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AUTOCROSS — We have had a very good season this summer. There have been good turn outs — there are a lot of cars (new and old), there are many new driver and some drivers have been regular participants this year that only showed up a few times a season in past years. The courses have been fun and challenging and everyone is having fun.

Have you ever considered how boring cars will be when the only thing we can do is autocross? Yes, in just a few years there will only be autocross. The voters of the city passed Proposition 24, the bush legislature has spent all the oil money building city building in small towns, oil production and prices are down, there is very little state revenue sharing, the new tax laws will make owning a home questionable (no tax credits for local property tax and no ability to write off interest), this will increase the pressure to lower local taxes and the feds are out of the revenue sharing business. Oh, I forgot to mention that insurance is up and will continue to go up to the point where there will be almost no way to buy coverage. When all this comes to pass the essential services will still be funded — there will be places to ride horses, places to ride bikes, places to row boats and walk the dog (well the dog may be out), golfers will have their links, skiers will have their trails, there will be special recreation areas for the handicapped, round/square dancers will still rent city building for one dollar a year... The list goes on but, there will not be any place to race a vehicle with 4 wheels.

WHY? Because there are only 15 to 20 active members of the club and the club is not a part of the community.

Screams of the gut shot seagull. Anger at me for stating the facts does not change the facts. People don't spend your energy yelling at me. Show me facts that will change my mind — no, more important, show me facts that will change the minds of the body politic. Show me public involvement. Show me a lake that we can race on in the Anchorage bowl — you can't because we, as a club sat on our fancy driving seats while the parks and rec staff pushed thru a municipal policy that forbids motorcraft on lakes... Show me public testimony and support which placed a raceway on the general obligation bond issue debated by the assembly this week — you can't... I, in turn, can show you a club that had less than 40 people show up for the annual meeting, a club with no plan of action, a club that is unable or unwilling to reach out into the community and build a racing program from the ground up, a club that can't even react to direct actions taken against its very activities... Two choices folks; scream and get mad or think and organize.

Tanacross: Meeting to be held at the old Teamsters Hall see map on back at 7:30 on August 13, 1958. We'll talk about it. Tech will be held at Hirsch Porsche Audi (2121 Abbott Rd) at 7:00 pm August 27 and the racing will begin sometime Saturday August 31, 19xx.

someone may want to give some thought to how we conduct ourselves at Tanacross. Our record last spring was not good -- the local State Troopers were not pleased and the campgrounds looked better when the last passing army moved though. The big kids had fun shooting off firecrackers and creating dust clouds across the track during races. But, I have to remember that rules are for organizations and we are there to have fun...

