directional signs along O'Malley Road and Seward Highway.

Our designated area quickly filled with vehicles, among which was the 1961 Ford Galaxie Starliner owned by newlyminted AAMA members Dick and Val Anderson. This is the first show they have participated in, and it gave us a chance to meet them and their car. Joe McLallen and Cindy Marshall, also new members, showed off their 1970 Chevelle, another first-time vehicle.

Michael and Gretchen Stoddard brought a familiar vehicle: the yellow 1938 Packard convertible once owned by Kurt Rein. It was great to see this beautiful car running again. There was a white 1926 Dodge Brothers taxi sedan (brought to the show by Michael Packard and Laura Walter). This vehicle is for sale.

The Wiedmers not only brought their 1927 Hupmobile and their 1956 T-Bird, but Mike showed off one of his newest



While everyone else checked out the cars at the 2025 Father's Day Zoo show, Iris checked out Rocky, the beautiful blue and yellow Macaw, who visited and added some unique color the the celebration.

acquisitions, a 1989 Freightliner (aka Unimog). Bill and Kaylene Brown brought another first-time vehicle, a 1928 Buick Model 27 four-door sedan. This vehicle, purchased by the Browns from Fairbanks members Bill and Joyce Chace, has an interesting history. It was manufactured in Canada, so it is technically a "McLaughlin." It may also have been one of the "Queen's Fleet," vehicles used during Royal visits.

Morgan Blanchard's 1922 Model T is

Reminders

****July 4th Barbecue** at Cresaps. See you there.

****Senior Home visits**–We will visit the folks at Turnagain Social Club at 1:00 on July 10th. (Linda Golding, 907-351-3251)

David Jensen is also planning a visit to the Alaska Pioneer Home. The date and time will be announced via email blast.

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always a hit! Kids love to sit in the seat and honk the horn. In comparison to the Everyman's Model T was the mile-long (See p. 4, "Zoo Show")

July Meeting

Our July 9 meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.in the Hope Community Resources Building, 570 W. 53rd Avenue, Anchorage.

We have reviews on our plentiful June activities, as well as information on upcoming July 4th parades, barbecue and the July Adopt-A-Road.

We will dine out afterward.

Running Board Reflections



Seymour, an Anchorage tourism advertising relic from the 70's, apparently approved of the 2025 Downtown Partnership and festivities. The costume was donned by a teenager who wasn't around in the 70's and who consequently didn't know his own name. No problem–he fit right in with many of the festival's patrons, and certain AAMA members.

What a summer season this has been so far for the old car hobbyist! With one show after another, it has certainly kept the Mushers busy. And seeing that the actual "Summer" has just begun, there will be many more events, drives, and shows to come.

I don't know about you, but one of the things I most enjoy, as an old car owner, is the chance to show off my vehicles to the general public.

We recently had our season's first pop-up car show at a local senior center. Centennial Post Acute Center asked the AAMA if we would schedule a showing of our cars, and we did just that. The weather that day, though a bit rainy at first, settled down, and still ten of our cars and their drivers showed up. We were treated to a hotdog luncheon, and by the time we had finished eating the weather began to open with blue skies. It was then that their residents left their indoor shelter and journeyed into the parking lot to discover and experience our cars.

I have been to a lot of car shows over the past few decades, as many of you have, too. However, the appreciation and positive responses by the tenants of the many senior living facilities we visit each summer are amongst the most gratifying and loving responses you will ever experience at any vehicle showing you will ever attend. These folks are so truly grateful for our bringing out our old cars. Many of our classics conjure up fond memories of some of the rides they enjoyed in their youths. Many tell stories of their own experiences with the very same vehicle makes and models, and I must admit to having actually benefitted from facts relayed to me that I had never heard of, or known of, before.

We are currently negotiating with other adult centers for similar pop-up shows to come, as the season progresses. I urge you to consider bringing your rides out to one or several of these events. The smiles and handshakes that will greet you there will certainly gladden the lives of center occupants, and yours as well.

