

# 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 18 at the VFW in Eagle River. The evening kicks off with an Attitude Adjustment Hour at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM.

On the menu will a buffet of prime rib, or cornish game hen, baked potato, fresh vegetable, diner roll, shrimp louis salad, and desert. All for only \$22.00!

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

We will also be presenting the Rubber Hammer Award. This award is also selected by last year's winner, Johnny Schmidt, to a member who had car trouble during an organized event this year. We have two candidates for this year. Neil Noll who's power steering pump in his '51 Ford pick up died on his way to the Bear Paw Parade and Jerry Miller, who's lower A frames on his '49 Chevy came loose at the Tastee Freez show. If you know of other candidates for the Rubber Hammer Award, contact Johnny and let him know.



Security is really tight since 911, everybody, including Santa Clause is getting searched.

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.

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 for the Christmas party at the November meeting or by calling Lenny Olson at 688-6917 or Bob Pillion at 688-5887. Advanced tickets for this year's Christmas party will be available at the next meeting.

### NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY**

**November 23, 2004 7 PM**

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# Something to do

- Dec 18 MSSRA Christmas Party, Eagle River VFW  
**2005 Events**
- Feb 19 Fur Rondy Parade
- Feb 19-20 Antique Auto Show, Alaska Sales & Service  
Antique Tractor & Toy Show, A&M Motors  
Vintage Military Vehicle Show, Anchorage Chrysler Dodge Center  
Fur Rondy Grand Prix, Ingra & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave
- Feb 26-27 Fur Rondy Corvette Show, Alaska Sales & Service
- Apr 29-May 1 Alaska Custom Car & Cycle  
at the Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center located in Eagle River  
*Presented by Performance Promotions 566-2346*
- May 7 Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet  
Contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
- May 7-8 Mayday Mayday  
Contact Rally Productions at 243-2122
- May 14 NSRA Appreciation Day  
Car Quest in Eagle River
- May 21 KOOL Cruise
- Jun 4 NAPA Seward Car Show
- Jul 15 Bear Paw Car Show, Eagle River
- Jul 16 Bear Paw Parade, Eagle River
- Jul 16 Lenny & Anne's Pig Nic
- Jul 21 Summer Solstices Rumble
- Aug 7 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine
- Aug 13 Fall Auto Parts Swap Meet  
Contact Victor Knott at 349-7228

# Lower 48 Events

- Nov 26-28 Turkey Run, Daytona FL
- Dec 5 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona CA  
[www.pomonaswapmeet.com](http://www.pomonaswapmeet.com)
- Jan 16 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona CA  
[www.pomonaswapmeet.com](http://www.pomonaswapmeet.com)
- Jan 21-23 Grand National Roadster Show  
LA County Fairplex, Pomona CA  
[www.hotrodshows.com](http://www.hotrodshows.com)
- Jan 21-25 Kruse Collector Car Auction, Scottsdale AZ  
[www.kruseinternational.com](http://www.kruseinternational.com)
- Jan 25-30 Barrett-Jackson Auction, Scottsdale AZ  
[www.barrettjackson.com](http://www.barrettjackson.com)
- Feb 04-06 Sacramento Autorama  
Cal Expo Fairgrounds, Sacramento CA  
[www.hotrodshows.com](http://www.hotrodshows.com)
- Feb 10-13 NHRA Annual K & N Filters Winter Nationals Pomona CA  
[www.nhra.com](http://www.nhra.com)
- Feb 18-20 Portland Rod & Custom Car Show  
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[www.hotrodshows.com](http://www.hotrodshows.com)
- Mar 11-13 Goodguys March Meet  
Famoso Raceway Bakersfield, CA  
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*Our*

*Deepest*

*Sympathy*

*The members and friends of the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family Greg Erickson.*

*Greg passed away on November 7th after a long battle with liver disease.*

## SUN RUNNER

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# Pres Sez

by  
Lenny Olson



The Christmas Party is Saturday the 18th of December at the Eagle River VFW. Drinks at 6:00 pm and diner at 7:00 pm. Prime Rib, or Cornish Game Hen is on the menu for only \$22.00. With this you get baked potato, Fresh vegetable, Diner roll, Shrimp Louis salad, and desert. Please call and let me know how many and what you want to eat.

