

# FAST TIMES



The Official Newsletter of the Alaska Sports Car Club

## RACE REPORT:

### ASCC Veteran gives Wet Driving Clinic, Falls Short on Overall

The racing action at the '93 SPDGP started hot and got even hotter...in the rain. Beginning with

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guest driver David Lourcing's last turn pass of Jim Rogers and culminating with Dwight Bowden's dominating

performance in Sunday's rain drenched final heat, the weekend provided some spectacular driving. Lourcing, driving the number 17 Porsche 914-6 of Rob Winfree, startled Rogers with a full speed, outside pass to win the Terry Bowden Memorial Race for Prepared Production cars. As the day unfolded, a number of other re

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## ASCC Season Gets Underway on Sunday

The 1993 ASCC autocross season gets off to a start on Sunday, August 8th, at Sullivan Arena. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the competition will begin at 12:00 p.m. Those interested in helping out with the event are asked to arrive a bit early to help set up the course and assist with other details.

A second ASCC autocross will be held at the Arena parking lot on Sunday, August 22nd, at the same

times. The ASCC autocross season has been abbreviated in response to members wishes. Please attend these events to help keep this long standing club tradition going, and have a blast while your at it.

If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer your services, please contact Ray McGoldrick at 333-2393 or attend the monthly club meeting on August 10th, at Pioneer Honda, 7:30 p.m.



## Incident mars well organized, executed event

An unpredictable and unfortunate mishap halted Saturday's racing action at the 1993 Soldotna Progress Days Grand Prix. Quick action by attending local authorities, and careful administration by ASCC officials, kept the event on track as racing resumed on Sunday.

The trouble began with a race car that spun on the track near the start-finish line. The car hit the concrete retaining wall which was forced back into several vehicles belonging to race spectators.

The race in progress was immedi-

ately halted as Soldotna based officials and ASCC race workers attended to the spectators involved. One spectator sustained serious injuries to his leg and hip.

By Saturday evening the report from the hospital, brought via a local Police officer, was that the injured spectator was improving and had asked that races continue.

After meeting with representatives of the clubs insurance company, Soldotna authorities, and the drivers and workers, it was decided to resume racing on Sunday.

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# Cuc's Corner

Greetings sports fans! This issue finds me pleased with a number of things and concerned about some others. Please try to keep in mind that my reflections on these matters are my personal opinions, not the viewpoint of the club or its officers.

## Yahoo!

The Soldotna Bukaroo Banzai Gonzo Pass in the Rain Award goes to Marcus Oder. There is no second place finisher and the judge's decision is final. Oder wins the award for his midrace attempt at the end of the back straight during Sunday's rain soaked final IT heat. Always the thinking man's racer, Oder was shod with his "sticky" R1 tires when all else had jumped ship to their rain back-ups. After reaching terminal velocity and actually appearing to complete the maneuver in question, Oder suffered a lack of adhesion with the surface of the track. Local ophthalmic officials feel that Oder's eyes will someday shrink to their original size.

Another pleasing sighting at Soldotna was the reappearance of Dave Greco and family. Dave doesn't seem to have lost a beat driving and his Rabbitt was as fast as always. Brake problems derailed his almost certain overall class victory. A hearty welcome back is in order.

## In the Public Eye

After noticing a disturbing trend at the Rony and Soldotna Grand Prix, I would like to take a moment to comment on a more serious matter. The matter concerns how the club is perceived by the public.

Often many of our events are run without spectators. Beefs are hashed out in the woods or at poorly attended club meetings. Occasionally, we are involved in races that attract a great deal of attention by race fans, local press and authorities.

This year I witnessed several drivers making inflammatory comments during the Rony Grand Prix. After Saturday's problems at Soldotna, the subsequent driver's meetings were full of petty squabbling and unfortunate comments. These carried over to the award ceremonies tainting an impassioned thank you from Kenai Food Bank representatives.

Individually we have got to start realizing when to speak up and when to shut up. If we are under public scrutiny, don't hang out your dirty laundry. We have enough opportunities to resolve matters in a more private setting. The risk we take is being perceived as a bunch of bozo's by the very people we need to impress. Please, the next time you feel the need to vent your frustrations, look around. Decide whether it's a good time to do so or not. The couple minutes it takes might also give you time to cool off and formulate a more constructive approach.

## Fast Times Needs Your Copy

Interested in writing? Want to embarrass old racing buddies in public? What to unload some stuff? Hey, send it in to Fast Times! All correspondence should be addressed to: Jim Cucurull, 2617 Darby Circle, Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Well that's all for this month. Hope to see you all under the sunny skies of Tanacross.



## ASCC Race Action Resumes At Tanacross

Make sure to get ready for Fall Tanacross, to be held on labor day weekend...just outside of Tok. Tech inspection site have not been set as of this publication, but if you are interested in running please attend this month's ASCC meeting at Pioneer Honda on Tuesday, August 10th. The fun begins at 7:30.

This Fall's race will be co-chaired by Fred Peiserich and Terry Estey. For more information, please contact either one of them or call the ASCC message line at 563-0877.

## SPDGP

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markable battles emerged.

Jon Schneider set the tone for the Improved Touring division with an uncontested win in the Terry Bowden Memorial. Schneider got out front and stayed there for the remainder of the day as other IT drivers fought to take the remaining places.

