



Sunny Weather brings out superlatives for 2025 Show & Shine



After the award of the 2025 Jay Ofsthun Show Award, Dan Tucker, retired B/C AFD; Richard Golding, President AAMA; Mary Cohen, AFD administrator; Roger Storrs, retired AFD mechanic; standing behind Roger is his son Darren Storrs; seated at top is Ross Woodman, retired Sr.Captain. The winning vehicle: the restored 1922 Lafrance Fire Truck, the second of its kind to serve in Anchorage.

By Linda Mattes Golding

The biggest car show in the state of Alaska, the Jay Ofsthun Show & Shine, not only brings vehicles from Anchorage but from the Matanuska Valley, Fairbanks, and the Kenai Peninsula. And although it began as a show for antiques, classic, and street rods, it has come to encompass

newer cars as well.

The 2025 edition, jointly hosted by the Antique Auto Mushers of Alaska and the Midnight Sun Street Rodders, was one of the largest in recent memory. AAMA fielded nearly fifty vehicles, representing over a century of automotive history, from Tom Shrader's 1902 Curved Dash Olds, to

Mike Kerr's 2000 John Deere Model 790 tractor.

Fourteen Model A's showed off their diverse ages and body styles. Carl and Kathleen Godsoe got our club's name front and center with our parade banner in their 1931 Pickup, while Tudors, Fordors,

(See p.7, "Jay Ofsthun Show")

Palmer Alaska State Fair Car Show has been cancelled.

Running Board Reflections

When I was a little kid I always told my mother that when I grew up I wanted to be a fireman. She responded by telling me that firemen had to be smart, and brave, and selfless and resourceful, and willing to sacrifice all for the welfare of others.

—That's when I realized I would never be a fireman.

But, actually, looking back at over seven decades of life experience, and reflecting on the kid I once was (as opposed to the kid I am now), I realized that saving women and children from burning rooms and carrying them through windows and down precariously long ladders was never really 'my bag' anyway. I'm very sensitive to smoke, and cough all too easily. And I have never been one for scaling heights, nor laughing in the face of danger. Nope, that's not me.

But damn, I always wanted to drive that big red fire truck! What kid (young or old) didn't? Speeding in and out of traffic, the mighty fire engine's siren and horns wailing out their warning to any and all traffic lying ahead, then parting that traffic like Moses did the Red Sea. Unfurling the hoses. Opening the hydrants. Saving life and limb. God, I still get goosebumps just thinking about it!

These past few months have been a lot of fun, steering the helm of the Antique Auto Musers. I continue to meet and work with many interesting and talented people, seeing and experiencing many beautiful and magnificent vehicles. Riding in many of your cars and trucks has been a real honor and joy. But all that seemed somehow eclipsed this past Sunday, when I awarded the AAMA's Best of Show award to the Alaska Fire Service Museum Association for their wonderfully restored 1922 American LaFrance Fire Engine. You'll find a picture of me along with AFSMA representatives—brave public servants all—in front of their vehicle, presenting them that award, on the front page of this issue of the Tinkering Times.



President Richard sits at the wheel of the 2025 show-winning 1922 LaFrance fire engine restored by the Alaska Fire Service Association.

I honestly can't think of anyone more deserving of the public's admiration than the heroes that keep our municipality safe from flame. And while there were many, MANY vehicles parked on the grass last Sunday between 9th and 10th Avenues that were certainly deserving of a best of show award, the LaFrance truck was just as deserving, even if being judged solely on the same merits as the Fords and Hudsons and Stutzes shining alongside it in the bright midday Alaskan sun. Their owners were just as committed to accuracy and excellence in the preservation and restoration of their vehicles as were those responsible for the 1922 LaFrance. In a sense, they all deserved the award. But unfortunately, only one gets to go home the winner. —It's the way the game is played.

So, win or lose, I want to extend my congratulations to those restorers, drivers and dreamers who participated in Sunday's spectacular car show. Their spirit, their dreams and their wonderful machines are what that event is all about.

