



Sun Runner

MIDNIGHT SUN
STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

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Cheap!

We Did It!

Nat Gardner chaired this year's parade raising the bar to an all new high. Not only did she create great winter parade weather, (temperatures in the upper 20's) she put together a first place winning entry by taking first in the Non Commercial Auto category.

She arranged for Jack Hill to pull Wally Hietalati's '50 Chevy on trailer with his flat bed one ton Ford truck. On the flat bed was the *Midnight Sun Car Strippers*, a dance group made up of Ralph & Gloria Weinberger, Wayne Morrison, Ray Elleven, and Nat Gardner. The gals wore poodle skirts and the work black club jackets, rolled up jeans, with white socks and loafers. They danced to a great selection of Rock'n Rony (this year's theme) music mixed by Jimmy Hackenberger. Unfortunately, pictures of the dancers did not come out, so if someone took a good picture, it can be published in a future edition of the Sun Runner.

Wally's '50 Chevy had MSSRA magnetic signs, a window tray of good food left by an unknown car hop, and Wally behind the wheel. Following the truck and trailer, were MSSRA members who brought their cars out for the parade.

Victor Knott with his daughter Tiffiney were in their '41 For Pick pickup along side Todd Bryant, his mom Sigrid,



The parade rounds the corder at 5th and Cordova.

and his daughter in their '56 Chevy pickup.

Johnny Schmidt's drove the family '56 Studebaker alongside Jim Sumner's '53 Studebaker.

Steve Hill drove *his soon to be sold* '55 Chevy along side Tim & Michael Brass their daughter Nicole Conrad in Norman Wyatt's '57 International flat bed

Eddie Burke & son braved the cold weather in their nice and warm '64 SS Chevelle next to Kevin O'Halloran who drove his '60 Impala.

George Glassman brought up the rear with the other Ford in the group, his '65 Mustang.

Nat would like to express here thanks to everyone who participated in this years parade. "The Antique Motor Musers have won this award for many years. It was our turn and with this theme being Rock'n Rony, how could we loose."

NEXT MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2003 7 PM

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Something to do

- Feb 22-23 Fur Rondy Alaska Sales & Service Corvette Car Show
an Anchorage Corvette Association event
contact David Holmes 696-4098
- Mar 8-9 Toy Show at the Northway Mall
an Antique Power Club of Alaska event
- 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 10 NSRA Appreciation Day, Car Quest in Eagle River
contact Ed Park at 688-3430 or Paul Moll at 69-4825
- May 17 KOOL Cruise
- May 17 Spring Plowing Demo, Buses Farm, Palmer
an Antique Power Club of Alaska event
- Jun 13 Colony Days Car Show
- Jun 14 Colony Days Parade
- Jun 14-15 MOPARS on Ice, Alaska Raceway Park
an Alaska MOPAR event
- Jun 21 Summer Solstice Rumble
- Jun 21-22 Alaska Transportation Expo & Toy Show
Transportation Museum Wasilla
- 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 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

Our Deepest Sympathy

The members and friends of the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Sandi Sumner. Sandi's mother recently passed away.

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Latest Bumper Sticker

EARTH IS FULL - GO HOME

Beach Party

Dig out your “flip flops”, Hawaiian shirts, and straw hats. (Bikinis optional) We’re gonna have a party. A potluck Beach Party!

WHEN - The MSSRA “Beach Party” is set for Saturday February 22 at 6:00 pm. Surfing and Beachcombing will begin at 6 pm. at the Eagle River Elks Lodge.

WHERE - Come into downtown Eagle River, turn between the Williams Express and Tesoro Gas Stations, go up the hill one plus blocks - the Elks Club is on the left. Park in front or rear, NOT next door.

DRESS - Beach attire is a good idea. Either Hawaiian beach attire, or Alaskan — use your imagination. Best beach hat and best beach wear will be judged. Hollywood contracts will be awarded.

HOW MUCH - Cost per person is \$5 — \$6 if you forget to show up wearing sunglasses!

