

# FAST TIMES



*The Official Newsletter of the Alaska Sports Car Club*

## ASCC Summer Season Heats Up

The Alaska Sports Car Club summer racing season heads towards its premier event with the approach of the Soldotna Progress Days Grand Prix. This year's race weekend, held on the 24th and 25th of July at the Soldotna airport, promises to be another great event with a full slate of activities. Improved

Touring and Prepared Production heats will be featured as well as the SOLO II and Kart competitions.

All proceeds from this season's SPDGP will benefit the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank. Race Chairpersonette Cheryl Babbe Rodham Demming encourages all club members to attend the event, which will also include the traditional club dinner and other social opportunities.

The competition itself looks to be spectacular, with the appearance of several new cars and drivers. Spectators will see the continuation of the intense action between ASCC regular

Jim Rogers and Soldotna's Shawn Hutchings. Terry Estey's IROC Camaro looked extremely fast at Tanacross this spring, and will be

joined by a number of other big-bore, full race machines.

Club members planning to enter the race will have three options for their car's tech inspection. The first will be at EERO Volkswagen-Porsche-Audi on Thursday, July 15th. Chief inspector Jim Sloan has asked that racers get there promptly at 6:30 p.m. The EERO tech session will close at 9:00 p.m. There will also be a tech

inspection in Soldotna on Friday, July 23rd. The time and location for this tech will be announced at a later date. The final option is a trackside inspection that will be performed at the cost of \$50.

Event organizers have also asked for volunteers to help with all aspects of the weekend's activities. If you would like to help out, or would like more information on the event, please call 243-2122 or attend the July monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 13th, 7:00 p.m. at Pioneer Honda.

### *The ASCC goes south for 1993's premier summer sports car racing event*

## ASCC announces new officers, committee members, trustees

The 1993 annual meeting saw the election of new officers and the appointment of new Competition Rules Committee members. Newly appointed officers and CRC members will serve one year terms and will be up for re-election or replacement at next year's annual meeting.

The new club President for '93 is Fred Peiserich, who has served the ASCC for many years in a number of ways. Assisting Fred will be new

Vice-President Jim Rogers. Leadership positions have been filled out with the naming of Eric Johnson as Secretary and Marcus Oder as Treasurer. A complete list of officers and their phone numbers can be located inside.

The annual meeting also saw the election of new CRC members. Persons named to the committee are

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### **R.V. Mirror...**

#### **Where are you?**

*Fast Times will be under new management and we are interested in your contributions. As the new newsletter editor, I intend to have an issue out every month... on time. If you would like to send in articles, advertisements, artwork or suggestions, please do so. Items should be sent to:*

**FAST TIMES**  
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2617 Darby Circle  
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*Phone contributions will also be accepted at 276-5584, evs. All materials should arrive by the 25th of each month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. I look forward to your submissions.*

*- Jim Cucurull  
Fast Times Editor*

## 1993 Spring Tanacross:

# Hot Fun in the Summertime!

The ASCC's long running love affair with that battered airstrip just outside of Tok blossomed again under sunny skies over the Memorial Day weekend.

As usual, the weekend included a full slate of Improved Touring and Prepared Production races. What made this year even more special was the thoughtful planning of several alternative activities. Race Chairman Terry Estey wanted to thank all of those who volunteered their time and effort to make this an enjoyed, and enjoyable, Tanacross.

The surprising, yet welcomed,

return of veteran Alaskan motorsports figure Wally Hopkins provided a number of notable moments. Brandishing a very bright, and very fast, Firestone Firehawk Toyota MR2, Wally managed to serve a Saturday morning wake-up call to several unaware PP racers. Although eventually caught up and passed by Jim Roger's Porsche and Terry Estey's IROC Camaro, the ex-Dennis Aase IT car proved to be a car to watch in coming races. Wally also gave a big thrill to attending kids by offering four go-karts for a miniature Grand Prix.

Another interesting activity was the mountain bike race, which was thoroughly dominated by Josh Hedberg. After opening a gap of nearly 100 yards by the end of the first leg, Hedberg was rumored to have stopped for a sandwich and dessert before thrashing several wheezing oldsters for the victory.

In other sporting events, the beer-ball game was the sight of several spectacular plays. Kevin Bohall's autocross cone catches and the punishing hitting of Barbara Bowden were lost in a variety of prime time clips. After what appeared to be about 400 innings, and the consumption of the better part of a keg, the game was called. Details on the final score are fuzzy.

The overall consensus was that this was a Tanacross to be remembered. There seems to be an upswing in the interest and attendance of this this ASCC weekend racing tradition. Once perilously close to extinction, the Tanacross events appear to be on sure footing and we hope they provide even more memorable days under the warm Interior Alaskan sun.

