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CHEEP!

BEACH PARTY TIME

It is really cold outside and we are all dreaming of the beach. So dig out your best Alaskan beach outfit and compete for prizes at the 7th Annual MS-SRA Beach Party.

When: Saturday, February 13, 2009
Where: Eagle River VFW
Time: 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00 (to cover costs)

This is a potluck (the club will provide ham and chicken) so please:

VW owners bring an appetizer
GM owners bring a sala
MOPAR owners bring a casserole or side dish
Ford or Ford product owners bring a casserole
or side dish
Corvette owners bring a dessert

If you own more than one manufacture of car, pick your favorite car and bring whatever fits that car's category.

After dinner we will have costume contests and games. If you are willing to donate prizes for the winners of these contests, or you have any questions regarding the Beach Party, please call Neil Noll at 248-6009.



Ben giving the check to Sandy Baker, Executive Director.

Next Meeting
January 20th 2010
7:00 PM

CALENDAR

January

Jan 1 - Happy New Years!

Jan 20 - MSSRA Monthly Meeting
At the Anchorage Senior Center

February

Feb 13 - Beach Party
Eagle River VFW, a MSSRA event

Feb 17 - Monthly MSSRA Meeting
At the Anchorage Senior Center

Feb 27 - Fur Rondy Parade
Downtown Anchorage, an Anchorage Fur Rondy event
www.furrondy.net

Feb 27-28 - Fur Rondy Car Show
Northway Mall, an Antique Auto Musher's event
<http://groups.msn.com/AntiqueAutoMushersofAlaska>

March

Mar 6-7 - Antique Tractor & Toy Show
A&M Motors, an Antique Power Club event

Mar 6-7 - Vintage Military Vehicle Show
Anchorage Chrysler Dodge Center

Mar 6-7 - Fur Rondy Grand Prix
3rd and E Downtown Anchorage

Mar 17 - MSSRA Monthly Meeting
At the Anchorage Senior Center

April

Apr 9-11 - NSRA Southwest Street Rod Nationals
State Fair Park Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
an NSRA event, www.nsra-usa.com

April 22 - Thursday Night Cruise Returns!
Location TBA

Have an upcoming event? Know of something happening?

Tell us! Send an E-mail to akchevygirl@mtaonline.net

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FROM THE “HI” CHAIR

Happy new year everyone. I would like to thank all of the people who volunteered to be members of the board this year, especially those that got elected! I would also like to thank Ben for being Pres last year, as well as Butch and Ray for serving as long as they have, they certainly deserve a break. I would also like to give a special thanks to Heather for continuing on in producing our newsletter.

I had a good time at the Christmas party; we have a date booked for the Sourdough Mining Co. for next year. I would like to thank Ben, KB, Lenny and Ray for their efforts putting on such a nice event.

I look forward to another wonderful year of events with car people, hopefully I'll be able to see more of the summer this year without it being framed by the garage door (a little humor there folks). I certainly hope the weather is as nice as last year for all the outdoor events.

I have no plans for any significant changes at this point as I'm going with a "don't fix what isn't broke" plan. If however any of you have suggestions I'd love to hear them. We are meeting at the Senior Center on the 3rd Wednesday of each month for the beginning of the year (January 20th). If that proves satisfactory we will have the meetings there toward the end of the year as well.

There is a special presentation for the January meeting, so please come if you can.

I'm looking forward to working with our new board and hopefully meeting more of the membership in 2010.

I would like to encourage any of you that would like to have the pictures in your newsletter in color to download your copy from the website (Midnight-sunSRA.org) as it's free; and if you would then opt out of the printed version, as it will save the club some coin and no small amount of effort for those that produce it (specifically those that fold, tape, label and stamp them).

Finally, I would like to send a "get well soon" to members Joseph and Tony Debnar, I look forward to seeing you both at events this coming summer.

Erik Johnson

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2010

Total Members as of Jan 1, 2009	202
Life Members	13
New Members	26
Members Dropped	14
Total Members as of December 31, 2009	214

New Members

Tony Debnar

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



E-Mail or Snail Mail

If you signed up to receive your copy of the Sun Runner electronically and you got this one in the mail, please send an e-mail to info@MidnightSunSRA.org and ask to be put on the electronic mailing list. We know some names got dropped but we don't know who. So, we're going to blame it on the computer.

If you haven't signed up for electronic e-mail and want to, it's not too late to send that e-mail to info@MidnightSunSRA.org.

2009 MSSRA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ben Holeman

The 2009 MSSRA annual Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony is in the books. We all had a good time and the food was good at the Sourdough Mining Company. We gave out awards after dinner then we held a "Different Kinda" Chinese Auction.

First, Thanks to KB for bringing the sound system for this years event. As you remember, last year when the local sound system cratered, KB made a quick trip home and got us back on line with his portable system. Thanks, again...

