

FAST TIMES

First Ice Race cancelled due to weather

The first ice race of 2002, originally scheduled for January 12 at Lake Lucille in Wasilla, has been cancelled due to high winds and extremely warm and crazy weather conditions. As in the past years, we will be combining "studded" and "rubber to ice" class race cars together on the track at the same time. This produces interesting and challenging racing, for the drivers and spectators alike, however, without the much need snow berms, retaining the cars within the race track is impossible. Not to mention the issue of "where does the track go", and where do the spectators park safely. All serious issues that the ASCC will not compromise. A "make up race" will be held later in the season, and when that date has been determined, most likely in early March, weather permitting, that date will be published in Fast Times.

Races begin at 12 noon, and all spectators are welcomed, plus plenty of parking is available. Spectators may visit the drivers and see the cars up close after the days competition has been concluded.

Due to insurance regulations, and in the interest of safety, there must be adequate snow available to construct snow berms around the inner and outer perimeter of our track. The next scheduled race is January 26, so mark your calendars, bring your warm clothes and spend an enjoyable day at the ASCC Ice Races.

Fur Rondy Grand Prix, Hot Racing through Downtown Anchorage

February is when the "longest running street race in the country", the Fur Rondy Grand Prix, is held on the downtown streets of Anchorage. This challenging event is 9 tenths mile of lefts and rights featuring mostly wet asphalt (with a little ice and snow at times) and six foot ice walls. The snow/ice/concrete act as containment for many different classes of cars. Classes range from Nascar Late model and Trucks-Legends-and our Sportscar club classes of IT and GT [Stock/not Stock]. Each class has its own schedule for this 2 day event.

All racers and vehicles meeting Alaska Sports Car Club, Legends, Baby Grand, or Nascar regulations are invited to enter; other vehicles are welcome and should call for eligibility. Run groups and classes will be determined based upon entries to provide close competition and spectator interest.

The event will be held in the same location as last year, 3rd/1st Avenue and C Street area, in downtown Anchorage, on February 9 -10th, 2002. A list of entrants, prize monies, social events and other information will be posted on the ASCC Club web site www.aksportscarclub.org/Rondy2002 as this information becomes available. So mark your calendars and plan to attend the "kick off" race for the 2002 sports cars racing season. So get out of the house, dress warm, bring your cameras and be prepared to enjoy 2 outstanding days of fierce competition and fun.

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MONTHLY MEETING

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



Bob Dees and his Super Beetle

SUPER DAVE SEZ

After a one year hiatus from working on Fast Times, and thoroughly flogging myself and 2 dirt bikes all last summer, I figure it's time to get back in the ASCC racing mode again. No matter how hard I try to stay away, the lure of car racing keeps drawing me back, so here I am, and happy to be home.

For better or worse, or, until another volunteer takes up the mighty typed pen, I'll be the editor of our newsletter. Unlike my last sojourn into the published word, this newsletter will be available solely "on-line" and appearing "as needed". The cost to the Club for the printing, postage and other miscellaneous expenses, not to mention the time and effort expended towards producing a monthly publication became more than a little overwhelming. Plus, my friendship with LJ was getting strained due to my continual begging for fee help and sneaking into his office like 2 thieves in the dark for free printing.

I feel it's important that the latest news is made available to not only our current members, but also, any other folks interested in our Club. So, keep checking our web site for Fast Times updates. Information will still be updated on-line, so checkout the "Events" and Special Notices" sections of our site often.

As always, feel free to send comments, info., articles or items to be include in Fast Times to superdave9@gci.net, or call me at 243-8607. Members that have pictures of their cars or interesting racing/action shots can be sent via e-mail, or snail mail to 2340 Tasha Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, 99502. So send me your pictures and let's share them with all our readers out there in cyber space. SD

CLUB HAPPENINGS & STUFF

The 2002 collectors poster announcing this yeas Ice Races are out and a few of these rare beauties are still available. Please attend the February meeting at EERO VW and get one while they last. Only 100 were produced and they are going fast.

For those of you that saw last years poster will recognize the work of Tim Kirk. Tim was gracious enough to produce this years poster for us. Tim's work really captures the sprit of the Ice Races in an artistic format.

The new ASCC decals are out and available to anyone interested. Current paid members receive two decals with their membership, and additional decals are available for \$2.00 each. Windshield decals (price yet to be determined) will be available soon and should fit all race cars or tow vehicles. Contact Marcus Oder for your decals.

Special thanks to Thom Conway, of Custom Vinyl Lettering & Graphics, who produced the Club decals. Thom can make any type of lettering or graphics for your racing needs, so if your looking to make that racer look sharp call Thom @ 563-7536.