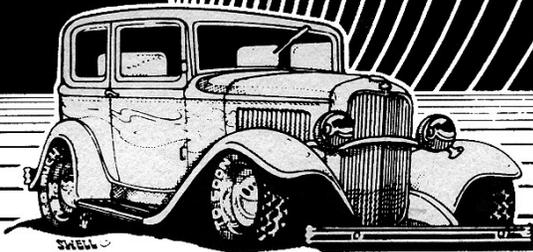


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Cheep!



Prez Says

MSSRA President
Neil Noll

I hope you all enjoyed a warm and productive summer. The club enjoyed another great season of shows and cruising. Now it's time to make all those upgrades and repairs we put off. I am still working on my convertible and hope to get it running very soon.

There are a few items that were discussed at the September meeting I would like to bring to the attention of the membership. In case you haven't heard Ray Elleven is stepping down from his many duties as webmaster, in charge of membership, and keeper of the T-shirts, to name a few. The board of directors is going to divide up these according to the position on the board that best fits. So, anyone interested in helping with any of these please contact me through the website. These are pretty big shoes for one person to fill. Thanks Ray.

The next item is the cost of mailing the newsletter. The cost of mailing is going up to 49 cents. Here is the breakdown of that expense. We print and mail 210 newsletters each month, not all are sent to members some go to other clubs, magazines, and complimentary copies, etc. The annual printing cost is \$2484.00, with the cost of stamps going up for 210 newsletters, that's \$1234.00. That's a total of \$3718.00 Membership revenue is approximately \$5250.00. The club has other expenses including taxes, insurance, and events to name a few. To help with these costs I am asking any members who are able to receive the newsletter electronically to do so. Currently only 18 members receive this newsletter electronically. We will remind you in the coming newsletters.

We are going to do another calendar for 2014-2015. Our calendar will be based on the summer events; therefore it will run from April to March. That way we can put the shows and cruises for the summer on one page after they are scheduled. If you are interested in getting your vehicle on the calendar we will need a picture. We will provide more information on this in the coming issues.

Thanks, Neil



MSSRA Monthly Board Meeting will be held at the Anchorage Senior Center Oct 24, 2013 7pm

How Car Restoration Works

by [Patrick E. George](#)

<http://auto.howstuffworks.com/car-restoration4.htm>

Picture your dream car. Maybe it's that Mercedes-Benz convertible you've always wanted. Perhaps you covet an SUV with heated leather seats and a cutting-edge navigation system. Or you might dream of something fast and exotic, like a Ferrari, Lamborghini or Porsche.



1955 Chevy
Owned by MSSRA Member Robert Carlson

But for some people, dream cars don't come from the present or the future, but the past. Your dream car might be that 1955 Chevy Bel-Air your brother had in high school, your dad's old Sunbeam Tiger or that Pontiac GTO you always wanted but could never afford. Maybe it's that classic Mustang you sold when you had kids and have been pining over ever since.

For those of us whose dream cars come from yesterday, we can't just walk into a car dealership and buy one. At the same time, buying a used car that's three, four or even seven decades old can present a whole host of mechanical problems. Is the engine in good shape? How about the transmission and electrical systems? In addition, the upholstery inside and the paint outside may be in questionable condition.

But if you have some time, money, and lots of ambition, you may want to consider car restoration. Cars aren't built to last forever, but restoration can breathe new life into an older vehicle and make it look and run like new. This makes the car more valuable at a sale or auction, guaranteeing its collectible status.

The restoration won't be easy. The job -- and its cost -- will depend on what car you've selected and how much work needs to be done. But if it's done correctly, auto restoration gives everyday drivers a chance to tool around in a classic automobile as if it had just come off the dealer's lot the year it was made.

Fortunately, the Internet has made the art of restoring cars more accessible than ever. Many companies offer parts online for older and obsolete vehicles. Weekend mechanics also have access to all kinds of guides and expert advice on restoration. So, if you've ever thought about restoring that old clunker in your backyard, now's a great time to give it a shot.

In the following newsletters, we'll go over the basics of car restoration. We'll talk about a few of the steps involved, and what it takes to transform a rusty wreck into your dream machine -- inside and out.

Kool Car Registry

Every now and then we get request for a car with driver for weddings or other special event. The problem is, we do not who's interested making a couple of hundred bucks with their car. If interested, I'm starting a registry of who's interested.

