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Cheap!

Results from Election Central

The November election of officers started off with the usual campaign folks trying to unseat the usual suspects. The Ed Wrede support group was there with their signs chanting "President Ed, President Ed". Of course, Ed was nowhere to be found. Nat Gardner again campaigned to the office Vice President with her small group.

All was normal until a surprise motion was made by meeting location host Bill Payton. "I would like to make a motion that the existing elected officers be retained for another year," said Bill. Before the shock set in, Neil Noll seconded the motion. Now the president had a motion to deal with before he could continue with the election. Several pros and cons of such a motion were discussed. To everyone's surprise, the Ed Wrede camp supported the motion. Nat Gardner protested the motion but in the end, she voted for it. In the end, the motion passed without objection.

Then a second surprise came out of left field when newly elected Vice President Lenny Olson decided he didn't want a second year in the number two slot and resigned. This opened the door for a new Vice President which elated Nat Gardner.



Jim and Sandi Sumner selected Lenny and Anne Olson "Members of the Year" for 2002. See page 4 for detail.

"If Ed Wrede were here, I'm sure he would settle for second place," said Sandi Sumner. "I respectfully nominate Ed Wrede for the position of Vice President."

"Why!" came the cry for a member of the Gardner camp. "He's not even here!"

Since nominees may need not be present to win, the nomination stands. "I'd like to nominate Nat Gardner for the position of Vice President," said Ray Elleven. Nat has tried since every year to regain the position she held in 1997 and 1998.

With no other nominations, it was a moment of truth. The votes were cast and the absentee nominee was defeated by Nat Gardner. "Isn't Alaska politics fun?" Nat said after the election. "Obviously my years of campaigning finally paid off.

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NEXT MEETING

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Something to do

- Feb 15 Fur Rondy Parade
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- Feb 15-16 Alaska Sales & Service Antique Car Show
an Antique Auto Musers event
contact Dennis Allen at 345-6355
- Feb 15-16 Antique Machinery Show, A&M RV on 5th Ave
an Antique Engine & Power Club event
contact Dick Wilson, 562-2124
- Feb 22-23 Fur Rondy Grand Prix
- Feb 22-23 Fur Rondy Alaska Sales & Service Corvette Car Show
an Anchorage Corvette Association event
contact David Holmes 696-4098
- Mar 14-16 The Alaska Motorcycle Show at the Egan Center,
an Alaska Motorcycle Dealers Association event
contact Sean Bershek 349-7258
- Apr 25-27 Alaska Custom Car, & Cycle
at the Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center, Eagle River,
Presented by Performance Promotions 566-2346
- May 3 Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
- May 3-4 Mayday Mayday Contact Rally Productions at 243-2122
- May 17 KOOL Cruise
- Jun 14-15 MOPARS on Ice, Alaska Raceway Park
an Alaska MOPAR event
- Jun 21 Summer Solstice Rumble
- Jul 4 Parades in Anchorage and Chugiak
- Aug 2 Tastee Freez Pre Show & Shine Car Show
- Aug 3 Jay Ofstun Memorial Show & Shine
on the Anchorage Park Strip, contact Ray Elleven 337-5860
- Aug 9 Fall Auto Parts Swap Meet contact Victor Knott at 349-7228

