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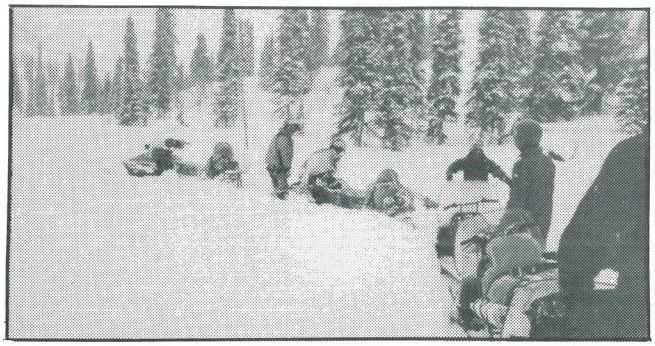
Breaking The Trail For The Gold Rush Classic



Six Bravo Long Tracks loaded with gear leaving to start the long trail break to Galen. Left to right--Pat Reilly, Rod Schuh, Bob Gilman, Gars Eoff, Bob Kowalke and taking the picture Steve Deptula.



Leaving Puntilla Lake in deep snow conditions and heavy snow falling.



Ptarmigan Pass, as much as 5 feet of power snow forces trail breakers to hook two Bravo Long Tracks together to climb the steep hills.



Rhone River, the trail breaking crew reaches Rhone River to spend the night. This is one of the mandatory layovers for the race.



Galena, end of the trail break for this year. Six machines start, six machines finish and almost six hundred miles later.

Breaking trail for the Gold Rush Classic pits man and machine against mother nature. It crosses some of the most desolate country in the world and puts man and machine through the most extreme weather and snow conditions to be found. Five years ago when Yamaha Bravo Long Tracks were going to be used to break the trail, the Iditarod people and dog mushers said it could not be done. Today they wait until the Bravo's go through before they put any other machine or dog team on the trail. Where it took their people 3 weeks to put in the trail, Yamaha Bravos do it in 3 days.