So, if you are interested send us the following information: name, phone number, email address, type of car, and a picture of the car. Send it to info@MidnightSunSRA, mail it to the MSSRA snail mail box, When we get a request, we'll refer them to you and all negotiations are up to you.

Thursday Night Cruise

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. Members Meetings happen at the Anchorage Senior Center at 7pm. See Schedule below.

Members Meeting at Senior Ctr.

Sept 26	Thursday 7 pm
Oct 24	Thursday 7 pm
Nov 26	Tuesday (Thurs is Thanksgiving)
Dec 7	Saturday (Christmas Party)
Jan 23	Thurs
Feb 27	Thurs
Mar 27	Thurs
April 24	Thurs

Breakfast Bunch—Meet at 9am, MSSRA event.

Oct 19, 2013	Kava's Pancake House, 3001 Penland PrkWy
Oct 26, 2013	Gwennies Old Alaska Restaurant, Spenard Rd
Nov 2, 2013	Pipers Restaurant, 3450 Aviation Ave
Nov 9, 2013	Kay's Family Restaurant, 3002 Spenard Rd.
Nov 16, 2013	IHOP Restaurant, 501 E. Tudor
Nov 23, 2013	Kay's Family Restaurant, 3002 Spenard Rd.
Nov 30, 2013	Kava's Pancake House, 3001 Penland Pkwy
Dec 7, 2013	Piper's Restaurant, 3450 Aviation Ave.
Dec 14, 2013	Kay's Family Restaurant, 3002 Spenard Rd

If you are online and have a Facebook page go to the MSSRA Facebook page and like us, I believe you can upload pictures and comments of your ride there. I will list a few other pages of interest here.

<https://www.facebook.com/midnightsunsra>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Old-cars-in-alaska/280043615365001>

<https://www.facebook.com/GasMonkeyGarage>

2013 Christmas Party

The 2012 Party was held at the Elks Club in Eagle River. We are having it there again but we are going to have a pot luck, with the club members bringing dishes to go with MSSRA provided meat, very likely Ham and Roasted Chicken.

The party will be held December 7th so we can include as many members as we can. There are conflicts and travel plans for members later in the month. As always we will do the gift exchange, cocktails will be available along with witty conversation, usually getting wittier as the night progresses. Come prepared to share a story or two about Neil and Ray as this might be their last Christmas party with us. They have reached a point where the lower 48 looks good and the numbers lined up for them so lets wish them well.

Also it's MSSRA's 40th anniversary. I will be getting info from club members and try to have it in the next couple of newsletters and have something at the Party for all to enjoy.

If you have input for the newsletter or Party contact me (JP) at 632-6756 or pol500ak@hotmail.com

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1986 El Camino—brand new crate 350 Ramjet with 7,000 miles. Contact Rick at rdoggie23@gci.net or call 907-982 7852

Two 1950 Chevy Trucks - One is a Stake Bed 3600, all original, 215 six. You can be the third owner. All steel in good shape, very little rust, some surface rust. New voltage reg. and battery and it runs. Call Carey at 229-2010 or 746-4645

The second is a 1950 Chevy Pickup with a 350 with 4 speed transmission, '68 Nova front suspension. Have some extra new parts in the boxes. Asking \$3000 for both trucks but will entertain offers!
Call Carey at 229-2010 or 746-4645 in Fishhook area.

1924 Ford Roadster—350 Chevy w/400TH tranns, edelbrock Highrise w/2 Edelbrock 500CFM carbs. Asking \$15000

Call 283 -6006 or e-mail n.d.leigh@alaska.net Serious Inquiries

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 and transport. Only \$5000 o.b.o. Call Kurt at 344-5554

Lots of Engines—Ten Small Block Chevy Engines, 283, 327 and 350 complete Chevy engines all or some *free* to a good home. Call Bernie at 907-688-2362 or 283-6006

1958 Buick Special 4door Sedan - Rebuilt 364 nailhead engine, amazingly, this thing gets close to 18 mpg! Google it! This is a great running motor with about 4000 miles on it, over 4 grand in motor alone, desirable old school hotrod motor. Second owner car, garaged most of its life and partial restoration finished when purchased. Car was shipped to Alaska in 1962, and forgotten in a garage up on hillside. Purchased after death in family. This car drives awesome! Cruises comfortably and gets up when needed! The car has newer tires with painted wheels and beauty rings and caps, satin black/gloss red paint job done professionally 2 years ago. This thing can't go ANYWHERE without getting thumbs up at every light! Summer is coming, get your fun ride right Quick walk around video: <http://youtu.be/OMH8pcSrnIw> Priced for sale at \$6,500 Call Joe at 306-6931

