

FAST TIMES

July 1999

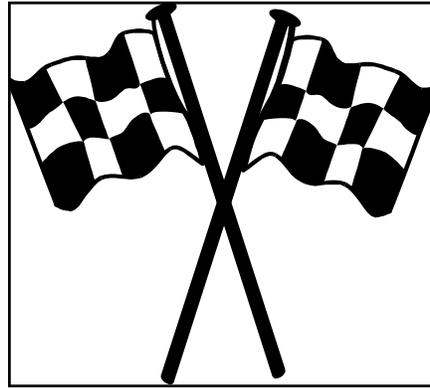
Tesoro Solstice G.P.

The Tesoro Solstice Grand Prix was a major success. Some of the summer's best racing and conditions elevated the event to one of the best weekends we have had in years.

The track surface provided a phenomenal ride for those who came. If you could master the tight esses and came with power, you are one of the winners. If not, well, maybe one of the whiners.

The course measured one and a quarter miles. There were three straight aways, front, outhouse and back, connected by a tight hairpin (which nobody seemed truly comfortable with) and a high speed chicane. Ending the back straight with an interesting jog into a tight right hander is

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Motorsports Picnic

The Sports Car Club of America Cordially Invites You to Participate in the Motorsports Mania a.k.a. Great Alaska Motorsports Weekend

Friday Evening, July 30th

The weekend begins with an all pavement road rally. With two sets of route instructions, the rally is very "welcoming" for

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Tesoro Mid-Summer G.P.

August 7-8th. Write it down now. These are the dates for the next road race in Alaska.

For those who made it to Soldotna for the Solstice G.P., we don't have to spell it out, this is outstanding racing. For the rest, pick up the phone and talk to someone who was there. Anyone at least remotely interested in racing can hardly afford to miss this event.

The third event weekend in our summer race series, with points adding up and only one event left to be announced, you can bet

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Marsh Tires Burns

Marsh Racing's facility burned to the ground in February. Marsh has been a leading supplier of tires and wheels for dirt and oval racing.

For many years Marsh has produced the tire of choice for Fur Rondy drivers but that has come to an end.

After the devastating fire last winter there will be no more Marsh tires. While the company

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Happenings.....

- ◆ Tesoro Solstice Grand Prix (it happened June 19-20th - check the results)
- ◆ Regular meeting July 13th @ EERO VW
- ◆ Tech Inspection July 24th
- ◆ Motorsports Picnic (July 31st at Shaw Pavilion)
- ◆ Inter-Club Pinewood Derby (at the picnic - who IS the fastest Club in Town?)
- ◆ Tesoro Mid-Summer Grand Prix (August 7-8th @ Soldotna Municipal Airport)
- ◆ Labor Day weekend (The last event of the Summer Race Series - Last chance for points - check the current standings)

FLAGRANT RUMORS

- 1 Skull Brothers Racing has bought the Alaska Sports Car Club
- 2 Bad Element Motorsports has bought Skull Brothers Racing
- 3 Both the Skull Brothers and Bad Element Motorsports are alive and well without Bogus
- 4 Super Dave lives
- 5 Kurt Braun can drive
- 6 Roach is under control without a collar, and the Broom?
- 7 92 comes after (is behind) 72, but which is on top?
- 8 Henry's Datsun hacks up Mucus in Soldotna

Mandatory Meeting

This month our regular meeting falls on the 13th of the month. With the Motorsports Picnic on the 31st and another Grand Prix on August 7-8th there is a lot going on and information to share. Everyone needs to be present when the details are discussed to avoid misinterpretation.

Where to find us.....

Executive Officers:

Trustees:

Newsletter: Items should be submitted by the 20th of the month to Matt Kelzenberg 278-0396. Data transfer by e-mail and Word for Windows are the preferred medium. Call Matt to make arrangements.

Physicals: Reduced rate physicals are available to ASCC members through Medical Park Family Care corporate services at 257-8102.

Advertising rates per issue.....

Full page \$75.00
Quarter page \$25.00

Half page \$50.00
Bus card \$15.00

Classified Ads.....

Members
Non-members

Free
\$5.00 Per column inch

All Flagrant Rumors should be sent to the ASCC mailing address attention the Rumor Monger to ensure they are spread properly.

"...and give me the intelligence to bury the bodies of those who don't get out of the way."

