



# Fast Times Gazette

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## A Few Words from our President

Dear Members,

Well, our '92 Season is over and I am looking forward to '93 already. We have started working on Rondy '93. We are trying to set entry fees at \$200 per car, but to do this we need 30 cars for the \$200 entry fee to work. You must pay by December 8, 1992. After that, the fee will be at least \$300. We need to have the early cutoff so that the newspaper supplement can be done in time and at a good rate.

We are looking forward to being downtown again. The new course is 3/4 of a mile in length, with the long straight being the same length as the old International Airport Road course.

I would like to stress the importance of us having at least 30 cars at the '93 Rondy Grand Prix for us to be able to make a '94 Grand Prix happen.

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If we have less than this number—the future of the Rondy Grand Prix is in doubt. Please call me if you are going to run the Grand Prix this year 349-7575; Please call, this is very important!

Well, I will close by saying—see you at our club meeting on October 13th. Chuck Singletary, President P.S. We are starting work on two races in Soldotna, one in Seward, and one in Anchorage for the summer of '93. We need volunteers to make this happen.

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## Elections are Coming in April

The Annual Meeting of the Alaska Sports Car Club will be held in April of '93. Members will remember the Annual Meeting of '92 as one in which we could not even fill a slate of officers.

We have been in existence since 1958; Is it time to disband? I think not.

Please start giving serious consideration to these very important offices. The club needs your support in order to continue its existence. Please talk to the current officers and ask them their duties and responsibilities. Or, better yet, read the responsibilities in the ASCC By-Laws.

# ICE RACING COMMITTEE REPORT

## GET READY, GET SET, SNOW!

Dave Rauchbauer, Steve Phillips, Bill Demming and Cheryl Babbe have taken on the responsibility of organizing the season. Each of them encourage you to join in the fun of this challenging and exciting ASCC sanctioned event.

The races are being scheduled for Saturdays, with our *Klondike Classic* being a two-day event and perhaps our involvement with the Willow Winter Carnival and the Wasilla Iditarod Festival falling on Sundays.

### SCHEDULE

Bert, of the Klondike Inn, Big Lake, has been contacted. He has expressed his support to our Ice Race Championship and is anxious to receive our schedule.

The above committee has established the following schedule as of September 15th.

November 28th

December 5th

December 19th

January 9th

January 23rd

January 30th

Willow Winter Carnival?

February 6th

February 20th & 21st

*Klondike Classic*

March 6th

Wasilla Iditarod Festival

Yes, we acknowledge the schedule will perhaps not be realized as shown above. Yet, with the winter weather seeming to arrive a bit early, we are optimistic!

### REGISTRATION

We have discussed having a pre-registration system. All licensed drivers would be eligible to sign-up for the program; it would not be mandatory. By doing so, you would be registered for the events and would be responsible to pay the entry fee, should it be the case that you did not call the designated race official by 10:00PM on the eve before the race.

This will allow timing & scoring, grid, and the chairman to anticipate the attendance for each race, prior to the morning of the event.

### DAILY Timetable

We are looking at having registration at 10:00AM in the lodge, with practice beginning at 11:00AM. A system for time trials will be announced prior to the season; any ideas? We are currently looking at closing the track at 11:30AM, holding time trials, and then beginning with race day with a drivers meeting. With the pre-registration system, a driver could choose to arrive up until 11:15AM, give up his practice time. If a driver arrived later, he would miss the time trials and start in the back of the pack.

We will be holding a maximum of six races for each class daily. It should be understood that we *may not make six races each race day*, yet six races is the official schedule. This year, the races will not be limited to 10 lap events—we will be having endurance races, 20 lap events, and other "special events".

### CORNER WORKERS

The club will be looking to member Glen Curtis for corner radios. The club will be looking to members of not only the ASCC, but the SCCA, Arctic Alaska Region, for corner workers. We are hoping to find one individual who is willing to take on the responsibility for this speciality and develop a "team". The Ice Race Committee is looking at providing incentives to these volunteers.

### WRECKER/Emergency Personnel

At this time Matanuska Towing & Recovery has agreed to provide the same service as last year. It does need to be understood by the club that this is a "freebie" and that if a tow came up (yeah, the kind that paid 'real money') we would lose the wrecker for that period of time. Darin Minkler has discussed a form

of reimbursement with the committee and they will be reviewing that option. The Houston/Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department has not been contacted at this time.

