

# Sun Runner

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Cheap!

## Final Pass

Long time street rodder Bill Banta passed away of a heart attack on Saturday Morning, September 13. Bill was a member of MSSRA before becoming a founding member of the Peninsula Cruizers.

A true street rodder, Bill and his wife Joyce cruised to many events on the Kenai Peninsula, and often to Anchorage for many events including the annual Show and Shine on the Park Strip. *Happy Bear*, their '36 Chevy pick up, even made the long drive to Fairbanks to compete in the Arctic Wheels Car Show several years ago.

When not cruized or making the local cars show, Bill frequently raced *Happy Bear* at Alaska Raceway Park where he ran in the high 12 second quarter mile.

Services are tentatively set for next Saturday, September 20th in Ninilchik. Watch the newspapers Obituaries for details.

To Bill's wife Joyce and their family, all the members of the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association would like to express our deepest sympathy. Bill will be sadly missed by all of us.



Bill Banta and *Happy Bear*, his '36 Chevy Pick Up, on their last pass at Alaska Raceway Park on Labor Day.

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**TUESDAY**  
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# Something to do

- Sep 20 Fall Cruise to Seward
- Dec 6 Christmas Part at Eddie's Sports Bar
- 2004 Events
- Feb 20 Fur Rondy Parade  
contact Neil Noll, 248-6009 for MSSRA information
- Feb 20-21 Alaska Sales & Service Antique Car Show  
*an Antique Auto Musers event*  
contact Dennis Allen at 345-6355
- Feb 20-21 Antique Machinery Show, A&M RV on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
*an Antique Engine & Power Club event*  
contact Dick Wilson, 562-2124
- Feb 20-21 Fur Rondy Grand Prix
- May 3 Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
- May 3 Mayday Mayday Contact Rally Productions at 243-2122
- Jun 21 Summer Solstice Rumble
- Jul 4 Parades in Anchorage and Chugiak
- 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
- Aug 7 Fall Auto Parts Swap Meet contact Victor Knott at 349-7228

# Lower 48 Events

- Sep 18-21 Route 66 Rendezvous, San Bernardino CA
- Sep 19-21 Goodguys Midwestern Nationals, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City KS
- Sep 19-21 NSRA Northeast Street Rod Nationals, Champlaine Valley Exposition Burlington VT
- Sep 28-28 Evensville Autofest, Evansville IN
- Sep 26-28 Goodguys Great Lakes Nationals, Waukesha, WI
- Oct 1-5 Fall Carlisle Swap Meet, Carlisle PA
- Oct 3-5 Goodguys Lone Star Nationals, Texas Motor Speedway, Ft. Worth TX
- Oct 3-5 NHRA Hot Rod Reunion, Famosco Raceway Park, Bakersfield CA
- Oct 3-5 NSRA Golden State Street Rod Nationals  
California Exposition & State Fair, Sacramento CA
- Oct 5-12 Cruisin' The Coast, Bay St Louis MS
- Oct 8-11 AACA Hershey Fall Meet, Hershey PA
- Oct 10-12 NSRA Southeast Street Rod Nationals, Florida State Fairgrounds Tampa Florida
- Oct 15-22 SCTA World Speed Finals, Bonneville Salt Flats UT
- Oct 19 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona CA
- Oct 21-Nov2 Goodguys Fuel & Gas Finals, Famoso Raceway, Bakersfield CA
- Nov 1-2 SEMA Show, Las Vegas NV
- Nov 28-30 Turkey Run, Daytona Speedway, Daytona FL
- Dec 7 Pomona Swap Meet, Pomona CA

## Fall Cruise to Seward

*Or, the fall turning of the leaves tour.*

Meet at the Sears Parking lot at 10 am departing at 10:30 am. Plan on lunch at Summit Lodge.

