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Cheap!

Hill defeats Park, Olson new VP

Other two still there

The November meeting brought the exciting annual election. Several members considered the office of President, but all new it would be difficult to defeat Ed Park. Several strategies were considered and it was Jack Hill who managed to muster enough votes to defeat Ed Park by a narrow margin. "I spent a lot of time on the phone and knocking on doors," Jack said after the election. "I had a strong campaign manager who made this victory possible on such a small budget."

Park's reputation speaks for itself considering he didn't campaign for reelection. "I can't believe I lost by such a close margin," Park said during a press conference. "I really thought I had this thing sewed up for a third year. I just goes to show – never take your competition lightly!"

With Hill elected president, that left the door open for a new Vice President. Sandy Sumner nominated Ed Wrede by absentee ballot. Nat Gardner made her annual attempt for Vice President. But it was Lenny Olson who pulled off



2002 Officers left to right President Jack Hill, Treasure Shirley Parrish, Secretary Ray Elleven, and Vice President Lenny Olson.

the victory. "I want to thank my competitors for a clean fight," Olson said while relaxing at Election Central. "Maybe Nat can make it next year."

The other two were reelected without any opposition. Ray "Nobody wants this Job" Elleven continues for his fourth term as Secretary and Shirley "Treasurer for Life" Parrish was reelected to an eleventh term.

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY

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Something to do

- Feb 2 *Garage Scene* at Sumners - Chopping Doors
Feb 9 Fur Rondy Parade
contact Neil Noll, 248-6009 for MSSRA information
Feb 9-10 Alaska Sales & Service Antique Car Show
an Antique Auto Mushers event
Feb 9-10 Antique Machinery Show, A & M RV on 5th Ave
an Antique Engine & Power Club event
Feb 9-10 Fur Rondy Grand Prix
Feb 16-17 Fur Rondy Alaska Sales & Service Corvette Car Show
an Anchorage Corvette Association event
Mar 2 *Garage Scene* at Olsons - Automotive Plumbing
Mar 1-3 The Alaska Motorcycle Show at the Egan Center
an Alaska Motorcycle Dealers Association event
contact Sean Bershek 349-7258
Apr 26-28 Alaska Custom Car, & Cycle
at the Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center, Eagle River
Presented by Performance Promotions 566-2346
May 4 Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet
contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
May 4-5 Mayday Mayday
Contact Rally Productions at 243-2122
May 11 NSRA Appreciation Day
at B & C (Car Quest) in Eagle River
May 18 KOOL Cruise
Jun 21 Summer Solstice Rumble
Jun 22 Transportation Expo, Transportation Museum
Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry in Wasilla
Fun, food, and entertainment for the whole family
Aug 3 Tastee Freez Pre Show & Shine Car Show
Aug 4 Jay Ofstun Memorial Show & Shine
on the Anchorage Park Strip
contact Ray Elleven 337-5860
Aug 10 Fall Auto Parts Swap Meet
contact Victor Knott at 349-7228

Lower 48 Events

- Feb 7-10 Sacramento Autorama, Sacramento CA
Feb 14-17 Portland Rod & Custom Show, Portland OR
Mar 1-3 Portland Roadster Show, Oregon Convention Center, Portland OR
Mar 2 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona CA
Mar 7-10 Seattle Roadster Show, Seattle WA
Apr 6-7 Portland Swap Meet, Portland OR
Apr 17-21 Kool April Nites, Redding Convention Center, Redding CA
Apr 18-21 Spring Carlisle Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
Apr 25-28 Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth TX
Apr 26-28 Western Street Rod Nationals, Bakersfield CA
May 17-19 All-FORD Nationals Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
Jun 2 Pomona Swap Meet. Pomona CA
Jun 7-8 Antiques & Collectibles Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
Jun 7-8 Goodguys 14th Hot Rod Nationals, Indianapolis IN
Jun 14-16 All GM National Swap Meet, Carlisle PA

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Pres Sez

by Jack Hill



Happy New Year – 2002 !