And, by the way . . . Mom, if you happened to be looking down on Sunday, about 3:15 in the afternoon, I hope you got a chance to see your son, smiling ear to ear, finally seated in the driver's seat, behind the steering wheel of that big red fire truck!

—Richard



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For Sale: 1926 Dodge taxi; has newer 4-cylinder Jeep engine; 1949 Ford rear end; hydraulic brakes; 12-volt system. \$8500. Contact Michael Packard, (907) 382-1221.

Schedule of events

- o August 6—2:00 p.m. Horizon House Car show
- o August 9—6:00 p.m., Maranatha Fellowship car show
- o August 9—3 p.m., Baxter Senior Living car show
- o August 9—4-9, Hot Summer Nights car show. Downtown Palmer (Jim Fredenhagen, 351-3115)
- o August 13—6:30, Meeting
- o August 21—Alaska Air Museum car show
- o August 23—12-3pm Soldotna Chili Feed, Soldotna Senior Center. Meet at Carrs Huffman at 8:30 am. Meet Kaknu Kruzers for lunch and carshow. 197 Park Ave, Soldotna. (Jim, 351-3115)
- o September 6—9:00 am, Adopt-A-Road (Marcy Cresap 907-947-7509)
- o September 10—6:30 p.m., Meeting
- o October 8—6:30, Meeting
- o November 12—6:30, Meeting



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, 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. Dennis Dussman, (907) 978-2248,



For Sale: '31 Model A Cabriolet; restored in Utah in 2000; few miles since restoration; \$28,000. Dave Wells, (907)831-6336



For Sale: 1967 Austin Sprite; includes spare engine and convertible top frame; runs and looks great. \$4900. Dennis Dussman, (907) 978-2248,

(See p. 4, "More . . .")

Polaris Traditonal & Extended Care Center



by Linda Golding

Polaris Traditonal & Extended Care Center was formerly Providence Compassion Care Center, where AAMA has been doing pop-up shows for several years. Although the ownership has changed, the residents and staff are always happy to see our cars.

Polaris invited us to bring our cars Tuesday, July 29th in the afternoon. In addition, the activity director also invited petting zoo animals to give their patients some outdoor fun.

Only three of our group's cars showed up, but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the residents. We renewed our acquaintances with some people and made new friends. The petting zoo was a real hit, with patients, staff and Musers, too!

Michael Campbell and Terri Young, who coordinated the event, brought their '86 Alfa Romeo Spider. Michael Packard and Laura Walter took a long drive to east Anchorage in their 1929 Model A Coupe. Brian Anderson brought his 1983 Jeep J10 pickup.

More . . .

One Man's Treasures



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
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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



For Sale: 1931 Model A Victoria; 50 HP Model B engine; Mallory Distributor; Synchro transmission; Borg Warner overdrive; Hydraulic brakes; front tube shocks; F-100 steering box; front lap seatbelts; 16" Ford wheels; new radial tires. \$24,000. Dan Billman, (907) 250-3117.



For Sale: 1968 MGB; British Racing Green; tan top and interior; includes white fiberglass hardtop and a spare engine; runs and looks great. \$6500. Dennis Dussman, (907) 978-2248,

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.

Notice: Wings and Wheels Show

We heard from Phyllis at the Aviation Museum. They would like to have the Wings & Wheels event on Thursday, August 21. We will load in our cars no earlier than 5:30 p.m. Food and drinks will be available at approximately 6:15 p.m.

July 4th Parade Draws Record Number of Mushers



Independence Day is time for lots of flags, and these kiddos did it up really well. They charmingly displayed their youthful patriotism while comfortably seated in the bed of Chunky, Nat Gardner's 1956 Ford F150.

By Linda Golding

Anchorage Parade

When the summer weather is cool, we always wonder how much participation we will generate at an event. The Fourth of July dawned overcast and very windy in downtown Anchorage, but the Mushers did not let that stop them from lining up their cars early. By ten o'clock, the wind had died, and the sun came out.

