

SUN RUNNER

MIDNIGHT SUN STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 1983

COMING EVENTS

- September 24 & 25.....Antique Car Show, Northway Mall
- September 26.....Monthly Meeting
- October 2.....NSRA Safety Inspection Day

SEPTEMBER MEETING

This month's meeting will be Monday, the 26th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Plumbers and Steamfitters Hall located at 610 W. 54th. The major item of business will be the 1984 car show. We need your input at the meeting, not at a later date. Also bring your pictures and slides of your adventures of this summer.

SAFETY INSPECTION DAY

Sunday, October 2, from 1-5 p.m. will be the first NSRA Safety Inspection Day in Anchorage. The inspections will be performed by Bill Demming, NSRA State Safety Inspector, and his team of inspectors, Tom Snyder, Ross Jardine and Bernie Edwards. The location will be Charles Stennette's garage at Eagle River Lane and Eagle River Road (in Eagle River). This will be a good time before winter sets in to get your car checked out, and if it needs attention you have the winter to fix it. The invitation for the inspection goes out to all of the members of our Association, the members of the Last Frontier Street Rod Association and any independents who are concerned about their safety.

SHOW & SHINE

The Fifth Annual Automobile Show & Shine on the Park Strip that was held on July 10th was a great success. This event is open to all specialty cars and 112 cars were registered and received a dash plaque donated by our Association. Jay Ofsthun, co-sponsor, and the members of our Association did a swell job keeping everything running smoothly. Again we had celebrity choice awards and the winners were: Mayor's choice, Dave and Sue Mock's 40 Ford Coupe; Police Chief's Choice, Ralph Centoni's 31 Cadillac V-12 Sedan; Nakoyia Residents' Choice, Harold and Evelyn Rounds' 30 Ford sedan; KFQD's Choice, Wynn Byers' 56 Ford Crown Victoria; and People's Choice, Bernie Edwards' 34 Ford sedan.

Thanks to everyone who came and helped. It was good to see Dave Mock out representing NSRA in his booth that he set up. Everyone seemed to enjoy the new location two blocks East on the Park Strip. A big thank you goes to Alaska Firestone, Alaska Electroplate, Alaska Sales & Service, and Baye Company for donating trophies. See you next year.

GOLDEN DAYS, FAIRBANKS

I understand that the weekend of July 22-25 in Fairbanks for Golden Days was one of the best. I would appreciate it if someone who was there could write a story, maybe some pictures, for the newsletter.

NATIONALS-OKLAHOMA CITY

The Nationals were just out of this world. I could fill the whole newsletter about it, but you hear enough from me as it is. I would like comments for the newsletter from members who went, and maybe some pictures, too. There were seventeen members and three cars in Oklahoma City representing our Association. Association members were: The Rounds' (1932 Bantam Roadster), the Stennettes, the Moons, Ed Park (1936 Ford convertible), Ross Jardine, Mike Bulkeley, the Rays and the Paynes (1930 Ford sedan). In another section of the newsletter I would like to start doing a complete story of my trip to kind of get it all down on paper, but I would also like to have Harold do the same, about his trip with his car. I am sure there are some good stories to tell that we would like to hear.

We got to look at thousands of cars (hard to imagine, isn't it?) meet lots of nice people, and got to visit a very nice city. Most of us had a very nice talk with our NSRA Northwest Divisional Representation, Ron Moore. We told Ron that anytime he would like to visit us he was surely welcome. It was something to drive in a city where every place you looked there were street' rods. We were told that there wasn't an empty motel room within sixty miles of Oklahoma City.

We would have liked to have met more of the people we correspond with (with this newsletter), but it just wasn't possible. Ross and I did get to talk with Drew Skipworth (Panhandle Street Rods), Dan and Roger Jetter and Tom Ward (Rocky Mountain Un-Club) and Mike Yount (Top Tin Street Rods). There is so much to talk about that I will have to save some for later, but I do understand that some of our members are already talking about going again next year.

RAMBLINGS

You have probably noticed that there wasn't an August newsletter, but I will see what I can do about making it up, especially if I have lots of pictures to work with.

