



Fast Times

September 1992

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Yes Virginia, there is an Alaska Sports Car Club!

So you thought everyone had given up and that you had no where to go anymore to talk grease and speed? Well guess what, we're still here!

The annual meeting of 1992 was a very poor turn-out, there was even discussion of dissolving our establishment. However, several dedicated people agreed to continue on with their duties as officers, and a few others volunteered (thank you!) These good people have agreed to stay on another year', however, people generally tend to burn out when they don't get any help. Now would be a good time to ponder the thoughts of how a volunteer club works (i.e. why don't you do something?)

This year we have had a successful Spring Tanacross, Soldotna Progress Days, Autocross, this new newsletter, and we will be *jammin'* at Fall Tanacross!

So remember, the second Tuesday of each month, 7PM upstairs at Pioneer Honda.

**NOTE: September's ASCC meeting has been changed to
September 15th instead of September 7th**

R. V. Mirror Is Here!

At this writing, we are a week ahead of the Soldotna Progress Days Grand Prix. Folks have been teched and the finishing touches are going into the cars entered. Some folks are again making it back into competition after long-term rebuilds (read... a few bucks here, wait for Permanenet Dividend Fund check there, next paycheck, and perhaps some time to actually work on the car...) Other folks are embarking on their long-term rebuilds, having broken at Rondy or Tanacross, (...see r. v. mirror)

Soldotna Success

The 1992 Soldotna Progress Days proved to be another success. With the great racing we say this weekend, it's no wonder that this is the course preferred by most drivers. Not only can you get there in three hours (or less!), but the track has never been better. As Chuck put it at the last meeting (were you there?), "You can feel the rubber sticking to your shoes as you walk across the track. This year we had a sweeper on the track provided by the City of Soldotna as well as the water truck to keep things smooth and clean. (...see Progress Days)

..r. v. mirror, cont'd.

and will miss competing directly. Some are continuing with grief and respect to race in the second annual Terry Bowden Memorial Race which will be part of the weekend, making this race a pilgrimage.

To my fuzzy mind, I'm reminded of the time and commitment that's required to make a race date. I've written before about Tom of Tom & Sally, of the chimney disassembly fracas. I've also mentioned a trip to Michigan International Speedway for a four hour day/night enduro put on by the Waterford Hills Road Racing Club. The part that I haven't shared was getting ready for that race.

As usual, the Elva Courier ended its previous race with a sour engine. Tom began on a Tuesday to rebuild it from our supply of junkyard components. That same day, my job was to re-fit lights to the Elva's bonnet, and to sand down the body for a fresh coat of paint. Wednesday, the short block was complete, and some very standard lights were installed in the bonnet. Tom had designed a paint scheme that included a black and gold diamond-back pattern across the fenders. Appropriate spray cans were bought and the car masked and shot Thursday night. Tom didn't like that look, we sanded it out Thursday. Thursday night another paint pattern used black/silver/white, and early Friday morning, the motor was dropped in over the soft paint. Taking Friday off, the car was painted it's usual white with a blue stripe, and fired for the first time at about 10:00PM. There were two barrels of spent spray cans and a barrel of beer bottles in the corner of the garage when the trailer was hitched to the Ranchero Saturday morning.

At the race track the day went well. Oil pressure was up, the BFG radials suited the Elva just fine (remember this was 1972 and BFG was just starting in motorsports, i.e. real street radials.) The MGBs and 356s were definitely set up for slicks, and Tom qualified first in class and about seventh overall! The start was of the LeMans running variety. Tom wasn't particularly fleet of foot., but got off mid-pack at about 7:30PM. In two laps the oil pressure line to the gauge came adrift as they

say - actually, the firewall rubbed a hole in it - and the cockpit had one quarter of an inch of oil all over the floor. The crew crimped it off and mopped the floor as best we could. Then the sun went down and the lights came on...Oscars, Q-Is, aircraft landing lights.. and the Elva's rather yellow sealed beams. Second pit stop, Tom can't see any instruments (didn't put lights there) - oh well, the oil pressure isn't hooked up anyway - MOTOR ON!

At about 9:00PM the Elva doesn't come by the pit. One lap, two laps, it's out there, but where? A spin? Run down by a pair of Oscars? Then Tom appears at the back of the pit. "It made a big noise and quit", was all he said. The next morning we saw the round housed block and the tach needle stuck at what would be 9000 RPM had it read that high! Couriers run MGB or MGA three bearing engines. Boy, that's depressing. Hope we all got the "first things first" for Soldotna!