Laura Walter and Michael Packard, with help from David Jensen and Richard Golding managed to "herd the cats" into a semblance of order. Our group needed order as we fielded a record twenty-two vehicles.

Carl Godsoe drove his 1931 Model A Pickup with the AAMA parade banner. Two 1922 Model T's followed him: Morgan Blanchard, and Mike Scruggs carrying guest passenger Daryl Smith. Dutch Overly brought his granddaughter Bianca in his 1914 Stutz Bearcat.

Other Model A's included David Jensen's 1931 Pickup with passenger and all-around good dog, Iris; guest Rob Peacock driving his sister Terri Peacock in her 1928 Tudor; Michael Packard and

Laura Walter in their 1931 Coupe; Janice Czerwinski in her 1931 Victoria with passenger Beverly Smith; Marianne Robinson with daughter Martha in her 1930 Briggs Fordor; Jim Fredenhagen in his 1929 Tudor; Dan Billman in his 1931 Victoria; Phil Morrow in his 1930 Cabriolet carrying retired cardiologist Dr. Shirley Fraser with friend Damon Broiles; and Michael Langevin in his 1931 Tudor.

There were other vehicles besides Model A's. Nat Gardner drove "Chunky" her ever-popular 1956 Ford pickup. Scott Hulse paraded with his 1958 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud, and John and Cheryl Martin drove their lovely baby blue 1960 Corvette. Club President Richard Golding with passenger Lois Lane drove "Jacques," their ever-present 1986 Citroën 2cv. Patrina Langevin chauffeured her

grandson Holden in her striking 1957 T-Bird, while guest Eli Guzman showed off his 1955 Chevy Bel-Air. He painted this car with his Grampa, and is almost finished with its restoration.

No parade would be complete without a grand showing from the Wiedmers. Gwyn and Mom Shirley Anderson drove their 1927 Hupmobile; friend Tim Troll and his family drove in the 1941 Cadillac Deluxe Coupe; and Mr. Whitekeys drove the 1949 Ford Custom Convertible Coupe.

As we drove the parade route on 9th and 10th Avenues, we saw lots of familiar faces. Bill and Kaylene Brown opted to enjoy the parade with their grandchildren, as spectators, and Kathleen Godsoe took photos of our group.

Only one thing marred our Parade adventure. Just as we were pulling out of our staging area at 8th Avenue, David Jensen's Model A decided to stage a revolt. Mike and Laura helped steer it to the side of D Street, where David was seen by passing Mushers removing all his festive bunting (and grumbling as he did so). We all felt sorry for him, knowing the frustration of having a car quit at the most inopportune time.

He did manage to get his car home, and he and Carol made an appearance at the Cresap's picnic with root beer floats.

by Tom Cresap & Linda Golding

The Chugiak parade is lots of fun, if your car can withstand the long route with sometimes snail-like velocity and you don't mind bringing lots of candy for the kids along the way. Yes, we continue to be able to throw candy at this event.

It takes place along the old Glenn Highway, starting at Latimer Hall, home of the local volunteer fire department, and ends in Chugiak at the Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center.

Along that entire way, locals literally come out of the woods to wave, smile, exchange friendly greetings and sometimes cheer as we pass.

This year, we presented a 1927 Hupmobile (Gwyn Wiedmer and Shirley

(See p.6, "July 4th Parades")

Horizon House Show Notice

By Patty Billman

First-time pop-up Car Show at Horizon House: It is scheduled for August 6th at 2 p.m. They will have an Ice Cream Social in conjunction with the Car Show

to get the residents outside for fresh air.

My interest in Horizon House is that my mother lived there at one time and my son-in-law's mother is there now.

Join us!

July 4th Parades



Mayor Suzanne LaFrance posed with Dutch Overly, his replica 1914 Stutz Bearcat, his granddaughter, Bianca, and Iris before the Anchorage parade.

