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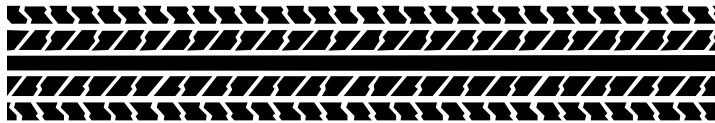
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Skid Marks

---by Bill Taylor



They're Getting Closer

OK, boys and girls, suck it up, cinch it up and grab the camera. This is your last warning. The Around the World in 80 Days Motor Challenge will be here on June 29. They've been on the road for a month and the field seems to be getting stronger.

Catch up on the full story by going right to "The Source," the

Official web site of the event can be reached at: www.carnetnews.co.uk.

There you will find all of the information we don't have the space to print. Complete updates by roving reporter Syd Stelvio and complete standings as the intrepid adventurers trek across the Gobi desert in China.

Don't have time for all of that and just want to get the latest on our preparations for their stay in Duluth? Go to:

www.vintagerally.com and see what Tim Winker has posted.

We still need volunteers and gawkers, both.

What better excuse do you need to take a Thursday off to combine with Friday to make a four-day motorsports weekend? How many other opportunities are you going to get to find out how to prepare your Facel Vega, Fiat Millecento or Rover 80 for a trip around the world? Maybe you can get a few tips from the pros about locating parts for that Talbot AV 105 Alpine parked behind your garage.



Around the World in 80 Days Motor Challenge

**Coming to Duluth
June 29 to July 1, 2000**

June 29: Arrival in Duluth

June 30: Rest & Repair

July 1: Depart for Solon Springs and points east.

(A More complete schedule is printed elsewhere in this issue.)

Need a room? Check with Ron Harshman, (715) 394-8464, he might be able to help. Act fast!

Photo ops will abound. How about catching their arrival at the Holiday Inn? Or maybe you can get a few shots of first-echelon maintenance in the parking ramp. Want to get them all in one spot? They're all going to be lined up in front of the William A. Irvin for departure early on Saturday morning.

When most of the Band-Aids get applied and the top layer of crud is washed off, you can see them lined up in the parking ramp at Fitger's.

We're looking forward to seeing you here.

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Skid Marks (continued from Page 1)

My mother has both a terrific sense of humor and more than a little suspicion about my interest in motorsports. Got this from her in the mail just a couple of days ago. Thought its worth passing on.

Hymns to Sing While Driving

45 mph:	<i>God Will Take Care of You</i>
55 mph:	<i>Guide Me, O Great Jehovah</i>
65 mph:	<i>Nearer My God to Thee</i>
75 mph:	<i>Nearer, Still Nearer</i>
85 mph:	<i>This World Is Not My Home</i>
95 mph:	<i>Lord, I'm Coming Home</i>
100+:	<i>Precious Memories</i>



Schedule for the Around the World in 80 Days Rally stay in Duluth.

As we go to press, the fine detail of this schedule is still a little squishy; but, use it for planning your itinerary.

Thursday, June 29, 2000

- Arrive in Duluth via Jay Cooke Park and Skyline Parkway. (Late afternoon and early evening)
- Check-in at Holiday Inn upon arrival.

Friday, June 30, 2000

- Rest and repair as needed
- Lunch with marque car clubs
- Public display of cars at Fitger's on the Lake 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM

- Social and Dinner at Fitger's on the Lake 5:30 PM
- Duluth/Superior Dukes Baseball game for those interested: 7:05 PM start.

Saturday, July 1, 2000

- Public departure from the William A. Irvin: 7:00 AM
- Official Departure from Solon Springs (time TBA)

"Rally 'Round the Kids'"

Reprinted from The Northern Star the Mercedes-Benz Club of Minnesota official newsletter.

"The volunteers from the former Grand Prix of Minnesota are continuing their support for the Cancer Kids Fund by sponsoring a fundraising Road Rally on June 24, and you are invited to participate! The Rally will be run on a timed 90-mile course through Hennepin and Dakota Counties, ending at a park near Hastings with a celebration picnic and prizes. You'll collect points for answering "Trivial Pursuit-type" questions with answers found on road signs, billboards and buildings along the course. Speed is not a factor, since the winner will be the vehicle with the most correct answers and a finish time within the given limits.