-Richard



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FOR SALE:- 1930 Model A Coupe in Anchorage; reconditioned in 2005 by Gerdes Model A Center, Dillsboro, IN; driven less than 5,000 miles since; Model B head; 6 volt alternator; turn signals,

Schedule of events

- o July 4-Anchorage parade
- o July 4-Chugiak parade
- o July 4-Potluck/Barbecue at Cresaps' (907-947-7509)
- o July 9–6:30 Meeting
- o July 10-1:00, visit at Turnagain Social Club
- July 11–4:30-9:00, Bear Paw car show–Eagle River (Jim Fredenhagen 907-351-3115)
- o July 12-Adopt-A-Road (Marcy Cresap (907-947-7509)
- o July 18, 19, 20-Hope Weekend (Howard Hansen, 907-444-1002)
- o July 19–Valley Trash car show (Jim Fredenhagen 907-351-3115)

sealed beam headlights, LED taillights. Tube shocks; 17" front wheels, 16" rear wheels, engine rebuilt by Snyders. New interior; new top, large trunk; insulated panels. \$15,000. Call Jim to see 907-351-3115.



For Sale: 1950 Austin of England 4 door sedan; includes spare engine and parts; Runs and looks great. \$5200.



For Sale: 1931 Model A Cabriolet; restored in Utah in 2000; few miles since restoration; \$28,000. Dave Wells, (907)831-6336



For Sale: 1968 MGB; British Racing Green; tan top and interior; includes white fiberglass hardtop and a spare engine; runs and looks great. \$6500.

For Sale: Chevy parts: 3 differentials, tri5 \$250 ea.; 3-Speed standard transmission \$180; 2 1955 trunks \$175 ea.; 1955 front and back driver-side doors \$50 ea; 15" steel wheels set of 4 \$60; 1955 & 57 inner fenders \$75 ea; 3 oil pans \$15 ea; 1970's radiator \$100. Oscar, (907)652-0462

FREE: Early 40's Buick radios, starters, manifold for a straight 8 engine, etc. Free to a new home. Contact Scott Grundy at 907-322-9283 if interested.

Upholstery Work: Car upholstery, roadster tops, she does it all. Her father and uncle (Dan and Bob Bloom) redo old army vehicles. Contact phone for Sarah

For Sale: 1941 Lincoln Continental; V12; solid running gear; good driver; needs paint. Shawn Hutchings, 907-262-5891.



We got a chance to visit with both Dennis and Diane Allen, whom we haven't seen for several years. Both were stalwart members of the AAMA before the Pandemic. They have always been beloved friends, and they were received almost like rock stars.

A visit to Centennial Village

by Tom Cresap

We showed up at Centennial Village senior living Center in a very light rain at 2:30 on Friday, June 27th.

It was a comfortable showing with ten cars:

1957 Ford Thunderbird-Michael Langevin, 1931 Model A Pickup-David Jensen, 1960 Buick LeSabre-Barb and Dick Henningsen, 1986 Citröen 2CV-Richard and Linda Golding, 1990 Ram Charger-JR and Barb Russell, 1979 Jeep CJ7-Brian Anderson, 1986 Alpha Romeo-Michael Campbell and Terri Young, 1963 Crown Imperial -Art and Tamea Isham, 1938 Chrysler Royal-Tom and Marcy Cresap and 1929 Model A tudor-Jim Fredenhagen.

Everyone dodged the sporadic, threatening showers by retreating to the Center's great room, where hot dogs were the center of attention. By the time everyone returned to the parking lot, the cars had dried out and the show went on.

From that point on, perambulators from the Center found pleasure in the wonders of historic automobile technology, from the simplicity of the

(See p.6, "Centennial Village")

Zoo Show

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1931 V-12 Cadillac bought by Mike Smith. It's another new acquisition for their family.

The Alaska Territorial Cavalry-Motorized brought several vehicles. Among those was the 1951 Jeep owned by longtime AAMA member Dennis Allen. He also brought something else to show off-his wife Diane, whom we had not seen in several years due to her mobility issues. Diane was swarmed and hugged by friends and well-wishers in the club.

We even recruited some new members, Boyd and Cherise Cummings, who parked their 1963 Rambler along the fence line. We hope to see more of them and their vehicles at upcoming events.

All told, there were over thirty member vehicles, plus about ten guest cars, and approximately fifteen vehicles outside our designated space.

