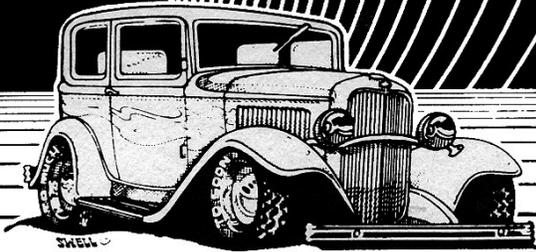


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Cheep!

Dave Taylor
Club Treasurer

"Hi everyone! I'm here with a status report on the engine build raffle tickets and the Christmas party. The engine and trailer are currently being stored in my detached garage where the engine was built. The Raffle Tickets are here and now on sale! We had planned for 200 tickets to be available at \$20 each and the drawing will be held at the club Christmas Party, Saturday Dec 1st. So far I am the only person with the tickets for sale. If anyone else would like to help sell tickets then please let me know. This would be cash only as we don't have a way to take credit or debit cards. My number (Dave Taylor) is 903-9985. If is no answer, please leave a voicemail and I'll call you back.



They will also be available at the first club member meeting Oct 25th. Thank you for your patience.



The Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday December 1st starting at 7pm at the Elks Club lodge on Eagle River Loop Road. If you have any questions you can contact club president Erik Johnson or myself. Erik is working on our first fall members meeting at the Senior Center and will have more information for everyone regarding our Christmas Party and upcoming board elections."

Also, people have been asking if we are going to build another engine; well that is a possibility but right now my garage is full with the current motor and trailer and my two classics. Unless I could find another place to keep my 64 Barracuda another build might not happen until next spring, at least not in my garage anyway.



Left to Right: Sid Johnson, Robin Bettisworth, Erik Johnson, KB Bettisworth, Dave & Terry Erikainen, Marlene & Eric Saffell

Looky Here Cruise 2012

By Ray Elleven

A few hearty soles braved the so so weather for this year's Looky Here Cruise. The fall colors were the best we've seen since our first Looky Here Cruise in 2005.

After leaving Fred Meyers in Eagle River we drove the Old Glenn Highway, around the Butte and on to Palmer. We saw the rising of the Matanuska Rivers and flooding of homes around the Butte. After a potty break at the Palmer Carr's, we drove Hyer Road to Denali Harley-Davison to check out the Snowmobile Swap Meet and visit with Victor Knott.

From there it was Fairview Loop, to KGB Road, on to Wasilla-Fishhook Road, ending up at Hatcher Pass for the spectacular view of the MatSue Valley. From Hatcher Pass we took Palmer-Fishhook Road to Farm Loop Road and on to the Valley Hotel in Palmer for a GREAT early dinner.

After dinner a few of us went on to check out Eklutna Lake and the twisty road. The water level was higher than normal and active waves reminded us of the ocean. It was something to see.

If there was a down side to this year's cruise, it was the weather. Anchorage was wet when left and it was dark in the Valley so drove our daily drivers. One exception was Dave & Terry Erikainen who drove their '99 V12 Mercedes 600si. As it turned out, it only sprinkled a few times so we could have driven our *KOOL* cars.

Mark your calendar for September 21, 2013 when we do it again.

Breakfast Bunch – Join us this Saturdays at 9:00 am for breakfast, Sun Spams will announce the location.
a MSSRA event

Cool News from Hagerty Insurance

Have you ever wanted to decode your vehicle identification number (VIN) on your classic car? Well, there are several web sites that will decode only post 1986 vehicles because that's when the numbering system was standardized. But what about pre-1986? Well, there are a few sites that will decode your VIN for a fee.

Hagerty to the rescue! On their web site, www.hagerty.com they give you an insured value based on one of five different conditions, a little history about your car, and decode the VIN. All for free! From their home page click on the VALUSTION TOOLS tab, then click on the VALUE YOUR CAR tab, and follow the instructions from there. It's just that simple.

General

My name is Steve Taylor. I was a member in the MSSRA in the early 1980's. I was wondering if you could help with a few questions?

I lived in Wasilla at the time and built a two tone gold and brown 1933 Plymouth 5 window coupe. Bernie Edwards did the body work and the paint on it for me.

It was in the 1st Annual World of Wheels car show in Anchorage and won 1st place street coupe division. Right after that there was a photographer from one of the street rod magazines came up and shot photos of the car and ran it in the magazine.