Mike Bulkeley sold his 1932 Ford pickup and at the same time upholstered my Carson style top (the only finished Carson styled top in Alaska). . . Bill Carlson loaned me the acorn nuts off the windshield wipers of his 40 and a front spring for a 37-40 Ford. . . Hector Cortez is going great guns on his 28 Ford sedan. He has built a frame and chopped the top four inches. . . Bernie Edwards is looking to deliver anyone's vehicle south come about the end of November. . . Wally Graham loaned me the gas cap and inside door handles from his 32 Ford for the Nationals. . . Ross Jardine left four days early for the Nationals and went to John Payne's so he could help us paint my car. . . Paul Moll has moved to Eagle River (check the list in this issue). . . Glen Nicolai has moved to Jewel Lake (check the list in this issue) and he is collecting parts for his roadster. . . John Payne, with help from his entire family (Kathy, Crystal, Jonnel), painted my car in his shop in Lone Grove, Oklahoma. . . Wally and Linda Ray purchased the makings of a roadster while they were at the Nationals and they recently received word that it was on its way. They also went to the Super Run in Las Vegas that was held the week after the Nationals. . . Harold and Evelyn Rounds have entered their Bantam roadster in the ISCA show in Seattle the first weekend of November. . . Tom Snyder has finished redoing the brakes on his roadster and he says they work great. . . Charles and Jerry Stennette drove back from the Nationals in Jerry's mom's Ford Granada (Ross Jardine rode with them to Butte, Montana where he caught a bus to Portland). Jerry said she felt funny driving off and leaving the kid there in Butte and then continuing on up the ALCAN. They said the ALCAN wasn't bad. . . This last Sunday night I heard a mighty roar outside my house, and when I looked it was Steve Taylor on his first outing with his 1933 Plymouth coupe with the Lathum blown small block Chevy. Steve said it felt good ot have it on the road again.

NATIONALS IN A 1936 FORD

trip to the 14th Annual Street Rod Nationals that was held on the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. The first thing I want to say is "THANK YOU" to all members of the Arctic Wheels Street Rod Association of Fairbanks (the newest street rod club in Alaska) and the members of our Association for the \$500 you gave me toward the expenses of the trip. With the price of gas in Canada running from a low of \$1.80 to a high of \$2.72 a U.S. gallon, the money came in real handy.

My scheduled departure date was Saturday, July 16, giving me plenty of time to get to the Nationals (which was to start August 4) in case I had any problems along the way. I was registered for the Panhandle's 10th Annual Rod Run in Amarillo, Texas, the week before the Nationals; and the week after the Nationals I was registered for the ColorODans of Longmont, Colorado, for their 13th Annual run to Estes State Park, but I had hoped I would be able to make it to the Northwest Mini Nationals in Yakima, Washington also on my way south.

Well, on Saturday the 16th, my car did not have a top, front fenders, hood, grill or wiring, and I had gotten it all the way to Mike Bulkeley's house in South Anchorage. The car was at Mike's for seven days where it got ready to travel. With the help of Mike, who covered the Carson style top bows that Bernie Edwards made two weeks prior, Tom Snyder, Martin Borreson and Bill Demming came by and helped with the wiring and getting the head light rims to fit; but I would never have made it without Ross Jardin's help. He was there all day every day and he helped me remove the right head to fix a spark plug hole, remove and replace the front spring, mount the front sheet metal, wiring, gauges, and he applied a fresh coat of red primer for the trip.

Thursday, the 21st, I drove the car home to pack for my new departure date of July 22nd.

(To be continued)

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--SAFETY NEWS--

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During the month of July, the Safety Inspection Team inspected only three cars, however these cars all passed. With all the excitement of people getting ready and leaving for the Nationals in Oklahoma, I decided to hold off until August for another scheduled inspection.

The inspected cars for this month are cars Tom Snyder and I inspected during Golden Days in Fairbanks on the 23rd of July. The cars were Tom Settle's '39 Chevy 4 dr. Sedan, Jon Brown's '57 Ford 2 dr. Hardtop, and Sid Miller's '57 Chevy hardtop. Sid's car was a re-inspection--his car was originally inspected during the Fairbanks World of Wheels in May and failed due to improper fuel line routing and no license plate light. Sid has these problems corrected and recently installed a 10 bolt posi rear end. The car passed without further problems.

Jon Brown's '57 Ford is an eyestopper. Of course, Tom Snyder couldn't stop talking about the car--I was suitably impressed also. The car is immaculate, no rust and the black paint is naturally right on!!!

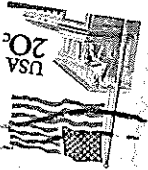
Tom Settle's '39 Chevy was a real treat to inspect. The car has an updated front suspension, super 2 tone brown paint, a 350/350 Chevy combo, and super upholstery. Tom bought the car to haul his family and this car does it in style. Except for a broken headlight which Tom replaced on the spot, this car passed without problems.

Still another noteworthy news item concerning the Safety Inspection Team is a recent appointment of a Fairbanks member to the team. I have been looking for a person to be my representative in Fairbanks since the distance and number of trips made yearly has made it difficult. Tom Settle, the owner of the '39 Chevy just mentioned has been appointed to the task. Tom is presently working off and on the Slope as a mechanic. He was an auto shop instructor teaching in Fairbanks prior to his North Slope employment. Besides the '39 Chevy, Tom is in the process of building a street rod from a --believe it or not--'40 Packard Business Coupe!! The car was bought and driven in Fairbanks a few years ago and is now resting in Tom's garage. Tom and his wife Jackie live with their 4 boys on Mile 2, Laurance Rd. in North Pole. Tom Snyder and I believe Tom's involvement as an inspection team member will prove to be a valuable one.

Well that is about all the safety news for this month. Further details and information on an upcoming inspection will be made at the next meeting. See ya there.

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