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Wrede defeated

It was a typical, exciting election night this past November when members bid for the cherish right to lead the organization. Sandi Sumner, who had a proxy from Ed Wrede, nominated him for treasure. Two other members were nominated but quickly withdrew after a Sumner's very convincing campaign speech on behalf of Ed Wrede. "The promises of boosting the club coffers was just too much for them," Sumner later said. It looked like a shoe-in for Wrede until Shirley Parrish was nominated for an unprecedented eighth term. "The members must really like me," Parrish said after defeating Wrede by a three to one margin. "I know one of these days someone is going to defeat me. I thought this was it!"

Wrede's proxy was exercised again for the secretary position when Sumner gave another sterling campaign speech on Wrede's behalf. It was looking like another shoe-in for the unopposed businessman when President Neil Noll was fixing to get ready to call for a vote. Then out of the blue, totally unexpected, Ray Elleven announced his candidacy for the position of secretary. "I don't understand how he beat my candidate with such a lame speech," Sumner later complained. "I just don't get it."

The bid for the Vice President's job was a little bit more competitive. Nat Gardner made a try for a third term along with Victor Knott who briefly held the office in 1997. Of course Sumner made another attempt to get her candidate elected. Finally, Jack Hill surprised everybody by throwing his name in the hat. "Ross Jardine and I joined the club at the same time in 1978," he told the crowd. "He was the oldest member and I was the youngest. Ross still holds his honor, unfortunately, I can't say the same." Hill went on to explain how the club went through three Vice Presidents in 1982, of

which he was the third. "I never got to finish the job I started," he continued. "I campaigned hard for Vice President in 1983 but the members wanted a new slate of officers. I was defeated by my old friend, Ross Jardine." This time Hill was declared the winner by election central.

The campaign for President was a little anticlimactic. Of course Sumner nominated Wrede for the position, but when Neil Noll announced his desire for reelection, no other candidates were nominated. The speeches were short and sweet. In the end, Noll took all but one vote to win his second term as President. "I'd like to thank all of you voted for me," Noll said after the election. "I look forward to another action packed exciting year of street rodding."

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Feb 21-22 *Anchorage Corvette Club* Fur Rondy Car Show
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Mar 17 Saint Patrick's Day Parade
Apr 24-26 Alaska Custom Car, Cycle, & Boat Show
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Apr 30-May 2 Arctic Wheels Car Show, Carlson Center, Fairbanks,
Contact Wayne Campbell, 488-6937
May 1-2 Mayday Mayday
Contact *Rally Productions* at 243-2122
May 8 Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet
contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
May 30 Alaska Sales & Service 500 Show
An Antique Auto Musher Event
Jun 19 Colony Days Parade, Palmer, Otto Binder 745-4670
Jul 4 Anchorage & Chugiak Parades
Jul 9 Bear Paw Car Show, Eagle River
Jul 10 Bear Paw Parade, Eagle River
Jul 16-18 Arctic Wheels Hot Wax Weekend, Fairbanks,
*Cruise on Friday, Parade on Saturday, and
Nancy Fox Memorial Show & Shine on Sunday*
Jul 30 Tastee Freez Pre Show & Shine Car Show
Aug 1 Jay Ofstun Memorial Show & Shine on the Park Strip,
contact Ray Elleven 337-5860
Aug 7 Fall Auto Parts Swap Meet
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Lower 48 events

- Feb 4-7 NHRA 39th Annual CHIEF AUTO PARTS WINTER
NATIONALS presented by Pennzoil, Pomona CA
Feb 10-15 50th Annual Grand National Roadster Show of Oakland
at the Cow Palace in Oakland. 916 487-3394
Feb 18-21 Portland Rod & Custom Car Show, Portland OR
Mar 4-7 Portland Roadster Show, Portland OR
Mar 7 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
Mar 11-14 Boise Roadster Show, Boise, ID
Apr 10-11 Portland Swap Meet, Portland, OR 503 684-3391
Apr 14-19 Kool April Nights, Redding, CA

Our deepest sympathy

The members and friends of the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association would like to express our deepest sympathy to family of Jerome "Tiny" Wayerski.

