



No, Mary Poppins Wasn't There



The Fall Colors Tour cars pose without their drivers at the Hope turnout pullout: 1942 Plymouth coupe, Michael Packard and Laura Walters; 1986 Citroën 2CV, Rich and Linda Golding; 1938 Chrysler Royal, Tom and Marcy Cresap; 1930 Model A pickup, David Jensen; 1931 Model A pickup, Carl and Kathleen Godsoe; 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury, Greg Carpenter; and, not pictured: Marianne Robinson and her daughter, Martha, in Marianne's modern pickup.

by Tom Cresap

The AAMA troupes ventured out to see the fall colors on Saturday, September 21st, and what a drive it was! The weatherman had promised us a good day, but it was 'practically perfect in every way.' No, Marry Poppins wasn't along; if she had been, she couldn't have prescribed better.

Our group of tourists gathered at Carr's Huffman and left as planned at about 10:30, headed for the covered pavilion on the shore of beautiful Resurrection Bay in Seward. Adjacent to downtown on Ballaine Blvd. along the waterfront, the pavilion has a giant BBQ pit, and the charcoal (courtesy of Dick Cruse) was ready for use well before our arrival time. It so happened that we were tardy due to taking advantage of some outstanding photo opportunities, as well as some un-planned-for road construction along the way.

Everyone brought plenty of food for themselves and some to share. Laura Walters and Michael Packard brought delicious home-made chicken soup, which Michael heated on a camp stove he had brought.

After all this, we even went for ice cream at one of our favorite haunts in

downtown Seward, but found it closed for the day.

As a final hurrah, we took a drive out along Nash Road to see the boats in dry dock across the bay from Seward before we headed back north and home.

Nomination Committee Announces Slate of officers

Art Isham reported that the nomination committee has compiled a slate of officers for 2025. The committee's offerings are: president, Richard Golding, vice president, Michael Packard, treasurer, Louis Mestier and secretary, Greg Carpenter. Added volunteers or other nominations can be offered at the October meeting.

October Meeting

Our October 9th meeting will take place at Hope Community Resources Building at 570 W. 53rd Avenue in Anchorage at 6:30 pm.

This is the meeting at which the proposed slate of officers will be announced. We will also accept nominations or volunteers who wish to serve in an office. Voting will take place at the November meeting.

After the business, we will drive somewhere for dinner.

Running Board Reflections



Having just returned from a warm sojourn in Chicago, president Linda joined us on our Fall Colors Tour to Seward. Here, she poses by a lonely, picturesque tree on the shore of Tern Lake.

Richard and I spent a long weekend basking in Chicago's seventy to eighty degree temperatures, during which time we shopped at Trader Joe's and Harbor Freight, visited with friends, and celebrated a wedding with family. While there, we heard daily reports of rain from our Alaskan family. We were not looking forward to returning to the much cooler temperatures.

Heading home from Ted Steven's International Airport, we were pleased to see the full moon . . . and aurora borealis! We watched the skies as we got closer to our Chugiak home, anticipating the spectacular light show awaiting us, without the distraction of, well, driving. Sadly, clouds began to creep in as we approached Eagle River; by the time we reached our driveway, the moon and the aurora had disappeared from view.

We woke to rain the next morning. Every day thereafter was the same:

cooling temperatures, rain and wind. We consulted our weather apps multiple times each day, hoping for good weather on Saturday the 21st, the date for the "Fall Colors Tour" to Seward. We mourned the loss of the birch and cottonwood leaves. We worried that no leaves would be left for the Tour. We prayed to the weather Gods to please grant us our final summer wish; our last hurrah before storing the vehicles in our shops or garages.

Lo and behold, we arose on Saturday morning to clear skies! Our prayers had not gone unanswered. We were pleased to meet with numerous Musters in their antique and contemporary cars for the drive to Seward. The weather, although crisp, stayed clear. And the drive to Seward was resplendent with verdant greens, shimmering golds, and fiery reds, just as we had hoped.

-Linda



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Schedule of events

- o October 9–6:30 PM, regular meeting
- o October 26–12-4, Trick-or-Treat Street (4th Ave. between C and F Streets)
- o November 13–6:30 PM, regular meeting
- o December 8–Christmas Party at Ishams', 2 pm
- o February 22–Rondy parade and car show at Bob's Services
- o February 23–Rondy Car Show at Bob's Services
- o July 18, 19, 20–Hope Weekend

sure. Also, many repair manuals for Volvo Penta engine and outdrive. I can send a list. Call, text or email.