- r. v. mirror

sorry rv, we only got our act together now, but the article is great! Keep 'em comin'! SRP

..progress days con't

John Conger's yellow Super Beetle #1 narrowly out-pointed Dave Dittman and Shawn Hutchings to win Soldotna '92 in close Prepared Production racing. Shawn Hutchings' Chevrolet powered Lumina Z-34 definitely had the advantage by the end of Sunday's racing, but due to some transmission problems on Saturday was out-pointed for the overall event. Other class winners were Bruce Lee PP-III, Kurt Hermes PP-II, and Henry Hedberg PP-I.

In very close IT racing, Jon Schneider won ITA, Travis Maxim ITB, and Dave Rauchbauer ITC. Very close action racing in C class brought the fans to their feet (there were no bleachers) as Steve Phillips, Dave Rauchbauer, and Steve Parsons battled it out every race for 1, 2, & 3. Dave Rauchbauer's win in class C was very rewarding after a mistake in the scoring was discovered, Dave was moved up from 2nd to 1st place over Steve Parsons. Sorry Steve!see final results last page.

A. S. C. C. Autocross Results

As of July 26, 1992

Scott Hancock	Lotus Espri	A/ST	9
Dwight Bowden	74 Porsche	A/STP	36
Jeff Landes	71 Porsche	A/STP	12
Dave Weir	Eagle Talon	B/ST	9
Bob Wagstaff	Audi Quattro	C/SP	6
Dana Morrison	Fiero V6	C/ST	36
James Back	Fiero	C/ST	6
Greg Barta	86 Porsche	C/ST	6
Paul Blouin	Lotus Elan+	C/STP	6
David Olson	81 BMW 323i	C/STP	45
Frank Branzuela	Datsun 510	D/PREP	18
Steve Parsons	78 VW Rabbit	D/SP	19
Tal Maxwell	VW Rabbit	D/SP	9
Kevin Seckel	Ford Fiesta	D/SP	9
Ray McGoldrick	85 Toyota Celica	D/SP	9
Melanie Daniels	87 Ford Escort	D/SP	6
Steve Zeman	Yugo	D/SP	6
Todd Cameron	83 VW GTI	D/SP	6
Scott Rydwell	83 VW GTI	D/SP	4
Quinn Aikens	87 CRX si	D/ST	18
Kay Jensen	74 Porsche 914	D/ST	15
Joe DeSmidt, Jr.	74 BMW 2002 tii	D/ST	9
Aaron Hedberg	Datsun 260Z	E/PREP	15
Bruce Lee	Mazda R100	E/PREP	9
Ken Martens	77 Toyota Celica	E/PREP	9
Dave Cechowski	VW Super Beetle	E/PREP	9
Martin Wohlgenuth	VW Super Beetle	E/PREP	4
Josh Hedberg	Datsun 510	E/PREP	4
Henry Hedberg	Datsun 510	E/PREP	3
Dave Dittman	VW Super Beetle	E/PREP	0
Jeff Hassler	Datsun Z	E/PREP	0
Kirk Nickel	68 Chevrolet Camaro	E/SP	9
Kirk Fletcher	1970 AMX Javeline	E/SP	9
Marcus Oder	86 VW GTI	E/ST	27
Ron Howe	92 Acura Integra	E/ST	9
Marty Decker	Fiat X/19	E/ST	9
Terry Daniels	Mazda RX-7	F/PREP	9
Michelle White	Porsche 911	F/PREP	0
Darrin Minkler	87 Chevrolet Camaro	F/ST	18
Charles Ulen	83 Ford Mustang	F/ST	5
Michael Hudson	70 Pontiac Firebird	F/ST	4
Greg Seethaler	84 BMW 318i	H/ST	27
Ron Krukenberg	72 Chevrolet Corvette	SS	27
Terry Davis	Chevrolet Corvette	SS	6

Soldotna Autocross '92

1.Darrin Minkler	51.097	1st F/Stock
<i>Fastest Time of Day!</i>		
2.Ron Krukenberg	51.168	1stSp Stock
3.Bruce Lee	51.318	E/Prep
4.Dave Olson	52.286	1st C/STP
5.Ron Howe	54.837	1st E/Stock
6.Dana Morrison	55.837	1st C/Stock
7.Scott Hancock	55.938	1st A/Stock
8.Dave Weir	56.856	1st B/Stock
9.Kirk Nickel	57.682	1st E/STP
10.Marcus Oder	58.803	
11.James Back	58.837	
12.Charles Ulen	59.058	
13.Greg Seethaller	59.200	1st H/Stock
14.Gerry Tullos	59.256	
15.Joe DeSmidt, Jr.	59.996	1st D/Stock
16.Tal Maxwell	1:02.069	
17.Martin Wohlgenuth	1:02.301	
18.Aaron Hedberg	1:06.333	
19.Michael Hudson	1:09.315	

1st Place Winners Receive a Trophy.

