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Homer: Our Opening Adventure

by Rich Golding

Our annual Homer drive and Car Show will be May 18-20. We will be meeting at the Carr's Huffman parking lot at 8:45am on Saturday May 18, with plans to hit the road south at approximately 9:00am. We will stop for some photo ops along the way, and then for lunch at the St. Elias Brewing Company in Soldotna, when they open at noon.

After lunch our convoy will be back on its way, with a gas stop at Fred Meyer's in Soldotna, followed by one or two more photo stops, before pulling into the host hotel parking lot, that being the Aspen Suites Hotel. If you have not already made reservations, please call the hotel directly at 907-235-2351 to reserve your double queen room. Give them the code AAM524 and you will receive a special rate of \$109/night plus tax.

On Saturday evening, we will be dining at AJ's Restaurant in Old Town Homer at 6:30pm. The restaurant has set aside twenty-five seats for us. We have been assured that there will be no issues with individual checks. Please contact Richard Golding at 907-227-2595 or rsg1952@gmail.com and let him know if

you will be coming to AJ's on Saturday night, so that he can give the restaurant an accurate head count earlier that day.

Our car show will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center parking lot (same venue as the past two years), just down the road from the Aspen Suites, and next to Fat Olives restaurant. Plan on being there by 10:00 am on Sunday morning.

At 6:00-6:30pm Sunday evening the annual pizza and salad party will commence in the Aspen Suites conference room on the main floor of the hotel. Bring \$10.00 per person in cash to cover the food costs. As always, there will be old movies playing while we eat. Coffee, tea and water will be provided by the hotel. Feel free to bring along any libations and/or desserts you and your fellow Musers might enjoy.

Check out of the hotel on Monday morning, for the journey back north to Anchorage. For those who would care to take an extra night in Homer, the hotel is offering the same rate to stay Monday night.

The people of Homer really look forward to and enjoy this yearly car show.

Tourists have yet to arrive in droves, so the show is designed for the enjoyment of the townsfolk and their families. It is one of the Antique Auto Musers premiere events of the year. -Don't miss it!



Bill Brown has received the commemorative plaque that we all signed at the April meeting. We made the special display from one of the posters designed by Donn Reese to promote the annual show at BSI each year. Special thanks to Bill for the always-friendly annual use of his facility.

First 2024 Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

by Tom Cresap

It's time for our first Adopt-A-Road cleanup this year. And is it ever time! The winter of 2023-24 was almost record-breaking for snow, with over 10 feet accumulated. It missed the record by only a few inches. As that record snow starts to melt, we are discovering an equal accumulated debris, so our services are needed.

This is a 29-year-old tradition for AAMA, and the drill is much the same as always: meet at 9:00 a.m. at Carr's parking lot at the corner of Muldoon and Northern Lights for a breakfast snack and

visiting, then head out to scour Northern Lights from Muldoon to Boniface.

Sacrifice a few hours of your Saturday, May 4th, and help us make our part of Anchorage spick-and-span. See you there.

Weekly Drive-about

Starting Wednesday, May 15th, we will meet at 6:00 pm at the REI parking lot off of Northern Lights for our weekly drive-about. We usually stop somewhere afterwards for a bite to eat. Join us if you can. It's always fun.

May Meeting

Our Meeting will happen at 6:30 pm May 8th at Hope Community Center Resources Building at 570 W. 53rd Avenue in Anchorage.

The weather has been friendly lately, and this may be your chance to show up in one of your rolling treasures. We will make the Hope parking lot become a car show!

See you there. 🌞

Running Board Reflections



President Linda assisted in the construction of the lifts in the Golding's Royale Garage (French pronunciation, please!) Whatever . . . there are six births for car storage, so no more parking in the snow or squeezing five cars into a two-car garage at the Golding estate now.

Hello, May—the true start of our Alaskan driving season! The pussy willows are budding, and I have been fielding calls from people interested in selling vehicles. Richard has been raking leaves and pinecones, and I have responded to emails for cars in photo shoots. In between repotting peonies, I have heard from Providence Transitional Care to arrange for a mini car show. Yes, indeed, spring is in the air!

