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In Memory of Robert W. (Bob) Brown
August 15, 1929 - January 20, 2008



Robert W. (Bob) Brown,

Long time East Anchorage settler, Bob Brown, 78, passed away Sunday, January 20th at St. Elias Specialty Hospital in Anchorage, with his family present.

Services were held at Muldoon Road Baptist Church at 2pm Monday, January 28, 2008. A eulogy was given by long time family friend Dan Renshaw.

Bob Brown was born August 15th 1929 in Pleasant Hill, New Mexico to Michael and Beulah Brown.

Bob left New Mexico after working on the Santa Fe Railroad. He joined the U. S. Army for a chance to come to Alaska in 1948. On April 15, 1952 Bob traveled back to New Mexico and married his best friends sister and childhood sweetheart, Alpha Mae Harrison. They spent their honeymoon driving the newly constructed Al-Can Highway to Alaska in a 1941 Plymouth Business Coupe. The back seat was only big enough for one person. On the highway they had numerous problems to include 13 flats and while working on the distributor Dad dropped the condenser screw in the bottom and could not find it so they went on and about five miles down the road the distributor locked up and twisted off the shaft. Dad sent his brother walking/hitchhiking some 125 miles to find parts. (cont'. on page 3)



President Jeff's Corner

Greetings Auto Musers!

I understand that I was born in absentia at the January meeting. So it must be ok and required to write this column.

Betty and I had a taste of nice weather on our vacation, however, as always, we are glad to be back. We are looking forward to a good time in the Fur Rondy Parade and an excellent turnout at the Morrison Auto Show. Vice-President Donn has done some great work on posters for publicity.

Please ponder before the next meeting - formalizing the welcoming procedure for new members and guests, and establishing an annual fundraiser for a specific charity.

Looking forward to seeing you all February 13 at n7:30 pm.

Respectfully, Jeff



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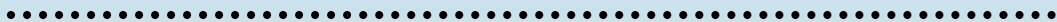
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They settled in the East Anchorage home site area, building many East Anchorage roads and maintaining them for many years. Dad really had some neat old iron over the years. He used a '40's D-4 to make the roads in the Muldoon area and he had two old cable D-8's that he used to clear homestead land in the Big Lake and Willow area in 1962.

Bob cleared land for many of the Big Lake and Willow homesteaders. Bob and Alpha founded Brown's House Moving and Bob's Services Inc. After retiring in 1993 Bob traveled to car and engine shows with both the Antique Auto Musher's and Alaska Power Club. He built a new Big Lake home and enjoyed spending time in his antique car workshop, where he restored, to better than original condition, a number of cars, trucks, gas engines, machinery and vintage tools.....Billy

Bill Brown

Bob's Services Inc.

New Zealand Jaunt

We recently returned from a trip to New Zealand along with Colleen and Ted Kimzey and Peg and Ken Stout. Being a car nut I couldn't help but notice what Kiwi's drive, We saw very few late model U.S. cars and practically no large pickups. As a result about half the ordinary passenger cars had trailer hitches. There were quite a few older U.S. cars.

Our visit took us to two museums, both owned by car clubs. We also visited a private collection of Chryslers which included 3 airflows, including a beautiful 34 Chrysler 8 (see picture).

Another interesting vehicle we saw in one museum was an early homebuilt camper (called a gypsy wagon) built by a young man in his 20's on a '20's vintage International chassis. I think it was the favorite of all the women in our group.

We were also able to attend a car and tractor show (which the Kiwi's refer to as a "Crank Up'), which was more than just a car show but a full blown carnival.....Howard



'34 Chrysler Airflow owned by Vern and Phyl Ellis of New Zealand



Barb, Ted and Colleen admire the Gypsy Wagon.

Final Notice!

If your address label is highlighted in pink, this is your final issue of the Tinkering Times. Dues are still \$25:00. Mail to : AAMA P.O. Box 232086 Anchorage, Alaska 99523-2086.