### ADVERTISING

- Newspaper coverage
- Invitational event with guest drivers
- Sponsorship of series or single events
- Posters for the '92 Klondike Ice Racing Championship Series
- Possibility of tee shirts

### COMPETITORS & TRAINING

• The Competition Rules Committee has been looking at revamping our training program and we are hoping to have their plan at the next Ice Race committee meeting.

• A member of the committee has brought up the idea of re-establishing the Rubber-to-Ice classification which still exists in our Comp Rules. This would bring new interest to the program as the requirements are car, seat belt, helmet, and safety check of the vehicle.

### TECH INSPECTION

• As weather progresses, we will be establishing the tech location. When set, *tech will be mandatory*. Steve Phillips has agreed to take on the responsibility for tech inspector and will be building a program to include all drivers in teching.

### TROPHIES

• There may be trophies for the special events, which may bring double points to the Championship. Yet, the committee has decided to only trophy the class winners at the end of the season.

Well, that's what we have; now, let us hear your input and suggestions!

The Ice Race Committee

Dave Rauchbauer ..349-7931

Cheryl Babbe .....243-2122

Steve Phillips .....337-4647

Bill Demming .....243-4625

# CRC Members Meet and Vote In SCCA IT Rules

The newly elected Competition Rules Committee held their first meeting, Tuesday, September 29, 1992. CRC Members present: Travis Maxim, Glen Curtis, Jim Sloan, Chuck Singletary, Dwight Bowden, Bill Demming. Alternate Kevin Seckel was present, as well ASCC members Cheryl Babbe and Erik Johnson.

Chuck announced that Vice-President Brian Andrade has been out of Anchorage for the summer and unable to hold regular meetings of the CRC. He is expected back in Anchorage on October 15th.

The first item on the agenda was the '92 Annual Meeting. The CRC Committee had approved the proposed changes, yet due to a technicality they were not adopted at the Annual Meeting. Some of the concerns which led the CRC to consider the adoption of the SCCA Improved Touring Rules were the issues of back-dating and up-dating.

Discussion was held about the update and backdate procedures and Bill confirmed that in the IT Rules it specifically stated which years and body styles could be updated and backdated; it is defined. Jim stressed that if adopted, we too would have to update each year. Chuck confirmed that SCCA currently updates their rules each year and that we could incorporate those changes as well.

Cheryl brought up the issue of establishing a "RaceYear", which would begin October 1 and go through September 30. Should it be the case that we adopt the SCCA IT rules, we should confirm their race year. By establishing this race year, we would give our drivers a year in which they could be sure the rules would not change.

Jim Sloan made a motion to accept the recommendations of the '91 CRC. Further, to establish the ASCC race year as October 1 to September 30. It is understood that there will be

a grace period until January 1, 1993 for ASCC drivers to adopt the IT rules for the '92-'93 Season. Motion seconded by Glen Curtis. Five members in favor. Dwight Bowden opposed the motion.

Jim questioned Dwight as to why he was opposed. He was concerned that we not eliminate any of our drivers with the five-year-rule. Most members present were quick to point out that we currently had no cars that were newer than five, so new drivers would be aware of the five-year rule before building their car. Glen stressed that we retain the IT Sports classifications for his Corrado and newer cars.

The second item on the agenda was driver training. Travis addressed the meeting that we are not following the guidelines established in the Competition Rules.

Discussion then went to more driver training at our races. It was agreed that we do not provide time in the race schedules to accommodate our Novice drivers.

All members are going to be asked to donate the use of their videos on driving training. Jim suggested we have short meetings on weekend afternoons or on an evening with a driver training theme.

The third item was Rondy Grand Prix. Chuck announced that their is better sponsorship for the '93 event. They are going to be offered the added benefit of the summer race sponsorship as well. Jim asked Chuck if he were to be the promotor for that event; Chuck responded affirmatively.

We will need 30 cars again this year; three stock cars have committed to running Rondy. Fed Express has committed to fly one car up. Alaska Airlines has again donated two tickets for guest drivers.

Chuck informed that if we are unable to put together a show with our cars, the Rondy group will look

to the dirt track racers to put together a show with their sixty cars. Rondy has said that the downtown race was the most attended Rondy and that Golden Wheel had a 50% increase on Saturday.