A while back I had some flooding at my house and now I'm trying to find a replacement magazine that had my car in it. I would like to have the mag as a momento.

What I was hoping you could do would be help me with some dates so I can narrow down my search or anything info you may have.

I think the car show was in 1982 or it was possibly 1981, but I don't know the month. Would you have the date on record?

Do you have any idea of the magazine people that came to the show as being Street Rodder or some other mag?

I know this info is a long shot, but some of the older members in the club my remember.

Any info etc would be appreciated.

In advance, thanks for taking the time to read this,

Steve Taylor

If anyone has info to pass on please send it to me at pol500ak@hotmail.com or call 632-6756

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Newsletter Editor

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WANTED—Front fenders, hood, grill and splash pan from a 1951 Ford. Contact Ray at AlaskaCarNut@gmail.com or call him at 907 529-5860

1940 Ford Parts – Have two 40 foot containers of '40 Ford parts that must go. Including a Coupe and two or three Pickups. Big parts include body panels, frames, engines, transmissions, etc. Too many small parts to list. Contact Dave McKay at 306-6283. Buy all or part of it

1950 Ford Pickup – This project includes a '50 Mercury V8 flathead in good rebuild able shape. Truck is complete but 50% disassembled. Front end is done, new springs, king pins, frame/firewall paint. Asking \$2500 OBO for the whole package. Will sell with out engine for \$1000. Contact Jim at 907-351-3115 or email at takecare@alaska.com

WANTED— 1934-36 Ford or Chevy pickup street rod, either finished or near completion. Call Steve Johnston 244-8763 or email him at Steve.Johnston@halliburton.com

Wanted – 1935 to 1941 Ford car or pickup frame. I have almost all of the body parts for a 1935 Ford pickup but the frame is too far gone over the rear wheel wells with cancer. So I am looking for a donor frame. If you know anybody who is willing to sell one they are not using, could you have them contact me. It doesn't matter if it is in Fairbanks or Valdez. Contact John at voehls@mtaonline.net

Model T Chassis : Engine cranks but doesn't run, there is a large array or additional parts, to include tire wheels. \$1000 Call Kurt at 344-5554

1956 GMC Pickup—V8, manual tranny, no dents, body in excellent condition just needs timing work. It was running last summer—lots of power. Priced for quick sale \$4500 OBO. Call John 907-750-5424 or email thinkpinck@yahoo.com

1950 Ford Pickup – This project includes a '50 Mercury V8 flathead in good rebuild-able shape. Truck is complete but 50% disassembled. Front end is done, new springs, kingpins, frame/firewall paint. Asking \$2500 OBO for the whole package. Will sell with out engine for \$1000. Contact Jim 907-351-3115 or email takecare@alaska.com

1964 Corvette Stingray – All original 300 horse 327 four speed car with a little over 50,000 miles. Car is in EXCELLENT shape. Call Jim at 274-0122

1991 Rockwood 21 Foot Motor Home – This well maintained motor home sleeps 4, has a Chevy drive train with 350 engine, automatic transmission, new tires, and only 43,500 miles. Call Jim at 274-0122

1997 Ford Thunderbird LX— leather, sport package, sun roof. Family car since new, great driver, well maintained. \$3700 firm. Call "Will" @ 907 978-0336

Winter Car Storage – Inside warm storage located in Palmer only \$450 for the season. Call Gerri at 746-4670

1975 Ford U-Haul Van – Big 20 foot box, outfitted with "D" type-rings & ramps for cars. Man door on the side. Good for Storage or transport. Only \$5,000 o.b.o, Call Kurt at 344-5554.

1957 Ford Fairlane - 2 Door Sedan, 312 V8 engine, automatic, runs good, new interior, and the tires are fair. Extra parts including patch panels. \$6,995 obo. Call Herb at 338-0095

1967 Camaro—Runs, drives, licensed with clean title. As is, with 350ci, Saginaw 4 speed. Comes with a new 377ci built by AC machine, extra 10 bolt rear end with 3.73 posi gears. 700R4 trans and new sheet metal parts. \$17,000 firm Call Larry Hembree at 349-5806 or E-mail cherylhembree@gmail.com

1968 Camaro R/S— NOM small block 350 V-8 with 87,754 miles. 4-speed transmission, power brakes, front disc, 15 inch rally wheels with beauty rings and BF Goodrich radials. Corvette Bronze in color, black deluxe with houndstooth interior. It has optional Rally Sport trim package. Contact Ed 854-2543

