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Christmas Party

The MSSRA Annual Christmas Party will be returning to Eddies Sports Bar at 6300 Old Seward just south of Dowling. It will be on Thursday December 21. The evening kicks off with an Attitude Adjustment Hour at 6 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM.

On the menu will consist of salad, veggie roll, baked potato, halibut and prime rib served buffet style. All of this for only \$26.00 per person.

After dinner we will announce our MAMA (Most Active Member Award) winner. This is a traveling award, which was won last year by Nat Gardner, 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, Butch VonLolhoffel, to a member who had car trouble during an organized event this year. This was a rough year with seven candidates for the award.

• Steve Hill who had an oil leak returning home from NSRA Appreciation Day

- Ed Park engine died on the way home from NSRA Appreciation Day
- Rick Nissan who lost a valve train in his '68 Camaro at the KOOL Kruz
- Nathan & LuAnn Victory Ran out of gas after Wee Bee's Thursday Night Cruise
- Ted Cadman who lost a transmission on this years first Thursday Night Cruise
- Tim Smith who blew an engine in his Karman Gia after the Rumble
- Ben Koerber who ran out of gas in his '55 Dodge after the Rumble
- And Tim Smith again who lost an axle bearing in his '66 VW Bus on his way to Hot Summer Nights.

If you know of other candidates for the Rubber Hammer Award, contact Butch and let him know.

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 at least \$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.

After the Auction, hang around and dance your feet off to sounds of Bruke Faulk and the Blue Dog Band.

Contact Ben Holeman at 337-7345 if you need more information.

Next Meeting

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2006 7:00 PM

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Something to do

- Nov 28 Election of Officers
- Dec 21 - MSSRA Christmas Part at Eddies Sports Bar

2007 EVENTS

- Mar 18-9 - Alaska Motorcycle Show Egen Convention Center
- Apr 27-29 - Alaska Custom Car & Cycle at the Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center located in Eagle River Presented by Performance Promotions 566-2346
- May 5 - Spring Auto Parts Swap Meet, 9 am to 4 pm Contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
- May 4-5 - Fairbanks Alaska Hot Rides & Chopper Show Presented by Performance Promotions 566-2346
- May 12 - NSRA Appreciation Day Car Quest in Eagle River
- May 19 - KOOL Cruise Meet at the Northway Mall 8:00 AM then at Noon Cruise to Alaska Raceway Park
- Jun 8 - Colony Day's Car Show 6 pm to 9 pm Palmer
- Jun 9 - Colony Day's Parade Downtown Palmer
- Jun 21 - Summer Solstices Rumble 5 pm to 10 pm at Mirror Lake
- Jul 4 - Independence Day Parades in Seward, Anchorage, & Chugiak
- Jul 13 - Bear Paw Car Show Eagle River, 6 pm to 9 pm
- Jul 14 - Bear Paw Parade Eagle River
- Jul 14 - Lenny & Anne's 7th Annual Pig Nic Lenny cooks the pig, we bring a side dish
- Jul 22 - Corvette Club Ronald McDona
- Aug 4 - Pre-Show & Shine Car Show McDonalds on Diamon at Jewel Lake
- Aug 5 - 29th Annual Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine on the Anchorage Park Strip
- Aug 8 - MDA Summer Camp Birchwood Airport
- Aug 11 - Fall Auto Parts Swap Meet Contact Victor Knott at 349-7228
- Aug 11 - Hot Summer Nights Palmer 6 pm to 10 pm a Valley Cruzer's Event
- Sep 8 - Freedom Flag Run a Valley Cruzer's Event

Department of Corrections

Last months Sun Runner failed to mention that Suz Troutman won Best Classic with her '57 Chevy.

Bill Hudman was the winner of the Rejected Award and the Burn Out Contest.

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Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building?
Yes - a building can't jump at all!

Pres Sez

by
Bob Pillion



Hello everybody. Here we are closing in on the end of another year. It's been a fast year for me and here it is voting time already. The nomination committee has a list of potential nominees for all to choose from for the upcoming year. I am hoping we have a good turnout for the November membership meeting to help make this a fun and spirited vote. Remember, vote early and often.

Recently some of our club members took advantage of Jerry Miller's good graces and took him up on the invitation to the Thursday Night at the Fights. Jerry has offered a table for the remaining Thursday Night Fights for 2006 with the proceeds of that table going to the Ronald McDonald House. Let us know if you're interested.

Our Christmas Party is fast approaching and will be held at Eddies Sports Bar on the old Seward Highway. Put December 21st on your calendar. That's a Thursday night and I hope to see many of you there. Please call Ben Holeman if you have any questions about the Christmas Party. Also, please help us all by supporting the Christmas Party and by coming out to vote.

If you haven't heard yet we lost Corky Alkestad recently. I want to extend my warmest regards and deepest empathies to Corky's family and friends. Corky was a long time classic car enthusiasm like many of us and will be sorely missed.

As always, remember to keep the shiny side up.

Thursday Night Fights

Jim Patton Promotions and Jerry Miller have given MSSRA a table with 10 seats for each and every Thursday Night Fight this season. MSSRA plans to sell those seats, a value of \$30 per seat, and donate it to a charity.

If you would like to join a group or book the whole table, contact our President Bob Pillion.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Life Members	10
Members	163
Total Members as of December 31, 2005	191
New Members Since January 1, 2006	32
Members Dropped	25
Total Members as of November 15, 2006	198

New Members This Month
None

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.

2007 Elections

Duane Clausen chaired this year's nomination committee and came up with a potential slate of officers for the November election.