## Cuc's Corner

*This column will be a semi-regular feature of FAST TIMES. I hope it is understood that any opinions expressed here are mine, as a club member, not as the Newsletter Editor.*

### *New leadership, new attitudes*

*The recent election of new officers, combined with the reappearance of several longtime members, has given birth to some new directions for the club. As with all established institutions, the ASCC goes through cycles. The present mood of the club appears to be one of co-operation, commitment and most of all, fun.*

*How we manage to get bogged down in the complain, argue and quit mode remains a mystery. The joys we associate with this sport can be had with little effort. As anyone who has attended recent club functions can tell you, the excitement and novelty of Alaskan sports car racing is in full swing.*

*It is my sincere wish that we can build on the momentum of the current positive nature of this organization. The easiest way to achieve this is through communication. Attendance at meetings, involvement in committee meetings and a willingness to compromise can help us restore our club to the strength of previous years.*

### *Summer racing observations*

*Spring Tanacross was special in a number of ways. As this issue's story indicates, everybody had a blast. Another notable sighting was provided by the Stauffers. Dennis and clan were making their first trip north in a number of years. Although allowed to compete as guest hacker in the Second Almost Annual Tok Golf Classic, Dennis failed to match the skills of repeat winner Harry the C. With all the celebrities in evidence, can a Fall Elvis sighting be at hand?*

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## New ASCC Officers

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responsible for overseeing new rule changes as well as the enforcement of existing ones. Members of the committee are quick to point out that they are regular ASCC members who have been asked to serve the needs of the club. The CRC cannot act in the best interest of everyone if they have no input. CRC members have indicated they will be meeting at least once a month and would like to encourage other club members to attend.

# CRC NEWS

## Leading items from the June meeting

The first order of business was a discussion concerning the election of Competition Rules Committee members. Hasty voting procedures at the annual meeting created some short lived confusion in regards to this matter. At present, all members have been accounted for and the complete list of names appears with this article.

The second item of business was the classification of several new vehicles. It has been decided that Chuck Singletary's new racer will run with closed wheels in class IV. Mark Martens new Acura powered, tube frame car will run in Class II with the addition of body work. Committee members also voted to separate open wheeled cars at Soldotna. These cars will run in separate exhibition races.

Another subject addressed concerned fuel cells. Partly prompted by the appearance of Wally Hopkin's new Firehawk MR2, the debate covered a number of other competitors. The decision was made that all cars running in the GT classes must have a legal fuel cell in a metal container as indicated by ASCC rules. This rule will be strictly enforced by Fall Tanacross. Club members running only the plastic inner cells will want to take note of this situation and make the changes necessary to comply with the rule.

Future topics to be covered by the CRC will include the possibility of combining GT classes. The outcome of this action would be to reduce the field into two to three classes. In addition, the CRC would like to achieve clarification of what constitutes a "production appearance" as indicated by the ASCC competition rule book.

The next CRC meeting will be held at the ERA Bowden offices on Wednesday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m. The office is located just West of the Seward Highway on Northern Lights Boulevard. Any one wanting to be involved in the discussions is welcome to attend. For more information contact Jim Rogers at 561-2739.

### Your 1993 Competition Rules Committee Members are:

Ken Martens	<b>Alternates:</b>
Dwight Bowden	Bill Demming
Ray McGoldrick	Sid Johnson
Terry Estey	
Bruce Lee	
Jim Sloan	
Chuck Singletary	



### Your 1993 Alaska Sports Car Club Officers are:

President:	Fred Peiserich	563-0877
Vice President:	Jim Rogers	561-2739
Secretary:	Eric Johnson	349-9900
Treasurer:	Marcus Oder	344-5947

# ASCC NEWS... ...AND NOTES

The first ASCC autocross of 1993 will be held Sunday, July 18th. The tentative site will be the Sullivan Sports arena. The club has currently scheduled three events for the year. We are in need of volunteers to help with the competitions. If you would like more information, contact Ray McGoldrick at 333-2393.

Club President Fred Peiserich has indicated that anyone needing information on club events and meetings can call the ASCC universal message line. Pre-recorded information will be updated and is available by calling 563-0877.

Soldotna Progress Days Grand Prix entry fees have been set. IT and Prepared Production racers will pay \$200 per car. The SOLO II autocross competition entry fee is \$20. Entrants will receive SPDGP mementos and admission to the club dinner.

Seward race event chairman Don Smith is continuing negotiations with the City of Seward. Indications are that the 1993 event will most likely be a SOLO II. As ASCC members will recall, this is how Soldotna got its start.

Club member Terry Estey has offered the use of an IT race car. The car, a Volkswagen Rabbit, is ready to race with minor modifications. Interested parties will need to finish the cage and perform routine maintenance. The car has several top three finishes including several successful outings at the Rondy Grand Prix. If you are interested, contact Terry Estey at 344-4768 during working hours.

Don't forget the July meeting. Tuesday the 13th, 7:00 p.m., at Pioneer Honda



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**Pioneer Honda 7:30 p.m.**