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## Park President for the 4th time

The Sun Runner may be slow in reporting important news, but eventually the news does get reported. Such is the case of the November 1999 election of officers. Election night started with the usually slate of nominees including Ed Wrede, Nat Gardner, and the most recent president, Neil Noll. Immediately, Neil declined the nomination saying, "I've enjoyed my two years as president, but it's time for new blood."

Ed Wrede was out of town and sent a letter with Sandi Sumner to read. It was a short but meaningless letter explaining why he can't make the meetings but wants to be president.

The shocker came when Neil read a letter

from Ed Park seeking nominated for president. "I have pressing family matters tonight or I would be there to personally express my desire to be president," read the letter. "We are a family orientated club and I hope you understand why I can't be there." The letter went on explain his accomplishments as president in 1981, 1983, 1985, and 1990.

The voters agreed that experience counts and elected Ed Park president leaving Ed Wrede and Nat Gardner to run again next year. "I'll try again next year," said Nat Gardner as she left election central.

The voters seemed to want consistency in their officers for the next century, Victor Knott tried to unsuccessfully to unseat Jack Hill as vice president. "I can spell better than he can," Sandi Sumner told the throng of voters as she campaigned against Ray Elleven for secretary.

In the end, Jack Hill was reelected vice president, Ray Elleven was reelected secretary, and Shirley Parrish was unopposed for her 9<sup>th</sup> term as treasurer. "She might as well make it a career!" shouted some one from the crowd.

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## Hill New MAMA

The Sunday before Christmas, several MSSRA members and friends gathered the Alaska Petroleum Club for a wonderful party with a halibut and carved roast beef dinner, good friendship, gossip, and the ever loving Chinese Auction.

Part of the Christmas party tradition is the presentation of the traveling Most Active Member Award. This award is present to a member deemed the Most Active by the recipient from the prior year. This prestigious award has gone to several notable members in the past including Ed Park, Ross Jardine, Binder Family, Nat Gardner, Ray Elleven, Joe Piccione, and Wally Graham to name a few. Last year's winner, Jim & Sandi Sumner had the chore of selecting the MAMA winner for 1999, which went to Steve Hill. CONGRATULATIONS!

After the award was presented, the real fun began. Most of the Chinese Auction gifts were exchanged at least once. There were a couple of folding chairs and model cars that were traded the maximum of three times. Most were wondering who brogt the two "NASCAR Racers of the 50's" with the NAPA logo. There was one gift that never traded, a two ton floor jack. After much discussion, it was determined that everyone had at least one floor jack and didn't need another one.

A big thanks to Bill and Gaye Crawford who made all the arrangements for a great party and good food.

### Next Meeting

*always the 4th Tuesday*

**Janurary 25, 7 PM**

at

**Budget Used Car Sales**

1335 Gambell

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*Formerly Lomark Furniture*

**Park on the north side of the building near the service entrance and the Alaskan Samavor Inn. Soft drinks and sandwiches are available in the cafe. Coffee complements of Budget.**

# Something to do

Feb 12	Fur Rondy Parade, contact Ray Elleven at 337-5860
Feb 12-13	Antique Auto Mushers Car Show Alaska Sales & Service <i>an Antique Auto Mushers event</i>
Feb 12-13	Antique Machinery Show, A&M RV on 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave <i>an Antique Engine &amp; Power Club event</i>
Feb 12-13	Fur Rondy Grand Prix, Anchorage
Feb 19-20	Fur Rondy Corvette Car Show at Alaska Sales & Service <i>an Anchorage Corvette Association event</i>
Mar 17	Saint Patrick's Day Parade
Apr 28-30	Alaska Custom Car, Cycle, & Boat Show <i>a Performance Promotions event - 566-2346</i>
Apr 29-May 1	<b>Canceled</b> Arctic Wheels Car Show, Carlson Center, Fairbanks, <i>an Arctic Wheels Car Club event</i>
May 6	contact Wayne Campbell, 459-4073 or Sue Hupprich, 456-4839 Spring Auto Parst Swap Meet, School District Building on Debarr <i>a MSSRA event, contact Victor Knott at 349-7228</i>
May 6-7	Mayday Mayday <i>a Rally Productions event call 243-2122</i>
May 27	Alaska Sales & Service 500 Show <i>an Antique Auto Mushers event</i>
Jun 3-4	Fronna Snelson Memorial Hot Rod Reunion, Niski Airport Show & Shine & 1/8th Mile Drags <i>a Performance Promotions event - 566-2346</i>
Jun 17	Colony Days Parade, Palmer
Jul 4	Vetrans Fourth of July Parade
Jul 4	Chugiach Fourth of July Prade
Jul 7	Bear Paw Car Show, Eagle River
Jul 8	Bear Paw Parade, Eagle River
Aug 5	Tastee Freez Pre Show & Shine Car Show, Jewel Lake & Raspberry <i>a MSSRA event</i>
Aug 6	21st Annual Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine <i>a MSSRA event</i>
Aug 12	Fall Auto Parts Swap Meet, School District Building on Debarr <i>a MSSRA event, contact Victor Knott at 349-7228</i>
Aug 26	Alaska State Fair Parade, Palmer

