

Colony Soggy Days

The Soggy Days of Palmer Colony Days started off with a great car show in down town Palmer. The library parking lot, where the car show had been in the past, was occupied by Golden Wheel Amusement and the street between the parking lot and the railroad tracks was closed for street vendors. The rain started after the street for the car show was closed and the cars started arriving but it wasn't enough rain to stop the 38 car owners from having a great time. The awards they presented were professionally framed posters of this year's Colony Days poster and coins there were minted for the Matanuska Colony in the 1930s. Photos of the winners and their cars are on pages 8.

The bed race was on Saturday morning, not Friday evening as previously announced. There were five entries including our own Midnight Sun *Sun Racers*. Otto Binder donated a gurney and Niel Noll with the help of Rick Nissen fixed it up to look like a neat race car with a Lincoln grill, tail pipes, and flames.

At race time, we had Nat Gardner as the passenger and the runners were Niel and Vivian Noll, Lenny Olson and Ray Elleven. The race had five entries and was a Chicago style shoot out. The teams drew numbers and raced in pairs against the clock with one team having a bye-run. The two teams with the best times paired off in the final for the all the marbles. We were in the second round racing the eventual event winner the Speakeasy Racers, or was that *Sleaze*

Next Meeting

The board of directors decided we have so much fun in the short Alaska summer that we don't need to have meetings until September



The Midnight Sun *Sun Racers and the Speakeasy Racers* line up on the starting line..

Racers, at team of ladies who were half our age and had definate weight advantage.

When the starter fired the gun, we were - off foot board to foot board. Both teams made turn one with the skill of a NASCAR driver. We were gaining on the competition and about cross the railroad tracks when disaster struck. We blew the front left tire causing us to swerve. The front right wheel was at an angle when it hit the railroad tracks stopping our entry cold with the runners continuing.

Left rear runner Vivian and right front runner Neil managed to only stumble and escape injury. Bed rider Nat slid off towards the front of the gurney landing on her feet like a

Something to do

Jun 21	Summer Solstices Rumble
Jun 25	MSSRA Long Distance Cruise to Talkneetna
	(Weather Dependent - Alt Hope, or Sutton Cruise)
	Meet at the Sears Mall at 10 am
Jun 25	Diversified Tire Car Show, Noon to 4 pm
	BURN OUT CONTEST & BBQ!!! Wasilla
	A Valley Cruzer's Event
Jun 25-26	Fairbanks Racing Lions State Wide Motorsports Show
	Tanana Valley Fairgrounds
Jul 4	Parades in Seward, Anchorage, & Chugiak
Jul 4	Butt Kickin' Burn Out Contest & BBQ
	North Star Speedway
	A Valley Cruzer's Event
Jul 9	MSSRA Long Distance Cruise to Sutton or Further
	(Weather Dependent - Alt Talkneetna, or Hope)
	Meet at the Sears Mall at 10 am
Jul 15	Bear Paw Car Show, Eagle River
Jul 16	Hog Wild for Bear Paw Parade, Eagle River
Jul 16	Lenny & Anne's Pig Nic
Jul 23	Ronald McDonald Cruise to Kenai
	an Anchorage Corvette Association event
Jul 23	Mountain View Auto Supply Wasilla Car Show, Noon to 4 pm
	A Valley Cruzer's EventAutomotive Expo & CARavan
Jul 24	Automotive Expo & CARavan
	Museum Alaska Transportation & Industry, Wasilla
Aug 6	Pre-Show & Shine Car Show
Aug 7	27th Annual Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine
Aug 13	Fall Auto Parts Swap Meet
	Contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
Aug 13	Hot Summer Nights, Palmer 6 pm to 10 pm
	A Valley Cruzer's Event
Aug 20	MSSRA Long Distance Cruise to Hope
	(Weather Dependent - Alt Sutton, or Talkneetna)
	Meet at the Sears Mall at 10 am
Sep 1-8	Cottonwood Creek Mall Car Show Display your car!
	A Valley Cruzer's Event
Sep 5	Ronald McDonald House '70 GTO Raffle Drawing
	Alaska Raceway Park
Sep 11	Freedom Flag Run – Cruise, Car Show, & BBQ
	A Valley Cruzer's Event
Srp 30-Oct 2	Inaugural Alaska Hot Rides & Custom Chopper Show
	Cellular One Center, Old Seward & O'Mally
	a Performance Productions Event, 566-2346

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- Your accountants letter of resignation is postmarked Zurich.
- You make more than you ever made, owe more than you ever owed, and have less than you've ever had.
- The simple instructions enclosed aren't.
- People send your wife sympathy cards on your anniversary.
- You see your wife and your girlfriend having lunch together.
- The plumber floats by on your kitchen table.

