



JUNE 1989

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Wally Graham.....694-2023
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COMING EVENTS

- June 26, Monday, 7:00 PM, AK. Travel Institute.....MSSRA Monthly Meeting
- June 24, Saturday, 10AM-6PM.....Stolt's "Go Bananas" Sale
- June 25, Sunday.....Nostalgia Drags, Polar Raceway, Palmer
- June 23-25, Friday-Sunday.....Northwest Nats, Spokane, WA
- July 8, Saturday.....Junk yard run to the Valley, MSSRA & Friends
- July 8, Saturday, VFW Show and Shine in the.....VFW-Wasilla
- July 4, Tuesday.....4th of July Parade, Chugiak
- July 14, Friday....."Coke Show", Eagle River
- July 15, Saturday.....Bear Paw Parade, Eagle River
- July 19-23....."Golden Days," Fairbanks
- July 20-23.....Street Rod Nationals, St. Paul, Minnesota
- July 29-30, Saturday-Sunday....."Progress Days," Soldotna
- August 5, Saturday.....NSRA Appreciation Day, Anchorage
- August 6, Sunday.....11th Annual Jay Ofsthum Memorial Show & Shine
- August 12-13, Saturday-Sunday.....Sutton Summer Festival
- August 17, Thursday.....Angelos Cruise Nite
- August 20, Saturday.....Members Only Rod Run
- September 3-4, Saturday-Sunday.....Pierce Street Annex Car Show

NOTE THE CORRECT P.O. BOX # FOR MSSRA

The club's mailbox # changed to "92061" from "4-2061" about three years ago -- please utilize the new address, as the post office is returning mail sent to the "old" box number. THANKS.

Address: Midnight Sun Street Rod Association
 P.O. Box 92061
 Anchorage, Alaska 99509-2061

RAMBLINGS...

Many members of MSSRA, along with other auto enthusiasts, seen boogey-ing at the "Back to the Bun" hullabaloo.....an oversight in the May newsletter -- Harold Rounds won "Exhibitor's Choice" trophy at the Arctic Wheels car show in Fairbanks.....Ed Park will be celebrating the dreaded 50th birthday on June 27 -- now it's time for you to act your age, ED!.....Ray Elleven met one of Ben's high school teachers at "Back to the Bun" -- when asked what kind of student he was, he replied, "you can't teach football players anything!".....Tom and Karen Wilson are the proud owners of a "new" '57 Chevy ragtop -- purchased while on vacation -- how many does that make in the club, now?.....Bill Demming bought a 1936 Fords three-window coupe for his "next" project.....the 1988 Show 'n Shine is in the current issue of Street Scene.....

COLLECTOR POSTER

The 1989 Car Show Collector Poster, which features the 1988 World of Wheels Peoples' Choice winner -- Harold Rounds' 1932 Bantam Roadster, is available for sale. If you're interested in a numbered, signed print, or an unsigned poster, contact Bill Demming, 243-4752

FOR SALE

GIGANTIC MOVING/GARAGE SALE -- Chevy parts galore.....transmissions, engines, heads, brackets, alternators, starters, etc. Steam cleaner (\$650). Contact George, 562-4622, 333-1117 (home)

1945 Chevy pick-up, Cathy Chamskaks, 248-9011

STOLT'S "GO BANANAS" SALE

Bring your car to show and shine, bring your bod for fun.....remote broadcast by Eagle 97, stereo mfg. reps on hand, and for the auto-phile -- pin-striping demos, and for the young-at-heart -- hula, limbo, and banana-eating contests, and more -- come on out, it should be fun!

NEW MEMBERS

Tom Tuttle & Family.....'72 Chevy Pick Up
 Ron Hanson & Cathie Polis.....'32 Ford Coupe & '71 Chevelle
 Tony & Willow Calacino.....'38 & '47 Plymouth, '56 Crown
 Vic, '62 T-Bird Roadster, '64 Buick Ragtop

THE PREZ SAYS

As most of you know, Chuck Loyns' daughter was killed in an automobile accident last December. The driver was driving speeding, ran a red light, on cocaine, and had driving record of 34 moving violations and his license suspended five times. That's an average of four violations per year. The driver, Clifford Barney, pleaded guilty to Manslaughter charges with a maximum of 20 years in jail.