## Lower 48 events

Jan 6-9	51 <sup>st</sup> Annual Grand National Roadster Show of Oakland
Jan 16	Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
Feb 3-6	NHRA 40 <sup>th</sup> Annual WINTER NATIONALS, Pomona CA
Feb 17-20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Portland Rod & Custom Show, Portland Expo Center
Feb 20	NASCAR's Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, FL
Mar 2-5	Portland Roadster Show, Portland OR
Mar 5	Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
Mar 9-12	Seattle Roadster Show, Seattle Exhibition Center
Apr 7-9	Portland Swap Meet, Portland, OR 503 684-3391
Apr 16	Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
Apr 27-30	Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway
Jun 4	Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona, CA - 714 544-7004
Jun 9-11	Goodguys Hot Rod Nationals, Indianapolis, IN

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

*Louie, who was one of  
the owners of Alaska  
Raceway Park, passed  
away in November.*

*Our thoughts and  
prayers are with you.*

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# Pres Sez & NSRA Report

by Ed Park



Happy year 2000 and may all your cars get on the road this summer. I want to thank last years club officers for doing a good job with a special thanks to Neil. Neil did a great job as President and now I hope he will have more time for his 1950 Ford pickup. I am looking forward to working with this years officers, Jack Hill, vice president, Ray Elleven, secretary, and Shirley Parrish, treasurer. Also a special thanks go to Ray Elleven for the *SUN RUNNER*. After picking up the President's notebook from Neil, for Ray's work on putting a notebook together for each officer. Ray has laid out each position so well that all one has to do is turn the page and fill in the blanks.

Even though we are into the middle of winter, please go back above zero, car activities in Anchorage are getting ready to heat up. First up will be the Fur Rondy parade, then maybe a St. Patrick's day parade, the spring indoor car show, then the snows gone and the auto parts will be uncovered for the spring swap meet.

Also this spring there will be a NSRA Appreciation Day at B&C (CARQUEST) in Eagle River and a fun day at Gage's Texaco in Anchorage. Both events will feature Paul Moll, Alaska NSRA Safety Inspector, and his inspection team doing free inspections to get your car ready for some fun and safe driving this summer. Hope to see you on the road.

## Dues are Due

Your personal invoice for the year 2000 dues, or balance if you have already paid your dues, is enclosed in this addition of the Sun Runner. You can pay at the next meeting or mail your dues to the club mailbox.

The bottom half of the form is the membership information we keep in the club database. Please review your address, phone numbers, and what we have listed for your collector car. If you don't know when you joined the club, please give it your best guess for the "**Date Joined MSSRA**" box and be sure enter yes or no for the "**NSRA Member**" box.

Make any corrections you may have and either call Ray Elleven at 337-5860, drop it off at the next meeting, or mail it to the club mail box.

## Ramblins

Otto & Geri went to Las Vegas for the SEMA show. "I found the luckiest slot machine," Otto said after the trip. "Problem was, the slot machine had all the luck!" Speaking of the Binders, on the night of the club Christmas party, they celebrated their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary... To Pat Kern, **HANG IN THERE, WE'RE ALL PULL FOR YA!!!**

## Growing Old

Two elderly street rodders were discussing health problems when the elderly of the two went on into great detail about his recent bout with the flu.

The younger of the two commented that he went to a doctor who told him, "With those symptoms, a person could die young."

"It's too late for me to die young," replied the senior street rodder.

## Latest Survey

Just for fun, try to identify this outfit of over 500 employees with the following statistics:

- \*29 have been accused of spousal abuse
- \*7 have been arrested for fraud
- \*19 have been accused of writing bad checks
- \*117 have bankrupted at least two businesses
- \*3 have been arrested for assault
- \*71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- \*14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
- \*8 have been arrested for shoplifting
- \*21 are current defendants in lawsuits
- \*In 1998 alone, 84 were stopped for drunk driving

Give up? Yessirree boys and girls, it's the 535 members of your United States Congress. The same group that perpetually cranks out hundreds upon hundreds of new laws designed to keep the rest of US in line!!!!