Lower 48 Events

- Feb 7-9 Sacramento Autorama, Sacramento CA
- Feb 14-16 Portland Rod & Custom Show, Portland OR
- Feb 21-23 Detroit Autorama, Cobo Center, Detroit MI
- Feb 21-23 Portland Roadster Show, Oregon Convention Center, Portland OR
- Mar 2 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona CA
- Mar 6-9 Boise Roadster Show, Boise ID
- Mar 7-9 Goodguys Nostalgia Drags, Famoso Raceway. Bakersfield CA
- Mar 7-9 Seattle Roadster Show, Seattle WA
- Mar 22-23 Goodguys All-American Get Together, Pleasanton Fairgrounds, CA
- Mar 28-30 Goodguys Spring Nationals, Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando FL
- Apr 2-7 Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth TX
- Apr 5-6 Goodguys Del Mar Nationals, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar CA
- Apr 4-6 Portland Swap Meet, Portland OR
- Apr 9-13 Kool April Nights, Redding Convention Center, Redding CA
- Apr 11-13 NSRA Southwest Street Rod Nationals, State Fair Park, Oklahoma City OK
- Apr 13 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona CA
- Apr 23-27 Spring Carlisle Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
- Apr 25-27 NSRA Western Street Rod Nationals, Kern County Fairgrounds,
Bakersfield CA
- May 2-4 NSRA Street Rod Nationals South, Chilhowee Park & Exposition
Center, Knoxville TN

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Pres Sez

by Jack Hill



Happy New Year – 2003!

I would like to thank you for re-electing me as president and hope I can do a good job for the club this year. I have been a little distracted this past November and December as my wife had a serious health condition (cancer) and required surgery in December before Christmas. She is on the road to recovery now.

Our first event for 2003 is the Fur Rondy parade and we need a few volunteers with cars. It was suggested that one of the new members might be willing to put his 51 Merc in the parade. This year's theme is "Rockin Rondy" which will fit right in with our club. We'll be discussing this at the January meeting.

I would like to get the Garage Scenes going for February and March at least. As I said, I've been a little distracted and so had not been able to follow through on these. Jim Sumner and Lenny Olsen were our big contributors to last year. 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 the Thursday Nite cruise runs and special weekend cruise events and for the "Rumble Nite" and the annual Show 'n Shine; 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.

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

Election

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This year I'm Vice President. Next year I'll be the President."

Who knows what the future will bring but for this year Nat Gardner will be the new Vice President, Jack Hill will serve a second term as President, Ray Elleven will be Secretary for the fifth year and Shirley Parrish will serve her twelve year as Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Life Members	9
Members	124
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Total members as of January 1, 2002	133
Members Dropped (non payment)	21
New 2002 Members	20
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Total Members as of December 31, 2002	132

PROSPECTS

Craig, Steven	'94 T-Bird
Mike Davis	1931 Model A
	1951 Studebaker
	1969 Firebird
Brian & Katie Keene	'67 Camaro
Louis Jackson	

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.

Fur Rondy Update

The Fur Rondy parade will be on Saturday February 15th. The theme this year is "Rocking Rondy". With a theme like that and our spirit for the '50's, we should finally be able to win first place in the Automobile Division. A few guys with DA haircuts, a few ladies with poodle skirts, and a few cars like a '51 Mercury and a street rod or two, we can do it! Be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

If you didn't get the word, the Grand Prix Races will not be held this year. Tesoro, who has sponsored the race in the past have backed out of almost all sponsorships including the Grand Prix. A new sponsor was not found in time so, no races. Everyone hopes they will be back next year.

Latest Bumper Sticker

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NSRA REP SAYS

by Ed Park



**25TH Annual Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine
August 3, 2003 Delany Park Anchorage, Alaska**

I realize as I write this it is the first week of January and it is zero degrees outside, but think "Summer". As you can read by the title of this article, this years Show & Shine will be the silver anniversary event. I am sure that when Jay and I had lunch together in December 1978 we didn't have any idea this show would be as long lived as it is. Jay was so excited at lunch telling me about how he dreamed of having an event where all the members of the different car clubs and the general public could mingle together for the day enjoying each other and their cars.

"Jay, I said, lets do it." So I got with Parks and Rec, we secured the park strip, and we talked to the different car clubs. The first show was on Saturday on the soccer field. That is West across L Street from where we have been having it on Sunday for years. We wanted the show to be the opposite of the judged indoor car shows so we decided on three awards, all to be picked by choice. There was the Nakoia Choice, The Mayor's Choice, and People's Choice. We were real excited when we went over 100 cars and ended up with 101.