At the May meeting, Chuck asked the members if they would individually write to Judge and ask for a STIFF sentence because the average manslaughter sentence is five to seven years. It was decided to send a letter on the Club's behalf signed by the Prez. A copy of the letter is in this newsletter. As a result of our effort and many letters that were sent in, Mr. Barney received a TEN year sentence and his driving privilege permanently revoked. This is the second highest sentence for Manslaughter and highest for a nonalcohol related case.

It is a shame the Loyns family has suffered such a loss but as President, I am proud of the Club in supporting the Loyns in this unfortunate situation.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Back to the Bunn - For those of you who missed it, the night at the Bunn was a true blast. It started with a cruise from the Sears Mall to "A" Street, 9th Ave, Minnesota By Pass, Spenard and finally the Armory. There was an estimated 100 or more cars. Once inside, the band played 1960's to current hits and Ron Moore played "Golden Oldies" on the turntable. Some things never change. Just like a High School dance, there were a few couples dancing, a few guys talking cars, and a few gals talking about...well I guess that's one change, the gals were talking about knitting, teenaged kids, and grand kids. A big "THANKS" to Gary Brandt for representing us on the car portion of the event.

Grand Auto Show - We were invited to attend Classic Car promotion for Grand Auto on Old Seward Hwy. KASH-FM did a remote and offered each club an opportunity to speak on the air on behalf of their club. It was a fun event. Hope we get invited back.



**VALLEY JUNK YARD RUN
JULY 8TH**

Ever want to know where the wrecking yards with the "neat stuff" are located? Plan to meet at the North Slope Restaurant at 9:00 a.m. on July 8th. From there we will cruise the paved back roads to Boothill Auto, Salvage and Valley Vintage Tin in Palmer and wind up at Vintage Ventures in Wasilla.

If you know of other "neat stuff" wrecking yards, call Ray at 337-6349.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The Annual Show and Shine is just around the corner. Anyone interested in Chairing the show, contact Ray Elleven, 248-2642 at work or 337-6349 at home.

THANKS LARRY WILLIAMS

A very special thanks to new member Larry Williams for donating a very nice and expensive winch for the club car trailer. The old winch was abused and worn out. We were looking at quite an expense had it not been for Larry. Thanks again!!!!



P.O. BOX 4-2061
 Anchorage, Alaska 99509

May 26, 1989

The Honorable Judge Rowland

The Midnight Sun Street Rod Association is a local car club with a membership comprised of 41 families. We are affiliated with the National Street Rod Association which has over 10,000 members. One of our purposes is to promote safe street rodding by driving street legal automobiles and obeying all traffic laws.

Clifford Barney is an individual who has shown no regard for the safety of himself or anyone else. Mr. Barney acquired 26 traffic violations and his driver's license has been suspended FOUR times demonstrating his disrespect for traffic laws, public safety and authority.

This blatant disrespect resulted in the death of seventeen year old Deborah Nadine Lyons, the daughter of one of our members, on December 18, 1988. In addition to her losing her life at such a young age, through no fault of her own, this tragedy has effected us all. Her family has lost a daughter. Her classmates have lost a friend. Everyone who knows the Lyons family including us, the members of Midnight Street Rod Association, feel this was a waste of a young life.

We feel Mr. Barney has not learned his lesson as seen from previous violations and suspensions. We hope you will consider our feelings and grant no leniency when you sentence him on June 5, 1989.

Sincerely,

Ray Ellevén
 Ray Elleven
 President

CC: Editor, Anchorage Times
 Editor, Anchorage Daily News



SAFETY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Safety Inspection Team Has Been Busy These Last Two Months!

Our first inspection was held at the Fort Richardson "Soldier's Day Appreciation" Car Show on May 25, 1989. Ross Jardine and Bernie Edwards joined me on the inspection team; we inspected the following 8 cars: Charlie Stennette's '31 Chevy, passed with a Safety 23 Pin; Ross Jardine's '36 Ford Coupe, passed; Bernie Edwards '34 Ford Coupe, failed; Tom Tuttle's Chevy Pickup, failed; L.C. Halstead's '34 Ford Coupe, passed with a Safety 23 Pin; Bob "Sully" Sullivan's '50 Ford Pickup, failed; Earl Evers '56 Ford Crown Vicky, failed; and Kelly Jones' '73 Chevy Monte Carlo, passed with a Safety 23 Pin.