We wish to thank the Alaska Zoo Staff for inviting us to participate in their yearly celebration. And to thank all our members for helping to make the event a special day, not only for Dads, but for our club and the public.

Bearpaw Car Show

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For Sale: Seeking a new home for this rare beauty. This 1930 Rolls-Royce 20/25 Sports Saloon was lovingly and meticulously maintained by Floyd and Mary Bettis after its arrival in Alaska in 1984. It was purchased by the Maurer Family in 2011, and has been in stored in heated, private Anchorage garage since that time. It has only been driven a handful of times. This vintage beauty is considered a very "proper" car in pristine condition. \$55,000

Lisa Maurer (907) 351-8138 lisamaurer@mac.com



For Sale: 1967 Austin Sprite; includes spare engine and convertible top frame; runs and looks great. \$4900. Dennis D u s s m a n, (907) 978-2248, ddussman@gci.net

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Downtown Solstice Festival: Pure Pleasure



Local and state royalties were present at the Festival and consented to pose for photos in Goldings' 2CV.

by Linda Golding

The Anchorage Downtown Partnership invited the AAMA to participate in the city's 2025 Solstice Festival.

On Saturday June 21st, several cars from the Club found our assigned spot on G Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues. Although many of the vendors and participants were still setting up booths, there were a lot of spectators already filling up the streets.

We were able to access G Street from 3rd Avenue; there was room for about 8-10 vehicles. Barb and Dick Henningsen were the first to arrive in their 1960 Buick LeSabre. Other members included Louis Finch in his 1956 Mercury Montclair, and Scott Hulse in his 1958 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud. These three vehicles made a striking combination parked next to each other.

Two Citroën 2cv's showed up from Peter's Creek: Art and Tam Isham in their 1978 Rouge-Geranium car, while Richard Golding and Linda parked their 1986 Celeste-Blue 2cv on the opposite side of the street. New members Joe McLallen and Cindy Marshall showed off their Mist Green 1970 Chevy Chevelle. Rounding out the vehicles was the 1934 Ford owned by Ivan Jalkenec. An added benefit to our location was the presence of the 5-piece U.S. Navy Band, stationed in Washington and visiting Anchorage for "Navy Week." These young men and a woman entertained us during the day with their wonderful music.

Our location was just a small part of the festival. There were food trucks and food vendors, three performance stages, a three-on-three basketball court set up on 4th Avenue, and LOTS of craft vendors! The weather cooperated by bringing us mostly sunshine throughout the day.

In terms of engagement with the public, this was an extremely successful show. We were able to talk to huge numbers of tourists and residents. It gave us the opportunity to discuss our state, our club, and our love of old cars. Most of us stayed the entire day. In fact, it was difficult to leave. Even after five o'clock, people were still checking out the vehicles.

The Downtown Partnership has asked us to return for Halloween Trick or Treat Town, as well as next year's Solstice Festival.

Tam Isham said it best: "We would rank it as perhaps the most enjoyable [show] in our 40 plus years in the club! It was wonderful . . . EVERYTHING was perfect . . . the setting, atmosphere, music, curious visitors, dogs, kids and many vacationers! Not everyone was local. Just a happy day and beautiful weather too!"



Festival goers enjoyed the sun and a Rolls Royce, a Mercury Montclair, a Buick LeSabre and a Citroën 2cv.

AAMA Business Meeting June 11, 2025 Hope Community Resources boardroom at 570 W. 53rd Ave. Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by President Richard Golding There were 33 members present.

Guest: Gary Fitch.

May Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Louis Mestier provided the treasurer's report. He will be leaving the State on June 22, 2025. The club is looking for a new treasurer. If you are interested in this position, please contact Richard Golding. Louis is selling his 1963 Ford Thunderbird through Alaska Premier Auctions.

Dining Out Tonight

Gwyn Wiedmer talked about the drive around after the meeting and dinner at Roberto's restaurant. She passed around the driving directions and a copy of the restaurant menu.

Old Business

**On Saturday May 10 club members had a shake-down cruise to Wasilla and toured the Engine 557 locomotive restoration shop with club member and restoration volunteer Ken Morton. Following the tour, the group cruised to Chickaloon for a potluck at the Overly's house.

**President Richard Golding talked about the Homer car show and the boat trip over to Seldovia. The event was a big success.