1953 Special - 2 door hardtop (Riviera style) with straight 8 and 3 speed tranny. \$1000 for it as well. Reason I'm selling both cars is I bought the 38 Buick Special. Call John at 907-350-4891 or email at johnross@gci.net

Boot Hill Auto - Owner Ron Felman, The Frenchman, is selling off his inventory. He has titles to several complete vehicles such as a 59 El Camino with a Buick 401 V-8, a 51 Caddy, a 49 Caddy series 60, & others. Plus he has a boat load of donor cars. Call 745-1027 or check out Boot Hill Auto on the Old Glenn in Butte

1969 Chevrolet Pickup Truck - 4wd, 400ci motor with a 700R4 tranny (Auto), fuel tank has been removed from cab area, electric fan with new radiator & aluminum shroud, CALL 223-0455 \$25,000.00 OBO

1995 Chevy Astro Van - Low 78k miles, great condition, runs great, loaded with custom work from Tommy's Custom Classics - Custom paint, silver with custom black and silver scheme pin-striped flames - Customized with 02' Cadillac Escalade front end - Custom Quad exhaust by Muffler City - Diamo 20-inch chrome wheels w/ Ventus 20-inch-low profile tires - After-market Xenon Python body kit - Shaved door handles all around with two remotes for door poppers - Shaved gas tank, custom tail lights, power windows, power door locks, cruise control - Front and rear air conditioning and heating - Rear Dutch doors, tinted windows, tow package, 3rd row seating - Factory 4 speed automatic transmission, Call: 907-248-4295

1957 Porsche Speedster Replica - Beck Factory Built Speedster built on a 3 inch tube frame. Most speedster replicas use a VW bug frame, this frame does not flex like the VW. This impeccable award winning Speedster replica comes in the Merlot exterior with Whiskey Tan full leather interior and tan canvas top. Options include a "hidden" Pioneer AM/FM/CD, tan canvas 1/4 and full tonneau covers, fully carpeted trunk, Coco mats, Nardi wood steering wheel and wood shift knob, new radial tires, including spare, power windows, and Porsche badging. Titled in Alaska. CB Performance balanced the 1915cc with a custom exhaust, dual Weber carbs that bless it with almost 130hp. This power plant is mated to a 3:88 silky smooth freeway flyer trans-axle for effortless touring in all gears. The car comes with all original Beck factory books, maintenance records, and lots of spare parts, and 2 custom car covers. call Pat at 862-4385.

1938 Buick Special - Straight 8 engine, restored in Idaho by Glenn Vaughn. Restorations and Maintenance records available. Asking \$38,000, call 360-1363 for details.

1960 Corvette - A car guaranteed to bring a smile and a thumbs-up from all. This classic 1960 Corvette has the grill teeth, the rounded back design, dual headlights and the most popular color of Roman Red with White Ermine Coves
Serious inquiries only please: 907-229-3861

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

1955 Ford Pickup - on 1978 4x4 frame, off frame restoration, 390 high performance engine with automatic, all new chrome but needs painting. Only \$8,000.00! Call 906 362-800

Approximately 300 Cars - A facility in Tok is parting out approximately 300 cars. Some would make good project cars. Call Norma at 907-505-0361

Pictures for each add can be seen on the MSSRA web site,
www.MidnightSunSRA.org

<p>Welcome new members!</p> <p>Kyle Eickholt ' 11 Shelby GI 500 Linda & Mike Janousek '57 Chevy Pickup Kirt & Wendy Hudson '61 Oldsmobile Patrick & Susan Ross '23 Ford T-Bucket</p> <p>Prospective Member Issac & Patricia Ballot '11 Dodge Challenger</p>	<p>Membership Report</p> <table> <tr> <td>Total Members as of December 31, 2012</td> <td style="text-align: right;">*183</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Members dropped</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reinstated</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Members this year</td> <td style="text-align: right;">22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Member since last month</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <hr/> <p>Total Members as of Aug 31, 2013 *175 * Includes 10 Life Members</p>	Total Members as of December 31, 2012	*183	Members dropped	30	Reinstated	0	New Members this year	22	New Member since last month	
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The MSSRA Board of Directors have reassigned these MSSRA activities but are still looking for volunteers to assist.