Our first Adopt-A-Road will happen on May 4th. This is just one of the ways our Club connects, as well as gives back, to our community. Over the years, we have nurtured a network of organizations with whom we collaborate in order to bring the joy of the old car hobby to others; which also increases our own enjoyment. Each of us knows how much fun it is to show off our cars, and to explain the history, and even the mechanical workings, to the public.

By these efforts, we acquaint younger generations with clutch pedals and rumble seats, gear shifters and wooden wheels. But I believe our most important interactions come from those in older generations for whom the sight of a Model A (for example) brings back fond memories of their own youth and transports them back to a time when their

own parents drove a similar vehicle. Their smiles bring smiles to us.

We will be reaching out to Baxter Senior Living, Turnagain Social Club, and Aspen Creek to (hopefully) interact with their guests, residents and staff. If you know of another organization that might enjoy a visit, please contact them.

On a personal note, I want to thank the members of the Club who came out to offload, and then build our car lifts. As you can see from the photo, we are already getting good use out of them.

—Linda

Open
the touring season
with us at the 2024
Homer Tour and
Car Show.
May 18-20



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One Man's Treasures

Our ads are intended for members and others who wish to sell cars and related items. There is no charge, and the ad will run for three consecutive issues before being removed. To pull an ad, extend it or to place a new ad, contact Tom at 907-694-7510.

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Scott Hulse at (907) 240-4028, or email hulse@alaska.net

Wants to buy: We recently received emails and a call from Adam Demetro in Connecticut. Adam is apparently investing in a business specializing in restoration of vintage foreign classic cars. He is searching all across the country, and is willing to pay for the cars and shipping. The following is the lengthy list he says are of interest:

**Mercedes-Benz pre-1971 300SL 190SL 230SL 250SL 280SL 220SE 250SE 280SE

(280SE-3.5)

**Porsche Pre-1997 Air cooled 911/356

**Jaguar pre-1974 XK/E type

**Pre-1970 Aston Martin DB4 DB5 DB6

Schedule of events

- 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 July 26—Adventure Before Dementia garage tour (VLNACC/AAMA)

**Other pre-70 exotic euro cars: Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini, etc.

He says that rusty, non-running are okay. Adam must have a vision and some capital, so if you have an oldie you would like to sell, this might just be for you.



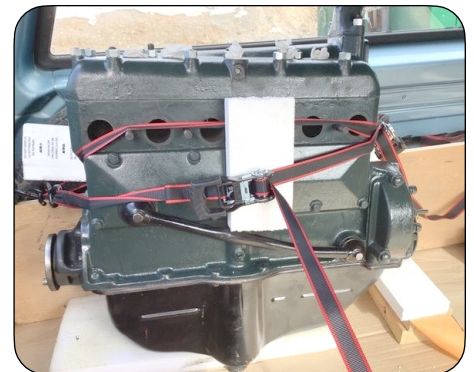
For Sale: 1929 Model A Tudor sedan, in Anchorage; new Snyder engine, radiator, 6-volt alternator, Halogen headlights, turn signals, LED taillights, new interior, 17" wheels/tires, extra parts, more pics on request. \$12,000 OBO, 907-351-3115.



For Sale: The snow is removed from Kurt's Packards, so they are accessible to look at again. The 1938 Convertible Packard Coupe is in a shop and will hopefully be running soon.

Kurt's son, Chalon, reports that the 1926 is still not running, but he found a new head gasket, water jacket gasket and water jacket cover that his dad had intended to install. Anyone interested should call Chalon Rein at (907) 317 6974.

For Sale: 1930 Model A Pickup; in Wasilla; Model B engine built by Ken Holland; high-compression head, inserted, full oil pressure, headers, 2 bbl carb, centrifugal-advance distributor; 3 spd manual trans, Flathead Ted brakes, 12 volt, alternator, 16" rims w/ radials. \$22,500, call Sharon Rudd, 907-727-8381



For Sale: Fully rebuilt A motor...\$3200. Located in Soldotna — Kasilof. New babbitt from Ron's Machine, Cincinnati. Reground touring cam; adjustable tappets; new stainless valves; aluminum cam gear; crank; rods .020 under; bored .040 over; new pistons; Hastings rings; new oil pump; standard A head. Test run, video available.

Call Jim 907-351-3115.

