

Sun Runner

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Cheap!

Colony Windy Day's

About 30 cars showed up for the annual Colony Days Car Show. Last year it rained and this year we had wind but it was still a good car show.

They changed the awards format and only gave one award, the Mayor's Choice. John Combs, the Mayor, was in the hospital and wasn't able to select the award so the Dusty Silva, President of the Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce, stepped in and picked Ben Holeman's green '57 Chevy.

Ben not only received a plaque and Nova River Rafting tour for two, but his picture will go on a trophy that will be displayed in the Visitor's Center until next year's show. Way to go Ben



Ben Holeman receives his trophy from Dusty Silva.

PIGNIC

Lenny & Anne Olson will once again host their annual PIGNIC after the Bear Paw Parade on July 15. Lenny will BBQ a pig and we're all asked to bring something.

To help decide what to bring, MOPAR owners can bring appetizers, GM owners side dishes, and Ford owners desserts. All others bring what you want. Be sure an bring a chair, if you want to sit down, and something to drink.

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

7:00 PM

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

Kelly Cup Champion Parade

Unless you've been living in the Bush with out any form of news, the Alaska Aces went from last place and bankruptcy to winning the Kelly Cup Championship - WOW! What a hockey team this year!

Anchorage threw a big celebration when they returned with a short parade to the Sullivan Area. There was a convertible for each player. Some were Corvettes, some were antiques, and a few were MSSRA members.

Vern McKinzie was there with his '56 Chevy ragtop; Jerry Miller brought out his '59 Cadillac convertible; Bill Crawford in his German Corvette, a '60 Karmann Ghia; and Ben Holeman was there with his '57 Chevy convertible.

If you had a car in the parade and you're not mentioned here, let the Sun Runner know and we'll include you next month.

Something to do

- Jun 24 - Pioneer Home Ride Along
Meet at the Anchorage Pioneer Home and give a few Seniors a ride.
Contact Bruce Main for details
- Jun 24-25 - 2nd Annual Fairbanks Racing Lions Car & Motor Sports Show
Tanana Valley Fairgrounds
Something for everyone, Drive In Movie, Sock Hop, TOP Fuel Crackle Fest Contact
Mike Brooks at 907 452-3833
- Jul 1 Diversified Tire Car Show
BUTT KICKIN BURN OUT CONTEST & BBQ! - NorthStar Speedway
a Valley Cruiser event
- Jul 4 - Independence Day Parades
in Seward, Anchorage, & Chugiak
- Jul 6 - National Veterans Wheelchair Games
Town Square on 5th and E Street 5 PM to 10 PM
- Jul 8 MSSRA - Talkeetna Cruise
(Alternate destinations include Eureka Lodge or Hope)
Meet at the Sears Parking Lot at 9:30 am and Depart at 10 AM
- Jul 9 Palmer VA & Pioneer Home Dedication 2 to 4 pm
Meet at the Eagle River Fred Meyers at 11:30 pm and depart at 1:00 PM.
- Jul 14 - Bear Paw Car Show
Eagle River, 6 pm to 9 pm
- Jul 15 - Bear Paw Parade
Eagle River
- Jul 15 - Lenny & Anne's Pig Pic
Lenny cooks the pig, we bring a side dish
- Jul 22 - Corvette Club Ronald McDonald Cruise
Meet at McDonalds (Corner of Dimond & Jewel Lake) and travel to Hutchings
Chevrolet in Soldotna for BBQ & Car Show
an Anchorage Corvette Association event
- Jul 22 - Bill Banta Memorial Car Show
Peninsula Ford, Soldotna
- Jul 22 - Mountain View Auto Supply Car Show – Wasilla
a Valley Cruiser event
- Jul 29 - Elks Car Show
Eagle River Elks Lodge Noon to 4 PM
an Anchorage Corvette Association event
- Aug 3-6 - 37th Annual NSRA Street Rod Nationals
Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville KY
- Aug 5 - Pre-Show & Shine Car Show
McDonalds on Diamon at Jewel Lake
- Aug 6 - 28th Annual Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine
on the Anchorage Park Strip
- Aug 9 - MDA Summer Camp
Birchwood Airport
- Aug 12 - Fall Auto Parts Swap Meet
Contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
- Aug 12 - Hot Summer Nights
Palmer 6 pm to 10 pm
A Valley Cruiser's Event
- Aug 19 - MSSRA Eureka Lodge Cruise
(Alternate destinations include Hope or Talkeetna)
Meet at the Sears Parking Lot at 9:30 am and Depart at 10 AM
- Aug 25 - HANGOVER CRUISE
A Valley Cruiser's Event

For a complete listing of 2006 events, check out our web site!