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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19		
Gold Rush Banquet	7 pm	Country Inn
Position Drawing	9 pm	EastLake Mall
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20		
Racers Tech. Inspection & Check in	8am-4pm	Lions Big Top Tent EastLake Mall
Snowmobile Drag Races	1pm-3pm	Burkeshore Marina
Mighty Mites Race	3pm-5pm	Klondike Inn
Drivers Meeting & Survival Course	4pm	Klondike Inn
Williams Comedy Troupe	8:30pm	Klondike Inn
KABN Radio Live Broadcast	All Day	EastLake Mall
Big Lake Lions Carnival & Booths	All Day	Lions Big Top Tent EastLake Mall
Gold Rush Classic Racing Snowmobiles on Display	All Day	Lions Big Top Tent EastLake Mall
Gold Rush Classic Historical Display	All Day	EastLake Mall
Hospitality Booth	All Day	Big Lake Chamber of Commerce Info. Booth, EastLake Mall
EastLake Mall Merchants Gold Rush Classic Events	All Day	EastLake Mall
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21		
Driver's Meeting	10am	EastLake Mall
Final Racing Snowmobile Check	11am	Lions Big Top Tent EastLake Mall
Race Start – (5 min. intervals between team departures)	1pm	EastLake Mall Parking Lot
Scavenger Hunt on snowmobiles & ATVs Start: EastLake Mall Parking Lot Finish: Call of the Wild ($5.00 fee per team) Register at Hospitality Booth, EastLake Mall	2:30pm	
KABN Radio Live Broadcast	All Day	EastLake Mall
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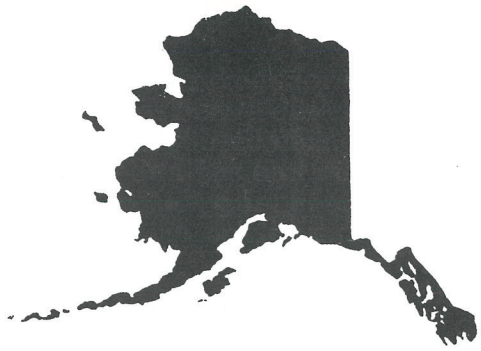
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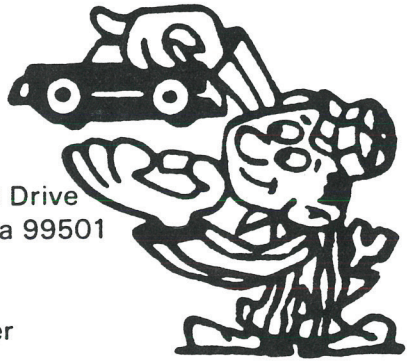
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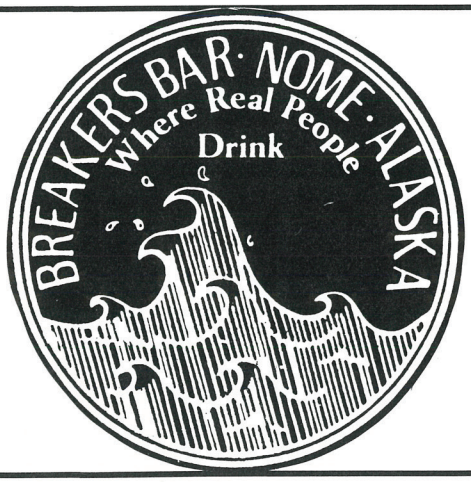
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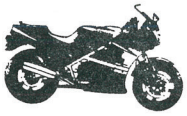
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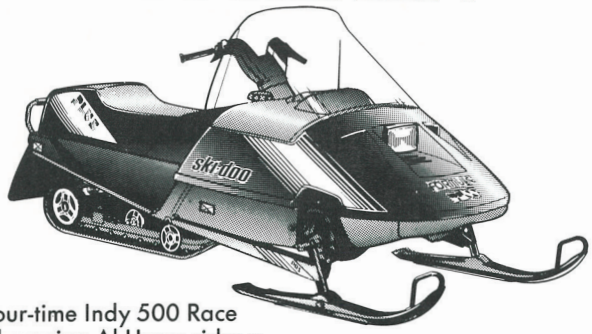
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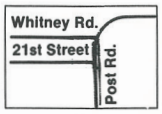
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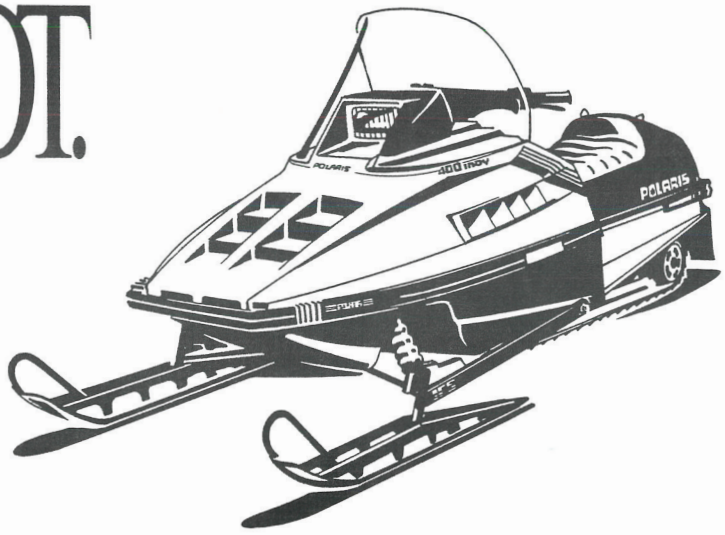
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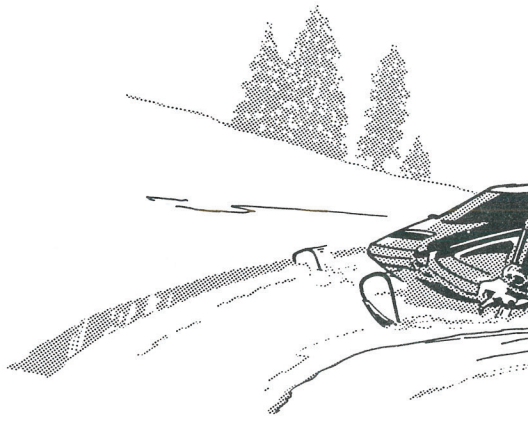
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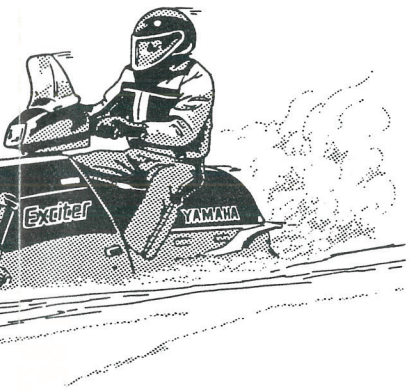
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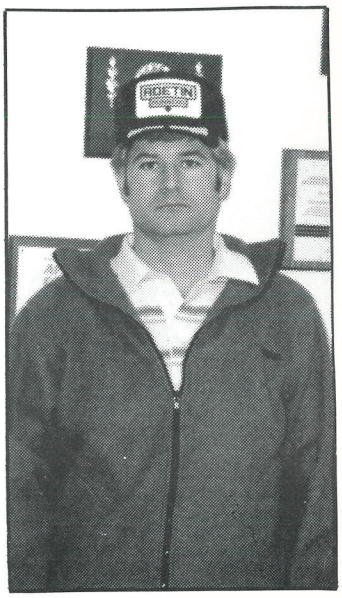


