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CHEEP!

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Ben Holeman

Mark your Calendar... December 20th.

It's that time again for our annual and biggest non car event of the year so mark your calendar for this December 20, 2008.

This year our Christmas Party will be held in "*Creek Side Saloon*" at the *Sourdough Mining Company* located right behind the Peanut Farm on Juneau Street. Call 563-2272 if you get lost.

Our special menu will be served "Family Style" and include Cole Slaw, Garlic Buttered New potatoes, KORN FRITTERS, a non-alcohol beverage and the Ice Cream Sunday Bar.

Cost per person is \$27.50.

Almost forgot ... also includes Baby Back Ribs, Barbecue Chicken, Baked Alaska Halibut and the

Last Meeting for '08
November 25, 2008
7:00 pm

See page 3 for more information

PARTY!



gratuity.

REMEMBER: Not only is this a fun dinner with door prizes (you will be given tickets at the door when you pay) but our esteemed member, The CarNut himself, Mr. Ray Eleven has offered (appointed) to run the Annual Chinese Auction and act as Master of Ceremonies...

So bring a gift (25.00 Maximum) and join the fun of the auction.. It is a BLAST!!! Made me almost cry last year... Thanks to Butch, Ray, Lenny and others....

The doors open at 5:30 and dinner is served at 6:30 pm followed by the Chinese Auction, announcements and awards...

Hope to see you there...

Ben
Event chair



PS I am looking for someone to take pictures during the event for the next SunRunner.

CALENDAR

November

Nov 25 - Last MSSRA Meeting for 2008!

December

Dec 20 - MSSRA Christmas Party

Dec 25 - Merry Christmas!

Have an upcoming event?

Know of something happening?

Tell us! Send an Email to

akchevygirl@mtaonline.net

Have a good
Thanksgiving!

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Heather Ann Heusser, Editor

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PREZ SEZ

OK, it's that time of year again - Elections are here!!! I just found out that the seat for President is open and since I did not get nominated, I'm not running for that office, so the Nov. meeting should be exciting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the privilege and the honor of being the President this last year. Although I don't think I did a very good job, I found out that I'm more of a follower than a leader, guess that's why I'm not the manager at Freddie's after 26 years!! So, if you don't want to be elected for something, BE THERE!!!

ELECTIONS ARE HERE!

At the Next meeting, we will be nominating and voting for officers for the 2009 year. If you like to run for President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasure, be at the Tuesday meeting and let your desires be known. If don't want to be nominated, be at there and defend your self.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2007

Total Members as of Jan 2, 2007	196
Life Members	13
New Members	35
Members Dropped	30
Total Members as of Dec 31, 2007	201

Want a list of all the members? A list with phone numbers, addresses, etc.? They are available free of charge to members only for non-commercial purposes. Call Ray Elleven at 337-5860 or e-mail him at Midnight Sun-SRA@yahoo.com. He can snail mail you a hard copy or e-mail it to you in PDF format.

VANITY PLATES



If you see a cool plate, snap a picture and send it to the *Sun Runner*. Remember to include who the owner is and vehicle.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Sun Runner welcomes and even encourages letters to the editor. Go to a great event? Tell us about it! Having engine problems? Lets solve it! Think I'm off my rocker and don't like something you read? Tell me! Please include your name and contact information upon submittal to: akchevy-girl@mtaonline.net



IM DOWNFALLS

Shawn Heusser

OK so what does the IM mean for starters. I stands for inspection, and M is for Maintenance. It is not E for emissions test; it is I for inspection test. It was designed to keep not sound vehicles off the road, weather that being a badly running engine or a set of brakes that needed to be replaced. When was the last time you failed because the brakes were warn out, or you were warned of a bad break light bulb? The test has revolved to an emissions test and that is only. Ok so if it is only an emissions test that is ok too, but then keep it to emissions. If a car passes the emissions test then it should not matter what engine is in the car. There is 3 parts to the Emissions test: 1 is functional, which means all the components work as they are suppose to. 2. is visual inspection, where they pick apart everything under the hood. 3 is emissions, where the vehicle is put on a machine and tested, usually to its maximum output.

Example: 1988 ford with a brand new (rebuilt by professional) engine. This engine is the same engine that came out of the truck from the factory. It is all stock but the camshaft that was installed was for a 351 engine not a 302 engine. This is a common thing to do, the engine has to run the 351 firing order but everything else is the same. The engine was running great and clean and passes the #3 test, output is way below its limits. It passes the functional test everything is working properly. But it fails the Visual test, the spark plug wires are not in the correct order and it fails the test. Cost to repair is \$750.00 - the engine has to be removed from the truck, the engine has to be taken apart and the camshaft has to be replaced. This is a brand new engine with no miles on it, running perfectly, but looks funny to the referee.