Everyone coming to meetings should be aware of the upcoming "Motorsports Picnic" at the end of July (see specifics elsewhere in this issue). One of the features of the day will be a Pinewood Derby race (we love races). I threw down the gauntlet at our annual meeting challenging the SCCA and PCA to this race. The ASCC will administer the race with the help of local Cub/Boy Scouts. Car kits are available from hobby shops for about \$10.00 or the Scout headquarters for \$5.00. We will take names of those interested (call me at 562-2077) and send a representative to the Scouts to make a group purchase.

It is my intention that the ASCC kicks these other club's collective butt. We will be inviting scouts to bring their cars (which ran recently). These guys run within the rules and since I know that no one cheats on their full size racecars, I expect no one will attempt to do so here. The rules are simple, but the execution of construction can result in a car which could win or not make it to the end of the track.

In addition, anyone fielding a car in the stock class which can beat the EuroCar/Bad Element Motorsports/Skull Brothers Racing entry will be given a Bad Element hat. I don't expect to give away hats.

Bryan Doughty
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Pinewood Derby rules (Or guidelines for those who are in need and you know who you are):

Class I or Stock

Standard specifications for all cars (Basic Specs are in box with cars):

Width 2-3/4"; Length 7"; Weight not over 5 ounces

Width between wheels 1-3/4"; bottom clearance between car and track 3/8"

Wheel bearings, washers and bushings are prohibited

Only dry graphite is to be used for lubricant

The car shall not ride on springs

Only the wheels and axles that came with the car are permitted. No straight axles.

Body work, driver add-ons o.k. as long as they do not exceed the weight length or width car specs. The car must be free wheeling with four (4) wheels, no: starting devices, motors--electrical or otherwise, rubber bands, propellers, compressed air, chemical(s) including mercury.

No body work which would interfere with other cars.

Cars must be BSA (Boy Scouts of America) cars. Shape of car is open.

Class II Unlimited or Modified

This is the class that has caused much heartburn and ringing of the telephone already. Here it is:

Weight limit is still 5 oz

Length and width are still the same, mainly because of track conditions

No explosives (if you have to light it, it is illegal)

No chemicals (for obvious reasons)

The car must be self starting i.e. after you put it on the track you may not touch it until the finish

That's it, be creative

Bribery of officials before race might work (but these people are not cheap!)

All infractions of the rules will cost you money in the form of a fine (or possibly a public flogging) and your car may be crushed on the spot (this is, by the way, a rule being contemplated for the ASCC as well).

IN ORDER TO RUN IN THE UNLIMITED OR MODIFIED CLASS YOU MUST RUN A CAR IN THE "STOCK" CLASS

Last rule HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!

Motorsports Weekend

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first timers and rally regulars. The rally will have an ending with pizza and beverages. There will be trophies for each of the three classes: Beginner, Novice, and Expert. Entry fee is \$15 with advance purchase of at least one picnic ticket. All other entrants will pay \$20 for the rally. SCCA, Sports Car Club of America, will be donating \$2 of each entry to the Food Bank.

Saturday Morning, July 31st

The SCCA will be holding a Solo II, right here in Anchorage. Entry fee is \$15 with advance purchase of a picnic ticket. All other entrants will pay \$20 for the solo. SCCA, Sports Car Club of America, will be donating \$2 of each entry to the Food Bank.

Afternoon, July 31st

Picnic at the Shaw Pavilion, Mountain View Lions Park, 1:00PM. Tickets are \$10 and all clubs are encouraged to sell them to members in advance; SCCA will be donating \$2 of each ticket sale to the Food Bank. Each ticket covers BBQ (burgers, dogs, salads, chips, and four (4) beverage tickets (1 needed for a soda, 2 for a beer). In addition, ticket holder will receive game tickets for the afternoon's games. Additional beverage and games tickets will be available for purchase. The afternoon games shall be: timed events (nut/bolt/washer, spark plug, bean bag toss); Pit Crew Competition, sponsored by AK RACE NEWS; and the Pinewood Derby Competition (\$3 for one car in Class I (Stock BSA) class, \$5 for two cars (one must be Class I, second can be modified) with monies going to a local Scout troop), hosted by the Alaska Sports Car Club (ASCC). Cars in the Pinewood Derby must use official Boy Scout of America wheels; Euro-Car will have kits available from the BSA for purchase (at less than retail \$) and copies of the official rules for this event (see rules in this issue - ed). There may even be a horseshoe competition! All games shall have a ticket "cost" to participate and play monies awarded for performance. At the end of the day's activities there will be an "auction" using monies earned in the games for bidding. SCCA will have some items in a silent auction for "real" money, all of which will go to the Food Bank.