Bob Kowalke

As general manager of Anchorage Cycle Sales, Bob has been active in all phases of snowmachining, and is one of the original founders who helped win the right to ride snowmachines over the currently established trail. This is his fourth year running in the Gold Rush Classic. Bob and his wife Shellie have a son, Tommy.

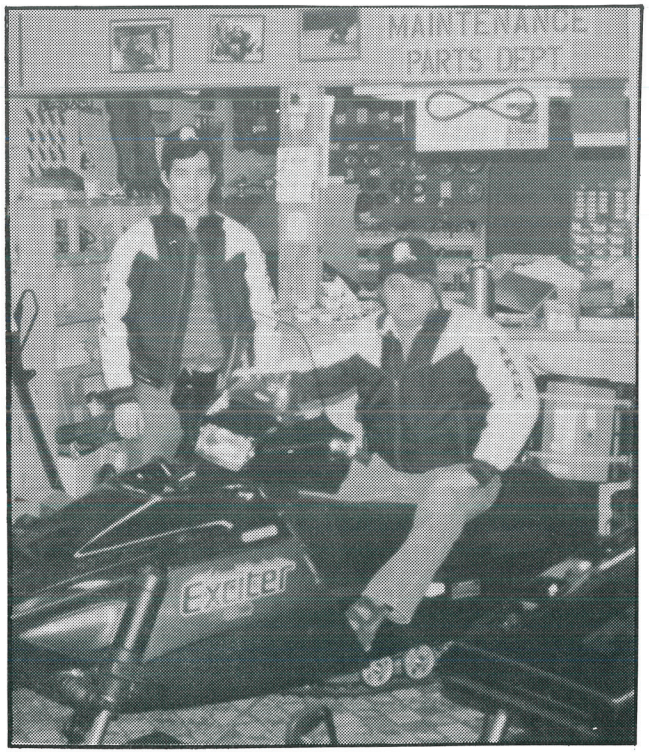
Pat Reilly

Pat, along with his wife April, operate Rain Proof Roofing. Pat has ridden snowmachines since 1966, and has been an active member of the Alaska Motor Mushers, earning High Points Champion for the 1985-1986 season. This is also Pat's fourth running of the Gold Rush Classic, having completed the race in 1985. Pat hopes to one day run the race with one of his boys, Chris and Michael.



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Larry Wilger
Billy Norman

Larry Wilger is 28 years old, single and lives in Wasilla. He is employed by Halliburton and works on the North Slope with a 2 on/2 off schedule. He previously lived in Canada for 10 years.

Larry has been riding snowmachines and motorcycles since 1970 and racing since 1976. He has competed in some local cross country races. After relocating to Alaska one year ago, Larry has been looking for a "good looking woman" who likes snowmachines.

Billy Norman was born in Belle Fouche, South Dakota. He came to Alaska in March of 1977 and has been riding and racing since arriving. He has raced Talkeetna, Hatcher's Pass and many lake races. He is 40 years old, a Vietnam veteran and has a wife and 3 kids.

Billy finished 4th last year. This will be his 5th race. Billy wants to thank his partner for the last 2 years, Ellis Smith, for his support and help this year.