1932 Ford Roadster - Glass body, new Chevy Crate motor, 9 inch rear end and all the parts to put it together. Asking \$18,500 Contact Ron at 688-7664



1963 Thunderbird (Project Car) - Front suspension has been overhauled, the car was stripped to bare metal and recoated with DP90LF and it includes a new engine in the crate. Reassembly had started and needs to be completed. Only \$6000 OBO. Contact Larry or Cheryl

1965 Pontiac GTO— 389 engine with three deuces and automatic transmission. Very nice car for only \$25,000. Call 229-4837



1976 Camaro Project— 305 with 350 auto tranny, Only \$1500 Call Keith at 355-8456

1947-53 Cab over Chevy Project Truck—Cab is on a 1981 Chevy Dully frame with no engine or transmission. Lots of extra parts including a Kenworth sleeper. Only \$1500 Call Keith at 355-8456.

Wanted: 1965 Impala SS, 4 Door Hardtop, Power Windows Black— Kacey Bond is looking for this car. It was sold by his Mother in Anchorage approximately 15 years ago to someone named Bower. If anyone knows of this vehicle they should call Kacey at 242-2190

Position Available MSSRA has an opening for Membership Chairman. Duties: process membership application: send welcome letters to new members; maintain membership and dues records; print address labels for the newsletters; submit membership report for the newsletter, web site, and Board of Directors. If interested, contact President Erik Johnson at 349-9900 or Ray Elleven at 337-5860

Membership Report

Total Members as of December 31, 2010	*185
Members dropped	-25
Reinstated	1
New Members this year	18
New Member since last month	
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Total Members as of May 31, 2012	*179
* Includes 10 Life Members	

With Deepest Sympathy The members and friends of MSSRA would like to express our deepest sympathy to Ray Agen and his family. Ray's mother passed away on September 8.

Lost Love Rob Merchant

When I was younger (1975) shortly after getting out of high school I drove my dream car from Indiana up to Alaska with my high school sweet heart to work and make my fortune. After a couple years the work slowed down, I got laid-off and I got divorced (wife hated Alaska) In the aftermath of all the negative things that were going on in my life at that time I stashed the car way up on the end of the north road north of Kenai and went back south for the winter.

The next spring I flew back up and planned on selling the rest of my things and driving the car back down to Indiana. The car was still there and once I got it started it started knocking. I was going to drive it back to Kenai to have it service, but before I made it I threw a rod out the bottom end. Unable to afford waiting to have it repaired I made the painful decision to leave it with a friend of my father to sell it for me. I left him the title and he was going to have me sign it once he found a buyer and he was going to send me the money. Well he never called me or sent me any money for the car. I did not file a stolen vehicle report since I had possible legal claims against me as a result of my divorce that was completed while I was down south for the winter.

I would like to be able to find it and perhaps buy it. I would at least like to know what happened to it. The car was lemans blue with white interior & white strips, 4-speed, I had put a white vinyl top on it, so it was straight across the bottom edge and not contoured to the fender like a factory install, had a Mr. Gasket shifter and Keystone Classic wheels. It did not have the original 396, but had a 350 small block from a corvette donor car. The car had ladder style traction bars. Hopefully whoever ended up getting it took good care of it. I bought it when I was 16. I would guess that it would be a big block car again. I left it with that guy in 1978. I had heard he moved back to Utah or Arizona, never could locate him. I know it's been over 34 years but still miss my baby (not the girl) Please put the word out there. Not sure if it is still in Alaska. The high school sweet heart wife that hated Alaska is still living there and we are friends again

Rob speedyslot@aol.com 1-217-254-5121, 1-765-453-1859

Court's Ethanol Decision Jeopardizes Historic Vehicles, Specialty Parts

SAN Urges Congress to Ban E15

The U.S. Court of Appeals dismissed a lawsuit which challenged the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) authority to permit 15% ethanol (E15) content in gasoline for 2001 and newer model year cars and light trucks. Over a year ago, the EPA raised the amount of ethanol permitted in gasoline from 10% (E10) to 15% (E15). The agency has approved applications to sell the fuel and it may soon appear at a gas station near you. The SEMA Action Network (SAN) opposes E15 based on scientific evidence that it causes corrosion with incompatible parts. In light of the court's decision, the SAN is now seeking passage of congressional legislation (H.R. 3199) that would prevent the EPA from permitting E15 sales until the National Academies has conducted a study on how E15 may impact gas-powered vehicles. The bill has been approved by the U.S. House Science Committee and is pending on the House floor. With little time to address the bill before the fall elections, it is important that lawmakers hear from you on this important issue.