The SCCA is going to acknowledge the 40 years history of the ASCC. A collection of past photos, videos & paperwork is now being gathered.

Sunday-All Day! August 1st

The 21st Annual Show N Shine, hosted by the Midnight Sun Street Rod Association. Come on down to the Park Strip for this can't miss event. Wash your car and bring it down to polish on the Park Strip with the finest automobiles & owners in Alaska!

For more information, contact Cheryl at 243-2122 or email:
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plans on rebuilding their factory, they will not rebuild the tire plant.

For those of you who have good Marsh tires, hang on to them. For those who don't, be prepared to pay a premium to lay your hands on a set.

For the rest of us it will be a "race" to find a supplier who can fulfill the Rondy needs. Big and sticky on a racing carcass. This is no small order as many can attest. Racers have tried many tires, compounds and sizes in search of the ultimate Rondy tire. Not many have produced.

For those who can fill the bill, we will be chasing you, for the rest, good luck.

Results and Points: CAR # - Soldotna (Overall)

ITA	ITB	ITC	GTU	GTO	GTX	OPEN WHEEL
#19 - 72 (72)	#54 - 72 (126)	#70 - 72 (72)	#72 - 69 (113)	#92 - 45 (61)	#33 - 69 (69)	#66 - 31 (31)

#52 - 39 (81) #79 - 44 (81) #18 - 51 (93) #87 - 25 (25)

#53 - 32 (48) #67 - 35 (42) #24 - 0 (33) #25 - 20 (20)

Solstice

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where the hard part began for many. There were some who flowed through the esses rhythmically. Others seemed to struggle from the beginning, never truly finding “the line”.

The one thing to remember about this course is LATE APEX. Everyone has the same problem, we, as a club, are afraid to give up the inside line in fear of being passed. By doing this we give up the fast line around the track. Remember, lap times are more important than speed. The course was laid out in such a way that a late apex was fast, an early apex fouled the next four turns.

The fast cars were Jim Rogers in the 911, Dave Cechowski in the Kharman Jesus and Mark Graham in the Datsoon. While these are our winners, they were not without competition.

Jon Schneider was able to keep his 928, a relatively new car to our competitions, within striking distance of Jim. Kurt and Adam kept Dave honest and Mark had his hands full keeping Mikey off his tail. Let us not forget that if the “bigger” cars faltered these GTU guys would have their way with them.

Fortunately for all of us, the weather held off for most of the weekend. Only once did we experience rain, and that was mostly gone before the cars were gridded. Drivers, however, found track conditions were not quite the same at both ends of the course, there was standing water at the far end. We must remember the history of racing in Soldotna. Bring your rain shoes. This may be more important in August.

Everyone is to be commended on their conduct, sportsmanship and cleanliness at the track. I personally did not see or hear of

anyone causing or complaining of a problem. The report from airport maintenance was glowing, we left it cleaner than we got it.

Noise was another issue. While our contact in Soldotna expected at least one complaint (from a known sore spot) he did not expect as many as were registered. The noise of an airplane taking off is greater than what we create. The difference is that the airplanes are an integral and accepted part of the life of local residents. They take off and they are gone. We stay around and make noise for the entire weekend and people get tired of it. Numbers don't matter, the locals impressions do.

The city of Soldotna wants us to use the airport but we have to respect the needs and desires of the locals. When we go back in August noise restrictions will be **below that listed in the rule book**. We don't have to like it but we have to comply if we are

Mid Summer Grand Prix

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the heat is turned all the way up. This may be the last chance to race your car on this type of course this summer (depending upon the enthusiasm of your competitors to return to Tanacross on Labor Day).

The format will remain essentially the same as the Solstice event, however the track layout will change slightly in the tight sections coming off the back straight to start-finish. Look for higher speeds in the form of a long left hand sweeper amongst other changes. The front, “outhouse” and back straights will remain as you know them.