A word of thanks

Nat Gardner would like to express her gratitude for all the kind cards and kind words regarding recent passing of her father. They were greatly appreciated.

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Ray Elleven, Editor

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Pres Sez

by
Bob Pillion



We are about to lose two couples that rank among the top supportive and active members in the MSSRA. Jim and Sandi will be moving to the Colorado Springs area as soon as they can get their things together and close on their house currently around for June 15th. Steve and Janet Hill will also be leaving us for the lower 48 going to Indiana.

We all want to wish them well on their upcoming move and start of another chapter in their lives. Both couples have added so much to the success of the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association through their energy and their desire to help. They have been a large part of every event this club puts on. They probably have more Thursday cruises under their belt than any ten members. They always showed up, rain or shine and often were one of a very few participants.

Both Jim and Steve have always been available to help others mechanically and I include myself in that large group. Their automotive skills seem to have no limits, which matches their desire to help others.

Sandi has come up with some great ideas like the Beach Party, recently celebrating its 4th year. And for the ideas that she proposes, she actively supports and elicits others support as well.

Janet has been there right along side helping make sure we look like we know etiquette. I'm having a hard time envisioning the Show & Shine or the Rumble or the Thursday Night Cruises without these folks or their great cars. In the few years that I have been with the club, I've felt honored to know both of these couples and be a small part of their car-club life. They will be sorely missed as they prepare to move on to their next adventure. On behalf of the entire MSSRA, I wish them well and welcome them back anytime.

AN OLD FARMER'S ADVICE

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Life Members	10
Members	163
Total Members as of December 31, 2005	191
New Members Since January 1, 2006	15
Members Dropped	27
Total Members as of June 15, 2006	179

New Members This Month

Robert & Adeln Thompson	'47 Dodge WC
	'71 Chevy PU
David & Victoria Walkonen	'82 Camero
John & Sheila Beard	'57 Ford T-Bird
	'66 Corvette
	'66 Mustang

Prospects

None at this time

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 MidnightSunSRA@yahoo.com. He can mail it to you or e-mail it in a PDF format.

NSRA REP

by Ed Park



I am making it official that I am moving from Alaska in July to the state of Missouri. June 30 will be my last official day as the Alaska NSRA State Representative. I have enjoyed being on the car scene with all of you. I will be working with Fred Williams, NSRA Northwest Division Director, in selecting my replacement. Please watch for the notice in STREETSCENE and apply if you are interested.

I am very pleased in how the car scene has evolved in our area and I believe it is in good hands.

See you on the street, ED Park

Ramblins

Check out the article is about the Beach Barons "Run to the End of the World" event of the June edition of CruZin magazine. On page 37 you'll find a picture of MSSRA Graham, Washington members Bill & Mari Hite's 502 powered 54 Chevy. Nice ride! . . . Rumor has it Mini Cooper driver Pedro Perez bought a Ford Powered '23 T-Bucket. When we gonna see it on cruise night?

It's Been a Good Ride

When Jim Sumner came to Alaska in 1968, he left behind a 1922 Dodge Roaster he was building to look like a T-Bucket. During those growing up years he owned several cool cars including a '41 Chevy, '54 Ford, and a not so cool '58 Rambler. Well the time has come to go back to Colorado and finish that project.

Jim joined the Air Force in 1967, came to Alaska in 1968, and like many GIs often do after their enlistment is up, stayed in Alaska. He has made a career of working on cars and trucks for the military. During those early years of raising a family, he didn't have the time to continue playing with cars so the toys had to take a back seat.

That all changed in the mid 1990's. Jim became single, he met Sandi, they were married in 1995, and his life hasn't been the same since. Sandi came to Alaska from Reno, Nevada the year before. It was at this time Jim was able to get back to playing with cars. It was Sandi who convinced Jim to join MSSRA in the fall of 1995. Shortly there after, they bought Bernie Edwards 1953 Studebaker. They were a common sight at various car



Jim & Sandi Sumner next to their '35 Chevy Coupe.

events with their Studebaker. Jim later built a '35 Chevy Coupe that was big attention getter and award winner. Jim built the complete car except for the flames.

