



The

Checkpoint

Official Publication of the Arrowhead Sports Car Club

Visit us on the World Wide Web at arrowheadsc.org

April 2000

Volume 41

Number 4

Skid Marks

---by Bill Taylor



A Little Official Business

Included in this issue is a copy of the ASCC Constitution, as amended in 1999. The changes were published, voted on and approved last year.

The substance of the changes was to consolidate some functions and offices.

Unfortunately, we neglected to distribute copies to everybody. Sorry 'bout that

A Minor Clarification

Okay. GM is going to produce a knock-off of AM General's leviathan Hummer. Both companies will produce their own versions. AM General will produce the really big one, to be known as the Hummer H1. GM will produce the not quite so big one, on the Suburban chassis, to be known as the Hummer H2.

Classic Roadsters, the Fargo firm, will still produce their kit (the R.A.T.) for existing Chevy full-size pick-up chassis, at least until the lawyers get the legal grinder working.

Everybody clear on this now? Relax, there won't be a test. Just give a passing glance to Court TV every once in a while.



And They're Off

The Around the World in 80 Days Rally is off and running. Daily updates can be found on the net at www.carnet.co.uk/rallyoffice. These are a worthwhile read, published by someone using the nom d' net of "Syd Stelvio."

There are a couple of interesting threads to follow. First, and probably now over, is the saga of Julie Holdcroft. She was a spectator at the Tower Bridge start in London. That is, she was until she was drafted as co-driver for the US-entered 1913 Rolls Royce. It seems that owner-driver Bill Borchart Larson was too ill to make the start. Officials wouldn't let co-driver Terry Maxon start without a second person. He called out to the crowd asking if anyone wanted to go for a ride. 39-year old single mother Julie thought it would be fun to go a few miles.

To make a long story short, she started trying seriously to get back to London from Thesalonika in Greece, just before the rally crossed into Turkey. She got that far without cash, credit card, passport or change of clothes. Seems she had to make a couple of phone calls to make sure someone would feed her cat(s) and tie up a few other loose ends.

(continued on Page 3)

Arrowhead Sports Car Club

Officers

President

7675 Bear Trap Junc. Rd.
Saginaw, MN 55779-9672

Diane Sargent

H 729-0821
W 727-6864

Vice President

7675 Bear Trap Junc. Rd.
Saginaw, MN 55779-9672

Tim Winker

H 729-0821
W 729-0826

Secretary

423 S 19th Ave. E.
Duluth MN 55812-2028

Bill Taylor

H 728-2980
W 727-8723

Treasurer

423 S 19th Ave. E.
Duluth MN 55812-2028

Char Taylor

H 728-2980
W 723-2870

Competition

414 Carlton Ave. W.
Cloquet MN 55720

Randy Jokela

H 879-6221

Membership (temp)

5554 Maple Grove Rd.
Hermantown, MN 55811

Jon Anderson

H 729-9390

Publicity

5554 Maple Grove Rd.
Hermantown, MN 55811

Jon Anderson

H 729-9390

Periodicals Postage paid at Duluth MN 55801

The Checkpoint is the official newsletter of the Arrowhead Sports Car Club, Inc. Opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the ASCC, its officers or its members, nor any Checkpoint advertisers. Articles may be edited. Non-original material will be noted as such.

The Checkpoint is published monthly except January from 423 S. 19th Ave. East, Duluth, MN 55812-2028.

Annual subscriptions are \$11.00 and are included in ASCC membership. Single-issue price is \$1.00 and is included in entry fees for ASCC events. Make checks payable to ASCC, c/o Treasurer.

Newsletter Staff

Editor

Bill Taylor

423 S 19th Ave. E. H 728-2980
Duluth MN 55812-2028 W 727-8723
e-mail: wastaylor@earthlink.net

Workers

None this month.

Contributors

Tim Winker

Jon Anderson

Submissions

Submissions to *The Checkpoint* may be typed, handwritten, composed on diskette or transmitted by e-mail. All submissions should be sent to the editor at the above address

Computer disks with text should be in an IBM compatible format. If material is submitted as an attachment to an e-mail message, notify the editor before submitting. No unknown e-mail attachments will be opened. Deadline for submission is the last Thursday of the month for the following month's issue.

Articles, photographs, drawings and paste-up work submitted to this publication earn ASCC Continental Cup worker points.

The Checkpoint
(USPS) 006-510

Address Correction Service Requested

Postmaster, send address corrections to:

The Checkpoint
423 S. 19th Ave. East
Duluth, MN 55812

Skid Marks

(continued from page 1)



Parade of ATW rally cars on Day 6, somewhere in Greece?

According to trusty reporter Syd Stelvio, Julie made border crossings by hiding under a tarp and some blankets in the back seat.

She also spent a couple of evenings baby sitting a broken 1913 Roller by the side of the road. Seems the machine had not been prepared or shaken down too well. Another temporary co-driver took over in Thesalonika (or her sense of humor finally bottomed out) and Julie could start trying to wend her way home.

However, the last enroute report I looked at still included the 1913 Rolls Royce in the standings.

Not so lucky was the 1912 Locomobile Type 48 of Richard Seeley and Gerald Michelmore. It died of a blown engine before it got to the Channel Ferry for the ride to France.



ATW, Day 7

That means that there will be one less entrant arriving in Duluth.