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Alexander) a 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury (Greg and son Garrett Carpenter) a 1956 T-Bird (Louie Finch) a 1986 Citroën 2cv (Goldings) a 1914 Stutz (Dutch Overly) and a 1915 White (Sage and Scott Olson.) That last one was easily the oldest in our retinue (110-years) and presented a very special visual treat for the Chugiak folks.

Since Mike Wiedmer was leading the group in his 1949 Ford convertible, he was unable to enjoy his favorite July 4th activity: lobbing candy into the open roof of the Golding's Deux Chevaux. Between them, the cars threw about seventy pounds of candy—happy Independence Day!

After-Parade Picnic

by Tom Cresap

The celebration of our nation's independence is always a joyful event for the Antique Auto Musers, and this year was no exception. It seems that parades and old cars fit well together.

The 2025 parades in Anchorage and Chugiak both saw record participation by AAMA cars, and the post-parade picnic at Cresaps' place in Eagle River feted 35 members and guests who were able to wind down and relax after their efforts of cleaning and buffing old sheet metal and—in some cases—coaxing ancient coaches to keep running through the rigors of slow-moving parade traffic.

We enjoyed a plethora of potluck food embellished by Tom's burgers and hot dogs. Thanks to a slight breeze and the local bats and swallows, we had no mosquitos.

Thanks to all who came and enjoyed. See you next year!

... And Seldovia Wins!



If we had a competition for flag size, this would have to take the first prize. Now, this here's a FLAG! AAMA member Ken Morton, sent us this photo of Walt Sonen's 1931 Model A pickup celebrating America's independence in the Seldovia parade. His flag competed for size with the entire parade!



Parade cars gathered at Cresaps' for a potluck picnic to relax and unwind after the parades.

Jay Ofsthun Show

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Coupes, and Victorias (and lots of other Pickups) lined up on the grass. Included was a showing of Frank Nosek's rare 1929 Opera Coupe, the only one in Alaska, and one of only 77,000 manufactured.

Some newer acquisitions were shown off, including the Isham's 1947 Packard Custom Super Clipper Touring Sedan (purchased from Mark Graber), and the Billman's 1947 Plymouth Club Coupe Special Deluxe P-15. Dutch Overly brought his family's 1929 Stutz Model M Rumble Seat Coupe; Dutch only recently brought the Stutz to Alaska.

Members showed off Hudsons and T-Birds and Jeeps, Oh My! Luxury cars like an Imperial, a Rolls Royce, and a Cadillac Eldorado from the 1950s-60s rubbed shoulders with two Citroën 2cvs. In a study of contrasts, the Wiedmers brought their lumbering 1975 Unimog 406 Tilt Bed, while potential new members Doug and Debbie Smith wowed the crowd with their teeny two-toned 1958 BMW Isetta 600.

Among so many fine vehicles, one stood out. The Alaska Fire Service Museum Association brought their 1922 American LaFrance Fire Engine, proudly showing it amidst our older cars. AAMA member and Museum Association's VP Ross Woodman made a "relaxing" (HaHa) trip from his home in California in order to expose and educate the public to the important Anchorage history exemplified by this fire engine. The Museum Association is also soliciting help and donations in order to restore Anchorage's ORIGINAL motorized fire vehicle, a 1921 LaFrance Fire Engine. This exposure also highlights the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Anchorage Fire Department.

For these reasons, the AAMA Best of Show Trophy was awarded to the 1922 American LaFrance, while the MSSRA awarded "Ed's Pick" to Tim Mason's newly restored 1948 GMC Cab Over Engine (COE) truck.

During our day in the sunshine, we were treated to guest visitors. Tom and Allyson Gallagher, winners of the 2024 Best in Show award, were unable to drive

their Cadillac due to recent surgeries, but they stopped by for a chat. Five members of a Horseless Carriage Club-sponsored Ocean Cruise managed to find us after being bussed from Whittier to the Egan Center, then walking a mile in the hot sun! We have been in conversation for a while, so it was great to meet in person.