Scott Davis
Mark Torkelson

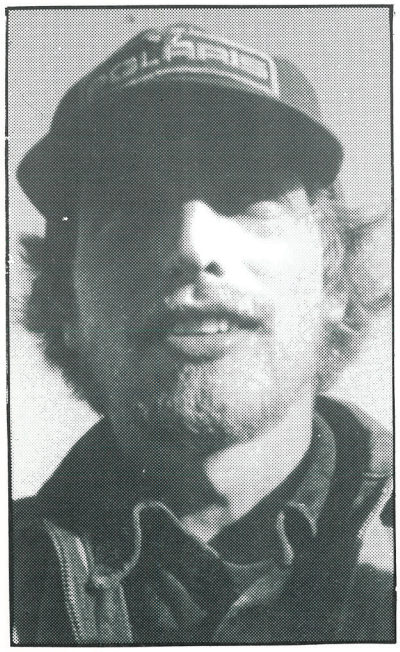
Scott Davis will be making his fifth trip to Nome and Mark Torkelson will be making his fourth. Scott has lived in Soldotna for 24 years and has been riding and racing snowmobiles for ten years. Scott is also a well-known motorcycle racer, having won sixteen state championships. Scott, 28, is married and is a partner in Davis Block Co.

Mark Torkelson was born in Anchorage in 1955 and has been riding snowmachines since 1965 and racing since 1973. He has riden all of the Motormusher Races with wins in the 1984-85 Hatcher Pass 60 and the 1987 Talkeetna to Anchorage. Mark is recognized as one of the toughest snowmobile racers in Alaska, particularly in cross-country events. Mark is married with 2 kids. His sponsors are NYE Ford-Wasilla, Billy Norman Fish Creek Marine, Ballco Machine & Welding and Anchorage Cycle Sales.

Finishing in 2nd place last year, Scott and Mark will be riding Yamaha Exciters this year.

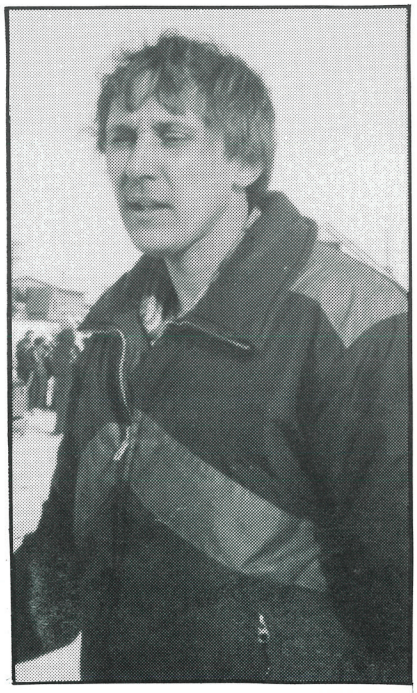


Bruce Morgan
Louie Schick

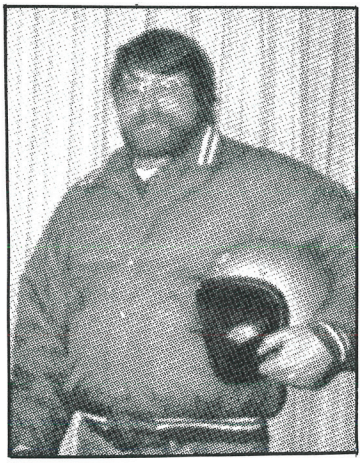


Bruce grew up riding snowmachines since his father has been a dealer for more than 25 years. He started racing in 1978 at the age of 16 and has had many high place finishes, including 1st in his class in 1979 Nome-Golovin, 3rd in his class same year in Kotzebue, 1980 2nd overall in Kotzebue, 1983 2nd overall Nome-Golovin, 1984 7th place Iron Dog and in 1986 3rd overall Nome-Golovin. He was born and raised in Nome, Alaska. Bruce is 26 years old, married and has two children, Bruce Jr. and Kendra. He is employed by Alaska Airlines and works in the freight department.

Louie was born in Nome in 1957 and is 30 years old now, however he will turn 31 on race day. He has been riding since he was a child and his father owned a dealership. Louie has been racing for 15 years and his first race was the Gold Rush Classic. He is married with two children and has been working for Ryan Air 13 years as a cargo man.