We will continue to try to entice racers from outside the club to join us there. With any luck we will see some of the trucks and possibly Legends join us. Also expect the possibility of a crew session to allow your tuners a chance to see just what it is you were talking about when asking for just a little more of whatever it was.

A tech inspection will be held July 24th (place to be announced at the July meeting at EERO VW on Tuesday the 13th). All cars are required to be inspected prior to this event for safety and noise considerations.

We all look forward to great competition in August.

Please review the supplemental regulations for this event.

MINUTES

ASCC Membership Meeting June 8th 1999, EERO VW

Meeting called to order at 6:45 by Bryan Doughty, minutes were accepted as handed out by Faith Palmer. Treasurer report by Glen Graham, Burnam construction still needs to be paid for Tanacross potties. Those who paid for Tanacross and canceled can roll the money over to Soldotna entry fees. Check book has not been balanced, Glen has not received current bank statements. Comp rules, nothing to report.

Bryan announced Tanacross point standings, and announced the tail pipe award, to the Creasy camp, for the camp with the most trash left behind. The Bowdens had the cleanest camp. There was some noise complaints from the Tanacross village. Loren thought the Saturday novice race was great. Glen questioned points given with only one car in a class, the reason was explained as this being a season championship.

Bryan and Mark met with Steve Bonebreak Sunday. The main concern with Soldotna is noise, but they are happy to have us back. We have 200 feet of barrier available. Our insurance people have not hammered out the details. Additional radios have been donated from ARCO for this race. One dumpster and three porta potties are planned at this time. The EMT explorers are planning on being there. The food bank has not given us an answer yet, we plan on not having gate fee's for spectators. We may see other racers, some have shown interest in the event. No formal tech is planned, Tanacross tech will be enough. Everyone will need to help with tear down. Bryan will be there Friday for set up, and is working on getting a fork lift to move barriers. We will be paying Soldotna per hr. for workers, more workers from our group could help off set our race costs. Caron Steward will be organizing the corner workers. Mary Kincaid will pull the boat trailer down with the water barrels. Fred mentioned the club trailer needs repairs, it goes forward fine but wont back up. We have approx. 130 cones left, and will be needing several hundred feet of rope. Some of our barrels may have leaks. We will be using a copy of the SCCA waiver form. No open ground fires will be allowed. Arm band system still being discussed. Tesoro will be the event sponsor, the actual funding has not been determined. We still need someone to make the posters and distribute. Caron is concerned about the lack of barriers, we will be angling cars away from spectators. Motor homes will not be allowed to park in the paved pit area. The ultra light runway need to be kept free of tire marks.

ASCC will be administrating the pinewood derby competition for the club picnic. It will be held at the Mt. View Lyons Shaw Pavilion July 30th.

Bryan has requested a review of our bylaws by September, Fred and Loren have volunteered to help. Marcus will chair the audit of the treasurers books, with the help of the trustees. Kevin brought up replacing the trailer, options are needed. The current club trailer is possible worth \$3000.00. Tech procedure review will be chaired by Mark Graham. If you have been a part of organizing a race please give us input on race operation procedures.

Still looking for the P.O. Box keys, Marcus has one, Glen should have one at the bottom of the box, Demming may still have a key. History of the club has still not been put together.

Mike Scarce will try to service the clubs radios

Adjourned at 7:50

TESORO MID-SUMMER GRAND PRIX 1999

Sanctioned by the Alaska Sports Car Club*

August 7-8th, 1999

Road Racing at the Soldotna Municipal Airport

The track: Approximately one & one half mile long with turns in both directions, a high speed chicane, one 1600 ft and two 1000 ft straight-aways with a single tight hairpin.

Accommodations: Tent or motorhome camping available on site (no open ground fires allowed - fires in burn containers OK)

Entry costs:

Road Racing - \$175 per car (\$225 after July 30th) Multiple drivers OK based on ASCC licensing requirements

SOLO II - \$30 Non-SCCA Members, \$25 SCCA Members

Saturday August 7th

8:30 Open wheel practice
8:50 Legends practice
9:10 GT/IT practice
9:30 Open wheel practice
9:50 Legends practice
10:10 GT/IT practice
10:30 Open wheel race (8 laps)
10:50 Legends race (8 laps)
11:30 GT/IT race (8 laps)
11:50 Lunch
12:30 Open wheel race (12 Laps)
1:15 Legends race (12 Laps)
2:00 GT/IT race (12 Laps)
2:45 Open wheel race (12 Laps)
3:30 Legends race (12 Laps)
4:15 GT/IT race (12 Laps)
5:00 SCCA Solo II