Cheryl addressed the CRC from the Ice Racing Committee. She first addressed that

- they would like to have Senior drivers out working corners at the ice races and providing critiques to both Novice and Senior drivers.

- they will be presenting a budget to the Board of Directors

- establishment of the Rubber-to-Ice classification. It is felt that this may be the venue to bring new interest into the club racing program. She asked that the CRC give their support to committees efforts. Specifically, the concern about studded tires was addressed; it was determined that the cars must run non-studded tires. All present were supportive of the Ice Racing Committee.

**Got Any Got GOOD Videos?  
Instructional Ones?  
No, not those kind...**

The Competition Rules Committee is requesting all members to review their collections of race videos and driver training tapes.

We are planning some training sessions this winter, prior to Ice Racing and the '93 Rondy Grand Prix.

Please contact Kevin Seckel at 333-4862 with your video titles!

*The CRC Thanks You  
For Your Support!*

# Tanacross Tradition

So, who wanted to cancel Fall Tanacross this year? For shame! Do you realize that the ASCC has been racing at Tanacross in one form or another for over 25 years? Cancel Tanacross? NO WAY!!

Tradition means different things to different people. To me, I know that the spirit of all those racers before me are watching, judging, and checking out who's the "hot shoe" this time. That's the tradition that's important. We owe it to those before us to keep the spirit alive.

I was very thankful that Jim Cucurull stepped forward to chair the Fall Tanacross. I remember his comments around our campfire Saturday evening. He said that the event would of happened regardless of someone proposing to cancel. Jim understands tradition. A lot of people who have been in the ASCC a long time understand tradition. And, those people were there this fall. My thanks to Jim and Ray McGoldrick for putting on an event that was very enjoyable, *non-political*, with camaraderie among racers, workers and all those that participated.

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Speaking of camaraderie, I want to mention to my fellow racers the fun I had Saturday during the third heat, when Dave Rauchbauer and Steve Phillips dropped back to play. Drafting, passing, and switching leads made for great race action, which thrilled the corner workers and those watching from the pit area. Dave, Steve and I had some fun. Thumbs up! I'm not sure if they anticipated me getting around and maintaining my lead in my ancient Colt/Champ/Mitsubishi during the last two laps, but the thrill of carrying the checkered around the course later sure made me feel good. Thanks again Dave and Steve. That's what makes for good action and sportsmanship. They know what tradition is too.

And Barb and Dwight had a blast. It was fitting to have our "Mom and Pop" there to help the newbies and watch us thrash around out there. Barb's comments about the close race action made us all feel good. Barb and Dwight know about tradition. And Fred—you clever guy. Surprising us with your sudden green flag the first heat. Hell, I know all of us thought we'd be going around one time anyway. Surprise, surprise! And Fred's delicious beans were "20 Minutes" late! And they were early this time! Fred knows tradition...perhaps better than anyone.

So Folks, you that couldn't make it or maybe didn't care about Fall Tanacross—You missed a good one. From the filling of the water barrels, swatting bugs, campfire smoke, delicious "Mongo Steaks", fantastic Northern Lights (again), cold nights, warm days, etc., it was worth the effort to drive up there. Fall Tanacross was a magical time. A tradition that must be kept alive. Thanks to all those who made my weekend at Tanacross a most enjoyable one. Let's keep these memories alive by having Tanacross twice a year, as always.

by Bill Demming, ITC '88

We always look to our membership to volunteer for the position of Race Chairman. As a rule, this is a volunteer, or unpaid, position. In the past, we have given some Race Chairmen a sizeable monetary "thank you" for their hours of volunteer work.

Some members have expressed an interest to be Race Chairman in the future and others have expressed the desire to be "Promoters". Do you think we should compensate the volunteer?

## Pro-mote'

Verb: 1. Further progress of. 2. advance. 3. organize. *syn.* 4. further, advance, encourage, forward, assist, aid, help support.

What do you think the responsibilities of a "promoter" for the ASCC races should be? In speaking with some members, the following questions and statements have arisen.