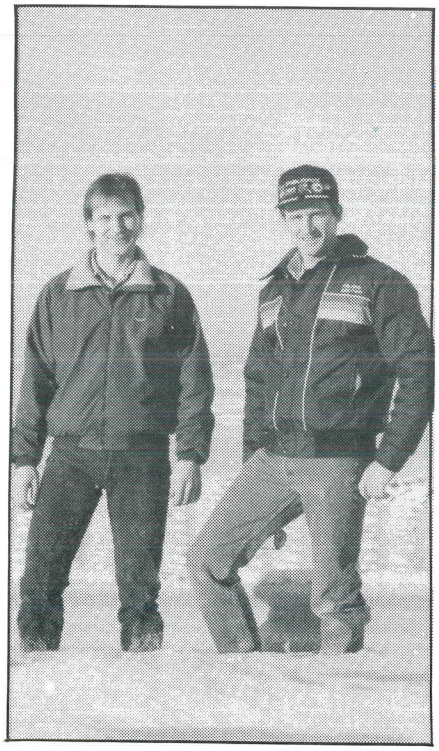
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Drew Loyer

Tom Hubbard and Drew Loyer are long time Alaskan residents and have been avid snowmachiners since arriving in Alaska.

Drew is owner of D & S Unlimited, married with three children. This will be Drew's 2nd year in the race.

Tom Hubbard is 33 years old and single. Being very active in riding and racing for 23 years Tom sharpened his skills on the Hatcher Pass and Talkeetna races. Now he's ready for the ultimate challenge.

Tom and Drew will be riding a Polaris Indy 400. They are sponsored in part by Alaska Power Sports, Zipay Trucking and Gary King Sporting Goods.



John Faeo
Dan Zipay

John Faeo is well known throughout the state for his snowmobile racing, and is not a newcomer to the Gold Rush Classic. John and his partner Dan Zipay, are two time consecutive winners of this grueling race. John has raced in all four Gold Rush Classics, winning 3 out of the 4, placing second the second year. John has won almost every major race in the state from Bethel to Kotzebue, and has been a repeat champion in several of the races that have been held in the Anchorage area. He has been a member of the Alaska Motor Mushers for 15 years.

John also seriously enjoys sports like flying, hunting, fishing, trapping, and other outdoor activities. John is a 14 year employee of the Alaska Railroad. John, 32, and his wife Vicki, have two sons, John 9, and Scott 4.

Dan Zipay became an avid racer in 1974. A few of the high points of his racing career are: winning the Talkeetna to Anchorage, Nome to Golovin, Big Lake 500, Midnight Sun 600, and the last two Gold Rush Classic's with his partner John Faeo.

This is Dan's fifth Gold Rush Classic. He is employed with Zipay Trucking, Inc. Dan, 32 and his wife Lisa have 2 children, Alexandria 3 and Daniel 22 months.

John and Dan would like to thank all of the sponsors that have elected to back them in this years Gold Rush Classic: Polaris Industries, Dean's Automotive, Fishers Y at Big Lake, Zipay Trucking, Alaska Power Sports, Nelson Kogane Bookkeeping, H.R. Redmond Co., Hansen Trucking Co., Nelson trucking Co., Jaybird Trucking, Lou-Jacks Palmer Bar, Anchorage Refuse, Tom Rainey, Bob Swanson, Arnold Ray Belanger, Woodshed Bar, Big Bob's Trucking.

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Bob Gilman
David Morgan

Bob and Dave met at the Anchor Tavern in Nome. They decided to run the race together after a long argument who was the fastest.

Dave, 25 and single, was born and raised in Nome and works there for the Department of Transportation. This is the fourth year that Dave has run the Gold Rush.

Bob, 25 and single, moved to Alaska ten years ago, lives in Wasilla and is the owner of Gilco Construction Inc. This is the second year Bob has run the Gold Rush.

Bob and Dave have accumulated numerous shortcuts through the season and plan to welcome all the other racers to Nome. Their main sponsor is Gilco Construction, the 'No. 1 Push in the Bush'.

