



T'was the Season For Giving . . . and Receiving



AAMA vice president, Michael Packard, opens his gift during the gift exchange at the December 8th Christmas party.

By Art and Tamea Isham

The Musers once again gathered at the home of Art and Tamea Isham in Chugiak to celebrate the holidays. We had 43 folks make the journey this year on December 8th at around 2 PM. They were met by the parking police (Christopher

and Micheal) and snugly arranged pointing outward in both the upper and lower parking areas. This facilitates departure later in the evening so there is not a lot of backing up required.

The potluck food was plentiful (two turkeys and a spiral cut ham with all the

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President Linda Mattes-Golding
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Join us for the
installation of officers!

holiday fixings and desserts) to satisfy the hungriest among us.

The basement and ground floor had enough room for everybody to be seated for the meal and to swap stories and lies. By 5:30 we were ready for the main event: THE GIFT EXCHANGE. Rules were hashed out at the beginning with everybody responsible for keeping an eye out to make sure that a gift exchanged hands only three times. Rich Golding was the prime candidate for having his gifts taken away and ended up going back to the well at least five times.

The hottest items were variations on the Little Red Truck (LRT) theme, which was also popular last year. At a minimum there were LRT sweaters, books, napkin holders, models, and a 3'x2' wall hanging that changed hands over the course of the evening. We ended the festivities with six door prizes that were not subject to the gift exchange rules.

We collected donations for HOPE, who provides us our meeting place, and gave them \$592 this year. Thanks to everyone for donating to this worthy organization.

A good time was had by all, and—as best can be determined—everyone made it home safely.

January Meeting

Our January 8th meeting will take place at Hope Community Resource Building at 570 W. 53rd Avenue in Anchorage at 6:30 pm.

January is the time to install new officers, and we will have the incomparable pleasure of experiencing the theatrical performance of our history professor, Mike Wiedmer, who will MC the auspicious proceedings.

Come and enjoy the show.

Running Board Reflections



President Linda Mattes-Golding presents Hope Community Resources Executive Director, Michele Girault, with this year's AAMA holiday donation.

For one of my last official duties as President, I presented donation checks to Michele Girault, Executive Director of Hope Community Resources. Our donations to Hope began about three years ago at our yearly Christmas party, when we collected donations in the form of cash or individual checks from members. At our December 2024 party, we collected \$592 for their organization, up from \$540 in the previous year.

We are thankful that they allow us meeting space at no charge and are happy to find ways to show our appreciation. Their organization has been assisting people with developmental "diffabilities" for decades.

The end of the calendar year is a time of assessment and of reflection. This year, doubly so, since it is the end of my term as AAMA President. I am happy to report that we have kept our membership numbers consistent. Part of this was the result of bringing renewals to our website. As we move forward, we hope to be able to expand that capability to new memberships.

We have strengthened our ties with other local car clubs. We have good relationships with the Midnight Sun Street Rodders, the Arctic Air-Cooled (VW) Club, the British Sports Car Club, the Corvette Club, as well as the 49th State Street Rods (based in the Valley). This was evident at this year's Jay Ofsthun

Show and Shine in August with the cooperation between MSSRA and the AAMA.

We have also attempted to strengthen ties with the community at large. During our numerous visits to adult day care and retirement facilities, the residents and clients truly love seeing (and riding in) our cars. We will continue our food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Alaska in February during our Fur Rondy Show; and, of course, we will continue our trifecta of Adopt-A-Road cleanups—our continuing, thirty-year commitment to help keep Anchorage clean. These and our parade involvement and presence at events sponsored by the Anchorage Downtown Partnership and the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce highlights our commitment to our town.

The best part of our organization, however, is that we have a strong core of volunteers who want to see the AAMA grow and flourish. Thanks to the Board members I have had the privilege to work with, but also a huge thanks to our regular members who continue to lend a hand (or a car) when needed.

I will not be going anywhere; in fact, I will be working as Membership Chair and will hound you if you don't pay your dues!

Happy New Year!

-Linda



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Schedule of events

- o January 8–6:30 pm Meeting (Installation of officers)
- o February 14–6:30 pm, Meeting
- o February 24–Rondy parade and show (Art Isham & Donn Reese)
- o February 24, 25–Rondy Show (Art Isham)
- o March 12–6:30 pm, Meeting
- o April 9–6:30 pm, Meeting
- o May 14–6:30 pm, Meeting
- o June 11–6:30 pm, Meeting
- o July 4–Anchorage and Chugiak parades

From the Editor's Desk

Last month, I mentioned that I would be starting my 25th year in 2025. Something I didn't mention was that during those numerous years, I have served with many different folks who took on the responsibility of club president.