The votes are in, all except for Florida where the chads are still being counted. Thank you for electing me President. Have all your cars ready and on the road this summer. We are going to have a lot of events this summer and I hope every one will attend. I am looking forward to working with this year's club officers: Lenny Olson, Vice President, Ray Elleven, secretary, and Shirley Parrish, treasurer. A special thanks goes to the past year's club officers and also to Ray Elleven for the production of *SUN RUNNER*. Ray puts a lot of effort into the successful production of this newsletter. Also I would like to thank Sandi and Jim Sumner for their presentation to my wife, Carrie, and me: a crying towel for her and a set of ear-plugs for me.

We are looking forward to another good year for the club. In the works at this time is the annual Fur Rondy parade (need volunteers with cars). We are also finally getting off the ground the *Garage Scenes*. The first one will take place on February 2 at 10 AM and will be held at Jim and Sandi's garage in Chugiak. It will cover the final art of chopping and welding to adjust a door on a 1935 Chevy Coupe. The next one will take place on March 2 at 10 AM and will be held at Lenny Olsen's garage and it will cover routing and installation of brake and gas lines ("plumbing") on a 1937 Chevy. You are encouraged to participate in these informal and informative events.

A club is only as good as its members and I feel we have some pretty fine members. Volunteers are needed to help on committees to setup and organize for the Thursday Nite cruise runs and special weekend cruise events and for the "Rumble Nite" to be held on Friday, June 21 at Mirror Lake; just to name a few. A lot of people stepped in last year and made each of these events very successful and a special thanks goes to each of them.

My door is open for any new thoughts or old ones for the club such as new income potential, family fun events, or membership. Please call!

That said, "LET'S ALL HAVE FUN AND CRUZ!"

Membership Report

Life Members	9
Members	118
Total members as of December 31, 2001	127

Prospects

Fitch, Chuck & Sue	'38 Diamond T
	'41 Hudson
	'57 Chevy
Main, Bruce	'57 Chevy

Photo by Ed Park



Do you know these people at the 1979 swap meet? Looks like Lundy Atkins, Butch Novak, Ron Bunn, and Harold Rounds

Buster Couch, NHRA's chief starter from the early 1960's until his retirement in 1995, passed away on January 12.

FUR RONDY PARADE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9

WANT TO BE IN THE FUR RONDY PARADE?
CALL NIEL NOLL AT 248-6009 TO SIGN UP

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"POLITICS IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE SECOND OLDEST PROFESSION. I HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT IT BEARS A VERY CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO THE FIRST."

RONALD REAGAN

What a Party

Sumner a MAMA Again

December first was the date of the MSSRA Christmas party at the Petroleum Club. There was an OUTSTANDING dinner followed by a few presentations and the ever popular Chinese Auction.

Part of the Christmas party tradition is the presentation of the traveling Most Active Member Award, also known as the MAMA. This award is present to a member deemed the Most Active by the recipient from the prior year. Last year's winner, Ray Elleven, had the chore of selecting the MAMA winner for 2001. He didn't have to look far. Jim and Sandy Sumner were definitely worthy of winning the MAMA for the second time since 1998. They organized the first ever Summer Solstice Rumble, solicited sponsors for the Show & Shine, attended most of the meetings, attended most of the cruises, and recruited several new members. They now have the honor of selecting next years winner.

Ed Park was present with a unique plaque. It read: Ed Park - President 1981, 1983, 1985, 1990, 2000, and 2001. It had a combination wrench in place of gavel. "This plaque has special meaning," said Ray Elleven as he presented it to him. "First, you notice the wrench is a Craftsman, the tool of the command man, just like Ed Park. It's a 9/16, the most useful wrench in the tool box, just like Ed Park. The open end represents Ed's ability to be open minded."



Sandi Sumner stirred the pot trading for an open gift.

Photo by Coleen Mueller



The Chinese Auction had something for everyone, even Tiffany Knott.
Photo by Coleen Mueller

"And what about the box end?" asked Ed.

"That represents the times you frustrated me and I wanted to Box your Ears," replied Ray. Thanks Ed.

Two other awards were given at the party. NSRA Safety Inspector Paul Moll presents an award to the best vehicle he inspected during the year. "This years winner is one of the best cars I've ever seen," said Paul as he made his presentation. "It was difficult to inspect this car because there was always a crowd around it." The award went to none other than Ray Agen and his '34 Ford Coupe. Congratulations Ray.