After dinner, our "Alaskacarnut" Ray Elleven, started the evening off by having everyone introduce themselves and what kind of car they had. Some were pretty funny. Butch introduced his new snow blower!!

We drew tickets from a bowl for door prizes then the award presentations started under Ray's guidance. We had an array and an abundance of neat prizes from various folks and vendors.

Nat Gardner-Tishner received the "Rubber Hammer" Award for having an accident during a club sponsored event. Check those brakes, Nat!!

Ben Holeman was awarded a very nice engraved Gold Pan for being the outgoing president... Hmm-mm... Do you get an award for being outgoing??

Ben presented three small "Thanks" trophies to high producers or people that made special efforts in 2009.

One trophy was awarded to Mike Kessler for volunteering to chair the Summer Solstice Event, a large and complicated event involving all car clubs in the Anchorage and Mat-Sue Valley. Mike, an F-22 Raptor Maintenance Supervisor was transferred out of the state just before the event but had the basic items handled before leaving on a six month tour of duty. Great start, Mike!!

The second trophy was awarded to Mike's wife, Judy, for picking up where Mike left off and finished the detailed check list and the event was a complete success due to their excellent first time efforts. Great finish, Judy!!

The third trophy was awarded to Ray Elleven for his hospitality of opening up his house for the monthly Board of Directors Meetings and for the newly formed Sun Runner "Folding Parties". Great Hospitality, Ray!!

Thanks for your contributions, Judy, Mike and Ray. Heather Heusser was awarded the traveling "Most

Active Member" Plaque for her involvement and being the Editor of the monthly "Sun Runner". Her efforts behind the scenes played a big part in making our newsletter an important communication tool. Good Job Heather!

"Cop Car" Lenny Olsen ran our Chinese Auction a different way... a way different way but it turned out fine. Instead of giving out numbers then choosing a present from the unopened gifts or taking someone else's gift, "Cop Car" had us all get a gift at the same time so everyone had an unopened gift in front of them. Then "Cop Car" had us pass the gift either right or left one or two spaces several times then he would ask who had a birthday is a specific month. Those birthday people could exchange the gift with anyone else, all of which were unopened. This also happened several times... We were a little confused but so were the presents, they didn't know who they belonged to... When we stopped, we all opened the gifts and it was a surprise for all except Lila Holeman. She ended up with the same gift she brought, so she already has her present for next year...

We kept the best door prize for the last. One of our new members and long time friend of mine (high school together), Dennis Comeau made a set of 13 quality CDs that have 387 songs from the 50's in a special case. These were made to help raise money for the Anchorage High School 50th Class Reunion held earlier this year and valued at over \$200.00.

Annette Addington was the lucky winner. I am sure she will enjoy them and Paul will listen in too. Way to go, Annette! Mr. Comeau, to you a ton of Thanks for your donation to the door prizes. The '50s were good times and it shows in the music... Great Tunes....

Our prayers and best wishes are with Joe Debnar and his brother Tony who are headed to Phoenix on Monday, December 21 where Tony will give a kidney to Joe. Thanks to those that help defray some of the cost.

Reservations at the Sourdough Mining Company are already made for next year. Let's hope they get their public address system fixed by then.

President

Erik Johnson was born here in Anchorage and has lived here his whole life so far, but he has visited all of the other 49 states. He and his father own Berkely salt flat racer, a 1930 Ford Street Rod and a 1951 right hand drive Angela, and a GMC. He is a member of ASCC and the SCCA, and is now currently a member of the SCTA and 49th State Street Rodders. He and his Father are getting into the Bonneville racing thing (the Berkely is a land speed car). He joined late in 2006, shortly after the fall swap meet. He only made it to the swap meets and the Show N Shine, so he would have to say they are his favorite. He is currently employed with Evert's Air Cargo as an Inspector (Quality Control).

Vice President

Neil Noll moved to Alaska from Kansas City in 1985 and joined the MSSRA in 1991. He has the privilege of being a past president and has worked on several committees. He has been working on cars as a hobby since he got his first 1963 Bel Air. He moved up to better cars in a hurry after that. He has learned to do all the restoration work himself from welding to painting, which proves anyone can do it, if you try. He has owned his 1950 Ford Pickup since he was in Kansa City and has taken it apart three times to get it to this condition. His 1965 Impala SS Convertible is a work in progress. After a variety of jobs he settled into communications and is currently working for a subsidiary of UIC called UKPIK. He got his wife interested in cars and eventually she purchased the 1968 VW Bug on the home page. "This club has given me many great memories and wonderful friends," said Neil.

Secretary

Vivien Noll has lived in Anchorage, Alaska since she was 2-1/2 years old. She started attending MSSRA events with Neil Noll in 1994 and finally got her own car, a 1968 VW Beetle, in 2007. Vivien, unfortunately, told Neil she wanted to do the restoration on the VW herself (with his tutelage). Hence, there has not been any restoration done (except fixing the floor pan). Thus, the need for painting flowers all over the bug to cover up the really bad paint job. Vivien has helped out here and there for different MSSRA events and was the chair for the Beach Party for two years. Vivien is the Law Office Manager for the Office of Special Prosecutions & Appeals and has worked there for nearly fourteen years.