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For Sale: Holley 3310 carburetor, 4 barrel out of 1965 Ford Galaxie 500, make offer, John Pletcher, 907-229-4698".

For Sale: Red 1962 P-1800 Volvo; red leather interior; brand new whitewall tires; 7,000 miles on engine. Call for more info: Lauren, (907)333-7482.



For Sale: 1947 Packard Custom Super Clipper Touring Sedan; top of the line model. I have owned this car for 14 years; during that time, almost all mechanicals replaced/rebuilt including engine, transmission/overdrive, clutch, shocks, springs, generator, starter, shift

linkage, radial tires, and lots more. New glass, rubber seals and wiring; interior is very presentable and original; car cover and many spare parts. A big stack of receipts is included. Fast and comfortable driver; still a few things to iron out. Realistically priced between #2 and #3 per Hagerty value guide. \$25,000 OBO. Mark Graber, call or text 907-863-0056.



For Sale: Model T huckster; excellent Condition Needs new radiator All four wheels and tires are new
Contact Pioneers of Alaska Bill Chace, 907-322-0512. See it on Facebook

Dimond Center Show is the Last For the Season

by Greg Carpenter

The annual Dimond Center car show took place on Saturday, September 14 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is the Antique Auto Musher's last car show event of the year.

The weather in the morning didn't look too bad, but the clouds soon moved in followed by intermittent light rain showers. With two canopies set up everyone was able stay under cover between the rain showers and eat the variety of snacks available on the tables.

In addition to food offerings from club members, Angie Hernandez of the Dimond Center staff brought out donuts and hot chocolate. She also supplied goody bags to be given out to the first 25 car show participants. All participants received tickets for the two door prize drawings that happened during the show. Dimond Center generously donated eight \$50.00 gift cards to be given out for the door prizes. Even though we had rain, 27 cars were present at the show along with many spectators. Ford Model A's made up almost half the cars in the show.

A big Thank You to John Martin, Angie Hernandez and the Dimond Center staff for supporting this annual car show.



Carpenter

John Martin had his people at the center cordon off about a third of the east parking lot for the show. It provides plenty of room for comfortable viewing and arranging of the cars.



Cresap

All participants received tickets for the two door prize drawings that happened throughout the day. Dimond Center generously donated eight \$50.00 gift cards to be given out for the door prizes.



Jensen

Iris posed very nicely with 94-year-old Phil Morrow and his 1931 Model A Cabriolet.



Carpenter

Dutch Overly's 1914 Stutz Bearcat caused a stir when it developed an electrical problem.



Cresap

Mike and Gwyn Wiedmer's 1941 Cadillac brought some class to the show.



Cresap

Brad Peacock's 1930 Model A Tudor brought the show a distinctive flare.

John and Cheryl Martin's cars, a 1960 Corvette and a 1930 Model A, are rare treats to see. John is our Dimond Center host.



Cresap



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An Enjoyable Drive to Maple Springs



Iris, one of David Jensen's four rescue dogs, still displays rambunctious, puppy behavior at times. But her sweet temperament wins many friends. She was with us at Maple Springs, and—per usual—she was our charming ambassador.

By Tom Cresap

Our ambassador, Iris, made lots of friends with the residents at Maple Springs Senior Living Facility when we visited and gave rides on Tuesday, September 3rd.

The residents there told us stories triggered by the variety of vehicles we presented. Some of the residents preferred the two T-Birds (Gwyn's 1956 and Louis' 1963) or the rugged power of the Ram Charger (Russells). Some were charmed by memories of the Model A's (Tom's 1931 and David's 1930) the luxury of Scott's Rolls Royce, the off-road excitement of the Willys Jeep (Brian's) or the cute, exotic look of the Citroën 2CV (Goldings'). There seemed to be something for everyone.

It was a great day.

AAMA Business Meeting
 September 11, 2024
 Location: Hope Community
 Resources Learning Center
 570 W. 53rd Ave.
 Anchorage, Alaska

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

There were 28 members present and no guests.

(See p. 6, "September Minutes")

Our Last Cleanup For 2024

by Tom Cresap

Our last cleanup for 2024 was on September 7th, and we were gifted with nice, cool, dry weather.