The first show was great and I hope everyone can make the 25th. I would like to see as many as possible come who was here for the first one. We can have a special car corral for the cars that were at the first show. You can call me at 688-3430 for information.

BELIEVE IT OR DON'T

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

The only 15-letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable."

Christmas Party



Our Christmas Party host Bill and Gaye Crawford.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the Alaska Petroleum Club this past December 7, 2003. We had a record number 62 members and guest attend this year. The food was great, the company was great, and the Chinese Auction was a ton of fun.

Two awards were given that night. First, we present a rubber hammer award to a member who had some kind of mechanical failure going to or from or attending an organized event. The award is selected by last years recipient Wayne Morrison. He selected Bob Pillion who frequently had vapor lock problems with his '53 Flat Head Ford. The most spectacular vapor lock was in the Bear Paw Parade when his car died half way through the parade and the Hooter Girls pushed him out of the way. Only Bob could pull that one off.

The second award was the Member of the Year. This years winners sponsored the after Pig Nic at their home after the Bear Paw parade. They chaired the largest Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine to date, and were always there to make sure every event went smoothly. Jim and Sandi Sumner, last years winners, selected Lenny and Anne Olson. CONGRATULATIONS!

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Bill and Gaye Crawford for hosting the party at the Petroleum Club.

Year in Review

From *DRIVING FORCE* - December 2002 SEMA's Electronic newsletter

SEMA and the SEMA Action Network (SAN) achieved a series of legislative and regulatory accomplishments in 2002 on a host of pro-vehicle hobby issues. Our success in 2002, again demonstrates the benefits of partnership between America's automobile hobbyist community and the specialty automotive aftermarket.

Arizona Emissions Exemption: The *Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council* (AAHC) spearheaded an effort to create an emissions test exemption for vehicles at least 15 years old and insured as collectibles. The bill was amended to require that state regulators contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to seek approval for the exemption. Another bill also exempted drivers of historic trucks from the requirement that they hold a commercial driver's license if the vehicle has been issued a historic license plate. Both measures became law.

California "Specially Constructed" Vehicles: A SEMA-supported bill to allow previously registered kit cars and replicas to qualify for the "specially constructed" designation was signed into law in California. The new provision expands a California law enacted last year to provide a more accurate model year designation and emissions-system certification for these vehicles. In the past, only those vehicles never before registered could take advantage of this classification. To determine the model year of a specially constructed vehicle, a smog test referee compares the vehicle to those of the era that the vehicle most closely resembles. If there is no close match, it is classified as a 1960 vehicle. Only those emission controls applicable to the model year, that can be reasonably accommodated by the vehicle, are required. The registration program is limited to the first 500 specially constructed vehicles per year that meet the criteria.

California Scrappage: SEMA's anti-scrappage work with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has begun to pay off. CARB has set up a system to notify hobbyists of vehicles destined for scrappage so that parts can be obtained prior to crushing. Through this program, consumers interested in scrapping their vehicles will contact an authorized dismantler to set up an appointment to bring the vehicle in for inspection. A list of the scheduled appointments will be compiled daily by the dismantler and e-mailed to

members of the public who sign up to receive it. CARB will also amend its vehicle scrappage program to extend the waiting period before which these vehicles may be destroyed. In addition, CARB is proposing to delete the provision requiring dismantlers to first receive the permission of the previous vehicle owner before making the vehicle and its parts available for resale.