Tiny was President of Wisconsin Rods & Customs and frequently visited Alaska attended some of our events.

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Christmas party

Sumners new MAMA

The annual Christmas party was held at the How How restaurant. The buffet was up to it's normal standards with plenty of selection and plenty of it. If anybody went away hungry, it was their own fault. Missing from this year's celebration was long time regular Bernie Edwards who was soaking up sun in Texas over the Christmas Holidays. "He did want to pass on his regrets for not making the party," said Sandi Sumner.

Each year at the Christmas party, the traveling Most Active Member Award is present to a member deemed the Most Active by the last years recipient. This prestigious award has gone to several notable members in the past including Ed Park, Ross Jardine, Binder Family, Nat Gardner, Ray Elleven, and Wally Graham to name a few. Last year's winner, Joe Piccione, had the chore of selecting the MAMA winner for 1998, which went to Jim & Sandi Sumner. CONGRATULATIONS to both of you!

The evening wrapped up with the ever popular Chinese Auction. There was plenty of trading among the gifts with quite few being trade the three time maximum. We should give a *Good Sportsmanship* award for the member who lost the most gifts. If that were the case, it would go to Bill and Gayle Crawford. They seem to opened the good gifts that everyone else wanted.

Ed Wrede, the event chair who gets the credit for arranging such a great party, managed to come up with a few door prizes for those who had the lucky winning number. Second place for the *Good Sportsmanship* award should go to 1998 MAMA Sandi Sumner. She won the last door prize and gave it to the Crawfords. Don't miss next years party!

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**When the University of
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stadium becomes the
state's third largest city.**

The Last Marathon

Help sponsor a member

Normally, when we think of a marathon race, we think of the Boston Marathon or some other 26 mile race. Or, we may think of the tough race up Mount Marathon in Seward each 4th of July weekend. There are other physical challenges such as the Iron Man in Hawaii, a combination of running, swimming, and bicycling. Well, here's another challenge for you. The *Last Marathon*, a race on King George Island, the largest of the Shetland Islands just off the coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. The marathoners complete a course of climbing and descending a two mile stretch on a glacier, crossing glacial streams, hopping over river rocks, and traversing sharp rolling hills.

Antarctica presents other changing obstacles to overcome from the temperatures ranging between 25 to 40 degrees to winds up to 40 MPH. Snow, rain, avalanches, mud, rocks, and dive bombing skuas are a few of the other obstacles.

Mark Tuovinen has entered the February 1999 marathon as a member of a special team paying tribute to Fred Lebow, race director of the New York City Marathon for 25 years. The money raised will support Fred's Team and the Aubrey Fund for Pediatric Cancer Research at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center is devoted to cancer research, treatment, and prevention. During the past 30 years, the center's research has made remarkable progress against cancer advancing from just a few effective treatments for cancer to being able to cure more than 50 percent of all new cancer patients.

Most sponsors are pledging one, two or sometime even five dollars for every mile of the marathon. A pledge for Mark is a good cause. All money will go to the cancer fund, no expenses are deducted. They have corporate sponsors that cover the overhead. Of course, all donations are tax deductible.

You may pledge now and pay later, or, since we all know Mark is going to make it, pay now. In any case, the deadline is April 15th. Send your pledge to Mark Tuovinen at 3160 W. 70th Place, Anchorage, Alaska 99502-3013 or give him a call at 907 243-1388.

LATEST BUMPER STICKER

A day without sunshine is like, night!

Always follow the directions

Manufacturers put some of the weirdest warning on their labels, usually because of something that has happened in the past. Here are a few examples and remember, always follow the directions.

