



OCTOBER 1991

SOMETHING TO DO

Oct 22 Monthly Meeting
 Unknown Christmas Party
 Apr 25-26, 1992 13th Midnight Sun Rod and Custom Car Show
 May, 1992 Third Annual Peninsula Autofaire, Soldotna
 Aug 2, 1992 14th Annual Jay Ofstun Memorial Show and Shine

MONTHLY MEETING

The next meeting will be at our regular meeting place, Alaska Classic Motion on Arctic between Fireweed and Northern Lights. It will be on Tuesday October 22 (the fourth Tuesday) at 7 pm. Enter on the north side (alley) of the building. There is plenty of parking.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Are you willing to give your time so others can have a GOOD time? Are you looking for a challenge that is rewarding and fulfilling? Then consider running for one of the four elected positions of leadership available within the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association. Let President Wally Graham know your desires now for the November Elections.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK
by Wally Graham

We have all seen the fresh snow up on the mountain peaks lately. Just another reminder that fall is coming to a close and winter is not far off. That reminds me some other dates are not far away.

Elections of officers will be at the November meeting. Each one of you should be thinking of running for a position on the board or convincing one of your friends to run for a position.

Another date to be thinking about is the Christmas party. I know this may sound like a commercial because thanksgiving is not even here yet, but we need to make reservations early if we want to get into a decent restaurant.

We also need a chairman for the party. We had one, but sometimes things change, and it did, so we are looking for someone else. Any volunteers?

It was good to see Charlie Stennette at the last meeting. Charlie and Jerry were back in Alaska to see their new grandchild. They came all the way from Tennessee. We could have given them the Long Distance Award but they didn't drive the Coupe. Oh well, may be next time. Enough rambling for now, see you at the meeting.

RAMBLINGS

Peninsula Cruisers member and MSSRA Friend Bill Banta suffered a gall bladder attack on September 1st which led to his ultimate hospitalization. Never being one to go half way on anything, Bill had a stroke during surgery! He then endured heart bypass surgery only a week later. Bill is back home now resting up after all his fun and adventures. GET WELL SOON!!! . . . Joe Piccione bought Ron Hanson's Chevelle and Pickup. This gives Joe quite a stable with the '57 and Crown. Want to buy a car? . . . Rumor has it Dennis Hackenberger bought a funny little car called a Pantera. Don't sound like no street rod to me. He also bought a 1969 428 big block Mustang Convertible. . Ed Park went outside for a family reunion and plans to attend the Southeast Nats in Florida. . . Ray Elleven ran into Mike Schowen at an American Society of Safety Engineers Meeting recently. They didn't know they belonged to both organizations.

OOPS

Last month the SUN RUNNER reported on the results of the Nostalgia drags but forgot to mention the show winner. Those in attendance parked in front of the grand stands for the fans to see. By round of applause, the fans voted for their favorite car. The loudest applause as determined by Polar Raceway owner Lee Nelson went to LC Halstead and his '34 Ford Coupe. Way to go!!!

NOSTALGIA CAR SHOW
by Alaska NSRA State Rep, Ed Park

Saturday and Sunday September 28 and 29 our club put on a nice little car show at the Cottonwood Creek Mall in Wasilla. It is a nice laid back show in a quiet mall with real wide aisles. The only trophy is for People's Choice and awards for the valve cover racing.

Thanks to Ross Jardine ('36 Ford Coupe), Paul Moll ('37 Ford Sedan), Tom and Karen Wilson ('57 Chevy Convertible), Shirley Lane ('55 Chevy 2dr), Otto Binder ('90 Cadeo), Steve Hill ('55 Chevy 2dr) and two Mustangs from the Valley which belonged to Ken and Jack. (Last names unknown)

Otto binder set up his valve cover track with win-lose lights and after some spirited racing, Paul Moll took the adult stock class and Jason Binder won the kid's stock Class. Tom and Karen won Peoples Choice. Shirley Lane and one of the Mustangs won \$25 gift certificates from the mall.

Thanks to everyone who came out.

TEST YOUR CAR SMARTS

Answer to last months Car Smarts.

In the 1960's, General Motors tried to market the Nova in South American but it didn't sell. Why? Nova in the Latin languages means "Don't Go" or something of that nature. GM changed the name of the car and it sold well.

NEW QUESTION

Are you a regular reader of CAR SMARTS? If so, let the Editor know.

PENINSULA DRAG RACING

Last month the SUN RUNNER reported on the possibility of the Peninsula having an NHRA Drag strip. There was a "pull it out and mail it" to the Kenai Native Association. Did you mail it in? If not, dig out last months newsletter and DO IT! If last months newsletter has joined the other refuse at the land fill, call the Editor and he'll send you another one.

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." Dolly Pardon.