Get

Soon Wayne Bailey

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Pres Sez by Lenny Olson



Rick and Kim Nissan have won Best GM, Best Muscle Car, and People's Choice. Well, the streak is over, Ray *Ellever*, and his El *Camaro*, (That is how the judge at Palmer pronounced them) won Best Truck and Best of Show. Do you think he can beat Rick and Kim?

I would like to thank Neil Noll for the work he did on the bed for The Colony Day's Bed Race. A good time was had by all, even Ray! Ya see, we crashed, we made it thru turn 1 and on the up hill climb we blew a tire, then hit the rail road tracks and broke an axle, this caused us to go

A— over Tea kettle. Ray got his shoulder dislocated and a few other cuts and bruises. I ended up with a few bruises and aching bones. Nat, Vivian and Neil watched as the two larger guys rolled on the ground. It was fun. I think next year we should get someone a little younger and in better shape to do the pushing.

This Tuesday the 21st is the Rumble at Mirror Lake. Don't forget the PIG-NIK is the 16th of July. The first 22 people to arrive after the parade will get Tee shirts and dash plaques. See you there!

2005 SUMMER SOLTICS RUMBLE T-SHIRTS ONLY \$12.00

Automotive Expo & CARavan Museum Alaska Transportation & Industry Sunday, July 24th

Watch out Classic Car Fans! Coming to the MATI this summer during our Annual Automotive Expo will be the Classic Car Club of America. Membership for this organization numbers over 5600 worldwide and is headquartered in Des Planes Illinois but really the CCCA is everywhere that Classic Cars are celebrated. Each year the more adventurous club members join together to form a CARavan across the nation. And you guessed it; this year's destination is the Last Frontier. We are looking forward to having these fine

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Life Members	9
Members	164
Total Members as of December 31, 2004	173
Members Dropped	-28
Reinstated	4
New Members Since January 1. 2005	14
Total Member as of June15, 2005	168

New Member Since May 15, 2005

New Member Since May 13,	2005
Scott & Alissa Stefan	'68 Mustang
James & Joy Swartz	'95 Mustang Cobra
Ken & Shari Meacham	'64 Sutdebaker PU
Rick & Kathi Crow	'73 Ford PU
	'93 Corvette
	'05 Corvette
Dee Gratrix & Jene Mobley	'68 Lincoln
	'74 Corvette
	'02 Corvette
Kurt Rein	'26 Packard Club SedaN
	'38 Packard Convertible
	'65 Mustang
Robert & Michelle Taylor	'77 Corvette
	'03 Z06
Prospect	
Scott & Alissa Stefan	'68 Mustang
Cliff Godfry	'50 Ford PU
Dan & LIsa Margraf	'80 El Camino
Steven & Karen Pedersen	
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folks at the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry in Wasilla on Sunday, July 24th for the best automotive expo ever!

If you are wondering just what kinds of cars are included, the Club defines CCCA Classics or Full Classic Cars as "fine or unusual motor cars which were built between and including the years 1925 to 1948. All of these are very special cars which are distinguished by their respective fine design, high engineering standards and superior workmanship." A sample of some of the fantastic cars included in this year's CARavan are an Auburn, Bently, Packard, Rolls Royce, Pierce-Arrow, BMW and many more!

In addition to this special visit from the CCCA, CAR CLUBS FROM ALL OVER CENTRAL ALASKA have been invited to participate. So join us for food, fun and great cars on July 24th! For more information call the museum at 373-1212 or Tonya Cribb at 357-0473.