This year when you pay your dues you will receive a FREE MSSRA club decal.

The Calendars are done and at last, the Tee shirts are here, you can have either black or gray. Don't forget to be at the meeting this month and help elect your new officers.

Check out the new link to our web site at [www.MidnightSunSRA.org](http://www.MidnightSunSRA.org)

## Ramblins

Ray and Linda Agen are proud grandparents again. Their daughter, Janine had a bouncing, 8 pound, 11 once, 21" black haired, brown eyed baby girl on November 1. The baby's name is Averie Jean Allen. CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and grandparents. . . The winner of the 34 Ford Truck raffled by Kulas air Guard was Tom Graham who works at Kulas. We don't know if he took the truck or the \$15,000. . . There will be a new ¼ mile dirt track dirt track next year for those who like their racing turning left. A partner ship that includes Derrick Snelson is building a dirt track at the Palmer Fair Grounds. Union Field Speedway, as it will be known, plans its first race on May 15 and Friday nights after that. Just think, Union Field Speedway on Friday night, either North Star or Capitol on Saturday, and Alaska Raceway Park on Sunday. Good weekends ahead!

Jennifer, the blonde from Warsaw who graduated from Texas A&M, and a friend were enjoying each others company over a cocktail under a brilliant night sky, when her friend asks, "I wonder which is further, London or the moon"

"Aaah Hello," says Jennifer, "can you see London from here!"

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Life Members	9
Members	148
Total Members as of December 31, 2003	157
Members Dropped	20
New Members	33
Total Members as of November 15, 2004	173

### NEW MEMBERS SINCE OCTOBER 15, 2004

No new members this month.

### PROSPECTS

Bill & Jane Griffith '83 Chevy PU

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](mailto:carnut@gci.net). He can mail it to you or e-mail it in a PDF format.

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CONTACT RAY ELLEVEN AT 337-5860

## Insisted Automobiles

So you think you bought an all American automobile. Well, since the American manufactures have joined forces with foreign manufactures, there is no telling what you have. The manufactures are developing a common platform, previously known as chassis and drive train, and sharing it on different models. Armed with that knowledge, when you can't find a part for your GEO Tracker, try Suzuki Sidekick. Hey, it gets better, how about Lincoln LS and Jaguar S Type. The list to the right is not the most current, but it gives you an ideal of what to expect. Thanks to Agen Automotive for providing this list.

## Nominations of 2005 Officers

At the October meeting, we tried something a little different; we nominated a slate of officers for the 2005 year. If you didn't make the meeting, it was quite exciting.

Lenny Olson was nominated for a second term as President which he accepted'

Bob Pillion was nominated for a second term as Vice President which he accepted.

Ray Elleven was once again nominated for Secretary which he accepted

We have two candidates competing for Treasure. Shirley Parrish was once again nominated as well as Sandy Sumner. Shirley was not present but prior to the meeting agreed she would accept the nomination. Sandy also accepted the nomination.

Duane Clausen was nominated for each office and his friend Bruce Main declined the nomination on behalf of Duane, except Bruce when stepped out for a nature call. When Bruce returned, he found out Duane was nominated for Vice President and attempted to decline on behalf of Duane. After lengthy discussion, Robert Rules of Order was consulted and Bruce was permitted to decline the nomination on behalf of Duane.

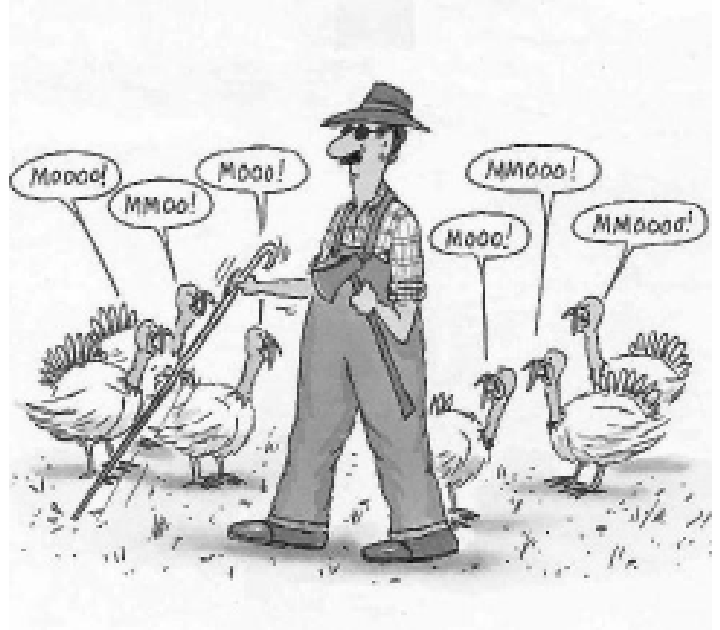
If you didn't make the October meeting and would like to run for one of the four elected offices, it's not too late. You can still be nominated from the floor at the November meeting and who knows, you just might win!