Their determination to see our car collection is indicative of the love that auto enthusiasts share. They were also happy to have a bite to eat, to get a drink and to sit in the shade after their long walk. When the show broke up, we made sure to chauffeur them back to their destination hotel.

A gathering of this scope requires the help of many hands. Special thanks to Dutch Overly who arrived before any other Musers and helped set up the exhibition lanes; President Richard Golding coordinated the overall set-up; David Jensen not only supplied (and grilled) hamburgers, but also supplied a canopy and tables; Michael Packard and Laura Walter for a canopy and set-up, and for arranging, and re-arranging, and then arranging again to help the human traffic flow; Michael Wiedmer for hot dog cooking expertise; and Art and Tam Isham for another canopy and more tables. We don't forget Sara Stoops and Tom and Marcy Cresap for chauffeur duties.

Finally, thanks to all the members who brought vehicles, but also brought food and chairs to share, and friendship and their love of old cars.

AAMA Business Meeting

July 9, 2025

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

Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by President Richard Golding

There were 24 members present and no guests.

June Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Richard Golding provided the treasurer's report. The club is looking for a new treasurer, so if you are interested in this position, please contact Richard Golding.

Old Business

**The Father's Day car show at the Alaska Zoo was very successful.

**President Richard Golding talked about the going-away gathering for the club treasurer Louis Mestier and his wife Dimi that took place at the Isham's house on June 19th. They became AAMA members in September 2021 and participated in many of the club's functions.

**The Anchorage Downtown Partnership Solstice Festival was Saturday June 21 with nine cars participating.

(See p. 8, "June Minutes.")



Tom Schrader thrilled many fans at the Jay Ofsthun Show when he brought his 123-year-old 1902 Olds Curved Dash for display.

Cresap

Making a Visit to Turnagain Social Club



“Ray-Ray,” a visitor at Turnagain Social Club, was completely enthralled by and got a ride in Richard Golding’s Citroën.

by Linda Golding

On July 10th, a large group of Musers descended upon the Turnagain Social Club parking lot on Tudor Road near the Old Seward Highway. The facility is an adult day care center, hosting seniors as well as community members with disabilities.

The clients were escorted to the parking lot by staff members, and began milling about the cars, asking questions, climbing in to sit in the vehicles and even taking short rides around the grounds.

Model A’s were well represented. The Cresaps drove their 1931 Fordor Sedan, Dan Billman arrived with his 1931 Victoria, and Jim Fredenhagen came by in his 1929 Tudor.

Michael Packard and Laura Walter dropped by with their 1942 Plymouth Special Deluxe, and the Wiedmers brought out the 1941 Cadillac. Louis Finch drove in from Eagle River in his 1956 Mercury Montclair, and Scott Hulse wowed the crowd with his 1958 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud. Newly retired Greg Carpenter drove his 1966 Mustang, while Richard Golding gave rides to several people in his 1986 Citroën 2cv.

Michael Campbell showed off his 1986 Alfa-Romeo Spider, which attracted two other Alfas: Les Babcock drove by in his moss green 1978 Alfa Spider and popped into the parking lot for a few minutes. Mark Smith, whose wife works at Turnagain, parked his 2018 Alfa Romeo Giulia Q4 (named “Ruby”), next to the other Alfas. Several clients took rides in this fancy newer car.

Although the skies were overcast, rain did not spoil our afternoon, and the Turnagain staff and clients were left with smiles on their faces.

July Minutes

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**The first pop-up car show of the season was at the Centennial Post Acute Center on June 27.

**The Anchorage July 4th parade was coordinated by Michael Packard and Laura Walter with 22 vehicles. The Chugiak parade was coordinated by Mike Wiedmer and involved lots of candy being thrown out to the eager parade spectators. Following the parades there was the annual barbecue at the Cresap’s house.

