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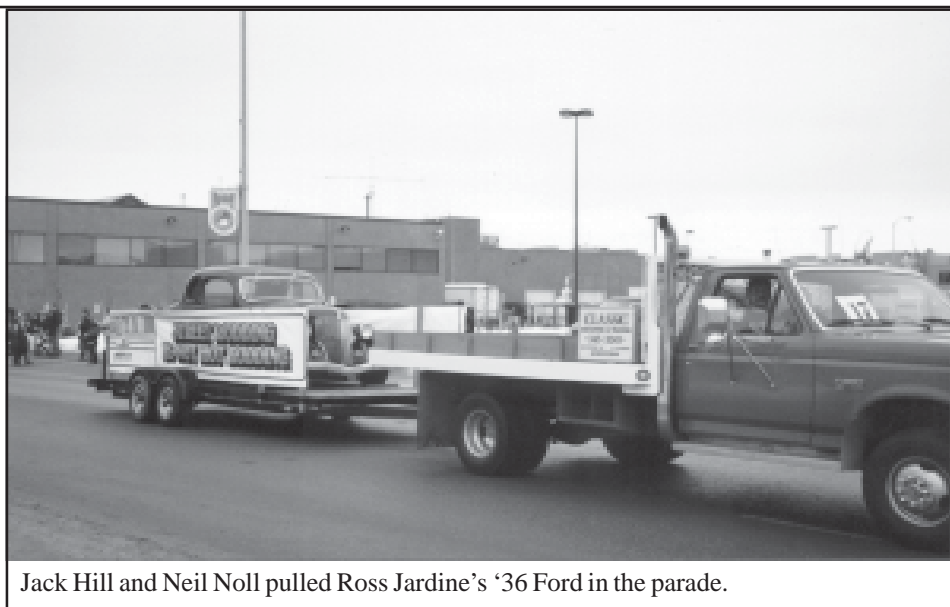
Cheap!

Fur Rondy

A winter car fix

Every February Anchorage celebrates it's winter carnival and it's the best way for car people to get a winter fix. Starting with the parade there were several car-related entries from the single amphibian car of Stewart's Photo Shop to the Blue Ribbon entry of the Antique Motor Musers.

Our entry included four cars. Jack Hill and Neil Noll pulled a trailer with Ross Jardine's '36 Ford Coupe and the club banners. He was followed by Glen Madlock who



Jack Hill and Neil Noll pulled Ross Jardine's '36 Ford in the parade.

Next Meeting

always the 4th Tuesday
February 22, 7 PM
 at
Budget Used Car Sales
 1335 Gambell
Formally Safeway
Formally Lomark Furniture

Park on the north side of the building near the service entrance and the Alaskan Samavor Inn. Soft drinks and sandwiches are available in the cafe. Coffee complements of Budget.

took a '55 Chevy off Budget Auto Sales show room floor and loaded up the family. Tim Brass borrowed his girlfriends '77 Chevelle and filled it with family. Bringing up the rear was Jim Sumner in his '53 Studebaker and Ross Jardine as a passenger. "It was nice to ride instead of drive," said Ross after the parade.

Other notable parade entries were the Antique Power Club of Alaska with several restored tractors and the Alaska Territorial Cavalry (motorized) with their vintage military vehicles. Noticeable absent was the Anchorage Corvette Club as an entry however several of their members used their Corvettes to transport VIPs in the parade.

New cars have a place in a parade along side the antique and modified vehicles of the past. There were two entries of new Volkswagens with about ten cars in each entry. A yellow VW with the license plate

"Mellow" might remind a few a few members of another "Mellow Yellow", Joe Piccione's '57 Chevy.

Another double entry was Land Rovers and Range Rovers with about ten vehicles in each group. After the parade was the Antique Motor Musers car show at Alaska Sales and Service where there was something for everybody. The Antique Power Club of Alaska displayed their tractors and industrial engines at A&M RV. They often have one or more of the old "hit and miss" industrial engines running.

No Fur Rondy car fix would not be complete without the Fur Rondy Grand Prix, dare devils, including our own Bill Demming, racing sports cars and Legends through the icy streets of Anchorage. Fur Rondy wraps up the final weekend with the Corvette car show at Alaska Sales & Service. Get out and enjoy a winter car fix.