Kool Kruz



KOOL-FM radio did it again, another great show. Even with the rain, there were almost 100 car entered at the Northway Mall where there were door prizes, coffee, and the famous show and shine.

Normally, the KOOL-FM on air personalities pick the award winners at the mall and announce the results at Alaska Raceway Park. This year, because the rain had the race track's sound system out of commission, the winners were announced at the mall.

Once the formalities were over at the mall, most of the 100 or so entries cruised to Alaska Raceway Park with some of them dropping off at the edge of town or Eagle River. About 40 cruisers made it to the race track where there was plenty of hot dogs and bench racing. Normally the track is open to *run what you brung* but rain spoiled it for this year.

Overall it was a fun event despite the rain. Mark your calendar for May 20 2006 for the next KOOL Kruz when our own George Glassman will be the sticker car.



Above: Duane Clausen won Super 70's with the MSSRA 1970 GTO Raffle Car.



George Glassman 1965 Mustang took home the Slick 60's award and will be next year's sticker car.



Middle Right: Dave & Terry Erikainen won Bad to the Bone with their 1932 Ford Coupe

Jennifer, the blonde from Warsaw who graduated from Texas A&M, and her 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!"



Above: Valley Cruzer John Turnage won Class Act with his 1965 Chevy Pick Up.

Top Right: Liz Pinky;s 1955 Pink Metropolitan won the Wild Card award.

Center Right: Bad Bike went to Sherman Jackson and his un-restored 1973 Honda 350.

Bottom Right: Fred Sherman of the Antique Auto Musher Member took home the Nifty 50's award with his cool 1950 Ford Sedan.

Below: The KOOL-FM PT KOOL Cruiser award went to Larry Carne's 2003 PT Cruiser.

Not shown is Anchorage Corvette Association Member Mike Sheers's 1965 Corvette Coupe which won Best Vette.







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Check It Out Auto

Mike & Alison Verbos hosted their annual Memorial Day Weekend car show at their *Check It Out Auto* sales lot in Wasilla. About 40 cars showed up for the event filling the lot. Hot dogs, soft drinks, and a few other goodies were offered along with a few neat door prizes. If you missed this year's event, mark your calendar for next Memorial Day weekend for another fun time. Thanks to Mike and Alison for a great event.



Above: This outstanding 1953 Buick owned by Roger Lavoie won People's Choice and Best Original Car. If you want to learn more about this car, check out his web site at: http://www.mtaonline.net/~nwsigns/1953buicksuper.html Bottom Right: Dave & Terry Erikainen did it again, winning Best Hot Rod with their 1932 Ford Coupe.

Sun Spam Question

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Above: KB Bettisworth walked away with Best Truck with his1954 GMC Pick Up Semi Sweet.

Below: Best Sports Car was won by Joe Inama and his 1963 Corvette Split Window.



Fly By Night



We did it again! Well, almost. Our goal was to sell out all 200 seats at the Fly By Night Club as part of our annual fund raiser for Ronald McDonald House. Instead, the British Sports Cars of Alaska sold 29; the Anchorage Corvette Association sold 29; and MSSRA sold 31 seats for a total 89 seats or \$2,275.

After our cutoff date with the Fly By Night, twelve more seats sold bringing the total seats to 101 and a check from the Fly By Night for \$180 bringing the over all total to \$2,455. Not only that, McDonald's Corporation matches any donation over \$1,000 bringing our total to \$4,910 for Ronald McDonald House! WAY TO GO!!!



Best Muscle Car was won by none other than Kim Nissen's 1968 RS Camaro the Wasilla Check It Out Auto Show.

Raffle Car Update



as of June 15 Tickets Sold: 1,029 Money Raised: \$10,290

Margo Smith, president of the Anchorage Corvette Association, asked Sam's Club if they would like to donate tshirts for the July 23 Ronald McDonald House Cruise to Kenai. "No, but I can give you \$1,000," said the manger. Discussions of a car show on Memorial Day came and selling raffle tickets at the show came and the manager said, "Sure, and we'll match what ever you raise for Ronald McDonald House!"