	Acura SLX =	Isuzu Trooper
	Audi A4-A6 =	Volkswagen Passat
	Chevrolet Tracker =	Suzuki Vitara
Chevrolet S10 (1996 & Up) =	Isuzu Hombre	
Chrysler Conquest =	Mitsubishi Starion	
Colt Vista =	Mitsubishi Expo	
Colt Wagon =	Mitsubishi Expo	
Colt Summit =	Mitsubishi Mrage	
Dodge D50 Pick Up =	Mitsubishi Mighty Max	
Dodge Raider =	Mitsubishi Montero	
Dodge Stealth =	Mitsubishi 300GT	
Eagle Summit Wagon =	Mitsubishi Expo	
Ford Escape =	Mazda Tribute	
Ford Explorer (2 door only) =	Mazda Navajo	
Ford Probe =	Mazda 626/MX6	
Ford Ranger =	Mazda B Series Pick Up	
Geo Metro =	Suzuki Swift	
Geo Tracker =	Suzuki Sidekick	
Geo-Chevy Prism =	Toyota Corolla	
Honda Odyssey =	Isuzu Oasis	
Honda Passport =	Isuzu Rodeo	
Hyundi Sonata =	Kia Optima	
Isuzu Hombre =	Chevy S10 (96 and newer)	
Isuzu Oasis =	Honda Odyssey	
Isuzu Rodeo =	Honda Passport	
Isuzu Trooper =	Acura SLX	
Jaguar S-Type =	Lincoln LS	
Kia Optima =	Hundai Sonata	
Lexus LS 470 =	Toyota Land Cruiser	
Lincoln LS =	Jaguar S-Type	
Mazda 323 =	Mercury Tracer	
Mazda 626/MX6 =	Ford Probe	
Mazda B Series Pickup =	Ford Ranger	
Mazda Navajo =	Ford Explorer (2 door only)	
Mazda Tribute =	Ford Escape	
Mercury Tracer =	Mazda 323	
Mercury Villager =	Nissan Quest	
Mitsubishi 3000GT =	Dodge Stealth	
Mitsubishi Eclipse =	Eagle Talon - Plymouth Laser	
Mitsubishi Expo =	Colt Vista - Colt Wagon - Eagle Summit Wagon	
Mitsubishi Mighty Max =	Dodge D50 Pick Up	
Mitsubishi Mirage =	Colt Summit	
Mitsubishi Montero =	Dodge Raider	
Mitsubishi Starion =	Chrysler Conquest	
Nissan Quest =	Mercury Villager	
Plymouth Laser (1990 & Newer) =	Mitsubishi Eclipse	
Pontiac Vibe =	Toyota Matrix	
Spectrum =	Suzu Mark	
Suzuki Vitara =	Chevrolet Tracker	
Toyota Corrolla =	Geo-Chevy Prism-Nova	
Toyota Land Cruiser =	Lexus LS 470	
Toyota Matrix =	Pontiac Vibe	
Volkswagen Passat =	Audi A4-A6	