Bruce Main has been nominated for President. Bruce has previous served as Vice President, Treasurer, and has been active in many club activities.

There are two candidates for Vice Present. Last years' President and two time Vice President Bob Pillion wants his old job back. Bob has also been active on many of the club activities.

Challenging Bob is three time previous Vice President is Nat Gardner who has also been very active in club activities and twice winner of the Most Active Member Award.

Butch VonLolhoffel will be running for his second term as Treasurer. Guess he doesn't have his new garage finished.

Wayne Morrison announced he will not seek a second term as Secretary and the Nomination Committee has not recommended a candidate.

There you have it, the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee. Now this doesn't prevent anyone else from being nominated at the November meeting, in fact, the more candidates the better. And, nominees need not be present to win, if you don't want to be nominated for Secretary, be there to defend yourself.

Corky Aklestad 1941 - 2006

MSSRA member and lifelong Palmer resident Gordon Lee "Corky" Aklestad, 65, died Nov. 13, 2006, at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage after a brief illness.

Born July 7, 1941, Cork born and raised in Palmer. He went on to have a successful career in the auto parts industry with APEC and NAPA for 40 years. He was best-known for his commitment to his family, his success in business, his wide array of hobbies, including flying, going to the family cabin, motor home trips, visiting, staying busy with (many) projects ... and spending time with his many friends and family.

Cork had several classic cars but he is best know by MSSRA members for his collection of '57 Fords which included a turquoise retraceable, a black convertible once owned by Reggie Jackson and was the last KFQD Sticker Car, and his latest '57, a black and white police car replica.

"His community service could be seen in his commitment to the Palmer chapters of both the Moose and Elks Lodges. He was always extremely generous when



Corky with his '57 Ford Police Car replica before the "Donut Patrol" logo was painted on the doors.

asked to help with any charity or fundraiser that supported his community. He will be sincerely missed by family and friends from all over the country."

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 41 years, Jane; mother, Lorraine Hermon; stepfather, Fritz Hermon; siblings and spouses, Ronald and Judy Aklestad and Karen and Jimmie McNeese; children and spouses, Darren and Christine Aklestad of Katy, Texas; daughter, Lisa and Eric Peterson of Seattle and Grant and Susie Dunnigan of Palmer; grandchildren, Laurel, Gunnar, Kai and Hannah; and many nieces and nephews.

Donations may be directed to the Arthritis Foundation and Boy Scouts of America.

Cruise Wrap Up

KB and Robin Bettisworth and their crew did a great job organizing this years' Thursday Night Cruises and two events really standout. When one of the locations cancelled on us, Lone Star Steak House called at the last minute and they were able to accommodate 35 hungry street rodders on short notice and give a gift certificate for our drawing. We even had reserved parking! Thanks Lone Star.

The final cruise was at Ramon's and what a final it was. Nick the manager not only gave a \$20 gift certificate for our regular drawing but raised the bar another level by checking out the cool cars in the parking lot and giving another gift certificate to his favorite car, on the parking lot - a blue '55 Chevy! Thanks Ramon's.

2007 MSSR Calendars Available



The 2007 limited edition calendar is now available for only \$3.00. This year's committee chair took all the photos and with the help of his committee came up with 12 outstanding photos.

Art work accomplished by Sergei Shirayayev who really gave this year's calendar a flair onto its own.

Get yours at the next meeting, the Christmas party, or by contacting one of the officers.

NSRA REP

by Lenny Olson



Everyone is doing there winter projects now so, what better time to have a safety inspection. While your car is down and you have it all apart, call your NSRA Safety Inspector or myself to come over and look at where you have run your brake lines and fuel lines etc., Either Paul Moll or I can answer your questions and maybe even help, (Paul don't shoot me yet).

The November 2006 Street Scene column Safety First by Dan DeBono brings up a story that isn't trying to get you to by new tires every 5 years, but make you aware that something could happen.

Seemingly good tires over 5 years old have been known to come apart suddenly, sometimes with catastrophic results. This has prompted the NSRA Safety Division to make everyone aware of a potential problem.

There is a date code stamped on the inside edge of the tire next to the rim. Find the raised capital letters DOT cast into your tire. A following series of letters identifies the manufacturer and plant then the next series of numbers are the week and year of manufacture. The code before 2000 is three digits and 2000 and after four digits. For Example: 015 - the first week of 1995, 1705 - the seventeenth week of 2005.

It seems that after about five years of age the problem starts to increasingly show up. Visit the following website: wikipedia.org/wiki/tire_code for more information.

NEWSFLASH

Just got confirmation from The News Group that beginning with the upcoming Christmas issue of CruZin' Magazine they will distribute at Fred Meyer, Military Exchange Main Stores, Wal Marts, and local bookstores.

The November/December issue, January/February issue and the March/April issue will have Alaska event coverage. Get your copy when they hit the newsstands or better yet, subscribe today by sending a \$25 check to CruZin' Magazine, PO Box 774, Freeland, WA 98249 or call 360 331-3953 for a credit card order.

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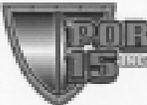
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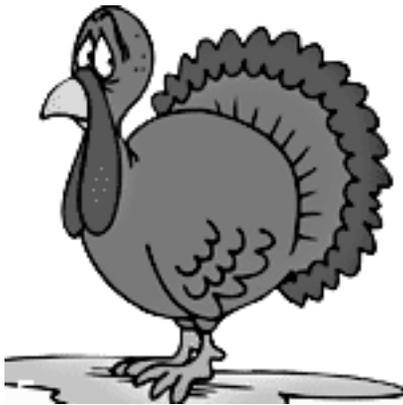
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