New Business

**A pop-up car show at the Turnagain Social Club is Thursday, July 10th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

**The Bear Paw Festival car show is Friday July 11 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Staging will begin at 4:30 pm.

**Adopt a road cleanup is Saturday July 12 at 9:00 am at the Carr’s on Muldoon.

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

**The Valley Trash car show in Sutton is Saturday July 19th.

**Pre-Show and Shine on Saturday August 2 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Anchorage Police Training Center.

**Show and Shine car show at the

Anchorage Park Strip is Sunday August 3rd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Coordinating with MSSRA to cover expenses for the show, we found the cost to rent the porta potties is \$1,050.00. A motion was made to pay for this expense. The motion passed.

**Palmer State Fair car show on Saturday August 16th. [Event cancelled]

**Wings and Wheels car show will take place at the Aircraft Museum and is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 21.

**Pop-up car show at Baxter Senior Living Facility Saturday, August 9 at 3:00 pm.

**Pop-up car show at the Anchorage Pioneer Home is being planned and details will be emailed out.

BD’s & Anniversaries

President Richard Golding announced birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

Split The Pot

Split the pot winner was Patti Billman.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. Dinner at Seward’s Folly restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Carpenter, Secretary

Hot Summer Nights

It’s time for the Hot Summer Nights Car Show in Downtown Palmer. Saturday August 9th, 2025, from 5pm to 9pm. According to the 7-day forecast it looks like it will be warm and no rain so that is great. Exquisite Urban Tastes is the Food Truck that will be there to help feed the hungry crowd as well as all the many

(See p. 9, “Hot Summer Nights”)

AAMA Supports Hope, Cheers Runners and Gets History Lesson



When in Hope, relax like JR Russell, Scott Hulse, Michael Wiedmer, Shirley Alexander, Colleen Hansen, Gwyn Wiedmer and Brian Anderson.

By Scott Hulse

Following years of tradition, twenty AAMA members gathered in Hope, Alaska to support the fundraiser for the Hope Volunteer Emergency Services and to cheer on the runners in the Sunday morning 5k race. A secondary goal of the trip is a low-stress weekend in Hope, a historic gold mining town known for its relaxed, friendly atmosphere, where members can get to know each other, and maybe talk about cars, friends and family.

The AAMA crowd included Howard and Colleen Hansen, Brian Anderson, Michael Packard and Laura Walter, Dan Billman, Michael and Patrina Langevin, their three grandchildren, Michael Campbell and Terri Young and JR and Barbara Russel. Mike Wiedmer—designated chef for Saturday's burgers and Sunday morning's pancakes—his wife, Gwyn, and Gwyn's mom Shirley arrived Saturday along with Ken Evans. Sunday, Michael Campbell and Terry Young arrived early to catch some social time with the group and help cheer on the Wagon-Trail runners. My better half, Sheryl, joined me on Friday's supply run and spent time catching up with the ladies attending.

I was having issues with my classic car, so I took my modern Ford Flex, which has ample cargo room to deliver the

food, fuel, cooking stove, and lots of paper products. I spent Friday and Saturday in Hope enjoying the company of our group, but then a family event on Sunday took me back to Anchorage.

Classic cars present included: Billmans' 1931 Model A Ford, Packards' 1942 Plymouth Super Deluxe, Brian Anderson's 1979 Jeep plus Wiedmers' 1941 Cadillac and Ken Evan's 55 Cadillac El Dorado.

At about 8 a.m. Saturday morning, I found Brian Anderson and Dan Billman up and about. Dan and I were hungry and were going to take Dan's Model A to the Community Hall for the Pancake Feed, but we chose to walk after finding gas leaking inside the cab.

Dan and I then joined Howard and Colleen, JR and Barbara, Michael and Laura, Brian, and Michael and Patrina with their three grandkids to enjoy a delicious feast of Blueberry Pancakes, Reindeer Sausage, Coffee and other delights.