On Sears hair dryer: *Do not use while sleeping.*

On a bag of Frito's: *You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.*

On a bar of Dial soap: *Directions: Use like regular soap.*

On Swanson frozen dinners: *Serving suggestion: Defrost*

On a hotel-provided shower cap in a box: *Fits one head.*

On Tesco's Tiramisu desert: *Do not turn upside down. (Printed on the bottom of the box.)*

On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding: *Product will be hot after heating*

On packaging for a Rowenta Iron: *Do not iron clothes on body*

Boot's CHILDREN's Cough Medicine: *Do not drive car or operate machinery*

On Nytol (a sleep aid): **Warning:** *may cause drowsiness*

On a kitchen knife: **Warning:** *Keep out of children.*

On a food processor: *Not to be used for the other use.*

On Sainsbury's Peanuts: **Warning:** *contains nuts*

On an American Airlines packet of nuts: **Instructions:** *open packet, eat nuts.*

On a chain saw: *Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands.*

New Years Diet

by I.R. Bigg

It's the most common New Years resolution, loose a few pounds. Well, I've been fighting the battle of the bulge for so many years, I've become an expert. In fact, I've lost over 300 pounds! Problem is, it's always the same pound. This January 1st when I stood on the new talking scale and it said, "One at a time. PLEASE!" I created a new diet for the everyone and here I share it with you.

1. If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are canceled out by the diet soda.
3. When you eat with someone else, calories don't count if you do not eat more than they do.
4. Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER count, such as hot chocolate, brandy, toast and Sara Lee Cheesecake.
5. If you fatten up everyone else around you, then you look thinner.
6. Movie related foods do not have additional calories because they are part of the entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel. Examples: Milk Duds, buttered popcorn, Junior Mints, Red Hots and Tootsie Rolls.
7. Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking causes calorie leakage.
8. Things licked off knives and spoons have no calories if you are in the process of preparing something sweet and gooey.
9. Foods that have the same color have the same number of calories..... Examples are: spinach and pistachio ice cream; mushrooms and mashed potatoes; pink grapefruit and ham.
10. Chocolate is a universal color and may be substituted for any other food color.
11. Anything consumed while standing has no calories. This is due to gravity and the density of the caloric mass.
12. Anything consumed from someone else's plate has no calories since the calories rightfully belong to the other person and will cling to their plate.

The Darwin Awards

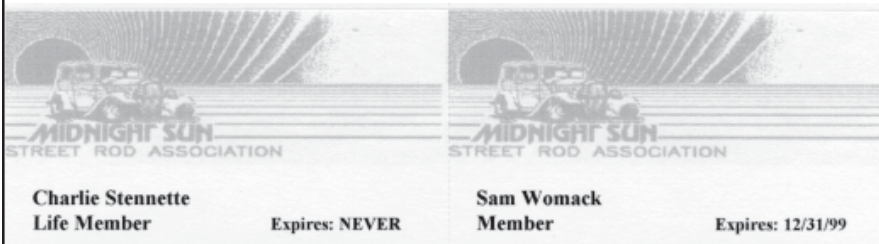
For those not familiar with the Darwin Award - It's an annual honor given to the person who did the universal human gene pool the biggest service by getting killed in the most extraordinarily stupid way. As always, competition this year has been keen again. Some candidates appear to have trained their whole lives for this event. Here is one of the candidates.

In France, Jacques LeFevrier left nothing to chance when he decided to commit suicide. He stood at the top of a tall cliff and tied a noose around his neck. He tied the other end of the rope to a large rock. He drank poison and set fire to his clothes. He even tried to shoot himself at the last moment. He jumped and fired the pistol.

The bullet missed him completely and cut through the rope above him. Free of the threat of hanging, he plunged into the sea. The sudden dunking extinguished the flames and made him vomit the poison. He was dragged out of the water by a kind fisherman, and was taken to hospital, where he died - of hypothermia.

Fact is stranger than truth
It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.

Dues are due



Examples of the MSSRA membership cards. The Real McCoy is in color.