We had lots of snacks, some fruit, banana bread (by Marcy Cresap) and scones (by Mark Graber.) coffee and juice

Scott Hulse garnered the most significant treasurers (see photo).

The large crew made the job a snap. We'll be back at it again next May 3rd or 10th.



Mike Scruggs, Janice Czerwinski, Tom Cresap with Beau, Sara Stoops, Gwyn Wiedmer and grandson, Kaden Alexander, Dick Henningsen, Colleen Hansen, Barb Henningsen, Mark Graber, Howard Hansen, Marcy Cresap, Michael Campbell, Linda Golding, Mike Wiedmer, Greg Carpenter, Scott Hulse and David Jensen (behind the camera)



Scott Hulse ended up with the most treasurers. It looked as though someone had lost their shopping bag.

From the Editor's Desk

Model A Romeos

The evening of Thursday, September 19th, the Alaskan Model A's gathered at Pipers for their weekly meeting, dubbed "Thirsday," and—among other things—inspected parts gifted them by Lee Truesdell, a past AAMA member. Lee has been getting rid of his many parts and—recently—his beloved John Deere-green Model A, which is now the proud possession of AAMA members, Lorraine and Glen Phillips-Bohn.

The Alaskan Model A's group has also gained the moniker, "ROMEOS" at Pipers: Retired Old Men Eating Out. More than half of the Model A-owning members of the group also belong to AAMA.

It is intriguing that we celebrate the gas-guzzling behemoths—pardon, not all are that—of our past, to the point that we develop a 'love/hate relationship' with them (as one of our Model A compatriots put it.) We receive reminders almost daily that the fossil fuel they use is filling the atmosphere with CO₂, causing warming and contributing all kinds of disasters. The ocean is the flash-point of attention, because we get reports of wildlife and fisheries collapsing, and coral reefs dying off. Then there are the storms spawned by warmer oceans. A recent example is Helene.

I don't mean to be an alarmist, but we have something going on that deserves attention. I join the rest of the antique auto world in lamenting the lack of interest in our hobby by the younger generation. We do, however, need to realize and admit that young people are intelligent and are possessed of an innate, intuitive knowledge of what is happening to the world they are destined to inherit. Consequently, they have lost interest in something we devoted our lives to; and just as our parents didn't fully understand what we were motivated about, we just might be missing something this new generation is thinking. It is something they don't verbalize but rather act on quietly, possibly in order to avoid being disrespectful or showing disdain for us as we plod along in our old ways.

In their vernacular, they might be thinking, "What the fuck were they thinking?!"

I love old cars—can't help myself—but it might be time to do some introspection and ask ourselves the same question.

—Tom



September Minutes

(Continued from p. 5)

August Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Louis Mestier provided the treasurer's report.

Old Business

**Linda Mattes Golding said the Baxter Senior Living and Maple Springs visits went well and everyone had fun seeing the old cars.

**The Alaska State Fair parade and car show on Saturday August 17 was a wonderful day, and those participating in the car show received tickets to the State Fair. Thanks to Mark Graber for organizing the event.

**The final Adopt a Road cleanup event for the year was held on Saturday September 7th.

**Jim Fredenhagen gave an update on the Dimond Center car show Saturday September 14 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be goody bags for participants along with door prizes at the event.

**The fall colors tour is Saturday September 21. The group will be leaving from Carr's on Huffman at 10:00 am. The pavilion in Seward is reserved for a picnic lunch from 1:30 to 5:00 pm. Bring food for lunch.

New Business

**Art Isham provided a nomination committee update. Since Linda Mattes Golding will be resigning as the club President that position is still open for any members interested. The election of officers will take place at the November business meeting. The nominations for

the positions are:

*President: Open

*Vice President: Michael Packard

*Treasurer: Louis Mestier

*Secretary: Greg Carpenter

*Sargent at Arms: Dutch Overly

**Art Isham gave an update on the Fur Rendezvous which takes place on February 20 to March 2, 2025. A motion was made for the club to pay \$300.00 to have the Fur Rondy car show event listed in the Fur Rondy booklet. The motion passed.

**Reservations have been made for the Hope Retreat weekend event scheduled for July 18-20, 2025.

**The Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday December 8, starting at 2:00 pm at Art and Tam Isham's house. The club will also be accepting donations for Hope Community Resources as a Thank You for letting AAMA use their building for meetings.