### SUN RUNNER

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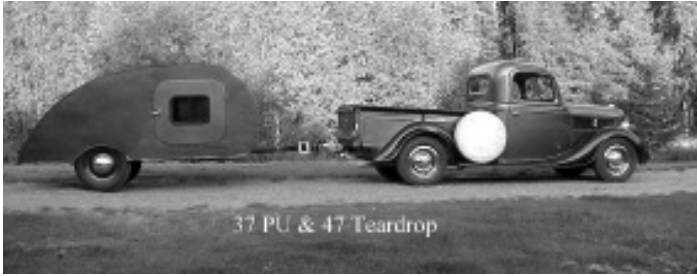
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## LATEST BUMPER STICKER

**Cleverly Disguised as a Responsible Adult**

# Ramblins



After 3 weeks of on and off effort, Vern Cherneski finally finished replacing the passenger side of his '47 Teardrop. Now to finish off the inside and take it for a ride. Hey, that rimes!! He didn't realize how many little dents a tear drop can accumulated over the last 56 years. If the trailer could talk, we'd here some pretty good stories. . . . MSSRA Member Lenny Olson has made the best of his summer by drag racing his snowmobile at Alaska Raceway Park, and it paid off! He finished the season with a runner up in the final on Labor Day and an overall fifth in the points against 27 other competitors. Way to go Lenny!!! . . . Nat Gardner is on her way to being a Ford truck collector. She bought her dream truck as a project, a '56 Ford 1/2 ton. We all look forward to seeing it on the road. . . Landon Binder and his Radi Cadi entered the burn out contest at the drag strip Labor Day smoking a set of tires. You can see pictures at <http://www.photorelect.com/scripts/prsm.dll?EventFrame?event=007S00E201>



How's this for a pair of '34s. Otto Binders '34 Dodge Coupe and '34 Chrysler Alcan Cruiser.

**Your Sun Runner Staff will be on vacation in October, so don't look for an October edition. The sometimes monthly publication will return in November.**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Life Members                          | 9          |
| Members                               | 123        |
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| Total members as of December 31, 2002 | 132        |
| Members Dropped (non payment)         | -10        |
| New Members as of Aug 15              | 35         |
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| Total Members as of Aug 15            | 156        |
| <b>New Members Since Aug 1</b>        |            |
| Curtis Levenson                       | '68 Camaro |
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| Total Members as of Sep 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](mailto:carnut@gci.net). He can mail it to you or e-mail it in a PDF format.

## New Rubber Hammer Candidate

The list of candidates for the annual Rubber Hammer Award grew on August 28<sup>th</sup>, the last Thursday Night Cruise. About ten cool cars were cruising to the Turnagin House when the electric fuel pump died on KB and Robin Bettisworth's '54 GMC pick up between the Indian House and Trunagain House, distance of about one half mile. "He was behind me all the way," said Ray Elleven when he got to Turnagain House. "I looked in my mirror just before I turned in and he was there and the next minute, he's gone."

In true club and street rodder sprit, Jeff Hassler and his friend Tom, who were behind the GMC in Jeff's '40 Ford Tudor, stopped to help. They quickly diagnosed the problem and Tom called his brother Bryan in Anchorage who had fuel pump and brought it to them. They had the GMC up and running in about two hours. Ford loyalist Nat Gardner couldn't resist asking KB if he knew what GMC stood for. *Got a Mechanic Coming?*

Anyone having a mechanical problem or accident during a club event is eligible for the Rubber hammer Award. The other candidates for this year include: Johnny Schmidt, Bob Pillion, George Glassman, Bernie Edwards, and Steven Robertson.

## Seward NAPA Car Show

Members from Anchorage attended the NAPA Auto Parts Car Show in Seward on Labor Day Weekend. Jim and Sandi Sumner trailered their '34 Chevy Coupe to Seward on Friday and Terry Kern and Leann Gunter joined them later that day.

On Saturday morning, Ray Elleven and JoAnn Scott made the trip in his '59 El Camino. He was joined by Nat Gardner in her '73 Ford Pick Up and Ralph Weinberger in his '81 Olds with the Tear Drop trailer who was traveling with his kids. EJ Boullion made the trip about an hour later in his '65 Ford Pick Up.

Once at the show, there was music by Michael Rogers, door prizes, and about 30 really neat cars. Jim Sumner's '34 Chevy Coupe *Trailer Queen* ran away with People's Choice. "Jim's '34 Chevy won by a landslide," said NAPA store manager Tim Brooks. "People rally liked it."

One of the highlights of the show was the five trucks displayed by Petro Marine of Seward. There was a street rodded '46 Ford Sedan Delivery, a restored '51 Chevy 1/2 ton pick up, a stock '46 Chevy 1 ton with a small block Chevy, a restored '41 Ford 1 1/2 ton Ford, and a restored '52 GMC 1 ton flat bed. All of these trucks except the '41 Ford were painted green with gold leaf lettering. What a FLEET!