1984 Chevy truck with a brand new 350 bought and installed by the dealer, VIN code S. Again passes the emissions test 3, passes the functional test, everything is running great with this engine. Fails the visual test because this truck was suppose to have a code W engine installed. The difference

between the S and the W engine is the W was \$250.00 more and is a 4 bolt block over the 2 bolt block installed in the truck by the dealer. Both were 1984 replacement 350 engines but one had the wrong letter stamped in the block. Cost to fix the problem \$2,500.00 - new engine required.

1972 Chevy suburban. All original everything is there. The engine is tired, runs ok but it has to pass the emissions test only. From 1967 through 1974 the vehicle has to pass the tail pipe only not a visual test, from 75 and newer they have the full test. Ok so this engine is bellowing blue smoke runs ok and passes the test because they are not looking for burning oil they are worried about the engine fuel burning (hydrocarbons) not Oil.

So the test has failed what it was intended to do, and now even fails to keep bad running engines off the streets.

ENGINE IQ TEST

Take the online Engine IQ test at:

<http://www.americantorque.com/game/engine-id/>



A RECOVERING SOLDIER

Heather Ann Heusser

There have been some e-mails flying around about the "Recovering Soldier" program and whether or not the Christmas card program works or not. Well some good news! After some research on Snops.com and Walter Reed Army Medical Center's web site I have an answer! The following is directly from Walter Reed's web site.

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a national "Holiday Mail for Heroes" campaign to receive and distribute holiday cards to service members and veterans both in the United States and abroad.

Holiday Mail for Heroes, which began Tuesday, Veterans Day, is a follow-up to the 2007 effort that resulted in the collection and distribution of more than 600,000 cards to hospitalized service members. This year's program will expand its reach to not only wounded service members but also veterans and their families. The goal is to collect and distribute 1 million pieces of holiday mail.

"As we enter this holiday season-a time to celebrate with family and friends-it's important to

remember the thousands of men and women who serve our nation in harm's way and those who are recovering in military and veterans hospitals," said Army Col. Norvell V. Coots, commander, Walter Reed Health Care System. "The Holiday Mail for Heroes program is a wonderful outreach effort and a great way to acknowledge the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform."

Holiday cards should be mailed to:

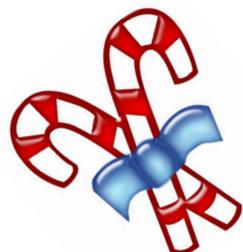
Holiday Mail for Heroes
P.O. Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD. 20791-5456

All cards must be postmarked no later than Dec. 10. Cards should not be mailed or delivered to Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

For more information, visit www.wramc.amedd.army.mil or www.redcross.org/holidaymail for Holiday Mail for Heroes program guidelines. Walter Reed is not accepting mail addressed to "A Recovering American Soldier."



**Don't Forget the
Christmas Party
December 20th!**



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 Heather Ann Heusser, Editor of the Sun Runner, at akchevygirl@mtaonline.net or call her at 841-5312. All phone numbers listed are area code 907 unless otherwise noted.

1967 SS Camaro - has been parked for 20 years and from the research I've done is a numbers matching 67 SS, asking \$14,000.00. Call Tony 345-0103 (09/08)



asking \$1,750.00. Call Tony 345-0103 (09/08)



1964 Buick Skylark - Red with a big block that has been partially disassembled but all the chrome appears to be there, asking \$1,250.00. Call Tony 345-0103 (09/08)



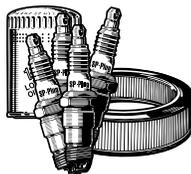
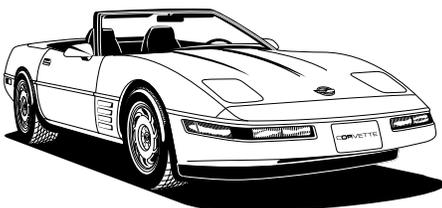
1930 Ford 2 DR Phaeton - GM Torch Red, Chassis by Chassie Engineering, 350 Chevy with 350 turbo transmission, Ron Francis wiring, VDO gages, Geni Shifter, AM/FM/CD stereo system, Ford 8" rear end, Jet Coated headers, tweed custom interior, and dual tanks. Car is very clean top to bottom. Car is in California and shipping to Seattle is possible. Asking \$35,000. Call Harold Rounds at 909 936-1840 days or 909 795-8787 nights. Additional photos on the MSSRA Web site at www.MidnightSunSRA.org (08/08)

Winter Driver - '74 Ford F150 4X4, less than 2,000 on new 390, new clutch, rebuilt 4 speed trans, front disc, rear drum, body sort of rough, \$1,800. OBO Barry at 952-9603



1976 F-250 - "Old Yeller" has been in the family forever and only has 118,000 original miles,

Do you have any goodies that need a new home? Last minute post-summer project cleaning. Send us an e-mail and we'll post them here in the next issue and even online!



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