HOW THE WHEEL WAS INVENTED by Dan "Dune Deal" Danner

"You're gonna be a wheel someday, you're gonna be somebody." Remember that line from the great Fats Domino record? Well, it seems as though a lot of people have, and they've taken the old fat man seriously.

The "Wheel". What an interesting object it is. It's been around (get it) for a long time. Historians seem to differ on just when the first wheel was discovered, but they do agree that it was during the time when man was ruler of everything on earth, a time when man was dragging his pray into his cave, in fact, man was dragging his "women into his cave".

The only problem with dragging everything to the cave was that by the time man got it there, he was too tired to do any thing with it. So man came up with a better idea. He found a couple of flat rocks, took out his trusty grindstone and went to work designing a round object that would roll. The next project was to put a hole in the middle which was his other discovery, the "axle" would attach to. Presto, Whamo, now it was tons easier to carry a dinosaur or a woman back to the cave, hey, things were looking up.

Believe it or not, the name of the man who invented the "Wheel" was not "Boyd" but as record show, was Walter Henry Elisha Ernie Laird, most just called him "Wheel" for short.

News traveled fast and within years, other cavemen were asking Walt to build them a set of rolling rocks. Walt, being smarter than the average caveman, was able to hold on to his discovery and he was the only one in the whole world building "Wheels".

Most of the cavemen in those days were somewhat lazy and found it a whole lot easier just to trade a wolf or a couple of women to Walt for a set of his "Wheels". Soon, "Walts Wheels" were the "IN" thing and Walt was living the good life. He had a cave in the mountains, one at the beach and a prize cave located in the valley. Walt received letters carved in stone from guys and gals telling him of the pleasure they received from just owning a set of "Walts Wheels".

Back then, unlike today, there were no patent offices, no lawyers, no infringement laws, nothing to stop someone from stealing discoveries, thus the wheel soon became open game for anyone to build and/or copy Walters first roller.

One of the reason's Walts roller had become an easy object to duplicate was that Walts Wife, "Dusty Cap" Laird, was upset from all those years of being dragged around by the hair and she would give Walts blueprints to anyone who wanted them, especially to her girlfriends, who would then nag their husbands into building them a set of their own.

(see History next page)

HISTORY OF THE WHEEL con't

After some 50 years of building "Wheels" Walt decided it was time to retire, so he turned the business over to his son, "Bearing".

Bearing wasn't much of a businessman, he didn't like all the pressure of working a regular job, and he was more interested in hanging out with the guys, pumping Lava and chasing cave girls. Before long he lost control of his dad's discovery. It seems as though a couple of his employees had taken off on their own and were now building "Wheels" under a different name.

Isn't it strange how history repeats itself? Well, now you know how the "Wheel" was invented.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The story you just read was reprinted with permission from Dan "Dune Deal" Danner, Editor of the GOODGUYS GOODTIME GAZETTE, the official publication of the GOODGUYS Association. The article was the lead in of his monthly editorial "Dan's Drifts" in the June 1991 issue. The article went on to explain there are 100's of different wheels on the market and how custom wheels have improved the automobile. The SUN RUNNER would like to thank the GOODGUYS for this piece of historical documentation

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The winner is always part of the answer. The loser is always part of the problem. The winner always had a program. The loser always has an excuse. The winner says, "Let me do it for you" The loser says, "it's not my job" The winner sees an answer for every problem. The loser sees a problem for every answer. The winner sees a green near every sand trap. The loser sees two or three sand traps near every green. The winner says, "it may be difficult, but it is possible." The loser says, "It may be possible, but it's too difficult." Be a winner!

HOW TO INTERPRET CAR TALK

IF THEY SAY

Rare model
One owner
No time to complete
Good investment
Rough
Low mileage
Lost storage
Many new parts
Best offer
Towable
Always driven slow
Yellow beauty
Need money

THEY REALLY MEAN

Nobody liked it when it was new
Never been able to sell
Can't find the parts
Can't depreciate anymore
It's too bad to lie about
Third time around
Neighbors got up a petition
Keeps breaking down
What ever I can get
Better follow & pick up parts
Won't go any faster
Was originally a taxi
Found a better one