Sunday August 8th

8:30 Open wheel warm-up
8:40 Legends warm-up
8:50 GT/IT warm-up
9:00 Open wheel race (12 Laps)
9:45 Legends race (12 Laps)
10:30 GT/IT race (12 Laps)
11:15 Lunch
12:00 Open wheel race (12 Laps)
12:45 Legends race (12 Laps)
1:30 GT/IT race (12 Laps)
2:30 Open wheel race (15 laps)
3:20 Legends race (15 laps)
4:10 GT/IT race (15 laps)

Bryan Doughty

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SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. General

- a. This event is sanctioned by the Alaska Sports Car Club and will be run in accordance with the most current ASCC Competition Rules. All drivers must be current ASCC members (refer to current Competition Rules for specific information regarding licenses from other organizations).
- b. The organizers reserve the right to postpone, abandon or cancel the event or any part of the event, as they deem necessary.

2. Refunds

Entry fees may be refunded to those offered no opportunity to compete. Refunds will be made in full on withdrawals received or postdated by Friday, July 30th. After that, time there will be a \$75.00 cancellation fee.

3. Vehicles

- a. There will be no running of engines before 8:00 am or after the end of the autocross Saturday night. **No competition will be allowed without EMT/Emergency vehicles present.**

NOISE RESTRICTIONS WILL BE ENFORCED Noise limitation for this event is below current ASCC regulation levels. **All vehicles must use a STREET TYPE MUFFLER or other device capable of reducing noise limits to a similar level. Glasspacks alone are not sufficient. Vehicles exceeding these limits will be removed from competition and all fees forfeited. This regulation will be enforced solely at the discretion of the Race Chairman.**

- c. Any application to run outside of the class your vehicle normally fits into must be made before the start of competition.

4. Paddock & Pits

- a. All fluids must be contained. No fluids will be allowed on the ground. All pits must supply absorbents and drain containers. **If necessary, the ASCC will provide absorbents and fire extinguishers for a \$50.00 non-refundable fee.**
- b. Maximum speed in the Pit & Paddock area will be 5 mph (walking speed).
- c. Pets are prohibited in the Hot Pit area if so provided. Pets are allowed in the pit area provided they are under the owner's control. All pets will be the direct responsibility of their owners.
- d. Children under ten years old must be under a parent or guardian's direct supervision at all times.
- e. No one may ride on a race vehicle in the pit area.
- f. Smoking is not permitted in Hot Pit or Fueling areas.

5. Technical inspections:

All vehicles must be inspected prior to practice or competition. The free ASCC tech inspection is scheduled for July 24th (Place TBA at July 13th meeting, EERO VW, or call for info).

Due to time considerations please have your vehicle inspected by the ASCC or a licensed auto repair facility, using the attached form, before arrival. Full inspections will be available at the track Saturday morning, if necessary, for a fee of \$25.00.

6. Other

- a. No consumption of alcohol allowed in the pit/paddock area until after the end of the last race.
- a. No open fires are allowed on airport grounds.
- a. Failure to comply with these or any other regulations of the Alaska Sports Car Club, the Municipal Airport or the City of Soldotna may result in involuntary withdrawal from the event and forfeiture of all entry fees.

OTHER COMPETITION...

Local competition events will be published for informational purposes to the ASCC. The ASCC does not directly benefit from these events other than through the opportunity for additional competition. These events are not ASCC sponsored.

SCCA SOLO II SCHEDULE:

April 25th	Eagle River	July 24-25 th	Homer
May 14-16 th	Solo II School	July 31 st	Anchorage
June 5-6 th	Fairbanks	August 7 th	Soldotna
June 19 th	Soldotna	August 28 th	Alaska TBA

Call the SCCA information line at 243-2122 with questions.

1999 PORSCHE CHALLENGE AUTOCROSS SERIES

May 23 rd	July 24 th
June 12 th	August 28 th
June 27 th	Sept 12 th

Call Dave Heiny (428-2198) or T.J. Clark (349-5316) for information on dates, times and places

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