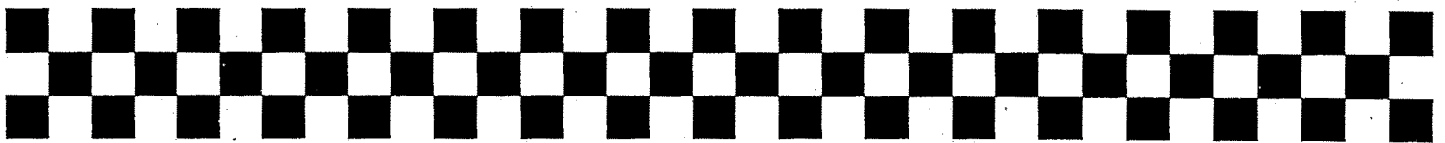
- We won't have to pay for insurance.
- We can deal with driver training, tech inspections, scoring, racing!
- We won't have to haul water barrels or pylons to events anymore.
- What is the difference between a promoter and a volunteer race chairman?
- We won't have to worry about finding corner workers, wreckers, or EMT's.
- The promoter will find sponsorship for the races. Will the club will get a percentage? Or, do we get to keep the entry fees to benefit our other events (TanaX, Ice Racing, Soldotna)
- We'll still have to handle all of the race related responsibilities—corner workers, scoring, flagging, and course layout.
- Great, we won't have to deal with the governmental agencies—the promoter will!
- Who decides who eligible drivers are?

Well, as you can see, we each have our own ideas about the promotion of a race and the related responsibilities, expenses, and income. How do you feel about this issue? Jim Sloan, a member in long standing would like to get a meeting together to discuss these issues. Please, call him at 248-0851 if you are interested.

Want to Race?  
Limited Budget?  
Have a Car?  
With No Roll Bar?  
No Roll Cage?  
Have Seatbelts?  
Have a Snell '85 Helmet?  
No Drivers Suit?  
No Problem...

The Ice Racing Committee may  
have a solution for YOU!  
Our Rubber-to-Ice Class!  
A Morning Drivers School...  
No Roll Cage Required...  
Stock Seat Belts...  
Yup, you gotta have a helmet...  
No Studs...  
Competitive...  
Let's Go Racing!

Contact Cheryl at 243-2122 if you are interested, curious, and  
want to attend the organizational meeting for Rubber-to-Ice!



## Rondy Grand Prix

*Tee Shirts & Sweat Shirts*

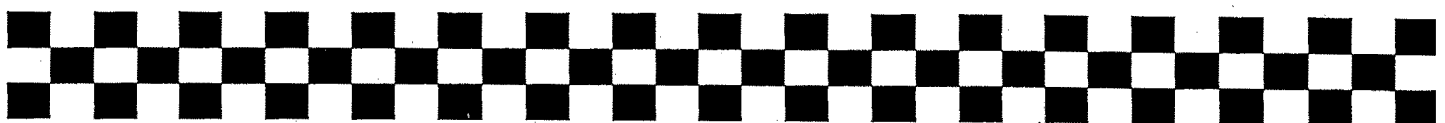
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*Stock is Limited*

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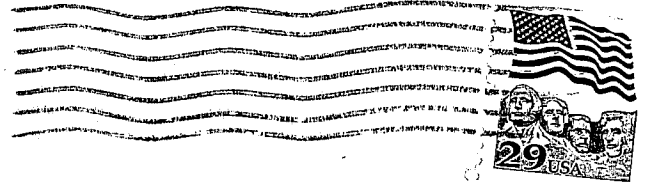
Just some of the names listed on the back—Bowden, Borden, Demming, Haunold, Cluff, Seckel, Singletary, Peiserich, York, Johnson, Jones, Peterson, Padgett, Adams, Boehmer, Chriswell, Dittman, Hemmesch, Briant, Stauffer, Ciccone, Cechowski, Elwood, Curtis, Lee, Stewart, Smith, Painter, Davis, Dow, Hopkins, Cool, Maddocks, Burkholder, Hawkins, Kuckenber, Whitfield, Estey, Wall, Starheim, Conger, Carlson, Peterson, Linxwiler, Phalp, Strang, Hirsch, Aase, Gage, Winfree, Durgeloh, Irvine, Fry, Keck, Fouse, Dunne, Martens, Cooper, Smith, Palmer, Reed, Ament and many more!

*Call Rally Productions at  
243-2122 to get your '92  
Rondy Grand Prix Collector Shirt!*





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October Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13th  
Pioneer Honda  
7:00PM

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