

Sun Runner

MIDNIGHT SUN STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

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Cheap!

Christmas Party Plans Set

The MSSRA Annual Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 6 at Eddie's Sports Bar at 6300 Old Seward just south of Dowling. The evening kicks off with an Attitude Adjustment Hour at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM.

Dinner

On the menu will a buffet of salad, veggie roll, baked potato, and prime rib carved right before your very eyes. If you don't care for beef and would rather have chicken or deep fried halibut, let us know when you make your reservation. All of this for only \$23.00 per person.

MAMA

After dinner we will announce our MAMA (Most Active Member Award) winner. This is a traveling award, which was won last year by Lenny & Anne Olson, who have the dubious honor of selecting this year's winner.

Rubber Hammer Award

We will also be presenting the Rubber Hammer Award. This award is also selected by last year's winner, Bob Pillion, to a member who had car trouble during an organized event this year. This was a rough year with six candidates for the award.



- Johnny Schmidt - Carburetor problems at Colony Days
- Bob Pillion – Vapor lock at the 4th of July Parade
- George Glassman – Blew radiator hose just before the Bear Paw Parade
- Steven Robertson – Fuel system loaded up during the Bear Paw Parade and stalled.
- Bernie Edwards – Vapor lock at the end of the Bear Paw Parade
- KB & Robin Bettisworth – Electric fuel pump died on the last cruise of the season.

If you know of other candidates for the Rubber Hammer Award, contact Bob and let him know.

Auction of Honorable Oriental Ancestry

No Christmas party would be complete without our ever-popular *Auction of Honorable Oriental Ancestry*, formally known as the *Chinese Auction*. Here's how it's played.

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NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 25, 2003 7 PM
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Something to do

- Dec 6 Christmas Part at Eddie's Sports Bar
2004 Events
- Feb 21 Fur Rondy Parade
contact Ray Elleven at 337-5860 for MSSRA information
- Feb 21-22 Alaska Sales & Service Antique Car Show
an Antique Auto Musers event
contact Dennis Allen at 345-6355
- Feb 21-22 Antique Machinery Show, A&M RV on 5th Ave
an Antique Engine & Power Club event
contact Dick Wilson, 562-2124
- Feb 21-22 Fur Rondy Grand Prix
Cordova Street & 3rd Ave
- Apr 23-25 Alaska Custom Car & Cycle
At the Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center
Located in Eagle River
Presented by Performance Promotions 566-2346
- Apr 30-May 2 Interior Custom Car & Cycle Show
At the Carlson Center in Fairbanks
Presented by Performance Promotions 566-2346
- May 1 Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet
Contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
- May 1 Mayday Mayday
Contact Rally Productions at 243-2122
- May 22 KOOL Cruise
- Jun 21 Summer Solstice Rumble
Location to be announced
- Jul 4 Parades in Anchorage and Chugiak
- Jul 4 Parades in Anchorage and Chugiak
- Jul 9 Bear Paw Car Show
- Jul 10 Bear Paw Parade
- Jul 10 MSSRA Members Pignik at Olson's
- Jul 31 Tastee Freez Pre Show & Shine Car Show
- Aug 1 Jay Ofstun Memorial Show & Shine
On the Anchorage Park Strip, contact Ray Elleven 337-5860

Lower 48 Events

- Nov 28-30 Turkey Run, Daytona Speedway, Daytona FL
- Dec 7 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona CA
- Jan 16 Detroit Autorama, Cobo Center, Detroit MI
- Jan 18 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona CA
- Jan 21-25 Barrett-Jackson Auction, Scottsdale AZ
- Jan 23-25 Grand National Roadster Show
LA County Fairplex, Pomona CA
- Jan 28-Feb 2 Kruse Collector Car Auction, Scottsdale AZ
- Feb 6-8 Sacramento Autorama, Sacramento CA
- Feb 13-15 Portland Rod & Custom Car Show
Portland Expo Center, Portland OR
- Feb 27-29 Seattle Roadster Show
Stadium Exhibition Center Seattle WA
- Mar 5-7 Portland Roadster Show
Oregon Convention Center, Portland OR

Congratulations!

Lisa Latrop and Jeff Symonds were married this past September. May your future be successful and your garage full of neat cars.

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Pres Sez

by Jack Hill



I have enjoyed being President of MSSRA for the last two years and it is time someone else takes the helm. I would not been able to do it if it had not been for the numerous members who stepped forward and chaired the various car club events. I have had a vast wealth of knowledge and help from the membership to fall back on. I am proud to be associated with this club and its members.

As I look back over this year's events such as the swap meets, the cruise nights, the "rumble" (to name a few), each were successful and enjoyed by many. The 25th anniversary of the Jay Ofstun Memorial Show & Shine was even better than previous years (except for the rain sprinkles). I saw people I haven't seen in 25 years.