Back at the retreat house, creative Auto-Mushers teamed up to repair Dan's gas leak by using tape and an old plastic bottle. I believe it was JR that made perfectly shaped gaskets out of the plastic bottle.

A highlight of Saturday was the drive to the "Paystreke" site, just beyond the

start of the Resurrection Pass Trail system. This was the most interesting drive I can remember in Hope. In 1985-1986 Hope resident Tom Williams was building a replica 1890s town as a tourist attraction. He advertised for Mail order brides to come and marry men in the Paystreke chapel. One wedding did actually take place in the chapel.

Val Youngberg is the current owner,

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Hot Summer Nights

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restaurants on South Colony Way and in downtown Palmer.

49th Street Rodders would strongly recommend that you pre-register your vehicle. It will save a lot of time in line if we have 75 or so vehicles. As with all of our shows you must register your vehicle so we can have an accurate record of participation.

You don't need to be signed up for voting for People's Choice. Remember it is always free to enter and free to attend, so don't let any scammers get you. Rain or shine we will be there, so we hope to see you there also.



Michael Packard checks out the paintings that depict historic mining events in the Hope area. The paintings are part of a tourist attraction constructed in Paystreke, near Hope.

Relaxed in Hope

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and when I mentioned our club being in Paystreke just before the tourist town was to open, the response was a quick history of his family from the gold-mining days to the present. Val told us there was a storyboard up near one of the cabins. It consisted of 22 large murals painted by a family member and small story panels at the bottom of each, explaining that time in mining history.

Val is a relative of "Pop" Red-Hat Haun.

The story starts in 1888 when Alexander King went up Turnagain Arm looking for gold and ends in 1974 when Edgar Haun, (Red Hat Haun) died leaving one descendant, Ralph Edgar Haun. Val Youngberg is Ralph's son and the current owner of Paystreke.

On our return to the retreat house, chef Mike Wiedmer kept everyone fed using Dennis Allen's and Tom Cresap's traditional recipes and gave a walking tour of the nearby historic cabin, now owned and being refurbished by Tony Allen, to several people. JR Russell, Michael Packard, Howard Hansen and Brian Anderson headed up the hill to the old gas station near Porcupine Creek Campground to talk to our old acquaintances, the Donaldson family. A search of the vehicles in the back forty there led to locating an Air Cleaner for JR's 1934 DeSoto. Isn't that amazing?! No telling what you'll find in the woods at Hope.

As evening closed in, a day-long casual Corn Hole contest wound down, and the third drive around took place, including Billmans' 1931 Model A Ford, Packard's 1942 Plymouth Super Deluxe, Brian Anderson's 1979 Jeep plus Wiedmers' 1941 Cadillac and new arrival Ken Evan's 1955 Cadillac El Dorado.

On Sunday, everyone woke up to another wonderful breakfast, again provided by chef Michael Wiedmer, who used "Mother Allen's Pancake Recipe," reminiscent of the days when Dennis Allen would perform this task.

Michael Campbell and Terry Young arrived to enjoy some relaxing Hope time with the rest of the group. The only one missing was Scott (me), as I went back to Anchorage Saturday night so I could attend a family party on Sunday. Thankfully, Michael Packard and Laura Walter took great notes that I used to finish this log.

Once cleanup was completed it was time to assemble in front of the retreat house to cheer this year's runners in the Wagon Trail 5K run/walk. Every one that started in the race was cheered on as they passed by the old schoolhouse and the Retreat. It doesn't take long for the first serious runner to return from the circuit, and the Antique Auto Musers were

there to cheer on all the returning runners and walkers, who pick up their pace as they are cheered on to the finish line.

Sunday afternoon, some of our members had to get back to Anchorage, leaving the peace and quiet of Hope behind.

Michael and Patrina Langevin and his three grandchildren left in their motorhome. Then, Mike & Gwynn Wiedmer and Shirley left in the '41 Cadillac, Ken Evans, in his '55 Cadillac El Dorado and Dan and Patty Billman in their 1931 Model A headed home.