Something to do

- Mar 17 Saint Patrick's Day Parade
Mar 18-19 The Alaska Motorcycle Show, Egan Convention Center
Apr 8-9 Classic Equipment & Toy Show, Northway Mall
an Antique Power Club of Alaska event
Apr 28-30 Alaska Custom Car, Cycle, & Boat Show
a Performance Promotions event - 566-2346
May 6 Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet, School District Building on Debarr
a MSSRA event, contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
May 6-7 Mayday Mayday *a Rally Productions event call 243-2122*
May 13 NSRA Appreciation Day at B & C (Car Quest) in Eagle River
May 20 KOOL Cruise, Alaska Raceway Park
May 27 Alaska Sales & Service 500 Show *an Antique Auto Musers event*
Jun 3-4 Fronna Snelson Memorial Hot Rod Reunion, Niski Airport
Show & Shine & 1/8th Mile Drags
a Performance Promotions event - 566-2346
Jun 16 Colony Days Car Show, Palmer
Jun 17 Colony Days Parade, Palmer
Jun 17 After parade picnic at Binders Cadillac Ranch *a MSSRA event*
Jun 17 Gage's Texaco Car Show and NSRA Safety Inspections
Jul 4 Veterans Fourth of July Parade
Jul 4 Chugiach Fourth of July Parade
Jul 4 After parade picnic at Jim & Sandi Sumner's *a MSSRA event*
Jul 7 Bear Paw Car Show, Eagle River
Jul 8 Bear Paw Parade, Eagle River
Jul 8 After parade picnic at Jim & Sandi Sumner's *a MSSRA event*
Jul 8 All Car Club Rally & Picnic *sponsored by SCCA and Rally Productions*
Aug 5 Tastee Freez Pre Show & Shine Car Show, Jewel Lake & Raspberry
a MSSRA event
Aug 5 AG Appreciation Days, Displays & Demos, location TBA
an Antique Power Club of Alaska event
Aug 6 21st Annual Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine *a MSSRA event*
Aug 12 Fall Auto Parts Swap Meet, School District Building on Debarr
a MSSRA event, contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
Aug 26 Alaska State Fair Parade, Palmer
Aug 26 After parade picnic at Binders Cadillac Ranch *a MSSRA event*
Dec 2 Annual MSSRA Christmas Party at the Petroleum Club

Lower 48 events

- Mar 2-5 Portland Roadster Show, Portland OR
Mar 5 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
Mar 9-12 Seattle Roadster Show, Seattle Exhibition Center
Apr 7-9 Portland Swap Meet, Portland, OR 503 684-3391
Apr 16 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
Apr 27-30 Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway
Jun 16-18 Back to the 50's, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN
www.msra.com
Jul 14-16 Goodguys Northwest Nationals, Puyallup, WA
Jul 31-Aug 6 Hot August Nights, Rock-n-Roll and Classic Cars, Reno, NV
www.nevadonet.com/hotaugustnights/
Aug 3-6 31st Annual NSRA Street Rod Nationals, Louisville, Kentucky
Aug 25-27 NSRA Northwest Street Rod Nationals, Spokane, WA 714 544-7004

From all the
MSSRA members
and
friends of Pat Kern.

“Get Well”

**We all hope you are
felling better.**

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Pres Sez

by Ed Park



February already! Before we know it summer will be here. The trouble with summer is that we never know which day it will be.

By the time you read this the Fur Rondy parade will already have happened. I want to thank Jack Hill, Ross Jardine, Steve Hill, and Neil Noll for all their work. And the most important, the ones who drove their cars. One never knows in advance what the weather will be, especially when cold is the best. Hope you checked out the other car activity during Rondy, remember winter won't be back for another year.

The NSRA Appreciation Day will be May 13 at B & C (Car Quest) in Eagle River. KOOL 97.3 is shooting for May 20 for their annual cruise. So lets get ready for summer. . On June 17 a car show at Gage's Texaco with NSRA safety inspections as the headline activity.

Thanks to Glen Madlock, member and Service Manager for Budget Auto Sales, for providing our meeting place at their dealership. They have an indoor sidewalk cafe. We pull tables together and meet, also they have some neat old cars nearby. Come and try it at this month's meeting.

See you there and keep it on the street.

Ramblins

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man. . . Alaska's oldest teenager, Ross Jardine missed the January meeting because he was out celebrating his 81st birthday. CONGRATULATIONS! ! Tom Dewhirst is tuning his '33 Ford Coupe to run Ron Bowman and his race car to a best two out of three at Alaska Raceway Park this summer. Rumor has it there is a \$500 bet on the line and they are taking side bets.

Dues are Due

Your personal invoice for the year 2000 dues, or balance if you have already paid your dues, was enclosed last month's edition of the *Sun Runner*. You can pay at the next meeting or mail your dues to the club mailbox.

The bottom half of the form is the membership information we keep in the club database. Please review your address, phone numbers, and what we have listed for your collector car. If you don't know when you joined the club, please give it your best guess for the "**Date Joined MSSRA**" box and be sure enter yes or no for the "**NSRA Member**" box.