The first Garage Scene for 2004 will be held in January. It will be on welding and will probably be held at my place. Bill Carlson, with my assistance, will show you how to do gas welding and cutting. Get some hands on experience. We will be firming up the date as soon as Bill gets back in town and let you know next newsletter. As per usual, all members are encouraged to participate in these informal and instructional events.

The Christmas party is at Eddie's Sports Bar on December 6. They will be serving prime rib with all the trimming. The cost is \$24 per person. Please RSVP with Ray Elleven and be ready to pay at the upcoming meeting. We need to get a head count ASAP.

As always, let's all have fun and remember "street is neat"!

True Friends

*You Fight, I Fight
You Hurt, I Hurt
You Cry, I Cry
You Jump Off a Bridge
I'm Gonna Miss You!!!!*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Life Members	9
Members	123
Total members as of December 31, 2002	132
Members Dropped (non payment)	-10
New Members as of November 1, 2003	35
Total Members as of November 1, 2003	157

PROSPECTS

Josiah Lona	65 GTO
Kay & Linda Russell	70 Chevy PU
Ed & Keri Rutledge	66 Pontiac Convertible

Want a list of all the members? A list with phone numbers, address, etc.? They are available to members only for non commercial purposes. Call Ray Elleven at 337-5860 or email him at carnut@gci.net. He can mail it to you or e-mail it in a PDF format.

Ramblins

If you listen to the K-Bear FM on Thursday mornings, you often hear the Jim and Jerry Show. That's Jim Patton and our own Jerry Miller promoting Thursday Night Fights. Why is you never hear Jerry talking on the Jim and Jerry Show? . . . Several members have been getting out this fall to neat car events. Ray Elleven went to the Goodguy's Long Star Nations in Fort Worth, Texas and the NHRA O'Reilly Nationals in Ennis Texas with his Dad, who many of you know. Dad is doing well and enjoyed both events. He lives so close the Texas Motorplex that the Nitro cars rattle his windows. They met up with Tom Stuart who moved to Texas last year. Tom says to tell everyone hello. Tom and his family are enjoying life in Texas. . . Speaking of getting out of town, Ray Agen went to the Goodguy's Fuel & Gas Finals in Bakersfield, California. . . Not to be out done, Jim and Sandi Sumner went to the SEMA Show in Las Vegas. They had a great time. She won money and Jim lost it. . . Staying the fall travel theme, Ed Park and Ross Jardine went to NSRA's Golden State Nationals in Sacramento. They saw Wally and Glenda Graham who drove their '32 Ford Coupe from Washington State. Wally is on the Washington State safety inspection team and spent most of his time inspecting street rods.

From *DRIVING FORCE*

SEMA's Electronic newsletter

Legislative Quick Hits

Michigan Historic Vehicles: SEMA is working with member company Hagerty Insurance to amend the law in Michigan defining historic vehicles. Under current law, historic vehicles are only permitted to be driven in club activities, exhibitions, tours and parades. Under the proposed amendment, these vehicles could also take advantage of "other occasional use." Many Michigan vehicle owners whose cars qualify for the historic registration class have chosen to register as daily drivers to avoid the limited use restrictions. Hagerty is surveying its customers to determine if the current advantages of historic vehicle registration (lowered fees and state assessments) in addition to the expanded use allowance offered by the proposed amendment would compel more owners to apply for this class.

Exhaust Noise, Street Rod/Custom Model Bills: SEMA's exhaust noise and street rod/custom vehicle model bills continue to pick up steam. The association was recently contacted by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to discuss the possibility of implementing the exhaust noise model in that state as an administrative regulation. PennDOT officials had seen notices of SEMA's successes with the bill in

California, Washington State and Maine. The SEMA model bill deems all modified exhaust systems that emit sound levels at or below 95 decibels under SAE test standard J1169 to be in compliance with state noise laws. In addition, Massachusetts's legislators have approached SEMA about introducing the model street rod/custom vehicle bill in the 2004 legislative session. State hobbyists are seeking laws that allow for the use of non-original materials and to include qualifying replicas and kit cars in these specialty vehicle titling and registration classifications.

Pennsylvania Emissions: In response to a proposed regulation issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, SEMA expressed concern to the agency that the state's planned visual emissions inspection would discriminate against the motor vehicle aftermarket. The proposal restricts regulated emissions devices to those installed by the motor vehicle manufacturers, or equivalent replacement components. In its comments, SEMA instructed regulators that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policy pro-

vides for the use of emission-related aftermarket add-on and modified products. The EPA also accepts aftermarket parts approved under the California Air Resources Board's aftermarket parts exemption program. By meeting the requirements of this program, a manufacturer can receive a certification, thereby permitting the sale and use of such exempted parts.