**The Downtown partnership Trunk and Treat event is Saturday October 26 from 12 to 4 pm.

**Linda showed everyone the glass plaque and picture of the Show and Shine winners Tom and Allyson Gallagher.

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 adjourned at 7:13 pm. Drive to Fire Tap restaurant for dinner.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Carpenter, Secretary

New Member Stuns us all with Historic Artifact



Kevin Hansen rather nonchalantly drove up to join us for the Palmer State Fair Parade in his '1951 Chevrolet pickup.' It was a familiar orange and sported an equally familiar oval Alaska Road Commission insignia on the door. Turns out it is the real thing. Bruce Campbell responded appropriately.

A Letter From Bruce

Hi Tom and Marcy,

The photo of Kevin Hanson's 1951 ARC Chevrolet p/u on page 7 of the September TT brought back a lot of memories of my early days as an ARC employee.

I was employed by the ARC from June 1952 until September 1956 when the ARC was merged with the Bureau of Public Roads (BPR). The Anchorage offices and shops were located at the end of 4th Ave. where the State Pre-Trial facilities are now.

The ARC p/u's were numbered on both doors. The 4-digit numbers were in the high 2,000's to the low 3,000 in those years.

I had a bunch of the ARC bear decals until we moved into Baxter. I see Kevin may have ended up with one as the one his truck looks original.

I must be one of the few remaining ARC employees, perhaps even the oldest one, as one would have to be at least 87 now.

If Kevin wants to contact me he may reach me at 865-3436

Cheers,
Bruce



Anchorage motorists may have done a double-take, thinking themselves in a time warp upon seeing Chad Ringler drive by dressed in full army uniform on his WWII BSR. Chad joined us briefly just before we left on our Fall Colors Tour.

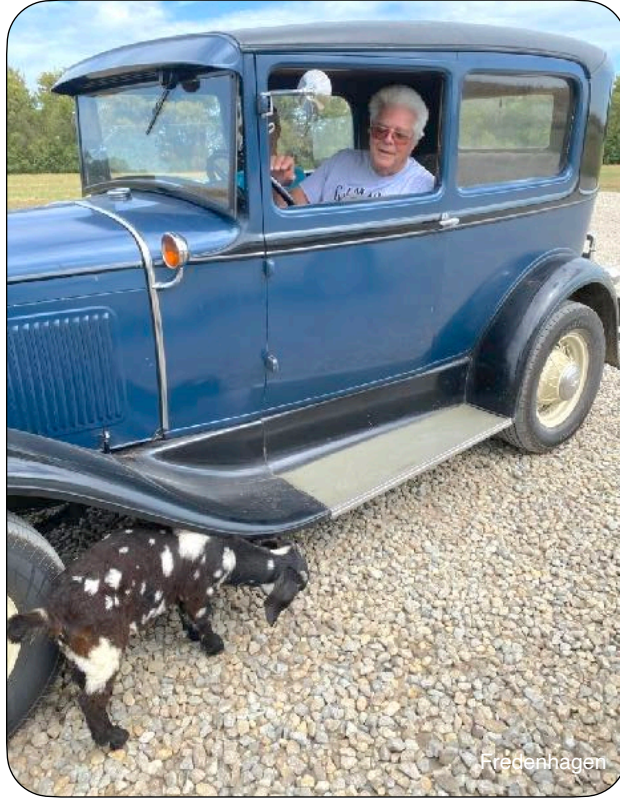


We had lunch at the covered pavilion on the shore of beautiful Resurrection Bay in Seward. Located on the waterfront, the pavilion has a giant BBQ pit, and the charcoal (courtesy of Dick Cruse) was ready for our use well before our arrival time. Thanks, Dick!

Did Jim Get Someone's Goat?

As we all know, Jim Fredenhagen has been in Illinois on a family errand. While there, he has been enjoying touring with the Central Model A Club of Des Moines, Iowa. They have a five-day tour, which sounds like our Long-Distance Tour, to different places in Iowa, Minnesota or Wisconsin. They always start in Des Moines, which is about 225 miles from Jim's late dad's farm.

The photo shows him in his Model A, "Jewely," that he keeps there. The friendly goat apparently decided to check out the underside of his car.



October

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Sara Stoops—6th

Cindy Hulse—13th

Ivana Senjak—13th

Ivan Jaklener—14th

Donn Reese—31st

Anniversaries

Jenny & Morgan

Blanchard—11th

Martie & Blacky

Black—14th

Cheryl & John Martin—18th

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