After the car show, we all participated in the Pioneers Parade. Nat Gardner, EJ Boullion, and Jim Sumner transported dignitaries in the parade. "This was the only parade I've ever seen with two way traffic," said Ray Elleven after the parade. "It was fun though."

A big thanks to store manager Tim Brooks, Martin-Senour Paint Representative Brian Lawrence, Michael Rogers for the great entertainment, and the residents of Seward for making us all feel welcome.

### FACT IS STRANGER THAN TRUTH

In 1930, a debate of great importance raged across the East Cost - weather or not radios should be allowed in automobiles. The manufactures claimed that the voice of Rudy Vallee would be calming alternative to back seat conversation. Critics complained that the radio would distract the driver and disturb the peace. Imagine what both parties would think today!

Ripped off from *Tidbits*



Our host for the day: Entertainment director and MSSRA friend Michael Rogers, Martin-Senour Paint Representative Brian Lawrence, and store manager Tim Brooks.



Best Paint, went to Justin Travis's S10 Blazer



Jim Krasnawsky won Best Import with his MG



Jim Sumner won People's Choice with his '34 Chevy Coupe. Not bad for his third outing.



Ray Elleven won Best GM AND Best of Show with his, '59 El Camino. Way to Go Ray!



Keith Lindsey's '41 1 1/2 Ton Ford won a very deserving Best Ford. This was the only non-green vehicle in his collection. The picture below is the rest of his OUTSTANDING fleet.



Kelly Schittenhelm's '71 Dodge Charger walked away with Best MOPAR



Nat Gardner walked away with Best Truck with her '73 Ford Pick Up

## Health Facts!

Your staff at the Sun Runner is interested in what keeps a street rodder healthy. So, we interviewed Doctor Lippschitz, a renowned heath and fitness physician, for his advise on how to be a healthy, happy, street rodder. Here is that interview.

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it. . . Don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable slop.

Q: Is beer or wine bad for me?

A: Look, it goes to the earlier point about fruits and vegetables. As we all know, scientists divide everything in the world into three categories: animal, mineral, and vegetable. We all know that beer and wine are not animal, and they are not on the periodic table of elements, so that only leaves one thing, right? My advice: Have a burger and a beer and enjoy your liquid vegetables.

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body, and you have body fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain...Good.

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: You're not listening. Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: What's the secret to healthy eating?

A: Thicker gravy.

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy? HELLO! Cocoa beans! Another vegetable!!! "It's the best feel good food around!"

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets. Have a cookie, flour is a veggie! One more thing. "When life hands you lemons, ask for a bottle of Tequila and salt!

## EASY AUTO THEFT

It seems that car thieves have found another way to steal your car or truck without any effort at all. The car thieves peer through the windshield of your car or truck, write down the VIN number from the label on the dash, go to the local car dealership and request a duplicate key based on the VIN number.

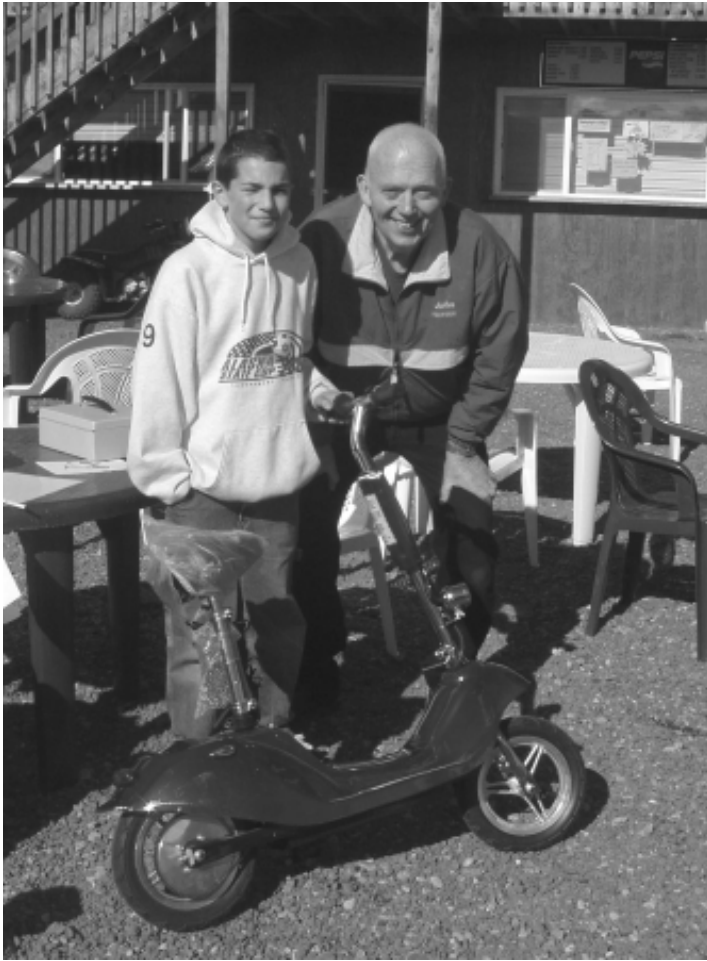
The car dealer's parts department will make a duplicate key from the VIN number and collect payment from the thief who will return to your car.