**The Merrill Field Centennial show on Saturday May 31 was a rainy day for the participants.

**Jim Fredenhagen gave an update on the Model A reunion on June 7. It was a rainy day with 24 cars participating followed by lunch at Piper's Restaurant.

Volunteers are still needed for drive arounds and planning restaurant locations after the monthly business meetings.

New Business

**David Jensen gave an update on the Father's Day car show at the Alaska Zoo on Sunday June 15. The car show will be

2025 Hope at the End of the Road

by Tom Cresap

(with a little help from Dennis and Howard)

Hope Wagon Trail Days weekend is coming. AAMA has the Methodist Retreat House reserved for three nights: Friday, Saturday and Sunday–July 18,19 and 20.

As we know, Wagon Trail Days is a Hope event that solicits funds for their EMT unit. It includes a pancake feed, a raffle with numerous prizes and a 5K run. The latter draws the lion's share of participants, but AAMA also contributes interest with our car show and occasional parades, as well as our raucous cheering squad for the 5K runners.

On Friday, Howard Hansen, Laura Walters and Michael Packard will locate club members' campers and motorhomes, and reserve space for our car show.

Saturday, we usually support Hope's pancake feed for breakfast. Throughout the day, we will have parades on Main Street and other areas, such as campgrounds. Then, in the afternoon, we have our own potluck, hamburger and hotdog feed. This year's master chef will be Michael Wiedmer, who-in another incarnation-has been known as the History Professor. That evening, Laura Walters and Michael Packard will present entertainment designed to help you avoid dementia.

Sunday morning, we will have a pancake breakfast with Michael Wiedmer again doing the flipping. See Michael if you want to lend a hand, either with the hamburgers or the pancakes.

After breakfast, at 11:00, the 5K run begins. If you don't plan to run, you can join at the sidelines to give the runners a hearty cheer. We usually have noisemakers to help make as much audacious racket as possible. The runners love it.

Important: Please let Howard know you plan to attend so he, Laura and Michael can anticipate the space required and the number of mouths to feed. Howard's number is (907) 440-1002. The parking space at the retreat house is restricted, so this is very important.

If you don't bring an RV and don't have other overnight accommodations, the retreat house has a loft with some fairly comfortable beds and a bathroom with shower. Don't forget your soap and towels.

Additional Lodging Information:

The Hope Chamber of Commerce website: https://hopealaska.us/ lodging.html from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. David asked for volunteers to setup signs and guide people into the show. Non-AAMA members will need to sign a form stating they have insurance for their vehicle. Admission to the Zoo will be free for AAMA members.

**The Anchorage July 4th parade is being coordinated by Michael Packard and Laura Walter. The Chugiak parade is being coordinated by Mike Wiedmer. Following the parades there will be a barbecue at the Cresaps' house.

**The Bear Paw Festival car show is Friday July 11.

**The next adopt-A-Road cleanup is Saturday July 12.

**The Hope Retreat is Friday July 18 through Sunday July 20.

**Glen Bohn and Loraine Phillips have a large selection of Model A parts for sale. Contact them at 907-830-1468 if

(See p.7, "May Minutes")

Be Sure to Remember the Fourth of July Potluck

from Marcy Cresap

Tom and Marcy will host the post-Independence Day parade potluck at 3:00 pm, after the Chugiak parade. Bring a potluck dish to share and your own adult beverage. Hamburger, hot dogs,Tea and lemonade will be provided. Also, please bring a chair.

If you wish, you may drop off food and chairs at Cresaps' before the Chugiak parade.

The address is 17914 Kamkoff Avenue, Eagle River. Tom's cell: (907) 390-7511; Marcy's cell: (907) 947-7509

Centennial Village

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Model A to the swooping fenders of a 1963 Crown Imperial.

Showing our treasures made for a pleasant, relaxing interlude on a Friday afternoon. Thanks to all who attended and to Centennial Village for hosting us.



"Thirsday"

by Tom Cresap "Thirsday" reminds me of the story of three old guys walking along. The first guy says, "It's windy today." The second guy says, "It's not Wednesday, it's Thursday." The third says, "Hey, I'm thirsty, too. Let's go have a beer.'