Make any corrections you may have and either call Ray Elleven at 337-5860, drop it off at the next meeting, or mail it to the club mail box.

Murphy's Technology Law #3:

Technology is dominated by those who manage what they do not understand.

Super Run 2000

By Otto Binder

How about a summer cruise? Join Geri and I as we cruise to Super Run 2000 in Red Deer Alberta, August 1st to the 6th. We will be heading down the Alaska Highway the last week of July with stops along the way.

Super Run will start Tuesday with a cruise tour of the Wetaskiwin's Reynolds Museum, Wednesday we will cruise to the world famous Tyrell Museum of Paleontology. Thursday cruise in to Willy's Drive In Restaurant and DJ sounds of the 50's & 60's. Friday downtown Red Deer's Main Street will host a cruise night which can not be beat. Also a drive in movie will be featured on the fair grounds later in the night. Saturday & Sunday will feature the Show & Shine along with a roast beef banquet Saturday and a pancake breakfast Sunday.

After Super Run 2000 we will join some of the local clubs for a run to the river for more fun. We might head south to the lower 48 and head for Good Guys Pleasanton California August 25-26. If we can find storage for the car in the lower 48 we would love to fly home for a rest and return for the Good Guys first show at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway October 28 & 29.

If you are interested give me a call at 745-4670.

Famous Quote

"The lion and the lamb shall lie down together, but the lamb will not get much sleep."

Woody Allen

LATEST BUMPER STICKERS

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.

Parade Pictures



Above. The amphibian car entry of Stewart's Photo Shop

Right. MSSRA and Antique Power Club of Alaska member Dick Wilson drove his 1923 Fordston Tractor in the parade. Gee Dick, where did you get the sign?

Below. When was the last time you saw the 1932 Kenworth of Weaver Brothers Trucking. Rumor has it this is the first Kenworth in Alaska.



Want a club jacket?

Jacket Junction in the University Center has our logo and can embroiled it on your favorite jacket or you can buy a jacket from them.

There is a set up fee of \$60 and they can do up to six jackets at a time. Ray Elleven is collecting names for jackets in April, that way we can split the set up fee. Call him at 337-5860.

Deep Thoughts

Ever wonder if illiterate people get the full effect of alphabet soup?



Glen Madlock, Tim Brass, and Jim Sumner in the Fur Rondy parade.

James Dean's Death Car

On September 30, 1955, James Dean and his mechanic, Rolf Wutherich, set off in a Porsche 550 Spyder for a weekend of racing in Salinas, California. At about 5:45 PM, Dean was going west on a long stretch of road near the town of Cholame. Coming at him was a 1950 Ford Custom Two-Door Coupe driven by Donald Turnupspeed, a 23 year old college student. Turnupspeed turned left into Dean's lane and, as we all know, James Dean was killed in the accident. Rolf Wutherich survived the accident with broken jaw and a crushed left leg.

Ever wonder what happened to the Porsche James Dean was driving when he was killed? Well, according to an article in March 2000 issue of Men's Health, the car continued to kill and injure several people.

George Barris, the custom car king, bought the car for \$2,500 hoping to salvage the engine and whatever was usable. As the car was being unloaded at Barris's shop, it fell off the truck onto a mechanic breaking both of his legs.

The engine was sold to an amateur racer who was killed the first time he raced with the engine.

The drive train was put into another racecar that flipped over in the first race it was raced.

The tires went onto a third car. Within a week, both front tires simultaneously blew hurling the car off the road.

The California Highway patrol used the rest of the Porsche as a centerpiece of a traveling safety campaign aimed at teenagers. At one of the stops, the car fell off a display and stand and broke a boy's hip.

Later, the driver of the truck carrying the display was killed in an accident.

Over the next few years the car was involved in at least three other incidents resulting in property damage.

The Florida Highway Patrol used the display in their safe driving campaign. When they were through with it, they shipped it back to California where the car was lost and has not been seen or heard of to this day.

The Jan and Dean" song Dead Man's Curve was based on the James Dean accident. In 1966, Jan Berry was almost killed and received serious brain damage in an accident on a Dead Man's Curve.

As if this wasn't enough, James Dean's mechanic, Rolf Wutherich, was convicted of killing his wife in 1968. He ultimately returned to Germany where he was killed in a car crash in 1981.

Dilbert's Words of Wisdom

I can please only one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow's not looking good either.

I love deadlines. I especially love the swooshing sound they make as they go flying by.

Am I getting smart with you? How would you know?

I'd explain it to you, but your brain would explode.

Someday we'll look back on this and plow into a parked car.

