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Haines Centennial Celebration

Winning parade entries, photos and more

By Roger Maynard

First place in the 4th of July parade was the float, "Annette's Troupers," because of the use of the parade theme, and the illustration of several parts of Haines history including "Soap Suds Alley," Anway strawberries, and the clear message that this is the 100th anniversary of Haines' organization as a city.

Second place went to The Saw Shop, a six-wheel ATV colorfully decorated with a clear illustration of chainsaws, and the motto, "A cut above." The saw shop is owned and operated

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Photo by Roger Maynard

Senator Murkowski Speaks, Listens to Haines

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Senator Lisa Murkowski gave a short presentation at the American Bald Eagle Foundation on Friday, and spoke with Haines residents there, at the Elks Club hamburger feed, and at the new Haines Assisted Living facility.

Murkowski said there is no shortage of issues at the national level, and things are "very political" back there (*Washington D.C.*) "Many of us have concerns about the direction the country has taken," she said. "Right now there's a lot of focus on the Gulf of Mexico, and that issue will have an immediate, direct impact on operations in

Alaska. We will continue to see regulatory issues that will be difficult for us as a state."

The senator said one focus of her administration is to ensure jobs for Alaskans. Part

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Senator Lisa Murkowski

of this focus will be to "make sure the EPA doesn't try to shut us down every time we turn around."

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Piper Trio Wins Mad Raft Race

Unofficial results: Bob, Corey and Jesse Piper paddle to victory



(Left to right) Corey, Bob and Jesse Piper.

Photo by Roger Maynard

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Editor's note: The results here are "unofficial," because we were not able to find any timekeepers or organizers. After speaking to some of the folks in the race it appears there may have been little organization to the event; if this is not the case, we would be happy to publish times and official results.

A Haines 4th of July tradition, the Chilkoot River raft race was won by veteran paddler Bob Piper, his son Corey, and nephew Jesse Piper. This is Corey's second win for the day, having come in first in the Mount Ripinsky run earlier.

The trio paddled their home-made Styrofoam craft between rocks, keeping in strong current flows, portaged around the east side of the ADF&G fish weir, and passed under

the Chilkoot River bridge about 100 yards ahead of the next contender. They had no mishaps in the

rocky stream, arriving below the bridge without a dunking.

Bob Piper said he hasn't run the race in 4 or 5 years. "I ran it about 20 times, but then a few years ago someone decided to quit having it," he said, "I guess people just wanted to keep doing it so they keep coming back every year, but it's not as organized as it used to be."

All of the contestants we saw had lifejackets and helmets; most made it to the finish line, though at least one raft crew quit it early and walked back to the parking lot.

See more pictures of the Mad Raft Race at the Haines Alaska News website at <http://hainesnews.net>

Corey Piper Wins Mt. Ripinsky Run

David Swift 2nd; Ralph Borders 3rd

By Roger Maynard

Fifteen year old Corey Piper ran to the mark at the top of Mount Ripin-



sky and back to the VFW hall on Second Street in 31 minutes 36 seconds, winning first place overall and first place in the under-18 men's division. "It's pretty steep going up, and pretty treacherous coming down," said Piper, "I had to push off of trees and things to slow down." Piper is a high school cross-country runner and hopes to go to state next year.

David Swift came in second at 32 minutes, 19 seconds; and Ralph Borders won 3rd overall and first in the over-50 men's division with a time of 32 minutes 38 seconds. Winners in the women's division were JJ Lende, in at 33 minutes 34 seconds, and Julie Vance at 38 minutes and 27 seconds.

According to race organizer Paul

Swift, Chip Lende may have set a record since this is his 20th year. "That's as far back as I have records for," said Swift. "I ran it for many years, but I think 20 years is a record."

Weather conditions were ideal for running with cool temperatures, a light breeze and dry conditions.

See more pictures of the Ripinsky Run at the Haines Alaska News website at <http://hainesnews.net>

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From Blue Grass to Tundra

Model A owners make the Alaska Highway “Trip of a Lifetime”

By Gary Lidholm

“Six thousand miles, no flats and no major breakdowns!” Dan Godbey said proudly as he sprayed WD-40 on the engine of his 1931 Model A Coupe. “Your Haines rain does get this old engine wet, however, and I try to keep it dry,” as he applied spray to the sparkplugs on top of the 79 year-old vintage car.