It's that time of the year again to cough up 20 bucks for another year of membership in Alaska's premiere car club. This year, when you pay, you get a neat membership card that proves you are a member. Get yours at the January meeting or rush you check to the club mail box today.

What Happened to NHRA Today?

TV schedule explained

The holidays were spoiled for many NHRA drag racing fans when without any prior notice, *NHRA Today* aired its final show. Here's what happened according to an article on NHRA's internet home page.

"First, you need to understand that *NHRA Today* was not a property owned by NHRA," said NHRA Vice President-Broadcasting Brain Tracy. "It was owned by *The Nashville Network* and produced for them by Diamond P Sports." The "NHRA" name was licensed for the show's use.

Bottom line, it was the bottom line. TNN was acquired by CBS in 1997 and that totally changed the dynamics in how they approach programming. TNN had extensive motorsports programming and business commitments on the books when the CBS acquisition took place, and that overall strategy was closely scrutinized by CBS Cable. Subsequently, CBS Cable made the decision that national event shows for 1999 would be produced on a tape delayed basis so that they could bring their production costs more in line with their revenues.

NHRA had 11 events with TNN in 1998. For 1999 TNN planned to have 10 races on a one week delayed basis, keep Indy live, and *NHRA Today* continue.

NHRA was unhappy with this arrangement because they have long felt that the immediacy in television coverage is critical, and that live or same-day coverage is a must for

the majority of the races. They developed a new network relationship (USA Network) to distribute same-day programming for eight events. TNN was notified that NHRA would be able to give them five shows (four delayed plus Indy) for 1999. CBS Cable felt that was an insufficient number of events to maintain *NHRA Today* because it would be promoting NHRA drag racing on other networks instead of their own.

NHRA felt all along that *NHRA Today* was a critical show to protect, so they were really between a rock and a hard place. Between a weekly program and compromising the integrity of the national event coverage. They looked for and found a new home for a weekly show on ESPN2 that NHRA would own and produce.

So far so good until the first of October when the USA Network backed out the deal. Subsequent negotiations with ESPN to add the eight events dropped by USA

caused the weekly show format to be scrapped by their programming people.

So here's what the 1999 TV schedule looks like at this time.

ABC will continue with two shows on a delay basis.

Fox Sports will have significant qualifying and first-round racing coverage of two shows on Speedvision, with a two-hour final-round show airing in a 5-7 p.m. block nationally on the 20-some regional networks that make up Fox Sports.

TNN will have four 90-minute telecasts on a one week delay basis, and Indy live.

ESPN and ESPN2 will have 11 programs live or on a short delay with extensive qualifying and first-round racing coverage.

In total, of the 20 races are currently placed on national television, 14 will be covered live or same-day delay. Three races remain to be placed and no *NHRA Today* or similar weekly program.

Trivia Time

Why do gas gauges spend so much time on full, then suddenly drop fast?

The Answer: It's because of the way gas gauges are built. The gas tank - much like the tank on your toilet--contains a little hollow ball, called the "float." As the amount of gas in your tank increases or decreases, the float rises and falls. As the float moves, it communicates its position to your dashboard.

Often, when you fill your tank with gas, the float gets submerged. As long as the float is submerged, your gauge will read "full." In these cases, you need to use quite a bit of gas to get the float to float.

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Ramblins

Shirley Parrish wanted to thank everyone for flowers the club sent to her when she was hospitalized with of a serious bout with asthma this past October. She got back on her feet and broke her ankle on Christmas Eve. . . Tom Dewhirst has been so frustrated rewiring his yellow '33 Ford Coupe that he could be heard six blocks away. When he finally got the "WORM" and he went cruising, on New Years Day, icy streets and all! What a way to start the year. . . Check out best event listing I've found of events on the internet, Hemming Motor News at www.hmn.com. . . MSSRA friend Eddie Brown finished #2 in the Division 7 Points race with NHRA Super Comp Dragster. Winning a Division 7 Federal-Mogul Series race helped.

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