FOOD - Everyone needs to bring a side dish, salad, veggie plate, or dessert. MSSR will provide soda pop, fried chicken, and chips.

PRIZES - Prizes and surprises will take place. Bob Pillion was cajoled into doing the honors as “MC” for the night.

INFORMATION - Need more information, call the “Funky Beach Committee” chair, Sandi Sumner at 694-2080.

Corvette Show

The Anchorage Corvette Association is looking for cars for the Alaska Sales & Service Corvette Show the weekend of February 22-23. Their first choice is Corvettes. Other GM powered cars will be accepted on a space available bases. For details, call Dave Holmes at 696-4098.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

A chicken coupe has only two doors. If it had four doors, it would be a chicken sedan!

Unknown

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Life Members	9
Members	*116
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Total members as of January 1, 2002	125
Members Dropped (non payment)	-27
New 2002 Members	20
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Total Members as of December 31, 2002	132

NEW MEMBERS SINCE JANUARY 1, 2003

Mike Davis	1931 Model A 1951 Studebaker '77 Mercedes 450SL
Jim Hackenberger	'51 Mercury

Total Members as of Jan 31, 2003	134
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PROSPECTS

Andrew & Michelle Campbell	'55 Olds
Louis Jackson	
Dan & JoAnn Morrison	'40 Ford '56 Chevy '96 Firebird
Phil Tihonovich	'51 Willys Pickup

* Members as of December 31, 2001 was revised due to an prior accounting error.

Want a list of all the members? A list with phone numbers, address, etc.? They are available to members only for non commerical 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.

Interesting Uses for WD-40

Prevent dead insects from sticking to your car. Spray WD-40 on the hood and grill so you can wipe bugs off easily without damaging the finish.

Clean clogged spray paint can nozzles. Remove the nozzles from the spray paint can and the WD-40 can, place the nozzle from the spray paint can on the WD-40 can, give it a couple of quick squirts, and replace both nozzles.

Remove oil spots from driveways. Spray with WD-40, wait, then blot. The mineral spirits and other petroleum distillates in WD-40 work as a curing agent.

Thread electrical wire through conduits. Spray WD-40 on the electrical wire to help it glide through winding conduits.

Ramblins



Lenny Olson chauffeured Harlan Legare, this year's Fur Rondy Collector Pin designer in the parade.

If you've been looking for Shirley Parrish, she went to Kansas to help take care of father who has been very ill. We wish her father the best. . . . New member Roger Cunningham Recently had heart surgery. We hear he's recovering better than expected and can't wait to get his Ranchero out of the garage an on the streets. . . . Many of the members know Juhami Sonsa, proud owner of a '51 Anglia. Juhami recently had a heart attack is recovering at home.



Steve Haas chauffeured Lady Trapper Mabel Pike in this years Fur Pondy Parade in his wife's '98 Mercedes SLK 230.

Bill Gates' 11 Rules

Several years ago, Bill Gates gave a speech to Mt Whitney High School in Visalia, California. It is worthwhile reading for anyone. Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this! To anyone with kids of any age, or anyone who has ever been a kid, here's some advice Bill Gates recently dished out at a high school speech about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it.

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$40,000 a year right out of high school; You won't be a vice-president until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping-they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

From *DRIVING FORCE* - January 2003

SEMA's Electronic newsletter

2003 Agenda: What We're Working On (So Far...)

January ushers in the legislative season nationwide and, no doubt, a number of new challenges. To follow is an update of our current legislative agenda. Within the next few weeks we anticipate pouring over hundreds of bills in our efforts to protect the vehicle hobbies. Don't be surprised if we add A LOT to this list in the coming days.

Maine Custom Cars: SEMA is working with the *Maine Custom Auto Association* (MCAA) to seek legislation that would legalize certain motor vehicle modifications. This legislation will be drafted to allow hobbyists to drive customized vehicles without fear of harassment from law enforcement authorities and to ease restrictive equipment inspection criteria. The legislation will address upgrades to lighting, exhaust systems, wheels, tires and suspension equipment modifications. All Maine hobbyists interested in participating in this sweeping effort are encouraged to contact us immediately at 202/783-6007.