California "Smoking" Vehicles/Emissions Exemption: California Governor Gray Davis has signed a law that increases fines for violators of the state's current law prohibiting vehicles that emit excessive smoke. This law also adds certain vehicles that are cited for a smoking-vehicle violation to those eligible for the state's repair-assistance program. You may recall that the new law was drafted by SEMA as an alternative to a measure that threatened to repeal the state's current rolling emissions test exemption for motor vehicles 30 years old and older. The original bill sought to revoke the current pro-industry/pro-hobbyist exemption and replace it with an exemption for vehicles that are 45 or more model years old.

Safety Group Wants Tire Expiration Dates: A safety-research group has petitioned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to establish expiration dates for tires (similar to food expiration dates). At issue is the claim that some rubber compounds degrade over time, even if unused. NHTSA has been in the process of studying the topic, but has found that it may be difficult to establish a uniform time limit (example: 10 years) without taking into account other variable aging factors such as climate, handling, and storage conditions.

California "Black Boxes" Legislation has been signed into law requiring automakers to notify consumers if their vehicles are equipped with devices which can record vehicle-event data during operation. This information usually involves parameters, such as vehicle speed, steering angle, and wheel speed/braking performance that may be useful in determining the behavior of a vehicle and/or driver before a crash. These devices, however, are not limited only to such data and can easily be transmitted unknowingly via subscription services. The bill also restricts the ability of others, such as insurance companies and trial lawyers, to access this data. The vehicle owner must consent or a court order must be issued for this information to be accessed regarding any vehicle sold or leased in California that is manufactured after July 1, 2004. Exceptions are made for safety studies and dealership diagnostics, etc.



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Dear President and Membership,

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation for your participation and support of the Anchorage Corvette Association's fundraiser, Cruise for the Kids, in support of the Ronald McDonald House, Northwest. Thanks to your participation over \$16,000 was raised this year.

The Ronald McDonald House has provided a home-away-from-home for over 3500 families during the past 20 years. One third of those families are from Alaska. This money will allow the House to continue support Alaskan families as well as other families. This small donation will provide funding to allow a family to stay at the house for more than three hundred days. However, it will only support the number of families currently at the house for a little more than two weeks.

We were honored to have a recent resident of the Ronald McDonald House at the start of our event. She is a teenager from our community that has been stricken with cancer and the House provided a much-needed place for her and her family while she traveled to Seattle for treatment. She was very positive and excited about taking a ride in a Corvette than concerned about her prognosis of cancer. Her presence certainly solidified the purpose of the event.

As my tenure as President comes to an end, I want to commend your club on taking the lead to bring all clubs together. Since the first Summer Solstice Rumble, it's been evident that your membership has opened its arms and embraced others regardless of individual preferences. I believe efforts such as those and many other events has brought our clubs together as we pass on our passion for vintage cars. Again, your efforts are leading the way and setting the example for others to follow. For that, I salute you and your club.

So, on behalf of everyone involved in this event and the many MSSRA events, I sincerely thank you. If our club may be of support to you and your organization, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

Dave Holmes
President

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.

1947 Farmall C Tractor – Runs great. Ready for work or restoration. Call Marie Wilson at 562-2121. (8/30)

1954 Chevy ¾ Pick Up - \$3,000 OBO. Call Tim Brass 376-3011 (9/30)

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1964 Buick LaSabre - two door hardtop, all original with 330 engine. Call Dave Walkiner at 569-0211 at home or 277-7986 at work. (11/30)

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1966 Landau Thunderbird - Two door, in excellent running condition; perfect body, new paint with matching rear wheel fender skirts - classy car! Interior very good. Swing-away steering column. Asking price below value at \$5,500 Call Jim Sumner 694-2080. (9/03)

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Parts – Two New chrome Smoothy Rims with baby moon caps that fit Chevy or Ford bolt pattern, 14 inch with 4 inch back set. Pair \$110 (still in boxes). Jim Sumner 694-2080 (9/30)

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Engine - 1975 Chevy 350 complete from the carburetor to oil pan with a 350 Turbo Transmission. Only \$500! Call Mark Lewis at 345-3937. (11/30)

Parts Wanted - 55 Buick Special 2dht, Good windshield, and tail light assemblies, bumpers or parts car, Call Stu 688-8853 (11/30)

Free - 60's Cadillac 472 C.I. engine call Bob at 688-5887. (9/30)

Christmas Party *Continued from page 1*

Everyone attending the party brings a wrapped gift valued about \$20.00. All of the players draw a number. Number one goes to the tree and picks a gift, opens it, and shows it to everyone.

Number two has a choice of the open gift or going to the tree for an unopened gift. Then number three and so on. There is a limit of three times a gift can be traded.

You can make your reservations at the meeting or by calling Ray Elleven at 337-3860. Advanced tickets for this year's Christmas party will be available at the next meeting.



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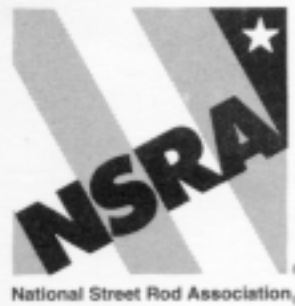


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