Treasurer

Dave Taylor is a newcomer to the MSSRA, joining in May of 2009. Dave moved to Alaska in January of 1990 courtesy of the USAF and was stationed at Elmendorf until he retired in 1992. At the time Dave was a military Air Traffic Controller, but after retirement he went into commercial radio as a DJ. Dave has been an announcer on KFQD AM 750, KENI AM 650, KMXS FM 103.1, KGOT FM 101.3, KNIK FM 105.7, KRPM FM 96.3 (now Wolf 96.3) and many others. He also runs his own Internet Radio station called "M Jazz", short for "The Master's Jazz". After short stints in car and furniture sales Dave is back in Air Traffic Control this time teaching FAA controllers at Anchorage Center. In 2001 Dave married his wife Kathy who just happened to have inherited 4 classic cars from her father, the late Earl Ramp. They currently have a 1964 Plymouth Barracuda and a 1949 Willy's Jeepster convertible they love to show in honor of Kathy's late father.

For photos see the MSSRA website at www.midnightsunsra.org

SWAP SHOP

Swap Shop ads are a free 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 and will run for two issues unless editor is contacted to stop the ad early or run it longer. Contact Heather Ann Heusser, Editor of the Sun Runner, at akchevygirl@mtaonline.net or call her at 376-4540. All phone numbers listed are area code 907 unless otherwise noted.

Inside Dry Storage - Space Limited, Located in South Anchorage, \$125 per car per month. Call Victor Knott at 529-5996. (12/09)

1929 Hupmobile - Older restoration would cost over 40k to do today. The first \$15,000 takes it. Call 907 252-6393 (1/10)

1991 ZR1 Corvette - This triple black Corvette is loaded with only 10,000 miles. Loaded with all the options LT5 4-cam, Lotus inspired--6 speed, and triple black. Recent sales have been between \$30/45k with 50/80k miles. Will sale this one for \$25k on a MSO never titled!! Call (907) 252-6393. (1/10)

1989 Challenge Corvette - Factory built racecar. Presently located at the National Corvette Museum, a clone of this car went for \$76k at Barrett-Jackson. You can have it for \$70,000. Call 907 252-6393 (1/10)

1963 SS 409 Impala - The first of the muscle cars of the 60's Beach Boy's with their "Giddy up Giddy up 409" hit was the start of Muscle car/rock and roll. This 63 409 425 HP positive track, 4 speed has a lot of potential for a ride and drive Classic would need fresh paint for show, interior is original no rips black buckets-Sebring Silver. Original 15' tires wheels three spoke SS hub caps and real Cragar wire wheels for travel. Sales between \$20/50k will sell for \$20k. Call 907 252-6393. (1/10)

1975 Ford U-Haul Van – Big 20 foot box, outfitted with "D" type-rings & ramps for cars. Man door on the side. Sue for Storage or transport. Only \$6,000, Call Kurt at 344-5554. (1/10)

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wheels. You could haul a moose or two in it, cut up of coarse, but used it for a tour company to transport luggage. Contact at themitch@mtaonline.net or 907 376-4762. Only \$2250 or OBO. (1/10)

Pair of 1960 Alaska License Plates - with 61 tag so you can register your 61 what ever. These look NOS no marks where they have ever been mounted on a vehicle. They also have the OG wrappers with them. I don't need these I have a set on my car already. I'm asking \$175.00 for these since the condition is so nice. Hard to find in pairs with correct tag. Call Phil at 854-2093 (1/10)

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WANTED - Four right fender and inner brace for 1 ton '53 GMC commercial panel wagon. Interested in any other parts you may have available. Contact Bernie Edwards at snidly53@hotmail.com or call 688-3220. (12/09)

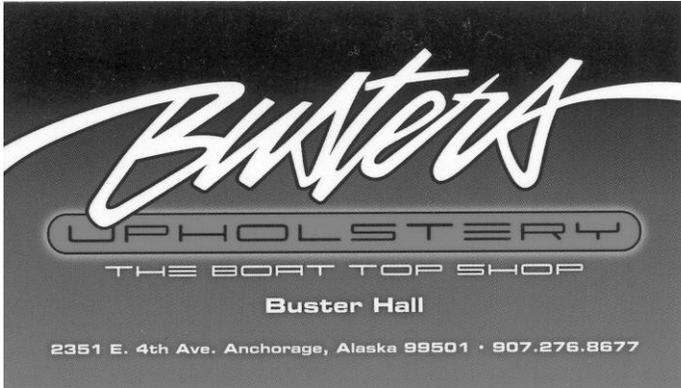
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