There are very few personal problems that cannot be solved through a suitable application of high explosives.

Tell me what you need, and I'll tell you how to get along without it.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Needing someone is like needing a parachute. If he isn't there the first time you need him, chances are you won't be needing him again.

I don't have an attitude problem. You have a perception problem.

Last night I lay in bed looking up at the stars in the sky and thought to myself - "Where the hell is the ceiling???"

My reality check bounced.

On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the escape key.

I don't suffer from stress - I'm a carrier...

You're slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through Peanut Butter!

Don't meddle in the affairs of dragons, cuz, like, you're crunchy and taste good with ketchup.

Everybody is somebody else's weirdo...And,

Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down to their level then beat you with experience.

Think About it! -

The combined circulation of the Sun Runner and Street Rodder Magazine exceeds 50,000 copies per month.

Lipstick Run

By Liz Kitzul

Remember reading about the 95 Lipstick Run to California? Well, there's been a Lipstick Run every year, some bigger than others. Come on and join us on our next annual Lipstick Rod Run. It's a fun trip for girls only, with kool cars, kustoms, special interest cars, and/or street rods. This past year we had four gals and drove a 1934 Ford pickup and a 1938 Chevy sedan to Wenatchee, Washington for the Wenatchee Valley Street Rod Run; and then hit the Counts of Cobblestone Rapid City Rod Run on the way home. We logged over 5500 miles hitting 6 different states, snapping 14 rolls of film, and had the greatest time ever.

A trip with the girls is unique among vacations. You're able to let loose complete. You become free and sill – it's great for bonding. You get to have frivolous fun and some times these getaways tend to make you do things in excess. It lets you abandon you schedules and become spontaneous. It doesn't matter where you go or how many girls go – you'll have just as much fun. Come with us next July as we use two weeks to drive to an event or two, somewhere east of Minnesota. (Destination to be determined by those that to – and suggestions are always welcome)

Stay tuned for this years Lipstick Rod Run in Hot Rod Magazine, Street Rodder Magazine, and Street Scene Magazine, and think about joining us and partaking in next years history making Millennium Lipstick Tour. Drop me a line or a phone call if your interested.

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Maryland Seeks to Redefine Hobby Vehicles

SEMA is working with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to craft legislation revising the state's street rod definition to conform to traditional definitions and create a "custom vehicle" classification. Both the street rod and custom classifications would include vehicles with bodies constructed of non-original materials. The MVA also asked SEMA to gauge the interest of the Maryland hobbyist community in supporting this bill. A separate bill, recently introduced in the MD legislature (S.B. 35) amends the current Maryland street rod definition to include vehicles made after 1975 to resemble pre-1975 vehicles.

SEMA Director of State Relations Steve McDonald said, "Currently, Maryland titles substantially modified vehicles that are 25 or more model years old as street rods. The draft bill we discussed with the Maryland MVA would amend the definition to define street rods as a 1948 model year or older vehicle and allow vehicles at least 25 years old, but of a model year after 1948, to be titled as "custom" vehicles. While S.B. 35 does not include the traditional street rod definition or a custom classification, we are hopeful that with the help of the Maryland enthusiast community, we will be able to work with the sponsoring legislator to modify the bill or pursue the SEMA/MVA draft bill.

From the February 2000 e-mail edition of the "Driving Force" newsletter, a SEMA publication.

NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION

The following state bills are not laws. They have been recently introduced and are currently being considered for adoption by the respective state legislatures

MISSOURI: H.B. 1228 would prohibit window tinting that has light transmittance of 35 percent or less and luminous reflectance of 35 percent or more.

NEBRASKA: L.B. 1027 would prohibit nitrous oxide for highway use.

SOUTH CAROLINA: H.B. 4375 would mandate that sun-screening devices installed at certain locations on vehicles must not exceed 20 percent light transmittance; requirement does not apply to windows behind driver on pickup trucks, etc.

PENNSYLVANIA: S.B. 1240/H.B. 2004 would make it illegal to take parts from an abandoned vehicle.

MISSOURI: H.B. 1078/H.B. 1193 would allow registration of license plates over 25 years old as historic plates for use on vehicles provided the plate is consistent with the year of manufacture.

MARYLAND: S.B. 35 would expand the street rod definition to include vehicles made after 1975 (with bodies constructed of non-original materials) that are made to resemble pre-1975 vehicles.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: H.B. 1266 would create a new classification for custom vehicles manufactured after 1949; requires same inspection as street rods; establishes special plates.

WASHINGTON: S.B. 2309/H.B. 2309 would exempt motor vehicles from property taxes.

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Swap 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 337-5860. All phone numbers listed are area code 907 unless otherwise noted.

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