We're not sure if all the Alaskan Model A members are hard of hearing like that, but somehow their weekly meeting at Piper's became known as Thirsday or Thursty (The spelling is up in the air, as is the origin of the name.)

I Call It a "Driveabout"

by Tom Cresap

To an Australian Aboriginal, a walkabout is a ritualistic journey undertaken by young men as a rite of passage. It involves surviving in the wilderness. In British vocabulary, it refers to a celebrity or public figure wandering through a public space to interact with the public.

I've always thought of our Wednesday excursions as "driveabouts," because we are taking our treasures into the wilderness of modern traffic to show them off to the public.

So, we are coining a new word, an apt, and ostensibly more colorful, description of our Wednesday night activities.

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interested.

**The Anchorage Downtown Partnership Solstice Festival is Saturday June 21 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. Staging begins at 11:00 am on 4th avenue between D and G street. **David Jensen thanked Louis Mestier for all he has done for the club.

BD's & Anniversaries

President Richard Golding announced birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

Split the Pot

Split the pot winner Greg Carpenter Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm. Dinner at Roberto's restaurant.

> Respectfully submitted Greg Carpenter, Secretary

Lost: One treasurer Louis Goes to Canada



Some of the folks who joined in Louis' farewell gathering: back row: Mike Wiedmer, Garrett and Greg Carpenter, Richard Golding and Art Isham; next row: Linda Golding, Marcy Cresap, Laura Walter, Mike Campbell and Brian Anderson; third row, Shirley Alexander, Shirley Lord, Victoria Fredenhagen, Terry Young; front: JR and Barb Russell honorees-Dimi and Louis, Michael Packard, Jim Fredengahen and our hostess, Tamea Isham.

by Tom Cresap

On Thursday, June 19th, a goup of AAMA folks gathered at Art and Tamea Isham's house to bid goodbye to Louis and Dimi Mestier.

Louis became an AAMA member four years ago in September, 2021, bringing with him a beautiful 1963 Rangoon-Red Ford Thunderbird. Shortly thereafter, when we discovered he was bookkeeper for CIRI Corporation in Anchorage, we drafted him to be our treasurer. (Maybe this is why he decided to move to Canada.)

We had been affected by the difficulties of the Covid Pandemic, and the club was meeting by Zoom. As we emerged, we wanted to improve our website and our electronic financial dealings, such as paying our dues by credit card. Louis just happened to know about all those things, which would have left the rest of us scratching our heads.

He also set up a database that will simplify the job of treasurer, so his successor should have an easy job.

We will miss Louis because of his professional expertise, but also because of what he added to the club with his warm personality and his pride-and-joy, 1963 Thunderbird.

Bon voyage, Louis and Dimi.

Jensen

Here's to Model A'ers,

by Jim Fredenhagen

I'm very proud to be associated with such a devout group of people, who came from all over Anchorage and the Valley, in the rain, to gather their stout little A's for a photo and lunch.

What a gang! Intrepid is a mild word for that kind of fellowship, which was clearly evident as we all gathered, ate and shared Model A tales.

Dave Jensen's amazing photo once again shows how special our hobby is and the people in it.

Thanks again, one and all.

We had about 24 cars and pickups, in addition to one Model A fire truck.

Twenty-three cars and pickups plus one firetruck got out in soggy weather to join in the 2025 Model A reunion at Pipers on Saturday, June 7th.

Solstice at the Lake

by Tom Cresap

Mirror Lake was beautifully sunny on MSSRA's 2025 Solstice celebration on Friday, June 20th. Everyone, including a large population of beach goers, who were sunning and swimming, enjoyed it all.

A generous number of cars from AAMA, MSSRA and the 49th State Street Rodders showed up to consume hot dogs and hamburgers cooked up by MSSRA's Otto Binder and his wife Lee. You had to be alert to avoid losing your food to the aggressive breeze that blew in over the lake. The result was a cool and mosquito-free day.

This show always presents a wide variety of vehicles, from rat rods to custom to hydraulic-charged low riders to antiques.

AAMA was represented by our president, Richard Golding with his 1986 Citroën 2CV, Colleen and Howard Hansen in their 1966 Plymouth Barracuda, Nat Gardner and her 1956 Ford pickup, Chunky, Marianne and Martha Robinson in their 1930 Model A and Tom Cresap in his 1931 Model A.