The racing continued to heat up throughout the day and did not dissipate even as the Peninsula skies unloaded a massive rain. After working for several heats to close the gap between himself and eventual class winner Jim Rogers, Dwight Bowden used the wet track to show what many years of competitive driving provides. By virtue of his great start and smooth driving in adverse conditions, Bowden opened a huge lead which he continued to add to.



## Your 1993 ASCC Officers are:

President: Fred Peiserich 563-0877  
Vice Pres: Jim Rogers 561-2739  
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Treasurer: Marcus Oder 344-5947

# 1993 Soldotna Grand Prix and SOLO II results

## Terry Bowden Memorial Races

Prepared Production #17 David Lourcing  
Improved Touring #18 Jon Schneider

## Soldotna G.P. Results by Class

Class I pts  
#124 Barbara Bowden 27  
#72 Josh & Aaron Hedberg 0

Class II  
#7 Ray Everett 27  
#92 Ron Cooper 12  
#20 Mark Martens 4  
#13 Ken Martens 0

Class IV  
#33 Jim Rogers 24  
#24 Dwight Bowden 21  
#77 Terry Daniels 8  
#3 Chuck Singletary 0

Class X pts  
#1 John Conger 24  
#17 Rob Winfree & David Lourcing 15  
#27 Shawn Hutchings 0

Class ITA  
#18 Jon Schneider 27  
#19 Marcus Oder 16  
#90 Kevin Bohall 14

Class ITB  
#34 Jim Sloan & Jim Cucurull 22  
#43 K. Seckel & Dana Morrison 15  
#32 Dave Greco 13  
#14 Melanie Hahnlen 6  
#41 Tess Stewart 6

Class ITC  
#88 Bill Demming 22

## Soldotna SOLO II Results

Class	Driver	Home Town	Car	Time
<b>Top Time of Day</b>				
SS	Jerry Kinn	Anchorage	92 Chevy Z1	0:52.710
<b>Results by Class</b>				
SS	Jerry Kinn	Anchorage	92 Chevy Z1	0:52.710
	Scott Cavalier	Anchorage	92 Corvette	0:56.662
	Floyd Bell	Eagle River	85 Corvette	1:06.978
	Bernie Bald	Anchorage	84 Corvette	1:07.626
AS	Ron Kruckenberg	Anchorage	72 Corvette	0:54.332
	Dennis Banners	Anchorage	79 Corvette	1:00.489
BS	John Ulen	Soldotna	91 Syclone	1:00.308
CS	Gary Gage	Anchorage	83 Porsche 944	1:00.440
	James Back	Soldotna		1:01.558
DS	Matt Smith	Anchorage	85 Honda CRX	1:04.022
ES	John Wahl	Anchorage	Acura Integra	0:58.141
FS	Darin Minkler	Anchorage	89 IROC Camaro	0:52.798
	Ron King	Anchorage	93 Z28 Camaro	0:59.522
	Charlie Ulen	Soldotna	83 Mustang GT	1:01.954
	Brian Robinson	Kenai	79 Camaro	1:05.642
	Kirsten Kirk	Eagle River	83 Firebird	1:09.513
CSP	Seth Bohall	Anchorage	85 Honda CRX	1:07.199
DSP	Scott Rydwell		83 VW GTI	0:59.124
	Jason Greenwood	Anchorage	79 Rabbitt	1:04.719
	Collin Dey	Anchorage	79 Rabbitt	1:05.415
	Victor Oder	Anchorage	87 VW GTI	1:13.635
ESP	Kirk Nickel	Kenai	68 Camaro	1:01.660
EM	John Conger	Anchorage	72 Super Beetle	0:54.021
	Jim Rogers	Anchorage	Porsche 911	0:55.027
	Rob Winfree	Anchorage	70 Porsche 914-6	0:58.000

# ASCC NEWS... ...AND NOTES

They say there are three seasons in Alaska, last winter, this winter, and next winter. With that in mind the ASCC is looking for volunteers to help with the **upcoming Ice Racing Season**. Those interested should contact the club officials or come to the next club meeting, August 10, Pioneer Honda, 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget the **ASCC Universal Message Line** for updates on current club events and schedules. Pre recorded information will be updated and is available by calling 563-0877.

ASCC AutoCross season info can be found on the front page. Other clubs are hosting events as well:

The Arctic Region of the SCCA and Rallye Productions will host **Tal Maxwell's Friday the 13th Part I Rally** on Friday the 13th of August. Registration will begin at 6:30, first car out at 7:30. For more information contact Cheryl Babbe at 243-2122.

If you would like to rallye, but could use a little help, attend the **SCCA Rallye School** on Thursday, August 12th, at the Alaska Driving School. The address is 3201 East Tudor Road and the fun begins at 6:30 p.m.

The **Porsche Club** is having an autocross as well. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 14th. For more information contact Brian Southerd at 349-2282.

Just when you thought it was safe to go back out in the streets...yet another autocross! The SCCA will host a **SOLO II** event at Bartlett High on Sunday, August 15th. For more information contact Cheryl Babbe at 243-2122.



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PIONEER HONDA, 7:30 P.M.**