Margo says it best. "All we can say is WOW, what a show this turned out to be. We think at last count we had 37 gorgeous cars, all styles, and colors. We want to thank each and every one of you for supporting this very "short noticed" show, we had a lot of attention from the shoppers at Sam's and the traffic going by. The Midnight Sun Street Rod Association, The Volkswagen Club, The Antique Mushers and the Anchorage Corvette Association, Inc. were all very well represented! The GTO raffle car had 63 tickets sold for a total of \$630 of which Sam's matched. The Sam's Club donation will go directly to Ronald McDonald through the Anchorage Corvette Club. These matching funds were in addition to the \$1,000.00 donation they agreed to prior to today's show. We hope all of you had as much fun as we did. The weather certainly was working with us, thank goodness! Getting to know folks from other Clubs and working with other Clubs toward a common goal (RMH) can only make things better. Thanks again for all of your support. Take care, Margo and Dave"

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gymnast with a perfect score. Left front runner Lenny went down and rolled receiving only a few scratches and bruises. Right rear runner Ray Elleven wasn't so lucky. When the gurney stopped, his *lighting* momentum carried him past Niel and possibly airborne landing on his right shoulder. Once he caught his breath, he realized his right shoulder bone wasn't where it was supposed to be. Lenny took him to Valley Hospital where he received some fantastic drugs and they reset his shoulder, that is, once they quit laughing.

All was not lost for Lenny. With Ray out of commission, he entered Ray's '59 El *Camaro* (as the award presenter called it the night before) in the Colony Days parade. Other parade entries included Neil and Vivian Noll in their '50 Ford Pick Up; Nat Gardner and her '56 Ford Pick Up; and Todd Bryant in his '55 Chevy Pick Up.

After the parade, several members and friend, including Ray, gathered at Binder's Cadillac Ranch for a picnic and bench racing. Thanks to Otto and Jeri for hosting a fun afternoon in the Valley Sun.

Overall, Colony Days was a fun event. And, if we ever enter another bed race, MSSRA should be the bed owners and hire young athletics to do the running.



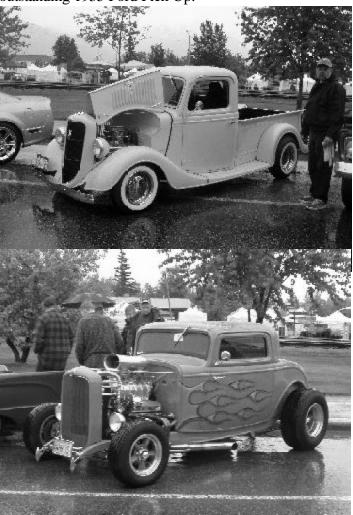
Above: Lowell Button's 1964 Mustang won Best Original. Bottom Right: Best Muscle Car was won by Dave & Terry Erikainen and their 1932 Ford Coupe.

Not show is is the Best Sports Car winner's 2004 Cobra who left before the awards were given.



Above: Best of Show and Best Truck went to Ray *Ellever* and his 1959 El *Camaro*.

Below: People's Choice went to Howard Erickson and his outstanding 1935 Ford Pick Up.



2005 Thursday Night Cruise Schedule

MSSRA invites you to join us on our Thursday Night Cruises.

- We meet at the Sears parking lot at the corner of Northern Lights & the Seward Highway at 6 PM departing at 6:45 PM.
- Don't have a street rod or cool car? Bring out the regular family car.
- The objective is to have fun cruising the streets and roads of Alaska.
- Thursday Cruise Night Schedule is subject to change! If only a few cars show or questionable weather, an alternative destination might be announced that night.
- Questions, contact MSSRA Cruise Director Nat Gardner at 344-4541.

Date	Destination
Jun 23	International House of Pancakes
Jun 30	Arctic Road Runner
Jul 7	Evangelo's in Wasilla
Jul 14	O'Brady's on Tudor
Jul 21	North Slope Restaurant
	Eagle River
Jul 28	Chair 5, Girdwood
Aug 4	Northway Mall Red Robin
Aug 11	The Jerry Miller Collection
Aug 18	McDonalds on Lake Otis
Aug 25	Pizza by Guido's
Sep 1	The Bar-B-Q Pit
Sep 8	Tastee Freez
Sep 15	Peggy's Café
Sep 22	Romano's

QUESTION OF THE DAY

Why do men's hearts beat quicker, go weak in the knees, get dry throats and think irrationally when a woman wears leather clothing?