Together, Jim & Sandi made quite the team promoting MSSRA at every opportunity. They were at almost every Thursday Night Cruise and even started a few new events. It was Jim & Sandi who started the Beach Party held in February each year. When Ray Elleven mentioned we should do something on Summer Solstices, the longest day of the year, they started the Rumble. And it was Sandi who came up with the first major sponsor for the Annual Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine. Their contributions to MSSRA are greatly appreciated.

The Alaskan winters get long and the time comes when it's time to fly south. Jim and Sandi have moved to Florissant, Colorado, about four miles from where he grew up. They plan to build a new home with a VERY BIG SHOP where Jim can finish building that 1922 Dodge he started on over 40 years ago.

We'll all miss the both of you and wish you the best of luck in the future.

GENTLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY...

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.



This 1922 Dodge was built to look like a T-Bucket by Jim Sumner's cousin Bob. Jim has an identical car he started in the 1960's and plans to finish with in the next year.

Another Member Heads South

Steve and Janet Hill moved to Alaska from Indian with four kids and no money in 1973, right after they got married. When they arrived in Alaska, Janet went to work for the Capt Cook while Steve did his best Daniel Boone imitation living the Alaska life of a hunter, fisherman, and trapper. He later went on play with airplanes and study astrology. There's not a star in the sky he can't name.

The car bug bit Steve in the late 1980's when he bought a 1955 Chevy two door post. He fixed it up to be a nice car. He later built his award winning 1929 Model A with an early Hemi engine that is his pride and joy. Once it was finished, he sold the '55 Chevy and built a V6 powered Willy Wagon which was his work car for a few years.

Ed Park, who Steve had known for several years, encouraged Steve and Janet join MSSRA in 1991. Since



Steve & Janet Hill with their Hemi Powered Model A.

then, Steve has been a Member-At-Large on the Board of Directors several times and a major helper at any event he attended. Janet was often right there with him registering cars or doing whatever was necessary. When food was involved, she made sure it was the best presentations any car club could expect.

Janet recently retired from the Capt Cook after 33 years and the time has come to fly south. Steve and Janet, who came to Alaska with four kids and no money, are leaving Alaska for Indiana with no kids, a dog, and a lot of money. Their leaving is a loss to MSSRA and a gain to the club they join in Indiana. They will be greatly missed.



Steve & Janet Hill's blue '55 Chevy.

Hope Curise

A few members made the long distance cruise to Hope. It was a great trip, only rained very lightly near Portage. On the way out of town they were puzzled why a tour bus flashed his lights at them. They later learned Ed Park was driving the tour bus returning from Seward with a load of tourist.

The Hope Cutoff has been repaved and the drive is gorgeous. Once in Hope they had lunch at the Discovery restaurant, cruised through the camp ground, and headed back to Anchorage.

On the way back just north of Girdwood, they again spotted Ed heading back to Seward with another load of tourist. Now we know why he didn't make the cruise.

Talkeetna will be the next long distance cruise on July 8.



On the trip this year were Fred & Janet Scherman, '80 El Camino; Bjarne & Robin Holm, '95 Vette; Dueane & Dorris Clausen, '06 Mustang; Dave & Margo Smith, '96 Vette; and Ray Elleven '59 El Camino. Photo by Doris Clausen.

Check It Out Auto Car Show

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.



Peoples Choice & Best Original
Tim Smith, 1967 VW Bus



Best Hot Rod
Dave & Terry Erikainen, 1932 Ford



A big THANKS to our hosts Mike and Alison for a great event.



Best Muscle Car
Kim Nissen, 1968 Camaro



Best Pick UP
Reggy Russel, 1997 Escalade Pickup



Best Sports Car
Ray Agen, 1999 Viper

Hooter's Car Show Winners



People's Choice
Tim Bitter, 1968 SS RR Camaro



Most Potential
Ted Cadman, 1941 Chevy



Hooter's Girls Pick
Dave Erikainen, 1923 T-Bucket

Memorial Day Car Show

We truly thank you for all of your participation Monday, Memorial Day, at Sam's Club for the Ronald McDonald House fund raiser. I think at one point we had right at 40 cars which was a pretty impressive sight. Lots of folks who were shopping at Sam's got an extra added treat of seeing some gorgeous cars.

We thank you for giving up a gorgeous day that you could have been out riding around in instead of setting in a parking lot. Working together is a lot of fun and you get to meet all kinds of people that way and see so many different types of cars.