New Hampshire Exhaust Noise: After a great deal of groundwork by New Hampshire SAN members like Ken Golden of Hampton, New Hampshire, Rep. Lawrence Artz (R-Nashua) introduced SEMA-model legislation to create an enforceable exhaust noise standard. Rep. Artz is also a SAN member and authored a pro-hobby inoperable vehicle bill that was signed into law last year. Currently, New Hampshire deems illegal all modifications that increase noise above that of a vehicle's original muffler. The model bill requires police to prove that an exhaust system modification results in noise levels exceeding 95-decibels before issuing a citation. In addition, the bill allows courts to dismiss an exhaust noise ticket if the defendant had reason to believe that the vehicle complied when cited. For more information, contact the SEMA office at 202/783-0865, Mr. Golden at toxiclown@yahoo.com or Rep. Artz at nashuarep@hotmail.com.

New York, Rhode Island and Missouri Pursue Street Rod/Custom Vehicles: SEMA is working with New York, Rhode Island and Missouri rodders to pursue SEMA model legislation to create special vehicle registration classifications

for street rods and custom vehicles. The model bill provides for special license plates, includes appropriate year-break definitions, allows use of non-original materials and creates tilting criteria that assigns these vehicles, including replicas, the year of manufacture that the body of the vehicle resembles. New York and Rhode Island SAN members have seen similar legislation before, only to have it defeated at the last minute. For Missouri, this is the first time the SEMA-model bill will be pursued. Hopefully, these states will follow Illinois's lead in enacting fair and reasonable street rod and custom legislation. For more information, or for a copy of our model legislation, contact Steve McDonald at stevemac@sema.org

Virginia Inoperable Vehicle Legislation: This month, SEMA will begin work with the *Southwest Virginia Car Council* and the *Car Club Council of Central Virginia* on a bill (S.B. 613) to create clear guidelines for the outside storage of inoperable vehicles and to repeal current law that allows localities to limit the number of vehicles maintained on residential and commercial property. The bill was held over from last year's session. Last year, we helped convince legislators to withdraw a bill that would have allowed localities to impose fines on property owners deemed in violation of inoperable motor vehicle ordinances. These ordinances create barriers for the maintenance of project and parts cars on private property.

Newly Introduced Legislation

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

Driver Distraction

California: AB 45 - would prohibit cell phone use while driving a car; permits use of hands-free cell phones.

Ohio: H.B. 280 - would prohibit hand-held cellphone use while driving except in the case of emergency.

Ohio: H.B. 281 - would subject a person who commits a moving violation while using cell phone to a fine double the usual amount.

Pennsylvania: S.B. 1577 - would prohibit hand-held cell phone use while driving.

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.

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)

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



1957 Bel Air - four door sedan. It is running and drivable but needs to be restored. Includes shop manual, a factory assembly instruction manual, an upholstery guide, a box of trim, new weather strip, a radio, lots of stuff. Asking \$2,000. Call Bruce Main at 344-1947 (4/03)

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)

1993 Polaris XLT SP - two of them, excellent condition with covers and 2 place trailer. \$4,000 OBO or trade for GM pickup or street rod project. Call Wally at 243-0832 (4/03)

PARTS - New front fenders for '73-'78 Chevy truck \$125 each and '79-'80 VW Rabbit front fenders \$50 each. Call Tim Brass at 376-3011 (4/03)

Growing Older

Now that I'm 'older' (but refuse to grow up), here's what I've discovered:

- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
- I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.
- Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
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- All reports are in; life is now officially unfair.
- If all is not lost, where is it?
- It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
- I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few...
- Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
- Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
- It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
- When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
- It's not hard to meet expenses... they're everywhere.
- The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the here-after ..
- I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.
- Funny, I don't remember being, . . . absent minded...
- Now I think you're supposed to send this to 5 or 6, maybe 10, oh send it to a bunch of your friends if you can remember who they are.
- Then something is supposed to happen, I think. Maybe you get your memory back

DEEP THOUGHTS

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

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