

Alaska's RACE News

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Rally And Car Enthusiasts
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Reflections on the 1986 Rally Season.....

It was my first year at putting together the whole enchilda. Learned a lot. Met a lot of wonderful people. Worked with some pretty remarkable people! People who could function at 0:00 dark thirty in the morning, and maintain reasonable civility, people who could come through at the last minute to pre-run, to checkpoint, double check my calculations before an event, and people who would show up at Sears with nothing more than registration slips and a promise that there would be a rally.

It was brought to my attention that one does not run rallyists from here to hell and gone without some kind of potty break, somewhere..... Oh yeah, there was something about putting in add times to allow for all of the signals that I went through on green, while setting up and pre-running the rally. The one request that I may not be able to honor is no dirt roads.....sorry guys!! It is with this knowledge that I have tried to put together another season of adventures - intrigue, excitement, fun and frustration(?), and somewhere in all this, a challenge for all you who come out to play, no matter what the experience you have at getting lost in a controlled environment.

**ALASKA SPORTS CAR CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING**

April 24th

See back page for details

A Look at the Early Season Highlights of the Rally Productions 1987 Summer Season !!

Our season will start off with a **Rally School** to be held the 18th of April, at the Plumber-SteamFitters Union Hall. The address is 610 West 54th, located off of Arctic Road. School will begin at 6:30pm. Throughout this winter rally season I have been keeping a list of interested rallyists for a school. If you do not find your name on this list, please call me at 562-4035 to register.

Satch Carlson and John Fouse will be running the show at the Rally School this year. We will have classroom instruction, a quick one hour rally, and then back to the classroom for question and answers. Bring your 1986 Generals, pen and paper and prepare for a fun-filled learning evening. Just think, you may finally learn to calculate time, speed, distance on a rally, get the correction factor figured out, learn to checkpoint a rally, and get all those questions asked, like "What does a backup stop sign have to do with the most protected route???"

If you are interested in attending the **Rallymaster School**, you must RSVP to me by April 13th. My number is 562-4035, and has a recorder for you to leave a message. Satch and John will be presenting the Rallymaster School on April 18th, in the early afternoon, before the Rally School. For those of you who are considering putting on a rally this summer, please give some consideration to attending. We are hoping to get a standard for the rallyists by getting we rallymonsters all thinking the same.

MAYDAY MAYDAY will be the first rally of the summer. We will be running from Anchorage to the Kenai Peninsula and back over the May 2nd - May 3 weekend. Rallymasters working with me will be Frank Ciccone and Dick Folz. The rally will depart from Anchorage at 1:00pm on Saturday, and tackle the towns from here to Soldotna. We have arranged for lodging in Soldotna, which is included in the entry fee. Rallyists will be free from 8:00pm Saturday until 8:00am on Sunday morning. We will have a drivers meeting over breakfast, with the first car heading out at 10am. We are planning on getting back into Anchorage about 5pm.

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The rally will be run in two segments - Anchorage to KP, and then KP to Anchorage, with trophies for the first three places Overall for the two days. An entry fee of \$80.00 per car for ASCC members, and \$85.00 for non-members has been set. Entry fee includes lodging, breakfast, participation plaques, and two t-shirts. This offer will continue thru April 26th. At that time, the free t-shirt offer ends. T-Shirts will be available for \$7.00. For those of you who may be interested in running the rally, but wanting to obtain other lodging, the entry fee will be \$50.00 for ASCC members, and \$55.00 for non-members.

The "Special Olympics Auto Rally" and picnic will be held June 6th. This will be a Championship Rally. We are going to be using this rally as our vehicle to raise money for Special Olympics. Participants are asked to gather pledges from friends and co-workers in one of two ways - with a donation based on the number of checkpoints you find, or a flat donation to the rally. We will be ending at a picnic at Kincaid Park. There is a special offer to the first 35 cars who have paid pre-registration. We will be having the pledge sheets available at the Rally School on the 18th of April.