He doesn't have to break in, do any damage to the vehicle, or draw attention to himself. All he has to do is to walk up to your car, insert the key and off he goes to a local chop shop with your vehicle. You don't believe it?

It IS that easy.

To avoid this from happening to you, simply put some tape (electrical tape, duct tape or medical tape) across the VIN label located on the dash board. By law, you cannot remove the VIN number, but you can cover it so it can't be viewed through the windshield by a car thief.

# Freedom Flag Run



Winner of the electric scooter was Nick Haar, posing with Event Chair John Troutner

Several MSSRA members made the trip Palmer to participate in the Valley Cruizers Freedom Cruise. The only bad thing about this cruise was that it was probably the last car event of the season.

The cruise started at the Carrs shopping center in Palmer and went down the Palmer Wasilla Highway to Sears, where we picked up a couple more cruisers. Then it was down the Parks Highway to North Star Speedway where we parked on the race track for a Kodak moment. Then it was off to main parking area near the grandstands for hamburgers, hot dogs, and car talk.

The Valley Cruizers raffled an electric scooter and had people's choice balloting for three awards: Best Car, Best Truck, and Most Patriotic.

It was fun, it was great, and big THANKS from all the MSSRA members who attended for inviting us.



Kurt Jarmer was voted Most Patriotic with his American, Alaskan, and Fire Service flags. Kurt's truck is a '55 Chevy.



KB and Robin Bettisworth pose with their Best Truck award. KB's '54 GMC, known as *Simi Sweet*, has a high performance six cylinder with two carburetors and split exhaust.



Best Car went to the '69 Mustang of Ben Moffett. Nice Car!

## Swap Shop

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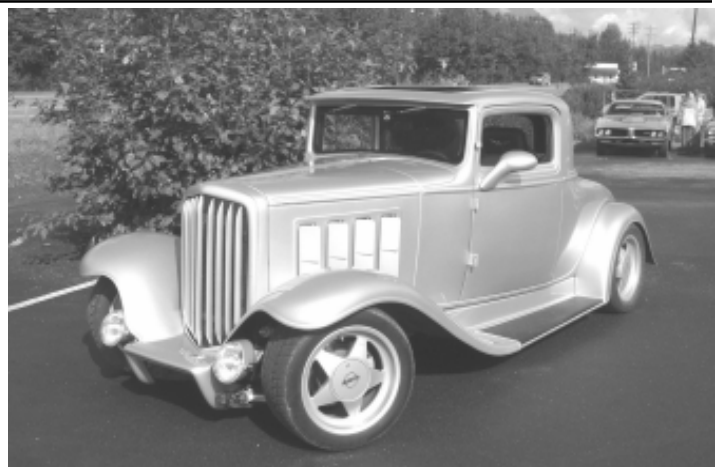
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## More NAPA Car Show



EJ Boullion made the trip in his good looking '65 Ford PU.



Dave Hutchings of Soldotna brought his '32 Nash to the NAPA Car Show in Seward. The car has a complete '96 Corvette power train, suspension, tires, wheels, and most of the Corvette goodies including the gas filler cover. "It drives like a Vette, but looks like a Nash," said Dave. Maybe he should call it a *CorNash!*



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