Thank you for your support, your enthusiasm and your friendship.

Dave & Margo, Co-Presidents
Anchorage Corvette Association, Inc.

4th of July

Author Unknown

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his



Hot Rod
Kelly Schittenhelm
1971 Dodge Charger

Ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Ellery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the Brit-



People's Choice
Gary Enriquez, 1949 Buick



Sports Car
Margo Smith
2003 Corvette Convertible

ish General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters.

He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few years.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: freedom is never free!

Cruise Night Draws National Photographer

Jim Handy, a freelance photographer for Street Rodder, Custom Rodder, and Custom Classic Trucks magazines, was in vacationing in Alaska recently and wanted to see a few Alaska cars. Luckily, he was in town on a Thursday so a few of the club members picked up Jim and his wife Sandy, along with his in-laws Ed & Judy Dillon for our Thursday Night Cruise.

Once at the cruise, he was impressed with the number of quality cars and that our cruises are open events with members of the Air Cooled VW Club, Antique Auto Musers, Anchorage Corvette Association, and folks who were not members of any club.

After photographing several cars and trucks, we cruised through downtown on our way to Tommy's Burger Stop. After a great burger, it was off to West High School with four cars he picked for possible feature articles. The cars picked were Ray Agen's '52 Chevy Pickup; Geri Gillespie's '54 Ford; Tom Reed's '39 Chevy Coup; and Larry Sawyer's '69 Camaro.

Jim stated that the articles about the cruise with the appropriate pictures will be submitted to each of the three magazines he represents as well as the feature articles. "There's no guarantee the articles will be published, but if they are published, it could be any time over the next three years," he said. "So check out the magazines every month." We hope Jim and his family had a wonderful Alaskan vacation.



Jim and his family were driven to Cruise Night is cool cars by MSSRA member. Pictured from left to right are Ray Agen, '36 Ford Coupe; Ed & Judy Dillon, Sandy & Ed Handy; Butch VonLohhoffel, '66 Cyclone; Bob Pillion, '66 Rivera; Duane Cluases, '71 El Camino.

After the Parade Picnic



Otto & Gerri Binder opened their Cadillac Ranch for their annual After the Parade Picnic which was attended by MSSRA members and neighbors of the Binders. It was a great afternoon of food, car talk, and socializing in general. Thanks to Otto & Gerri for their outstanding hospitality.

UAA Car Show

While most of us were at the Northway Mall for the Kool Kruise, a few folks when over to the University of Alaska to watch seven teams of high school automotive shop student compete in the State Wide AAA Auto Student Skills Competition. The teams were given 2006 Ford Escapes with identical problems and the team solving the problems first was declared the winner and continues to National competition.

After the competition, there was a small car show and good food. Cars in attendance included the Motor Musers with about five cars, Dave and Terry Erikainen with their '32 Ford Coupe and '23 T-Bucket, Steve Hill and his Model A, Neil Noll with his '50 Ford Pickup, KB Bettisworth with his '54 GMC, and Shawn Hennsser and his '55 Chevy Pick up. Our own Wayne Morrison won People's Choice with his '33 Ford Sedan.

GOOD ADVICE & OTHER TIDBITS

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and leaky tire.

Pioneer Home Ride Along

On Saturday June 24, we will be at the Anchorage Pioneer Home to give a few seniors a ride around downtown and the Park Strip in our cool cars. We have six cars signed up and would like to have four more. If you would like to participate, contact our Vice President and event chair Bruce Main at 344-1947. The exact time of the event hasn't been decided so keep an eye out for a Sun Spam.

2006 Thursday Night Cruise Schedule

- 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 KB Bettisworth at 276-7862

Date	Destination
Jun 22	International House of Pancakes
Jun 29	Arctic Road Runner on Old Seward Hwy
Jul 6	Evangelo's in Wasilla
Jul 13	McDonalds on Jewel Lake
Jul 20	North Slope Restaurant
Jul 27	Chair 5, Girdwood
Aug 3	Local Park Picnic (Locations TBA)
Aug 10	The Jerry Miller Collection
Aug 17	McDonalds on Lake Otis
Aug 24	Pizza by Guido's
Aug 31	The Bar-B-Q Pit
Sep 7	Tastee Freez
Sep 14	Peggy's Café
Sep 21	Romano's

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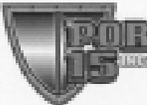
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