Like so many other aspects of the Antique Auto Musers, the parade of presidents has been varied, but always fun. Believe me, I got to deal with lots of different styles of leadership—always a pleasure, and never a dull moment.

The idea of being president can be daunting, because of the level of responsibility involved, even in a simple car club. I know. I've been there. But once you're in office, you find there are lots of people willing to help you, maybe because they are glad they don't have to be in the hot seat—but mainly because they

are nice and willing to be helpful.

So, now we are about to make a change. Linda Mattes Golding, who has been our leader for three years, is relinquishing the reins. We got used to Linda's presence, her style and the fact that she was always there, listening to what we wanted, but always dealing with the same-old things or coming up with novel things and ways to do them. She was our face, our ambassador, making contacts and calls, maintaining relationships and building our name and respect in the community and the state.

We thank Linda for that and for everything she has done for our club for these three years, and we look forward to her taking the much-needed leadership of membership. Look out if you are in arrears with your dues!

Come to the installation of officers at the January meeting and join us in thanking Linda for bringing us back from the doldrums of COVID and into a new relationship with the Anchorage community.

—Tom

2025 FUR RONDY

by Art Isham

Fur Rondy is coming up at the end of February. So, start thinking about which cars you will be putting in the Grand Parade on 22 February and the show on 22 and 23 February.

Also, keep in mind food for the potluck on both days. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at both the January and February meetings. We will also need volunteers for our hospitality table and various other duties. Come to the January and February meetings to see how you can help. Thanks.



For: Sale: 6 metal stanchions; asking \$150 for the set (\$25.00 each). Mike Stoddard michael.stoddard@airgas.com

Snow Ella Enters the Anchorage Scene

David Jensen has been venturing out this winter with his Model A Ford, "Nick," to the delight of the many Anchorage people who have seen him.

Most of us keep our old cars tucked away during these months of cold, ice and snow. Not David. He has installed chains and has been known to take photos of Nick and his canine chum, Iris in snowy locales.

Recently, David popped on over to 921 E. Whitney Road in the Ship Creek industrial area, home of 20-foot-tall, two-week-old Snow Ella.

Snow Ella is Syrus Aldeman's answer to 25' Snowzilla, who appeared in East Anchorage near Regional Hospital in the front yard of Billy Powers about 16 years ago and reappeared last year after a bit of a hiatus. When Aldeman took his daughter to see Snowzilla, the snowman, she asked him why there was no snowlady.

The rest is bound to become part of Anchorage history.



Jensen

The Mystery Plymouth

Brian Anderson was recently sorting through a bunch of mostly old B&W negatives from his late dad's photo collection and discovered a rare color slide showing a car that he never knew his parents owned.

The 1954 image shows his mother at a Chicago area picnic table feeding his older brother (a year before Brian was born) in front of what appears to be a 1951 Plymouth Cranbrook Belvedere hardtop. As Brian says, we likely will never know the story of that car—only that it was replaced later by a lesser model 1956 Savoy after Brian's birth.



Anderson

Scattered Images of Our Party

These are some of many moments of our 2024 Christmas party. Clockwise from top right: "traffic cop," Christopher Dennis (Ishams' grandson) and Skye; Madeline (Ishams' granddaughter) and husband, "traffic cop," Mike making gravy; at the table—Marcy Cresap, Dan Billman, Christina Diaz (Cresaps' daughter) Dave Syren, Howard Hansen, Michael Packard, Barb Russell and Sheryl Hulse; Shirley Lord, Brian Anderson and Mark Graber; Opening one of his 5 presents, club president elect, Rich Golding, with the help of Marcy Cresap and club president, Linda Golding.





This 1917 chain-drive MAC truck is pictured in the truck shop of the construction company where Cresaps' son-in-law, Anton Christensen, works in upstate New York. Anton thought the Musers might like to see it. They were getting the truck fixed up for a Christmas parade in one of the local towns. It had been used in one of the company's quarries.

January

BIRTHDAYS

Dutch Overly—2nd

Ralph Centoni—7th

Dave Syren—7th

Ed Dillon—8th

Kevin Hansen—14th

Mike Smith—19th

Bruce Campbell—23rd

Cheryl Martin—24th

Terry Young—24th

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Hansen—11th

Kathleen & Carl Godsoe—

26th

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