The other award is the "Rubber Hammer" award. This award goes to someone who had a car problem during an event during the year. Three members were eligible this year and the winner, or loser depending how you look at it, was Wayne Morrison. On his was to the KOOL Kruise in May, a shock mount broke on Wayne's '34 Ford. He had the car towed home on a flat bed truck. In the true street rodder spirit, Wayne jumped in his driver and made it to the cruise. Wayne has the honor of selecting next years Rubber Hammer winner.

A big thanks to the Bill and Gaye Crawford who made it possible to have our annual party at the Petroleum Club. They spent a lot of time on the phone calling members and taking reservations. Thanks a lot and GREAT JOB

**IT'S GOD'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FORGIVE BIN LADEN . . .
IT'S THE US MILITARY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ARRANGE
THE MEETING!!!**

Ramblins



Lenny Olson recently added to his stable with this '22 Model T street rod. **Photo by Lenny Olson**

Mike "I can't hold a job" Schowen is back in Anchorage working for the Municipality of Anchorage. He's their new Safety Manager. . . Did you see the Anchorage Remaining Daily on January 17 about the new roundabout at the intersection of Washington & Southport? Linda Agen voiced her unhappiness with it. . . You can check out former member Lundy Atkins latest ride, a '51 Ford two door hard top, on page 34 of November edition of the *Goodguys Goodtimes Gazette*. . . Member Tom Stuart had a heart attack the day after Christmas. Thanks to fast action by his wife Trish, he is well on his way to recovery. In fact, he went back to work on January 2nd. . . Marie Wilson was recently elected President of the Associated General Contractors. Ever wonder if their elections are as exciting as our?

Fine Parking

A street rodder was in court charged with parking in a restricted area. The judge asked him if he had anything to say in his defense.

"They shouldn't put up such misleading signs," said the street rodder.

"And what was that," asked the judge.

"Fine for Parking Here," said the street rodder.

BELIEVE IT OR DON'T

THE NAME OF ALL THE CONTINENTS END WITH
THE SAME LETTER THAT THEY START WITH



Bernie Edwards, Ted Cadman, and Ed Park show off our First Place Banner at the NSRA Northwest Nationals in Spokane **Photo by Ed Park**



Bernie Edwards talks to former Alaskan Tom Shaw about his '32 Ford Roadster in Spokane. **Photo by Ed Park**



Ed Park is making progress on his '36 Ford.

Photo by Ed Park

Can You Believe?

Rodders Take a Stand in Illinois

Gary Bohlen of Bartonville, Illinois, learned the hard way how eye-catching vehicles are often targeted by law enforcement. In April, he was stopped by a State Trooper for illegally tinted windows and no bumpers on his prized 1932 Ford street rod.

The plot thickens. At three recent central Illinois cars shows, ironically including a "Cops for Kids" event, a pair of State Troopers began issuing tickets to show participants.

The Illinois State Police have defended their actions, stating, "Charity is not an issue. Troopers across the state participate in many charities that raise thousands of dollars. None of those events encourage or allow obvious violations of the law." As news of these incidents spread throughout the street rod community, event attendance diminished. Many Illinois rodders are now concerned their rides may be illegal. Regrettably, they may be right.

Illinois is one of 22 states that do not recognize street rods as a separate vehicle class with unique equipment requirements. Instead, street rods are held to the same equipment standards as ordinary passenger vehicles. Additionally, there is no vehicle safety inspection program in Illinois. This forces rodders to interpret vehicle equipment rules on their own when building their rides.

The reality is that Illinois law deems many rods illegal or unsafe, despite the fact that most rodders are ten times more likely to identify and correct faulty vehicle equipment than the average commuter. In fact, many street rodders in Illinois and across the country participate in programs like the National Street Rod Association (NSRA) safety inspection program, a service that helps owners ensure that their vehicles are engineered as safely as possible.

Thankfully, Gary Bohlen, Tom Jackson and many other Illinois rodders are fighting back. Gary started a group called the Committee to Upgrade Street Rod Laws in Illinois.

The SEMA Action Network has joined forces with Bohlen in his efforts to bring some common sense to Illinois street rod requirements. The goal is to have legislation introduced that creates a specific street rod vehicle registration class and equipment requirements similar to those recommended by the NSRA.

From *Driving Force* the electronic newsletter of SEMA.

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noun - old indian word for bad hunter

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