Schedule of Events - 2005

Feb 13	Reg. Meeting	7:30 pm	Robbie's 333-0693
Feb 23	Fur Rondy Parade	10:30 am	Jim Fredenhagen 243-5214 or Dave Beck 345-6048
Feb 23/24	Fur Rondy Car Show/Morrison's (Info - pg 5)		Bruce Campbell 345-3129
Feb 23	Dinner-Henry's	5:30 pm	see article -pg 5
Mar 12	Reg. Meeting	7:30 pm	Robbie's
April 9	Reg. Meeting	7:30 pm	Robbie's
April ?	MATI Clean-up	TBA	Need Chair
May 2-4	Alaska Custom Car & Cycle Show Eagle River		Performance Promotions 566-2346
May ?	Air Museum Show w Fed Ex	TBA	Chair Norm 248-5325 MSSRA Event
May 3	Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet	9am-4pm	Victor Knott 349-7228
May ?	AAA Auto Skills Show and Car Show	10-40am - 3 pm	UAA Rear Parking Lot
May 11	Mother's Day Run	TBA	Need Chair
May 14	Rolling Meeting	6:30 pm	Robbies
May ?	Kool Cruise	TBA	
May 17	Adopt A Road Clean-up	TBA	Chair Tom & Marcy Cresap 694-7510
May ?	Shake Down Cruise	TBA	Need Chair
May ?	Check it out Car Show	Across From Nye Ford-Wasilla	VCA Event
June ?	Serendipity Adult Day Care Center	1-3 pm 3550 E. 20th Ave.	Need Chair?

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Contact Jeff Hassler (Jeff-Betty@gci.net)-276-1882 or Donn Reese (noltareese@gci.net) 245-7203 with any suggestions or comments. We will remind you every week of upcoming events and meetings via email. Please send your email address to Jeff or Donn.

Answer to last month's Trivia question:
AAMA member Ralph Centoni built a chair out
of Horse shoes.

Fur Rendezvous Parade and Morrison Car Show

I have made all the arrangements for Rondy and our events will be listed in the official guide. I will be at a Packard Rally in New Zealand, so Bruce will be in charge of the car show, so do what he requests –

–Kurt.

February 23-24 are the dates for the annual Fur Rendezvous Antique Auto Exhibit.

We will again host the exhibit at Morrison’s Used Car Center At Dimond and Old Seward Highway. Entry will be available at 6pm on Friday Feb 22nd and on Saturday after 10 am (or earlier if needed.)

Depending on weather conditions there will be entry thru the front door. If weather conditions require tire cleaning entry will be thru the side door on the Old Seward Highway side.

This showroom is an ideal spot for our Antique Auto Exhibits and we need a good show now so that the Morrison’s will be inclined to make their showroom available in the future .

I will be calling all members requesting each to bring one or more cars so that we fill the showroom. About 10 years ago we exhibited 60 cars at the Northway Mall --- Lets see if we can exceed that number this year.

Please plan ahead and get your cars started and shoveled out and ready to go before February 22.. Remember this is a club activity and all members hopefully will participate. If for some reason you cannot bring a car, please come in and help out arranging the cars, selling popcorn, answering questions, etc. Dropping a car off will certainly help the display but your presence will be even more valuable!

Any questions please contact me at 345-3129.

See you at the show on Feb. 23 - 24!

The Parade is on Saturday the 23 at 10:30 am -- Jim Fredenhagen or Dave Beck will be providing more information as soon as it is available.....Bruce Campbell

The group dinner will be Saturday February 23 at 5:30 pm at Henry’s. Northrim Bank has generously donated money to all participating non-profits listed in the Fur Rondy guidebook, at \$175:00 each.

(excerpts taken from AAMA January minutes. Recorded by Sec. Sara Stoops.)

February Birthdays		
Madeline	Dennis	Feb. 2
Steve	Beck	4
Mrs. Lawrence	Taylor	6
Betty	Hassler	10
Jack	Wilber	10
Carol	Watts	21
Philip	Watts	22
Jennifer	Dennis	25
Rhea	Evans	28
Kelly	Smith	28
Loran & Marion	Benham Anniversary	12

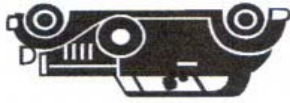
Feb. 13, 2008 Meeting
 7:30 pm (Robbie's Club House)

Refreshments:
 Please
 Volunteer!
 Call 345-1268



Tinkering Times Article Deadline

Please submit articles for the Tinkering Times by the 25th of March for the April newsletter. Fax information to Barb Hansen (907) 345-1268 or e-mail: Howbarb@alaska.net. Please put "Tinkering Times" in the subject line.



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