Happy Birthday Marlene

By Ray Elleven

Marlene Saffell has a milestone birthday this December and Hubby Eric wanted to do something special for her. Since he has an award winning '68 Mustang, a 2013 Mustang GT would be just the birthday present for his loving wife.

Now walking into the show room or finding it in the driveway wasn't good enough. No he wanted a few friends to be in on the surprise and give it to her in some kind of public gathering. It was too late for the Show & Shine or any other car show and he wasn't going to wait for December. So he devised a plan to surprise her with the car at Saturday's Breakfast on October 6th at Pipers Restaurant.

Here's how the surprise came together. Just as they are leaving for breakfast that Saturday morning, Eric's cell phone rings. It's their son Eric Jr. who says his battery is dead and needs a jump. "Sure son, I'll help," he tells him. Now how does he get Marlene to the breakfast? He calls his neighbors and fellow MSSRA members Scott & Cheryl Anderson and asks if they could give Marlene a ride. Cheryl says yes! After all, she's in on the plan. Unfortunately, Scott is out town.

Marlene and Cheryl show up as planned and about 15 minutes later Eric and their son show up with the new Mustang in the parking lot.

The next step is how to get her out to the parking lot without her knowing why. After most everyone has eaten Ray Elleven excuses himself and leaves the room (potty break). When he returns he says, "I looked in the parking lot and don't feel bad about not driving the El Camino today since no one else drove their cool cars. But I did see and new Mustang in the parking lot. Does anyone here own it?"

Ted Cadman acknowledges ownership of the car. Ted was a perfect choice for this roll because he is a known Mustang lover and it would not be out of charter for him to own a new Mustang.

"Is it a Shelby," Ray asks.

"No, it's a GT," says Ted.

Marlene took the bait - hook, line, and sinker! "Is that why you're not eating breakfast this morning? You're too broke to eat?" she says. After a few laughs, Ted comments he's here to show off the car and not eating because he's studying for a blood test.

So after breakfast, we all go to the parking lot to check out the new car. Marlene is offered the opportunity to pull the car out of the parking spot so we can all get around it. When she opens the door and sees a "Happy Birthday Marlene" card on the steering wheel. Needless to say she was pleasantly surprised.

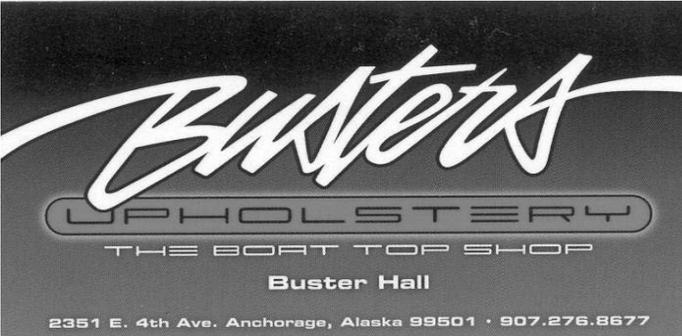
Eric's plan went off without a hitch thanks to a few friends. What's amazing, is everyone at the table except Marlene knew what was going to happen and no one spilled the beans. Happy Birthday Marlene!



The Breakfast Bunch helps Marlene enjoy her Birthday Present, a 2013 Mustang GT. Now we won't tell you which birthday this is because it's not nice to tell a woman's age, but we will say if she lived to be 100, she'd be half way there!

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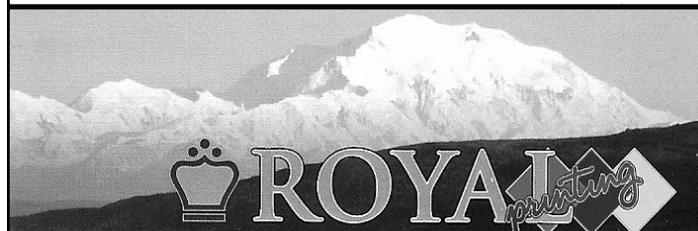
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