Sitting quietly off in a corner was Ken Holland, former AAMA member and legendary valley Model A guru, and his granddaughter, Sharon. Ken will turn 99 next month, but he is still driving his incredible 1929 Model A Coupe and keeping the machines and welders warm in his home shop.

Good day, great show. Thanks to MSSRA for the fun and food.

Driveabout



Our driveabouts are not exclusively for old cars. Craig Garcia brought this 1957 Cushman Eagle one evening. Not stock, but close enough to bring back memories.



On Tom's mentioning that he had carburetor concerns, Jim whipped out his tools, removed the Marvel from his '29 Tudor and switched it with the Marvel on Tom's Slant Window. They were just about 20 minutes late to join everyone else for hamburgers.

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Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday evenings. We meet at the REI parking lot at the corner of Northern Lights and Denali, we visit and gab, then we drive to some place to-you guessed iteat.

Who knows, you might get to see Jim Fredenhagen trade carburetors with Tom Cresap. He removed the one from his 1929 tudor and put it in Tom's 1931 slant window. Stranger things might happen in the REI parking lot, but we won't ask.



Christina Lucile Cresap Diaz May 11, 1966–June 9, 2025



Christina Lucile Cresap Diaz, known earlier in life by family and friends as "Chrissy," died at home, after a brief illness, in the early hours the morning of June 9th,2025.

Christina was born May 11, 1966, at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska, the first of three children born to Marcy and Tom Cresap. Tom would often say that she was their first child, who gave them their first grandchild, who subsequently gave them their first great-grandchild.

Christina grew up in the woods around the family home in Chugiak/Eagle River. She loved to run free and explore the woods and discover whatever kids find in the leaves, under rocks and in the wind.

She attended Birchwood ABC Elementary School, Gruening Middle School and Chugiak High School, where she excelled. She graduated from Chugiak High School in 1984, then attended Denver Institute of Technology to earn an associate's degree in electronics.

Christina was employed by Carr's Safeway in health foods in the 90's; then she started at Credit Union One, where she was employed from 2001 until the time of her death. Christina was a valued employee who eschewed offers of advancement to managerial positions, preferring a simple, enjoyable life.

She had a five-year relationship with Don Bennett and in 1991 gave birth to a daughter, Victoria Ashley Bennett. Victoria was the light of Christina's life, and they had many adventures together.

In February 1994, Christina married Manny Diaz, who had a son,

Adam. This family of four, enjoyed things like fishing and traveling to Manny's home country, the Philippines.

In 1997, Christina found herself single again, and in 2013, Victoria gave her a grandson, Tael Christopher Carbaugh, who became an important part of Christina's life by spending weekends and special occasions with her.

On January 13th, 2020, Christina lost her best friend and companion, Larry Berg, to a heart attack. They had spent 15 years together and had planned to marry in June of that year. The loss was devastating for Christina, and although the family rallied around her and she enjoyed family barbeques, playing in the pool in the sun and traveling to Hawaii, she never really recovered completely.

Christina is survived by her parents, Tom and Marcy Cresap, brothers, Sean (Tina) and Marcus, daughter, Victoria, son-in-law Travis and their son, Tael, sister-in-law Christy Cresap and her two children, Hannah and Jay, of New York, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

A celebration of life is planned and will be announced later.



July 2, 2025



Feast your eyes on Mike Smith's new acquisition, which he brought up only recently. It is a 1931 Cadillac V12, and it should be a very smooth and comfortable ride, once he gets all the wrinkles ironed out.

July

Birthdays John (J.R.) Russell-4th Dick Anderson–4th Valerie Bell–11th Kaylene Brown-14th Dick Henningsen-14th Doug Nolte-15th Doris Fowler-18th Gwyn Wiedmer-31st Jerome Jacobson-31st Anniversaries Kaylene & Bill Brown-1st Margaret & Dick Anderson-2nd Diane & Dennis Allen–6th Ivana Senjak & Ivan Jaklener-7th Patti & Dan Billman-16th Gwyn & Mike Wiedmer-24th Laura Walter & Michael Packard–25th

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