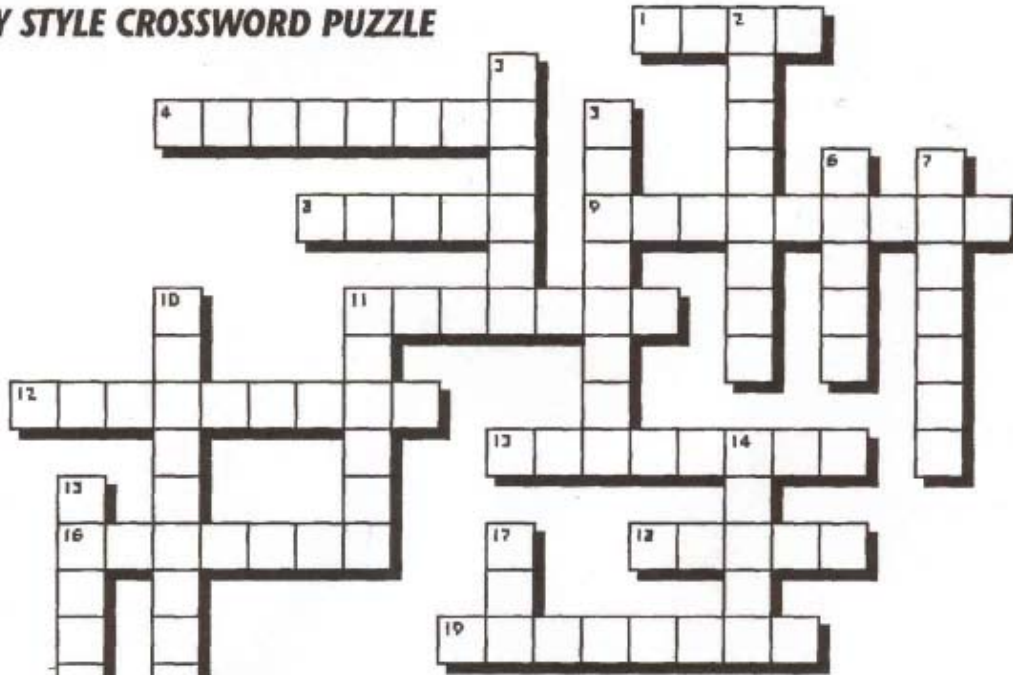
# Turkey Factoids

Here are some tidbits to help you impress family and friends on Thanksgiving.

- A male turkey is called a tom. A female turkey is called a hen. A baby turkey is called a poult.
- The skin that hangs from a turkey's neck is called a snood.
- A mature turkey has approximately 3,500 feathers.
- Wild turkeys can run about 25 mph and fly up to 55 mph. Domesticated (farm-raised) turkeys cannot fly.
- Minnesota, North Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia, and Missouri produce the most turkeys annually.
- Benjamin Franklin lobbied to make the turkey the national symbol.



## BODY STYLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- Cheaper model with a B-pillar.
- Ford's version of the Australian truck.
- This wagon became an icon in '55.
- Drop top with rollup windows.
- Four doors and no windows.
- Ford long roof with no hump.
- No side glass.
- No B-pillar.
- This model has a rear seat.
- Businesses used these to transport goods.

### DOWN

- Truck version of a station wagon.
- Non-metal wagon.
- Ford or Chevy with rear seat and a trunk.
- Came with 3 or 5 windows.
- Chevy introduced this body in 1933.
- Later term for drop top.
- You could haul things in this truck.
- Ford's term for their body with a rear seat.
- A body style that never existed.
- Australian El Camino.

Answers will be in the next issue of the *Sun Runner*

## 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.

**1915 Model Ts** – two roadsters and one truck restored and in excellent condition. Call Bruce at 345-3129 (7/04)

**1930 Chevy Project Car** – Body disassembled new wood kit for body, boxed frame, Jag IRS, Jim Meyer Racing IFS, Chevy 350 with 350 transmissions. Trades Considered. Call art at 243-3200 after 5 pm. (6/04)

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**1958 Chevy Bel Air** – 2 door hard top, 283 V8, automatic, power steering, power beaks. A really nice car for only \$17,500. Call Terry at 230-CARS (2277) (9/03)

**1960 Chevy Impala** – 2 door hard top, 350 engine. Nice, \$12,000. Call Kevin at 229-3146.(9/04)

**1961 Buick Electra** - 4 door, 401 CI, single 4 bbl., Dynaflo transmission, posi-trac rear end, dual exhausts. It's a project car but not a basket case at all. Bob Pillion 688-5887. (8/04)

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**1993 Corvette Coupe** – All original one owner, 25,000 mile car, bought at the Bloomington Corvette Auction in Illinois. This car is cherry with of the paper work since new. Call Jim at 274-0122. (9/03)

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**401 Buick nailhead rebuilt Engine** - May or may not have a transmission with it. Bob Pillion 688-5887. (8/04)

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