The London - Istanbul portion of the event is finished. Overall winner was an Aston Martin DB6. Some 20 cars have now packed up and are heading back to London. Or they're trying to.



Preparations are continuing for the arrival of the Around The World rally in Duluth.

In very general terms, here is what will happen when the circus rolls into town.

Thursday, June 29, ATW participants will arrive in town by way of Highway 23 and Skyline Parkway. A finish control will be established on West First Street, just before the entrance to the Holiday Inn parking ramp. We don't know just when they will begin to arrive, but estimate that it could be around 4:00 PM, extending through the evening.

We will provide a hospitality/coordinating office in the Holiday Inn throughout the period when the rally is in town.

Friday, June 30, will be dedicated to rest and repair. We have located a number of auto-related businesses and schools, which are willing to make services and facilities available to the participants.

Since Duluth will be the only layover between Banff and New Jersey, there will be a small social gathering and light dinner to be held at the Fitters Brewery complex, probably from about 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Rally vehicles will be on display to the public in the Fitger's parking ramp for the duration of the festivities.

Saturday, July 1, the rally will hit the road, again, with a ceremonial departure from the DECC-Irwin area. From there, they will transit to Solon Springs, where they will be flagged out on the first of the day's timed legs.

The ASCC will handle the departures from the Irwin and from Solon Springs. We will also probably handle a checkpoint near Clam Lake.

Obviously, a lot has yet to be done. We need your help and the help of anybody else willing to participate. Please, let us know if you can assist.

--nuff sed

Matters of Record



Minutes of Meetings

April 13,2000
James Supper Club
4767 Arrowhead Road
Hermantown, MN 55811

Board Meeting: Omitted

General Membership Meeting

Called to order at 8:10 PM

Roll Call: waived

Minutes: March minutes corrected to reflect that Diane received the letter from Shirley VanDell. Approved as corrected.

Reports:

Vice President:

VP absent, no report.

Secretary:

Check has been sent to the Minnesota Association of Car Clubs for membership.

Treasurer:

Checkbook balance \$839.73

Competition:

Reviewed rumors of rallies to come.

Membership:

14 paid members as of the meeting date.

Checkpoint

Printed 100 copies of March Checkpoint at a cost of \$51.60 to print and \$1531 to mail.

Publicity:

Sent out 225 letters with reply cards to 225 auto service facilities in the area for support of the Around the World in 80 Days Rally. Replies to date have been 11-"yes," 8-"maybe" and only 1 "no."

Old Business

World of Wheels: Jon, Randy and Tim attended the show and distributed flyers about the ATW rally.

Minneapolis Auto Show: Nobody went.

Highway Cleanup:

Consensus was that it would be a good idea to wait until the snow stops. First cleanup will be Saturday, May 6, Noon, Sunset Lounge.

Iron Range Motorsports Facility:

L-O-L Regional Executive has been informed of the plans to build a new motorsports complex. RE seemed to be less than overwhelmed by the news, in spite of the fact that there will be a 1.3-mile road course built, in addition to an oval and a drag strip.

Communications:

Randy passed his FCC test and is now ready to join the ranks of 2-Meter hams.

Club Advertising:

Jon Anderson presented information about rates for advertising at the new Highway 13 Raceway in Wisconsin. For a 4' x 4' sign, cost would be \$225 for the first year, \$65 each succeeding year. The raceway would provide all materials and repairs. A business card-size ad in their program would run \$25/year.

(continued next page)

Matters of Record



Minutes of Meetings

(continued)

New Business

Around the World in 80 Days Rally

Lunch Meeting: Met with Holiday Inn personnel. Rally cars will park on the 4th floor level of the ramp. Meeting room #414 will be available for our use as a coordination/hospitality room as long as the rally is in town. Some service space will be available on the lowest level of the ramp and will have 3-4 electric outlets available.

Convention and Visitors Bureau reps attended and got info on the event. They will contact the B&B Association for contacts and will inquire about possible use of Glensheen Mansion for some parts of the event.

Arrival checkpoint will be at the clock tower on First Street and 2d Avenue West.

Rally will be flagged out from the William A. Irvin.

German Car Fest will be held in the Twin Cities on June 10. We will try to get some fliers distributed.

Follow-up meeting will be held at the Anchor Bar in Superior, May 4, 7:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

ASCC Reunion:

Tell any old ASCC members you see or meet about the ATW rally. Let's make this a good event around which to hold a club reunion.



Around The World In 80 Days Challenge

Organization Requirements

Chair: Coordinates all specialties.

Worker Coordination/Registration: Provides information on lodging, etc., for out of town workers. Makes sure all workers sign waivers and get any goodies that may be provided.

Sponsorship: Sells sponsorships to fund all activities.

Treasurer: Collects sponsorship money and pays any bills.

Controls: Staffs one control on Thursday and one or two on Sunday.

Welcome: Coordinates any welcoming ceremonies with the Duluth Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Service: Identifies possible service facilities in the area, including towing. Arranges for any work to be done.

Social: Reserves location and comestibles for Friday evening social event.

Parc Expose: Reserves location and security for display of cars.

Publicity: Coordinate with International and North American publicity persons. Provides any local News Releases and/or News Conferences. Arranges interviews for local media before and during event. Follows up with event final results in July.