Darrin Minkler Records Win at Soldotna '92 Autocross

Darrin Minkler's F/Stock Camaro squeaks by Ron Krukenberg's Corvette to take top honors at Soldotna '92 Solo I competition. In a time of 51.097, Darrin proved his Camaro to be no "slug"! Fastest timed laps for IT cars for the weekend were in the 51's also. Fastest times for "real race cars" were in the 46's.

This year, the S.C.C.A. classifications for Solo I competition were adopted. This helped to insure that ever driver knew what & who they were competing against.

Please plan to attend the ASCC September 15th meeting to receive your well-deserved trophies. See above results.....

SOLDOTNA 92'

1992 SOLDOTNA RESULTS																		
CLASS TOTAL POINTS																		
Class	Car#	Driver	Sat Race #1	Sat Race #2	Sat Race #3	Sat Race #4	Sat Race #5	Sat Race #6	Sun Race #1	Sun Race #2	Sun Race #3	Sun Race #4	Sun Race #5	Sun Race #6	Sun Race #7	Sun Race #8	Total	Place
ITA	18	John Schneider	9		9		9		9		13.5		9		9		67.5	1st
ITA	22	Ray McGoldrick	6		6		6		6		9		6		6		45	2nd
ITB	11	Travis Maxim	9		9		9		9		13.5		9		9		67.5	1st
ITB	141	Glen Curtis	6		6		6		6		9		6		6		45	2nd
ITB	90	Kevin Bohall	3		3		3		3		6		3		4		25	3rd
ITB	4	Mike Smith	4		4		4		4		0		4		0		20	4th
ITC	60	Dave Rauchbauer	9		9		6		6		9		9		6		54	1st
ITC	55	Steve Parsons	4		4		4		9		13.5		6		9		49.5	2nd
ITC	16	Steve Phillips	6		6		9		2		6		4		4		37	3rd
ITC	34	Jim Sloan	3		2		3		4		3		3		2		20	4th
ITC	0	Erik Johnson	2		3		2		3		4.5		0		3		17.5	5th
I	72	Henry Hedberg		9		9		9		9		13.5		9		9	67.5	1st
II	21	Kurt Hermes		6		6		6		6		13.5		9		9	55.5	1st
II	9	Dave Cechowski		9		9		9		9		0		DNS		DNS	36	2nd
III	7	Bruce Lee		6		9		9		9		9		6		9	57	1st
III	71	Chip Larson		9		0		DNS		6		13.5		9		6	43.5	2nd
X	1	John Conger		4		6		9		6		9		6		4	44	1st
X	10	Dave Dittman		6		9		6		4		6		4		6	41	2nd
X	27	Shawn Hutchings		DNS		DNS		DNS		9		13.5		9		9	40.5	3rd
X	33	Jim Rogers		9		3		4		3		1.5		1		2	23.5	4th
III	7	Bruce Lee		0		1		2		2		3		2		3	13	5th
III	71	Chip Larson		3		0		0		0		4.5		3		1	11.5	6th
II	9	Super Dave		2		4		3		1		0		DNS		DNS	10	7th
II	21	Kurt Hermes		1		2		1		0		0		0		0	4	8th
I	72	Henry Hedberg		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	0	9th
X	65	Jeff Hassler		0		0		0		DNS		DNS		DNS		DNS	0	10th

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PREPARED PRODUCTION OVERALL POINTS																		
X	1	John Conger		4		6		9		6		9		6		4	44	1st
X	10	Dave Dittman		6		9		6		4		6		4		6	41	2nd
X	27	Shawn Hutchings		DNS		DNS		DNS		9		13.5		9		9	40.5	3rd
X	33	Jim Rogers		9		3		4		3		1.5		1		2	23.5	4th
III	7	Bruce Lee		0		1		2		2		3		2		3	13	5th
III	71	Chip Larson		3		0		0		0		4.5		3		1	11.5	6th
II	9	Super Dave		2		4		3		1		0		DNS		DNS	10	7th
II	21	Kurt Hermes		1		2		1		0		0		0		0	4	8th
I	72	Henry Hedberg		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	0	9th
X	65	Jeff Hassler		0		0		0		DNS		DNS		DNS		DNS	0	10th



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