## Famous Quote

*"I'd like to wish all of my friends but two, a very Happy New Year."*  
W.C. Fields

## Year of Manufacture Plates

By Skip Lackie, D.C. Council of Car Clubs

The District of Columbia has joined many other states by enacting legislation to permit the optional display of vintage year-of-manufacture license plates in lieu of D.C. Historic Motor Vehicle license plates on historic vehicles. The Historic Motor Vehicle Act of 1997 was prepared by the D.C. Council of Car Clubs and was introduced by City Council member Kathy Patterson and became law in early 1999. The D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles has just recently finalized implementation procedures, which are as follows:

1. Vehicle owners are responsible for providing their own vintage plates. (The existing D.C. Historic Motor Vehicle Plates, of course, can continue to be used.)

2. Vintage plates will be permitted to be displayed on the historic vehicle at all times, but these plates will not be the legal registration tags. Vehicles displaying vintage plates must be legally registered as Historic Motor Vehicles and the legal D.C. HMV plates must be carried in the car.

3. D.C. HMV tags will cost \$25 per year and vehicles are exempt from annual safety and emissions inspection; however, historic vehicles must undergo one last inspection and originality verification at a D.C. inspection station before the D.C. DMV will issue HMV plates.

4. A matched pair of legible plates is required, except for those years in which D.C. only issued single plates.

5. Only one set of vintage plates with the same number will be accepted for display on a historic motor vehicle. However, duplication of a number in use on a current Class-A tag is permitted.

6. D.C. diplomatic (pre-State Department issue) plates cannot be used as vintage plates. Plates originally issued for use on nonpassenger vehicles (truck, bus, motorcycle) can only be displayed on the correct type of historic vehicle. However, vintage passenger car plates may be displayed on any type of vehicle.

7. There is no charge to register a set of D.C. vintage plates with the D.C. DMV (annual renewal of the HMV plates will still be required).

To make them legal to use, car owners must bring the vintage plates and their current HMV registration card to Room 1063 of the Municipal Center, 301 C St., NW. The D.C. DMV will issue a second registration slip that cross-references the vintage tag number to the legal HMV license-plate number.

*From the January 2000 email edition of the "Driving Force" newsletter, a SEMA publication.*

## Texas Regulatory Committee Recommends Scrappage

They're at it again - the North Texas Clean Air Steering Committee has adopted a resolution recommending emissions control strategies, including a car-crusher (scrappage) program.

The resolution has been forwarded to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), which has the legal responsibility of developing a plan to reduce emissions according to federal government mandates in Texas' pollution problem areas. According to the resolution, a mandatory \$10 license-plate fee would fund the scrappage plan. The \$10 fee would be applied to all vehicles in the Dallas, Tarrant, Collins and Denton counties subject to I/M (dynamometer) testing.

The program anticipates scrapping more than 33,000 vehicles—33,000 potential collector, parts-car or restorable vehicles—at a price of \$700 per vehicle. This proposal comes on the heels of a scrappage bill considered by the Texas legislature that was beaten back by the organized and strong efforts of Texas SAN organizations, notably, the Texas Vehicle Club Council (TVCC).

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## Fur Rondy Parade

Want to be in the Fur Rondy Parade? We are limited to only 10 vehicles so call Ray Elleven or Ed Park and to get you name on the list. It's a lot of fun.

## No wonder the English language is hard to learn

- \* We polish the Polish furniture.
- \* He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- \* A farm can produce produce.
- \* The dump was so full it had to refuse refuse.
- \* The soldier decided to desert in the desert.
- \* The present is a good time to present the present.
- \* The dove dove into the bushes.
- \* I did not object to the object.
- \* The insurance for the invalid was invalid.
- \* The bandage was wound around the wound.
- \* There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- \* They were too close to the door to close it.
- \* They sent a sewer down to stitch the tear in the sewer line.
- \* To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- \* I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- \* How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?
- \* I spent last evening evening out a pile of dirt.

**Murphy's Technology Law #2:**  
Logic is a systematic method of coming to the wrong conclusion with confidence

## 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 elsewhere in this newsletter or call him at 337-5860. All phone numbers listed are area code 907 unless otherwise noted.*

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**Early Bronco's** - two of them, one 6 cyl, the other is a 351. Several extra parts including a 302 block. Package deal, only \$4,000. Call Curt at 243-7387. (1/00)

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## Awe Schucks

MSSRA members can get a discount for all your automotive needs at any Schuck's Auto Parts store. Just tell them you a member of the Midnight Sun with the phone number 694-4815. If you run into a problem, ask your friendly parts guru to call Bret, manager of the Eagle River Store. Thanks to Paul Moll for making the arrangements.

## Want to advertise in the Sun Runner?

Contact Ray Elleven at 337-5860

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## **Fur Rondy Parade February 12, 2000**

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