Monday, the last members hanging onto the quiet life and conversations with fellow members, packed up and headed home. It was a very satisfying weekend for everyone. Many thanks to Howard Hansen and Mike Wiedmer for putting the outing together and to all the mushers who pitched in to make the visit go smoothly. A special thanks to Michael Packard, Laura Walter, and Michael Wiedmer for taking notes to help me with this event report.



Breakfast in the retreat house.



Here is a new weekly event that members may be interested in. See the attached photo.

The coffee shop and consignment store will open at 8 AM on Saturdays to support a weekly Cars and Coffee at the Castle in south Anchorage.



Mike Wiedmer and David Jensen served up some delectable dogs and burgers at the Jay Ofsthun show. Thanks to their efforts, we didn't starve. It's common knowledge that eating is the major purpose of our club.

We hope you are taking your car out and as much as possible for a drive-about to enjoy what's left of the summer.

July Trash Pickers



by Marcy Cresap

I was prepared for rain on July 12th at our adopt a road activity and wore my raincoat. Laura Walter was also prepared. She wrapped a trash bag around her head to keep her head dry. However, the weather cooperated, the rain never came and the morning was pleasant. Treasures: Dan Billman found a beautiful (about) 12"X16" Christmas stained glass art piece. It was in perfect condition. It

pays to pick up trash in more ways than one.

Shirley Alexander found a small Pokémon-type toy, the likes of which Linda Golding has also found in the past. Maybe it's a raven's thank-you for our clean-up efforts!

We enjoy visiting, eating and comparing our trash finds at our cleanups. Thanks to all who participated.

Bear Paw Festival: How Many cars Does it Take to Fill Eagle River?

by Tom Cresap

Now, this is what you could call a humdinger! Eagle River tries every year and succeeds—to a certain extent—to put on a decent Bear Paw Festival. This year, the gods were smiling, the weather cooperated and show cars and people crammed Business Boulevard as if it might be their last chance to be there.

Weather: Overcast, about 5 drops of rain with a slight bug-preventing breeze. Show cars: More than we have ever seen. Comments were that it would compete with the coming August Jay Ofsthun Show.

Our retinue, which is usually dominated by Model A's, had only two of those and a Model T—Tom Cresap's 100-year-old Touring. The list included a Mercury Mont Claire, 1956 T Bird and a 1929 Model A (Louie Finch) a 1934 Ford (Ivan Jaklenec) a 1947 Plymouth Club Coupe (Dan and Patty Billman) a 1956 Chevy Bel-Air (McLellan and Marshall) a 1958 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud (Scott Hulse) a 1966 Ford Mustang (Greg Carpenter) a 1983 Jeep J10 Sportside Pickup (Brian Anderson) a 1986 Citroën 2cv (Richard and Linda Golding) as well as a 1950 Chevy (Roxanne Sidebottom) and a 1942 Plymouth Special Deluxe (Laura Walter and Michael Packard.)

AAMA Cars NOT parked with our group: 1965 Austin Healy 3000 (Ken

Morton and Dolly Larkin) and 1956 Ford Pickup (Nat Gardner.)

Fair food, crafts and lots of people abounded, and everyone stuck around till after the 9:00 quitting time at least. That's when, having been there, standing around and visiting since 3:45, I left for the relative peace and quiet of home.



Tom poses with Gertie, his 100-year-old Model T at the Eagle River Bear Paw Festival.



The Jay Ofsthun Show-n-Shine provided a place for everyone to show off his car, including this toddler, whose dad was driving the car by remote control. Why didn't they make those when I was a kid?

August

Birthdays

Marianne Robinson—6th

Rose Fitch—10th

Barbara Russell—11th

Cherise Cummings—13th

Lester (Blacky) Black—
15th

Philip Morrow—19th

Val Anderson—20th

Scott Grundy—25th

Ellie Carty—28th

Bill Chace—31st

Anniversaries

Marcy & Tom Cresap—31st

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