On June 10, 1989 at the Grand Auto's "Salute to the Classics" Car Show, Buck Huizenga joined me on the inspection team, we inspected 4 cars: Doug Myers '64 1/2 Mustang, passed with a Safety 23 Pin; Harold Rounds' '34 Ford Sedan, passed; Tony & Willow Callacino's '62 Thunderbird, passed with a Safety 23 Pin; and the Callacino's recently completed '56 Ford Crown Vicky, failed.

Of those cars which failed inspection, the reasons were various—the most common being brake, lighting, and exhaust system problems.

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS

I now have the NSRA Membership Cards for the following MSSRA Members:

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| Tom Tuttle | Mitch Gray |
| Charles Stennette | Bernie Edwards |
| Larry Williams | L.C. Halstead |
| Wally Ray | John LaFournaise |
| Ben Holeman | Chuck Voehl |
| Joe Piccone | Bill Simmons |
| Margret Hart | Kerry Kimura |

Come to the next meeting and pickup your cards and NSRA decals. If there are any of you out there that have not received your card or who have other membership problems, please contact me—Bill Demming, Treasurer, at 243-4752 or 243-4625.

Safety Inspector's Speed Calibration

If you can't afford those expensive programable type speedometers and you would really like to know how fast your're going, maybe the new service offered by Speed Specs can help you out.

Basically, these folks offer a speed calibration ratio meter which will check the speedometer installed in your car. By driving your car over a measured distance the correct ratio is found, an order is placed to Speed Specs, and a ratio adapter will be made and sent to you.

If there is enough interest (minimum of 10) I will contact Speed Specs and rent the ratiometer from them. The price of the ratio adapters (as of Feb '89 price lists) is \$54.95+shipping.

Please call me by June 28th if you are interested at 243-4752 or 243-4625.

INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

There have been a lot of questions on just what is included in our NSRA Vehicle Inspection. For those of you who have been inspected before, you may refer to the list of required and recommended items on the inspection sheet I gave you after your last inspection. For those of you who have never had an inspection, I am including a list of items #1-15 for passing an inspection (you will receive an inspection sticker) and items #16-23, which are recommended. If you pass all 23 items, you will receive a Safety 23 lapel pin.

NSRA SAFETY INSPECTION

Required Equipment

1. HORN: Electric Only
2. SPEED INDICATOR: Speedometer or calibrated tachometer at 55MPH
3. REAR VIEW MIRROR: One inside or one outside on driver's side of vehicle
4. GLASS: Must be safety plate
5. LIGHTING: Hi-beam, Low-beam, Tail Light, Brake and License
6. WINDSHIELD WIPER: Electric or vacuum operated
7. AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION LOCKOUT: Neutral and/or park start only
8. TIRES: Minimum 3/32" tread acceptable, must meet DOT specifications
9. STEERING: No excessive play (2" radius maximum) or binding, system must be safely mounted
10. THROTTLE LINKAGE: Must not travel past center, return spring required
11. FUEL SYSTEM: No leaks, check vent on trunk and interior mounted tanks, no clear plastic lines
12. EXHAUST SYSTEM: No leaks, must pass rear edge of front door and exit away from vehicle
13. SELF-ALIGNING ROD END BEARINGS: No visible fractures, insert sloppiness, or binding allowed
14. SHOCK ABSORBERS: One per wheel, no leaks, 2" of travel in each direction
15. BRAKES: Four wheel brakes, no leaks, check brake pedal travel, check length of flexible lines, no copper tubing.

Recommended Equipment Not Reason for Failure

16. SHIFT PATTERN: Should be visible, except on 3-speed standard column shift
17. WINDSHIELD: Should be AS-1
18. SCRUB LINE: No components should be below this line
19. FUEL LINES: Should be safely mounted and routed
20. PARKING BRAKE: Should be activated independent of vehicle's primary system. Line-lock is not recommended
21. SELF-ALIGNING ROD END BEARINGS: Ball should have 1/8 inch spacer on each side of the ball if there is any misalignment. Rod ends should not have more than 10° misalignment. ROD ENDS and 4 BAR-PARALLEL RADIUS ROD SYSTEM rubber bushed ends should have a safety washer at least the same outside diameter as the housing or larger
22. BRAKE LINES: Should be safely mounted and routed
23. CHASSIS FASTENERS: Self-locking nuts, lockwashers, safety wire, or cotter pins recommended