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

Lift Erection: With Considerable Help From His Friends

by Tom Cresap

As we reported in our April issue, Rich Golding took delivery of over three tons of car lifts with the aid of several of his buddies on March 25th.

After the Goldings escaped for an extended weekend to see the Seattle Mariners lose their opening game, seven AAMA crew members showed up at the Golding Royale Shop for a frontal attack on the job of erecting the monsters.

The first erection—the smaller of the two lifts—went right up with few glitches, and two days later, four surviving AAMA'ers managed to erect the larger, double lift before attending that evening's monthly club meeting.

The happy ending of the story is that Rich now has a very utilitarian workshop and the capability of storing six vehicles.

Rich has nothing but lavish praise for his buddies who made this all possible: Phil Morrow, his good friend Jim—as well as Jim's son, Damon—Art Isham and Tom Cresap on the transport from Fast Freight; Tom Cresap, Mike Wiedmer, Jim Fredenhagen, Phil Morrow, Art Isham and Alex Roesch for the two days of



Lift erectors pause for a pose in Rich's Royale Garage: Tom Cresap, Mike Wiedmer, Jim Fredenhagen, Phil Morrow, Rich Golding, Art Isham and Alex Roesch.

assembly.

We would be remiss not to mention Linda Golding, Gwyn Wiedmer, Tamea Isham, Niki DeSantis, Victoria Fredenhagen and Marcy Cresap, spouses who patiently accepted their husbands' enthusiastic absence from normalcy.

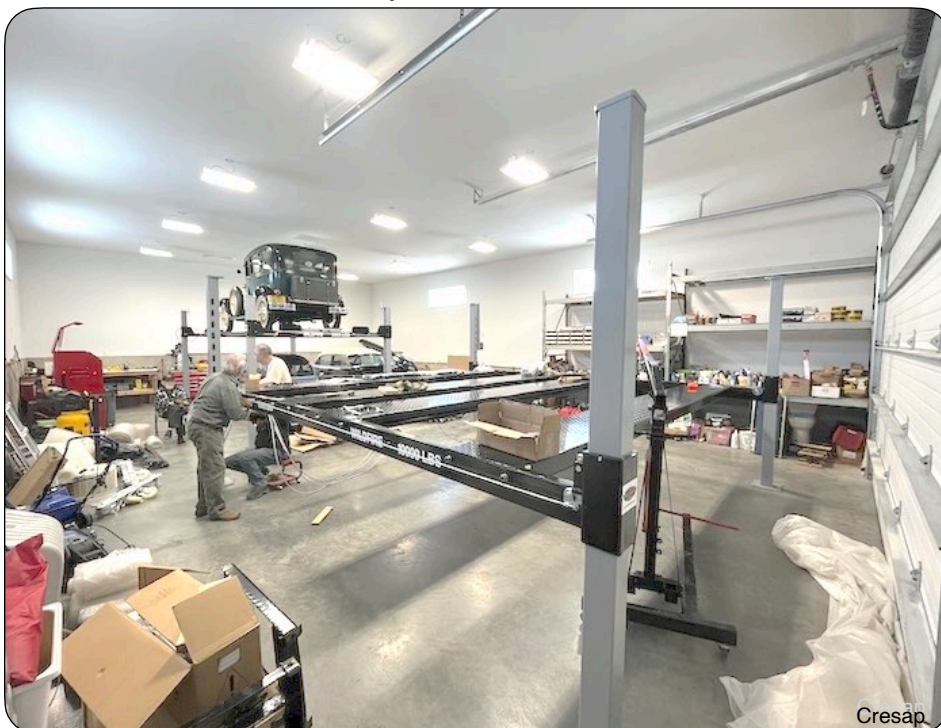
One Man's Treasures

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For Sale: 1976 Mercury Marquis Colony Park Station Wagon; Alaskan one owner vehicle, with only 22,000 original miles; always garaged; pristine condition. Runs beautifully. \$12,000. Call Betty at 907-529-8679. Also available is a 1967 Yellowstone 17-foot travel trailer in good condition.

For Sale: 1972 GMC yellow camper special; 4 speed; 4 wd, dual tanks, power steering and brakes; 373 front rear differential gears, rebuilt motor, 93,883 miles, tuck n'roll. Hangered over 15 years. Excellent to Very Good condition. Original manual, receipts. Pictures on Market Place. \$33,000; cromans109@yahoo.com or call 907-830-5292.