MIDNIGHT SUN STREET ROD ASSOCIATION
PHONE LIST
as of October 1, 1991

NAME	NUMBER	CAR(S)
Adams, Sonny & Debra	488-6856	'55 & '63 Chevy
Brenton, Charlie & Cindy	694-6198	'64 Pont Convertable
Brandt, Gary & Joni	562-5997	Camaros & GTOs
Buhite, George & Libby	745-2872 . 561-1433	'40 Ford PU
Bunn, Ron & Beth	345-8280	'32 Ford, '56 Stude
Cadman, Ted	337-0174	'41 Ford, '68 Shelby
Carlson, Bill & Opha	243-1216	'37 Ford, '40 Ford
Chmiel, Ernest & Irene	345-5441	'64 Chevy Convertable
Claiborne, Beth	349-7228 . 243-1611	'68 Bradley GT
Davis, Earl & Lynnda	688-5990	'32 Ford, '37 Packard
Demming, Bill & Cheryl	243-4752	'32 Ford, '58 Corvette
Dewhirst, Tom	337-6226	'29 Ford
Edwards, Bernie	688-2392	Two '34 Fords
Elleven, Ray & Helen	337-6349 . 266-9270	'40 Pont '59 El Camineo
Georisch, Fred & Donna	248-1478	'40 Ford, '68 Camaro
Gilles, Steve	283-5856	'35 Ford PU
Graham, Wally & Glenda	694-2023 . 561-1188	'32 Ford
Hackenberger, Dennis & Jeanne	333-9228 . 338-2000	'46 Ford, '52 Ford
Halstead, LC & Sheila	345-6206	'34 Ford
Hanson, Ron & Kathy	333-9880 . 562-1300	'32 Ford, '71 Chevy
Hart, Margaret		'68 Firebird
Hendrickson, Hal & Karn	345-5634	'72 Road Runner
Hernandez, Oscar	562-0342	'55 Chevy, '57 Chevy
Hill, Jack & Carrie	243-0417	'53 Chevy PU, '62 Chevy
Holeman, Ben & Till	694-5820	'57 Chevy
Huizenga, Buck & Jean	248-0937	'48 Chevy, '74 Vette
Hunter, Bob	696-2121	'61 Chrysler
Jardine, Ross & Alice	243-4488	'33 Ford, '36 Ford
Johnson, Richard	345-0379 . 552-2803	'31 Ford
Kimura, Kerry & Betty	694-9650	'40 Ford
Knott, Victor	349-7228	'35 Ford, '41 Ford
LaFournaise, John	272-2768 . 563-7070	'69 Ply, '70 Ply
Lane, Gene & Shirley	243-4055 . 279-4541	'55 Chevy
Lewis, Mark & Ann	345-3937	'40 Chevy, '57 Chevy
Liebig, Larry & Linda	333-8734	'39 Ford
Lowe, Bill & Shirley	694-4520	'35 Chvey, '38 Ford
Lyons, Chuck & Kathy	243-4601	'31 Ford, '56 Chevy
Lyons, Chuck II	243-4601	'57 Chevy
Moll, Paul	694-4825	'37 Ford, '68 Cougar
Nicolai, Glen & Lael	696-0561	'47 Ford
Noll, Neil	561-8939 . 267-9123	'50 Ford PU, '65 Chevy
Park, Ed & Claire	688-3430	'36 Ford, '62 Covair
Parrish, Art & Shirley	243-3200	'30 Chevy, '30 Ford
Piccione, Joe	346-3371	'55 Ford, '57 Chevy
Rounds, Harold & Evelyn	276-1498	'34 Ford
Rush, Tom & Lauren	694-3969	'32 Ford, '26 Chevy
Schowen, Mike	338-4882	'67 Mustang 2+2
Shepard, Dena	337-6226	'33 Ford
Snelson, Darry & Barbara	694-5710 . 278-5485	'48 Chevy PU, '49 Chevy
Stennette, Charlie & Jerry	694-4430	'31 Chevy, '59 Corvette
Tuttle, Tom & Betty	345-3834	'72 Chevy Pu
Voehl, Chuck & Kimberly	688-5673	'37 Ford
Williams, Larry	344-9804	'56 Ford
Wilson, Dick	562-2124	
Wilson, Tom & Karen	349-3024	Two '57 Chevys

SWAY SHOP

Swap Shop ads are a service of the Sun Runner and the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association for it's members and other individuals who wish to advertise an item or vehicle for sale. Advertisements are printed on a space available basis. Contact Ray Elleven, Editor of the Sun Runner at the address located elseplace in this newsletter or call him at 337-6349.

FOR SALE - Gary Moore is offering is pride and joy, a Black 1972 Chevy 4X4, 350 engine with 350 Turbo. Has had a frame off restoration. Asking \$15,500. Call Gary at 279-6471 at work or 332-9350 at home.

FOR SALE - 1923 Ford T-Bucket Roadster. 327 V8, 9" Ford rear end,. \$12,500 or best offer. 262-5443.

FOR SALE - 1955 Ford Crown Victoria. Car has full power everything and is in EXCELLENT condition. \$20,000 or trade for Street Rod. Call Joe Piccione at 346-3371.

FOR SALE - Yellow and white 1957 Chevy show car. Outstanding detail work through out. Excellent detailed frame. One of a kind. \$45,000 or trade for Street Rod. Call Joe at 346-3371.



ALASKA CLASSIC MOTION

Located at 2503 Arctic Blvd between Northern Lights and Fireweed has indoor motorcycle/jet ski/ATV storage starting at \$20 a month, auto storage for \$80.00 per month and detailed auto appraisals for \$75. For additional information, call Gary or Joni at 272-6863.

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