So to all of you who participated with us last summer, and the select few of you who continued to run rallies this winter, welcome to the 1987 Summer Rally Season. I hope to see you out at the Rally School for a refresher course in rallying. You can practice your skills on **MAYDAY MAYDAY** May 2nd and 3rd, with the first Championship Rally to be held May 18th. To those of you who had busy schedules and were unable to come out and try rallying last summer, come to the school and give it a try!

For information not found in RACE, please call 562-4035, or write to Rally Productions, 713 West Forty Fifth, Apartment Four, Anchorage, AK 99503.

And remember, trust me.....

MAYDAY MAYDAY

Rally School Register

Gary and Nancy Elwood
Kathi and Doug Roderick
Bev and A.J. Chriswell
Terry Daniels
Dana Sanders
Jamey and Mark Cordery
Ellen Nakamura
Terry Jettenberg
Ed and Sandy Fleek
The Bohalls
The Lurks
Nancy and Tim Brockway
Patti Claassen
Tami Corthell
Dick Folz
Frank Ciccone
Judy George
Valerie Lowe
Tom Baines
Paje Butler
Steve Alden
Susanne Baxter
Ken Martens
Kathy Haase
Dan and Carolyn Driscoll
Charlie and Julie Goodale
Blake Berry

Rallymaster School

Bev and A.J. Chriswell
Terry Daniels
Jamey Cordery
The Fleeks
The Lurks
The Bohalls
Terry Jettenberg
Ken Martens
Dick Folz
Frank Ciccone
Gary and Nancy Elwood
Christine Brister
Chuck Adams

"The Shortest Distance Around Town"

On February 7th, we held "The Five Corners Rally" alias "TSDAT" Rally. The gimmick to this rally was to find the shortest route between five points. A ten mile check started the rally to give everyone a fair odometer chance. The five locations were QWIK LUBE on the Old Seward Highway-count the # of Pennzoil Logos, Baskin and Robbins - have an ice cream cone and get a straw, Campbell School and the BLM District Office - Checkpoints, and Earthquake Park and identify types of clay. There was no order given, each team was on their own. At the end of the rally, we found that the team of Beckett and Olson, had three+ miles less than anyone else. Below, and on the next page, you will find their account of just how they executed the course.....

The Shortest Distance Around Town THRU THE DRIVERS EYES

The Shortest Distance Rally as experienced by car #3, driven by Graham Beckett and unerringly navigated by Tom Olson.

Without being a publicity blurb, car #3 happens to be a product of the HONDA Motor Car Company. Now, as any motor sport "afficionado" knows, the Williams Formula I car raced during the 1986 season, powered by a HONDA motor, was awesome in a straight line. As any student of basic geometry was taught, the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Therefore, it became quite obvious what our plan of attack should be....we had the HONDA speed and power, and all we had to do was go in a (relatively) straight line between each point to cover the shortest distance.

After much mental calisthenics...which happened to include the help of the ATU phone book....our tactician came up with the correct sequence of targets, at which point he proceeded to instruct the helmsman to follow the closest lay line to the next mark. This was only accomplished by many alley, front yard, parking lot and other off-road and other devious maneuvers. We also reversed out of the checkpoints to deter any added mileage (no, the HONDA car odometer does not back-off in reverse...but neither does it add!!!), plus there was some additional hiking by the navigator, who at times said he felt a little like Merriweather Lewis leading a HONDA wagon across the Rockies.

However, to sum it up, we put all the credit on superb straight-line performance of the HONDA, without which we would have been nowhere, plus

the skill and daring of both the crewmen.

Our heartfelt thanks to Cheryl, the Rallymaster, and her Crew. It was a very enjoyable lowkey, no rush rally, much appreciated.

Graham Beckett

P.S. More stops at the Baskins and Robbins please, I still have 30 flavors to go!!!