This photo of the (almost) finished product displays the double lift in the foreground and the completed single lift supporting Arthur the Model A.

AAMA Business Meeting
April 10, 2024
Location: Hope Community
Resources Learning Center
570 W. 53rd Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by President Linda Mattes Golding

There were 25 members present and no guests.

March Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Louis Mestier provided the treasurers report.

Old Business

**Online renewals are now working on the AAMA website.

**Despite the late spring, the Adopt a Road clean-up is still scheduled for Saturday May 4 at the Carr's parking lot on Muldoon starting at 9:00 am.

**Linda Mattes Golding provided an update on the Homer cruise and car show.

A block of twenty rooms are available at the Aspen Hotel for \$109.00 plus tax. You must call them directly and make your reservations by May 4th. The Ocean Shores Motel has rooms available at 20% off the regular rate. The trip will be May 18-20. For those participating the group will meet at Carr's Huffman at 9:00 am on



Cresap

Saturday May 18. The car show will take place on Sunday at the Homer Chamber of Commerce parking lot.

**A motion was made to purchase two photos printed on metal for the Aspen Hotel and Homer Chamber of Commerce in appreciation for their support of the Homer car show. The motion passed. The plan is to present the pictures during this year's event.

New Business

**Next board meeting will be on Saturday, May 4th on Zoom.

**Louis Mestier asked if old financial statements could be gotten rid of. A motion passed to shred the old financial documents.

**Wednesday drive arounds will begin on May 15 and meeting at the REI parking lot.

**Linda Mattes Golding went over the calendar of upcoming club events.

The calendar of events is located on the AAMA website.

**Jim Fredenhagen provided a new shop he recommends for alternator and starter repair. The business is Redline Rotating at 405 E. Northern Lights Blvd in Anchorage.

**David Jensen will be the coordinator for the May business meeting drive around and dinner location.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Split the Pot

Split the pot winner Michael Campbell

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm. Dinner at Fire Tap restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,
 Greg Carpenter, Secretary

49th State
Street Rod
'Valley Chrome & Wheel'

Well, we are only about one week away now from the Valley Chrome & Wheel car show. I think we are all anxious to see summer start, winter to finely end and our car shows to begin. Things are ready to go. There are 12 classes, as usual, but we did make one change. Since we have trouble finding antique trucks especially, we have combined it to just Antique which will encompass both cars and trucks. We have added in that place Sports Cars. So that should make all the sports car owners happy. And, of course, we have the Mayor's Trophy and the People's Choice Trophy.

Saturday May 4th we will have our "Day Trippin" lot as usual, but this year we are doing things a little different. The

lot will be open from 11:00 to 3:00pm and you will be required to register your vehicle when you arrive.

Eileen

Second Annual
Model A Reunion

from Jim Fredenhagen

Another Model A Homecoming event is coming on Sunday, June 23 at Chad's Brewworks Brewery, noon to 2 p.m., lunch available for \$5.

Last year's event saw 30 Model A's displayed. Hopes are high that there will be even more this year. Everyone is welcome, but only Model A's will be honored in the display at this singular, special event, which highlights the marque in Alaska.

Combined Effort:
Tranny Swap

by Jim Fredenhagen

Ken Baker's Model A transmission had been popping out of 2nd and 3rd gears for several seasons, limiting how he could drive the car—definitely, not touring.

He had already changed the shifting lever, so the problem pointed to the transmission. Ken had a spare when he bought the car, so it was just a matter of putting it in, a process that involves pulling the engine and transmission together: more than just an afternoon job. Ken's spacious shop and volunteer help from Roger Weinfurter and Jim Fredenhagen got the job done in six hours.

Best of all, the problem is now fixed, and we hope to see Ken and his wife, Season, at some of our AAMA functions.



Roger Weinfurter and Ken Baker replacing Ken's Model A Tranny.

May

Birthdays

Linda Grundy—6th

Ken Evans—6th

Niki DeSanto—9th

Carol Jensen—13th

Eli Powell—13th

David Jensen—20th

Barry Fowler—26th

Janice Czerwinski—31st

Anniversaries

Dolly Larkin & Ken

Morton—16th

Judy & Randy Canarr—
24th

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