Each vehicle must have at least a driver and a navigator, but passengers are welcome to be "backseat drivers," so bring the family! Only street-legal vehicles, including motorcycles, may participate. Rally masters from the SCCA are designing the course and the starting point will be at "turn 5" of the Grand Prix race course (921 Washington Ave., Mpls.) We'll begin registration at noon and it will take about 3-1/2 hours to run the course.

There will be a minimum \$25 donation per vehicle, and the money we raise will help the Cancer Kids Fund send teens stricken with cancer to Camp Make-A-Dream in Montana this summer. This event is for fun but we also want to raise money for the Cancer Kids Fund, so think about how you might gain "sponsorship" pledges for your vehicle. Participation will be limited to the first 100 vehicles that register. To request a registration/pledge form, please leave a message with your name, address and phone number at (763) 531-3222. We and the Cancer Kids greatly appreciate your support!

That's definitely...

--Nuf Sed

Headwaters Club Rally

--Bill Taylor

Made the trek to Park Rapids a couple of weeks ago to take in the Headwaters Club Rally (that's the same critter that was formerly known as a Divisional PRO-Rally.) I can make these jaunts all too infrequently, so they never get old and are always a real hoot.

This year was spiced up by the fact that this year's event was also the "1999 National ClubRally Invitational." The best two teams in each division for every class of the SCCA National ClubRally program received an invitation. Thus, the very best of the SCCA's ClubRally teams were in Park Rapids to contest for National Honors during the event.

Here are some of the things you missed by not going.



Saab Sonnet of Paul Moorman/Diane Sargent and a look into the engine room. Note the "optional" 16-valve, turbocharged engine.



Franken-Sonnet on the trail. Rumor has it that this was the first time it actually finished a rally.



Gingras/Westrick at speed



J.B. Niday and Al Kintigh in the relatively new Golf plowing furrows in the trail. J.B. must have finally linked up all the holes in the old Fiesta and it just disappeared.



Old friend and former ASCC member Carl Kiernan takes a weekend cruise in his Eagle Talon.

And this is how some of the aficionados of the ASCC Winter Rallye Series keep their skills sharp in the off season. OK, I guess they use the WRS to keep sharp for digging very long and shallow ditches in the dirt and avoiding those embarrassing tree-shaped dings in the doors of the rally car.



No good reason for this; we've never run a Holden logo in *The Checkpoint*, before.

Matters of Record



Minutes of Meetings

May 11, 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: Approval of April meeting minutes postponed to the June meeting.

Reports:

Vice President:

Headwaters Club Rally will be 5-12-00; 47 cars entered. Will include run-offs from 1999 Club Rally championships.

Brainerd race weekend 5-19 to 5-21.

Great River Road Rally 6-3, starting in Chippewa Falls.

Susquehanna Trail Pro Rally (STPR) 6-3.

Vintage Saab conclave in Princeton, MN 6-9/10. Cannon City rallycross 6-11.

Around the World in 80 Days rally comes to Duluth 6-29 to 7-1.

Secretary:

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

Treasurer: NTR

Competition:

Reviewed schedule of events set out by VP.

Membership:

15 paid members as of the meeting date.

Checkpoint:

Small issue will be sent out with mail ballot to try to get election finalized.

Publicity:

Called attention to May 8 article in the Duluth News Tribune on Around the World rally.

Mixed Old and New Business

Election:

Ballot will be sent out to all current members to try to resolve 2000 election.

Club Trailer: Still needs work.

Winter Rallye Series Trophies: Not done yet.

ASCC Web Site:

Club web site has shown up as number 123,204 out of 375,722 of most often visited sites on the net. Much to do with ATW coverage

Around the World in 80 Days Rally:

Working with Fitger's for the Friday festivities and dinner.

Bill Taylor will check out city permit requirements and approach the mayor about a proclamation and attending the dinner to present it.

Weekly meetings will be needed to keep everybody up to date until the event is over. Meetings will be Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, at Fitger's.

Duluth is the only North American stop between Banff and Niagara Falls.

Adjourned: 9:40 PM.