

FAST TIMES

TESORO GRAND PRIX FEBRUARY 9 & 10

IT IS HERE!! Rondy is upon us once again, with the longest running street race in America. In the form of the *Tesoro Grand Prix*, we will once again pound the streets of Anchorage with several different classes of cars, ranging from the lightest Legends to the heaviest Nascar Late Models.

This will be the very last year to use the course we have grown to love and/or hate. Money for projects in that area has become available and development will start this spring, which will take this playground away from us. Next year, hopefully, with a lot of help from the fine folks at Greater Anchorage, Inc., we will race somewhere else within the City.

As for this year, we have it all; Friday night, a pre-event social

staggered, standing start, five-minute updates on pit parking, prize money (who cares?), scheduling, how much scoring "adjustments" will cost, etc.

Saturday we have **RACING!** Who is hot, who is not.

Saturday night, we celebrate our event workers with a beer and Tex-Mex buffet at Borealis Brewing Company, another supporter of our event these last several years (buy their beer, it's soooooo good!).

Sunday we have more racing, and for those who were hot we have a little extra treat. After the Main Event has been settled, we will invite the top two from each class for a little test of who is truly king of the hill — the AROC, Alaska Race of Champions, an inverted grid,

staggered, standing start, five-minute updates on pit parking, prize money (who cares?), scheduling, how much scoring "adjustments" will cost, etc.

The way I see it, the ITCs will be comin' around the esses about the time the GTXs get the green flag, and everyone reaches the finish at the same time. This is not mandatory, nor will there be \$\$ involved, just a trophy and some serious bragging rights!

Sunday night is when we all get to talk about it at the awards banquet. This should be an improvement over some of the past years' fests. It is being catered in some form of Italian style at Fiori D'Italia. Bring your videos and prepare for a great evening of bench racing, lies and camaraderie. What else could you ask for?

ICE RACES CANCELLED FOR 2ND TIME

The lack of snow for the Sat., Jan. 26th ice race resulted in the second cancellation of this season. No sooner had the race been cancelled, when Ma Nature helped out everyone but the ASCC by dumping the much-wanted white stuff. Granted, it was in little bits and pieces, but it was snow.

Provided the snow continues, we should be able to race on February 23. Due to the lack of snow, the cold weather that took its place froze the lakes to a depth that should make it possible for the club to make up one or two races in March. If the ice holds up in March, and with the Rondy race over, we

should see quite a few cars out for the final races. Ice races are mostly fun events — fun for the participants, as well as the spectators. So mark your calendars, pack a lunch, and plan to spend some fun time at the ice races on Lake Lucille in Waisilla.

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MONTHLY MEETING

The 2nd Tuesday of each month at EERO VW. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and are open to all folks interested in sports cars, so please attend and meet the members.



Glen & Mark Graham

SUPER DAVE SEZ

What's with this crazy weather?!! Gee, ya do the snow dance for months in hope that an adequate amount of snow falls, so we can have a safe and fun ice-racing season, and other than all the strange looks from my neighbors, what happens: Nada! Just as soon as the races are cancelled, you guessed it, it snows. This winter is driving me crazy. Just ask my neighbors, but then they always thought I was crazy.

With two ice races already cancelled, I'm crossing my fingers that it keeps snowing so we can race on the 23rd of this month, as originally planned. Who knows, maybe we can get in a "make-up" race or two in March.

Having wished for snow, I have to adjust that request just a bit. Please don't snow during the upcoming Rondy races. I know Bruce doesn't agree with me — something to do about keeping his Class X Championship intact over Chad. Many drivers have tried to beat Chad; however, Bruce is the only one that succeeded. It should be an outstanding battle between these guys, as they are the class of the field.

Oooops, I almost forgot the little car that could, and did. Yup, none other than Mark Graham. Mark has been blindingly fast, with a realistic shot at sneaking in and beating the "big boys". And then there's Mikey, Bob, and those "stock car guys."

Looks like this years Rondy is shaping up to be, if nothing else, fun and definitely interesting. Don't miss out; come see the races.

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CLUB HAPPENINGS & STUFF

MEMBER PROFILE

I'm planning to start a monthly column profiling a different member, along with a picture of their car(s). Our club has over 35 years of racing under our belts (some members have been racing that long with the ASCC), and I'd like to showcase our drivers and their talents. However, I can't do it without pictures and stats/accomplishments. So don't be shy; send me some copy and I'll share it with the world.

Thom Conway, of Custom Vinyl Lettering & Graphics, who produced the Club decals, has finished the "windshield decal" and is working on a decal containing our website address. Both decals will be available at the next regular meeting, so make sure to attend and pick up your decals. Thom can make any type of lettering or graphics for your racing needs; call Thom @ 563-7536/Cell 244-8466.

The Club patches have been ordered and are in the process of being made. Hopefully, they will be available at the March meeting.