**And Now,
for the Rest of the Story.....**

The Shortest Distance Around Town BY THE NAVIGATOR

The car #3 driver has pretty well outlined our technique of recording the least miles while cruising around Anchorage. Being a couple of Porsche drivers we determined that if we drove the HONDA like a real Porsche we could minimize the distance. To do such, we would have to cut the apexes of corners real close, stop short of the checkpoints (no need to go past a checkpoint and pile up more miles) and when stopping on ice or snow apply the brakes hard enough to slide the tires, (tires that do not rotate do not record miles, every little bit helps).

Using the ATU phone book, we determined where all the checkpoints were located. Doing the mental calisthenics mentioned by the driver made the navigator tired and hungry, so we strolled over to the local B&R ice cream store and picked up an almond fudge ice cream cone and a plain old vanilla ice cream cone. We also picked up a couple of B&R straws. Driving the 10 mile odometer check was a little messy because ice cream melts fast in a warm car. We then drove over to the Campbell School. Did you know that the bike path that runs near Campbell Creek goes from Arctic Blvd. to near the school?? We do!! Next it was a straight shot over to the Department of ??? where Pat was checkpoint-ing. Do you think we DROVE up to his car...no, we stopped on Abbott Loop Road and walked to Pat's car, saved a lot of distance here.....

Back down to the Seward Highway. We found the shortway to QWIK LUBE and counted 2 Pennzoil signs. After the rally was over, Gary Elwood said something about taking down a whole bunch of Pennzoil flags...they were not there when we arrived at QWIK LUBE. Already having had out ice cream, we used our Hewlett-Packard 41cx high speed computing device with the custom programmed Navi-star Rally navigation program (optimized for the shortest distances in the

The Shortest Distance Around Town BY THE NAVIGATOR continued

Anchorage area) to determine the great circle route from QWIK LUBE to Earthquake Park. This took us down International, across Lakes Spenard and Hood (sure was the short way). While at Earthquake Park we helped a couple of girls in red sweatshirts and Frank Ciccone find the proper kinds of clay. Frank related to the disturbed kind.

Back through Turnagian, we ended up at Shakey's for beer and pizza, and a **major surprise**...we had recorded the least number of miles. I guess we really know our way around town...not bad for a couple of Porsche drivers, driving a HONDA like a *real Porsche*.....Tom Olson

Three Aces Take A Porsche March 7, 1987

There we are, freezing in the Sears parking lot. The drivers meeting is over, (the navigators were there too!). With **no** mileages on the route instructions, the 8 rallyists headed out into the cold. A simple rally, or so I thought.....

"Perhaps to my list of things I have learned, I should add...when you hold a gimmick rally, put a time limit on it!!"

I told them where the rally would end, and with a two hour rally starting at 7:00pm, who expected to see rallyists dragging in at 11:30pm. Cheers were cheered, and hands were clapped when old-time rallyers (they have a year of experience) walked into Pizza Man. Winning the rallying with three aces, and taking home the Porsche telephone, was the team of Main,Main,Main and Main. Novices, their first night out, the Peterson Team came in second with a pair of 10's. 3rd to Braun and Cordery, 4th to Fleek and Fleek, 5th to Daniels and Brister, 6th to Corthell and Claassen along with their first RED Lantern trophy, which happened to be blue! Car #8, the team of Grandholm and ?, a red Fiaro never found Pizza Man, and Paje and Tom, well.....I need to set time limits on Gimmick Rallies.

**Rally School
April 18th**

And the Winner Is....

It's the night of a rally. The Rallymaster is wondering just how many adventurers, diehards, newcomers, rally cultists, and crazies are going to show up at the Sears parking lot. There are twenty one entries, but only four preregistrations. No biggie, but there was only twenty route instructions printed. Thank goodness for friends with copies in their garage. Pat Donnelly zipped down the Seward Highway as car #1 departed out, and was back in time with the R.I.'s for car #20 to leave on time.

In the hopes of making that kind of terror for the Rallymaster a rare occasion, the following numbers have been requested by "Rally Regulars".