All of the following activities have been passed on, so be patient as we maneuver through this transition period.

Archives – Car show documents and other important documents to maintain.

Database – (Club Officers) The database is Microsoft Access 2010, whoever picks this up must have Access 2010 or newer as older versions will crash the forms or queries but not the data.

E-Mail Box – (Sec. JP) This is pretty simple and can be handled by anyone. It entails answering emails and updating the address book.

Events Coordinator – (Pres. Neil) We don't know if this has ever been an official activity, but in order to keep the newsletter and web site calendar current. I've been watching the other clubs' events for any conflicts.

Files – (Sec. JP) Our files are setup on Microsoft SkyDrive, a web based file storage. Up to four people can access the files. Files include our Charter, by-laws, past events, the web site files, etc. At this point, Neil and Ray are the only two people who have signed up to access these files.

Folding Party – Ben Holmen will be filling in until 2014

Membership Chair – (Pres. Neil) This task is pretty simple and goes hand in hand with the database management. Duties include having applications available; sending welcome letters to new members; and maintain the membership list.

Officer's Handbook – (Sec. JP) I don't know if this has been used by anyone but its intent is to provide officers guidance with what needs to be done, how to do it, and our history.

Sun Spam— (Sec. JP) This is pretty simple and should go hand-in-hand with the e-mail box. The ideal is notifying members of the week's events and news items that can't wait for the next newsletter.

Web Site and Fees – (Tres. Joseph) The MSSRA Board thinks the web site is the way of the future. There is a lot more that can be done with the web site and we are only limited by our own imagination as to what to include. Looking at getting a pay-pal account or Card against our clubs bank account to cover this payment.

Thanks for all those years of hard work Ray.



Automobile Trivia

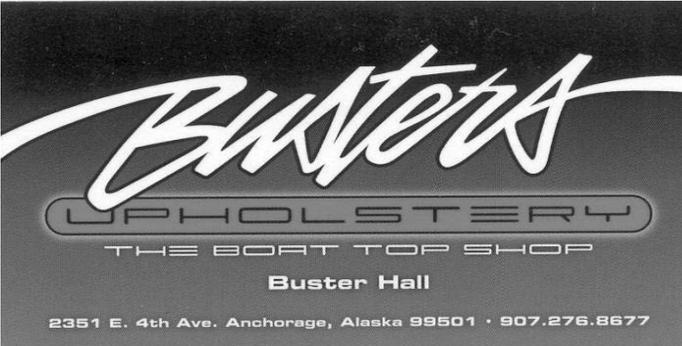
1. First US carmaker to mass-produce cars with standardized parts:
2. This model of car had no options, not even the color. "You can have any color, as long as it is black!" said the company owner.
3. "Come along with me, _____, In my merry Oldsmobile."
4. In 1903, two automobile executives raced their own cars; Ransom E. Olds in his "Pirate" and Alexander Winton in his "Bullet." That race was held on this beach:
5. In 1908, William C. Durant offered to sell stock in a new venture called General Motors; then used the cash and stock to buy 4 existing automakers. The brand name of those first four GM cars:
6. A car was named for this French adventurer who in 1701, founded the city of Detroit:
7. The fifth car company to be part of General Motors (1911) was named for this Swiss-born race car driver:
8. Charles Kettering's invention was one of the most important advancements the auto industry has ever known. It first appeared on Cadillacs in 1912. Cars equipped with his invention sold like crazy. His company: Dayton Engineering Laboratories Co. What was his invention?
9. Following a dispute with stockholders, Ransom E. Olds quit Oldsmobile even before it was bought by General Motors. He then built cars and trucks under this brand name:
10. What do the initials A.C. stand for in A.C. Spark Plug, ?

Answers

1. Oldsmobile
2. Model T Ford
3. Lucille
4. Ormond Beach. (Also give yourself a correct answer if you said Daytona Beach.)
5. Buick, Cadillac, Oakland (later called Pontiac) and Oldsmobile. Give yourself credit if you named Pontiac instead of Oakland.
6. Cadillac, or Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac.
7. Chevrolet, or Louis Chevrolet
8. The electric starter. (His company, Dayton Engineering Laboratories Co, better known as DELCO, would become part of General Motors.)
9. R.E.O. (The initials of Ransom E. Olds.)
10. Albert Champion (as in A.C.'s competitor, Champion Spark Plug!)

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