Illinois "Operable" Vehicles: Illinois SAN members defeated legislation that would have allowed county boards to declare certain operable vehicles on private property a nuisance and order their removal. Without question, H.B. 3399 was overreaching legislation that could have trampled on the rights of Illinois vehicle collectors, customizers, restorers, and shade-tree mechanics. SEMA would like to highlight the efforts of the following Illinois SAN members in defeating this legislation: *Northern Illinois Impala Club, Allante Appreciation Group, Southern Illinois Street Machines, Heartland Vintage Truck Club, Chicagoland Buick Club, Prairie A's Antique Ford Club and Model A Ford Club of America-Salt Creek Chapter.*

New Hampshire Antique Cars: Authored by SAN member Representative Lawrence Artz (R-Nashua), a bill to exempt from "junkyard" control regulations those antique vehicles owned and maintained by automotive collectors was signed into law. Antique motor vehicles, defined as those over 25 years old, may be stored and repaired by the owner out of public view by means of inside storage, fencing, trees or shrubbery. The measure applies only to noncommercial antique vehicle restoration activities and limits the total number of vehicles stored outside to five.

Vermont Scrappage: Vermont hobbyists successfully opposed two bills in Vermont to implement statewide vehicle scrappage programs. SEMA convinced legislators that scrappage programs don't work and expressed concerns that scrappage denies hobbyists vintage cars and parts for restoration projects. Vermont has seen several scrappage bills introduced in the last two legislative sessions. Each time, these bills have failed because Vermont SAN members like the *American Truck Historical Society, Green Mountain Chapter, Champlain Valley Street Rods, Adirondack Mustang Club* and the *New England Mopar Club* have taken action.

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.

1937 Ford Tudor - Small block Chevy, Flames, All the goodies, Call Brett at 495-6676 (2/03)

1951 Studebaker – Starlight Coupe, 6 cylinder, automatic, original upholstery, the engine was completely checked and gone through, 57,000 original miles, new shocks, new brakes, some extras available. Call Mike at 345-5155 (2/03)

1975 MG – Must sell do to Family Hardship. (Husband's too tall.) Runs right down the road. Fresh paint - sunshine yellow. Catches the attention of car lovers. Price reduced to \$7500.00. Call Jim's wife Sandi at 694-2080. (11/02)

1976 Jeep CJ5 – “New Everything” 304 eng (so clean you could eat off of it), 3speed transmission. New 9500 warn and bumper new top, new 33" tires, painted 6,500. Consider trades- 4x4 Chevy, Ford or Toyota pick up or muscle car. Call Paul at 357-1090/841-0922 (02/03)

1987 Coachman Motorhome - 24' class “C” with 460 Ford VW. Very Clean, Runs good, loaded. Call Lenny at 688-6917. (2/03)

Ten Commandments for the Car Collector

1. Thou shalt not read thy Hemmings on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.
2. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's car, nor his garage, nor his battery charger.
3. Thou shalt not store thy car out-of-doors except for the wife's car.
4. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when indeed thou art going out to look at another car.
5. Thou shalt not love thy cars more than the wife and children.
6. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbor's Edsel, nor his Corvair, nor even her MG.
7. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of the latest restoration.
8. Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new house addition and then use it for car storage.
9. Thou shalt not allow thy sons and daughters to get married during car show season.
10. Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for Christmas.

1995 Ford Escort Parts – Body and interior parts. Bucket seats, doors, etc. Call Bill 243-4625. (2/03)

Wanted - Winter beater, prefer a Ford 4x4 pick up. Must have a heater. Call 344-4541.

Ramblins



Check out those headlights! The 36 Ford headlights make for GREAT uplifts for Ray Agen. Guess he should patent this one. . . . Lundy Atkins '32 Three window Ford Coupe was on page 27 of the December 2002 issue of *Goodguys Goodtimes Gazette*. . . . Tom, Trish, Matthew, and Travis Stuart are just about settled in Emory Texas. Since the move, Tom has been driving his '56 Willis pick up to the NHRA Nationals in Ennis Texas, the Goodguys Lone Star Nationals at Texas Motor Speedway, and several other local events. Sounds like retirement life is agreeing with him. . . . Landon and Matthew Binder managed to get a picture with Miss Hurts at the SEMA Show in Las Vegas. Lucky kids.



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