- Car # 1 - Sandy Sanders and Danny Goodwin
- Car # 2 - Chriswell - A.J. and Bev
- Car # 3 - Beckett and Mystery Guest
- Car # 4 - Fleeks - Ed and Sandy
- Car # 5 - Terry Daniels and Christine Brister
- Car # 6 - Lurk - Ron and Debbie
- Car # 7 - Kim Grant and Patty Nyreen
- Car # 8 - Bohall - Caron and Kevin
- Car # 9 - OPEN
- Car #10 - Tami Corthell and Patti Claassen
- Car #11 - Kurt Braun and Al Staats
- Car #12 - OPEN
- Car #13 - Ken Martens and Mystery Guest
- Car #14 - Dan Rambow and Barbara Hamilton
- Car #15 and Higher - OPEN

If you have a preregistered number listed above, your responsibilities to keep that number are as follows: (1) If you are unable to attend the scheduled rally, you must call 562-4035 to cancel before midnight on the eve of the rally. If you chose not to do so, you will be expected to pay the rally entry fee. If you fail to call to cancel on two rallies, you will loose your number.

For those of you who enjoy rallying and wish an open number, you may contact Cheryl at 562-4035. If you are planning on coming out to a rally every now and then, it would be very much appreciated if you would preregister by calling the above number. Simply give the driver and navigator names, a number at which you may be reached and any message.

P.S. The winner is....the Rallymaster!!

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Rally Productions

1987 Summer Rally Championship Season

18th April - Rally School

May 2nd and 3rd - ~~MAYDAYMAYDAY~~ MayDayMayDay

May 18th - Championship #1

June 6th - Championship #2

"Special Olympic Auto Rally" & Picnic

June 20th - Championship #3

All-Niter????

July 25th - Championship #4

"Gone Fishing"

August 15th - Championship #5

August 29th - Championship #6

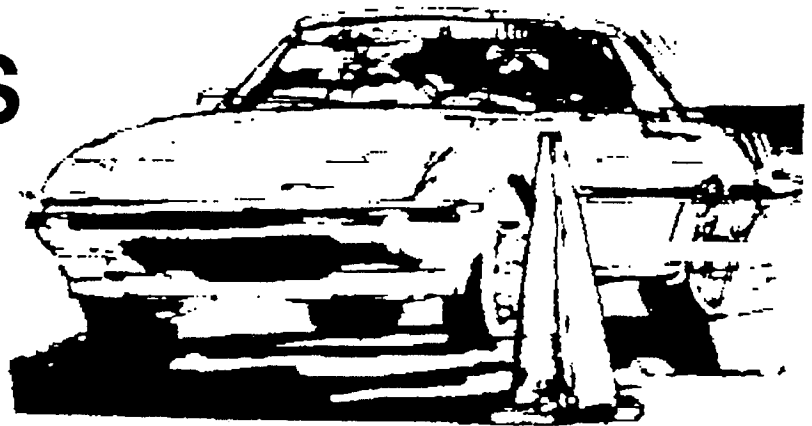
September 12th - Championship #7

May 23rd-25th- *TANACROSS* -September 5th-7th

SUMMER AWARDS BANQUET

26 September 1987

AUTOCROSS 1987 Championship Schedule



April 26 - Season Begins
May 10 - AUTOCROSS School
May 17 - Championship #1
June 7 - Championship #2
June 17 - Championship #3
June 28 - Championship #4

July 5 - FUN EVENT
July 12 - Championship #5
July 26 - Championship #6
August 9 - Championship #7
August 23 - Championship #8
September 13 - FUN EVENT
September 20 - FUN EVENT

Location will be East High School or Sullivan Sports Arena

Registration Begins at 11:00am  First Car Through Gates at Noon

Contact Terry Daniels for more info - 333-1278

Alaska Sports Car Club Annual Meeting

Anchorage International Airport Inn
April 24th, 1987

Election of Officers - Be there or be Elected !

R.S.V.P. by 4/20/87

Barbara Bowden #248-4569 If at not home, please
leave name and number attending on the recorder.

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8:00pm Dinner Meeting

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April 18th
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Great for beginners, and a
refresher school for
seasoned rallyists !!

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