Dan and wife Tammy Godbey were travelling partners with Mike and Judy Akers, owners of a 1930 original Model A. The two couples left their homes in central Kentucky on June 2nd with the goal of reaching the Arctic Circle. Towing behind each vehicle was a homemade trailer/camper, the design inspired by the 1930s Ford Station Wagon.

The beautifully restored Model A’s are parked for five days at the Haines Hitch-Up RV Park where the rugged travelers await the Sunday ferry to Prince Rupert and continuation of their trip down the west coast to California and then home by Au-

gust.

Compared with the expensive motor homes parked at the Hitch-Up, life in the trailers is sparse. There is barely



Dan Godbey dries the engine of 1931 Model A with WD-40.

Photo by Gary Lidholm

room to sleep two and cooking is done from a back pantry that opens up with rain fly’s on the side. The goal was to have a trailer that weighed less than 1000 pounds fully loaded. “You and your spouse have to get along well to survive a trip in that,” Mike commented. But then he added, “We have

very special wives to go along with an adventure like this.” The infrequency of gas stations was one of the obstacles

faced by the travelling couples as they journeyed north. The Model A’s only have an 11-gallon gas tank and there wasn’t much room to carry spare gas.

“But,” Dan added, “You can lean the carburetors down on these things and stretch out the gas.”

The Akers and Godbey’s belong to an organization called Central Kentucky Model A Restorers Club. They have done a good job of documenting this adventure on a blog site at ckmarc.com/alaskatrip.

Their good writing skills capture the highlights including making it to the Arctic Circle on the Haul Road on summer solstice. Their blog also gives a good description of their stay in Haines accompanied by photos of the area.

We wish the Aker’s and Godbey’s the best as they continue their adventure. It points to the great diversity of recreational experiences offered by our community.

HAINES CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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by Pete and Diana Lapham.

Third place went to the American Legion Color Guard, with representatives from four different services, and to the Cub Scouts who had one of the most enthusiastic groups in the parade. The scouts had several marchers on foot, accompanied by some off-road ATV’s.

This year’s parade had 22 entries, and was judged by Bill

and Rocki Rostad, Gary and Juanita Lidholm and Joe and Sue Poor, with Robert Venables as narrator. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the parade happen.

Cool and breezy weather didn’t dampen the festivities as Haines celebrated the Fourth of July in grand style.

Check out some of the other activities in the photos at the Haines Alaska News website at <http://hainesnews.net>



Second place winner, The Haines Saw Shop.

Photo by Roger Maynard

SENATOR MURKOWSKI SPEAKS

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“Locally, we need to ask how can we preserve an asset like Fort Seward,” said Murkowski, “And if we get a gas line, Haines may be a port for materials and equipment. What assets and infrastructure does Haines have and need?”

Questions:

“Why can’t Alaska go drill for oil and extract our natural resources without approval from the federal government. Doesn’t federalism work from the bottom up?”

“Part of our problem as a state,” she said, “is that the federal government owns 66 percent of the state. It’s like having to ask your landlord to hang a picture on the wall. If we have to ask permission for everything, how can we be independent?”

When we became a state, there was not enough population to provide a sustainable tax base. Therefore, it was agreed by the federal government that we would have a resource-based economy. But the federal government has gone back on some of their promises — for example, the timber industry was shut down by changing federal policies.

She reaffirmed that dealing with restrictive federal regulatory agencies will be a constant battle, every day, “Most of us don’t view the federal government as our friends. Although there have been some recent successes on the part of Alaska – in one instance the federal government was trying to call a ditch near Fairbanks a navigable waterway – such fights take years.”

Why did you vote in favor of some of the stimulus packages?

“The first stimulus package of 800 billion, I did not support that,” said Murkowski, “There was a subsequent jobs bill in January of this year; I voted for that one because it was paid for. All of the other stimulus bills we did not support.”

“Of particular concern is that the financial reform bills may actually create a business environment where small business cannot succeed. We’ve heard the term, ‘too big to fail,’ but in my opinion we’ve



John Schnabel, Facilities Director Brad Maynard, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Mayor Jan Hill .

Photo by Roger Maynard

structured things so that now a business can be ‘too small to succeed.’ That’s why there is no howling from the big guys.”

The jobs that the federal government creates do not create wealth. “What we’re seeing in is incredible growth in government jobs. For every job gained in the public sector, we have lost 100 in the private sector. We’re not really creating wealth here.”

Murkowski is running for reelection to the U.S. Senate this fall.

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