Because she smells like the leather interior of a new Street Rod!

Summer Solstice Rumble

It's almost here. The 2005 Summer Solstice Rumble at Mirror Lake. June 21st this year falls on a Tuesday. We'll be "rumblin" from 6 PM until 10PM. Come early if you like because we'll be setting up about 4 PM. If it's not raining and muddy, we'll be parking on the grass again. Instead of parking by clubs, open parking is the way we're doing it this year.

MSSRA will be providing the hamburgers and hot dogs. Both the MSSRA and Valley Cruzers will bring side dishes. The Corvette Club will be supplying the desserts. Thanks to the Valley Cruzers for supplying the grill.

This year we'll listening to one of our own, Johnny Fitts and the Long Gone Daddies play some hot Rockabilly tunes.

Our theme this year is Stars of the 50's so, if you're so inclined dress as your favorite 1950's star like Marylyn, Elvis, James Dean, Dwight D. Eisenhower, or your choice. The Arctic Air Cooled Club will sponsoring the games again this year. The biggest park rule is absolutely NO alcohol. In 2004 the MSSRA took the participation plaque by one car. Let's see if we can do it again.

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Contact Ray Elleven at 337-5860 Lenny Olson at 688-6917

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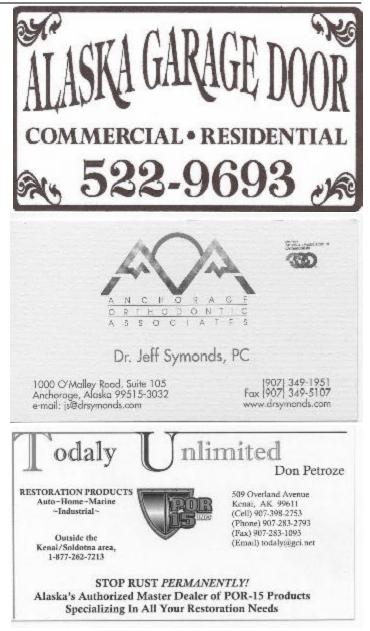
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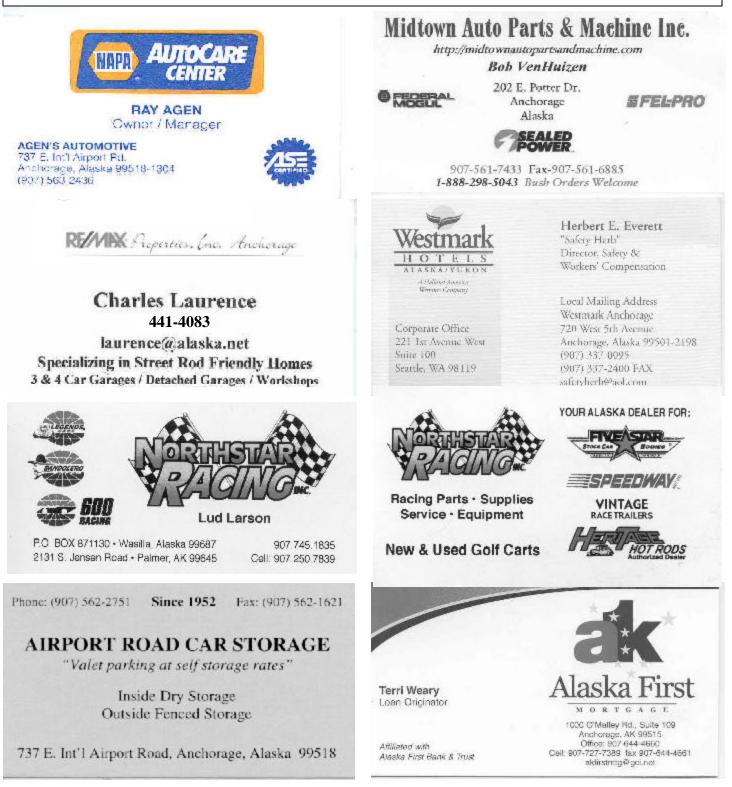
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