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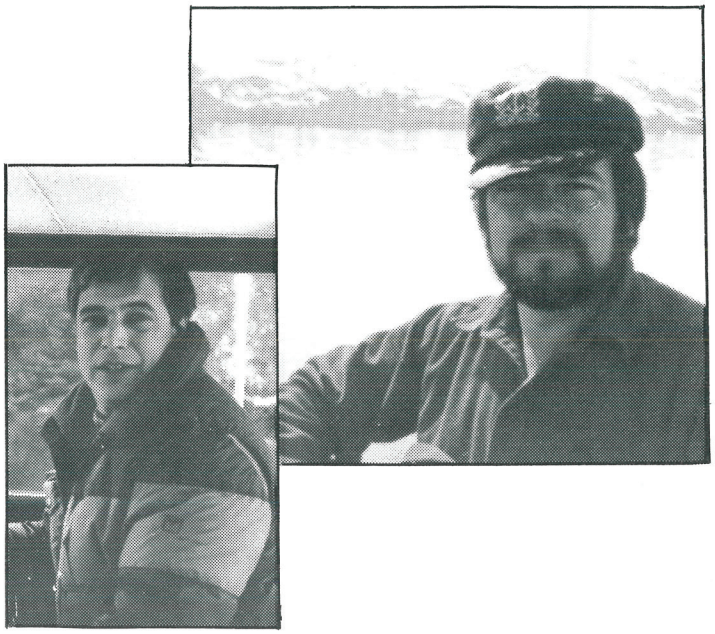
Mike Baker - Eagle River
Billy Eastham - Sutton



Mike is married and has 1 child. He enjoys snowmachines and most outdoor activities. Mike has been snowmachining for 15 years. He views this race as a great chance to see the real Alaska, off the main trails. He looks forward to finishing the ride in Nome.

Billy is single and a long time Alaskan hunter, fisherman, and trapper. This race is a chance to use the snowmachine for pleasure instead of work. He expects to take a lot of pictures and see many new areas.

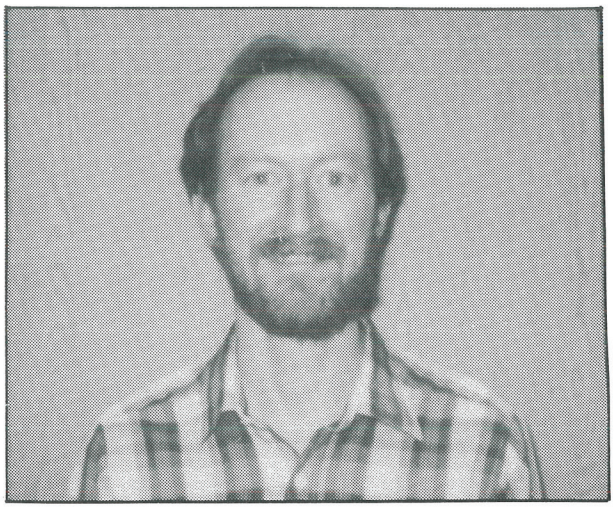
Jerry Culhane - Anchorage
Ray Plummer - Anchorage



A lot of people are asking, "Why are you undertaking crossing Alaska on a snowmachine?" A friend said to me, "Why do people climb mountains?" It's something that is challenging but not easily rationalized. I was born in Alaska in 1945. I received my pilot's license in 1965 and have been flying airplanes and helicopters ever since. I find helicopters especially exciting. Now it's time for an adventure to Nome! - Jerry Culhane

Ray Plummer is 44 years old, married with 4 children. He is a lifelong Alaskan and enjoys many of the outdoor activities Alaska has to offer such as hunting, skiing, hiking, etc. He has snowmachined in the Mat Valley and the interior. He has been interested in the Iditarod race and its racers and feels this will be an exciting challenge as well as an opportunity to see the villages & people that make Alaska the unique state it is.

Mike Eder - Valdez
Dale Rosenbaum - Anchorage



Mike, 24, is the owner of Mountain Machines, the Polaris dealership in Valdez. He has been riding since 1969 and placed fifth in 1985 in the Gold Rush Classic with partner Gene Winn. He has raced the Valdez Mayor's Cup three times, placing 4th overall in his class. Mike has rode the glaciers from Valdez to Eureka several times, and just finished the ride from Valdez to Cordova through river valleys.

Dale was born in Iowa in 1955 and is 32 years old. He has resided in Alaska since 1981 and has been riding machines since he was 16. Dale is single. He has always wanted to run the trail. This is the ultimate trail ride. He works for Alaska Airlines since 1981 repairing communications equipment.

Invocation for Drivers
Pull Dinner
February 19, 1988

Dear Lord...

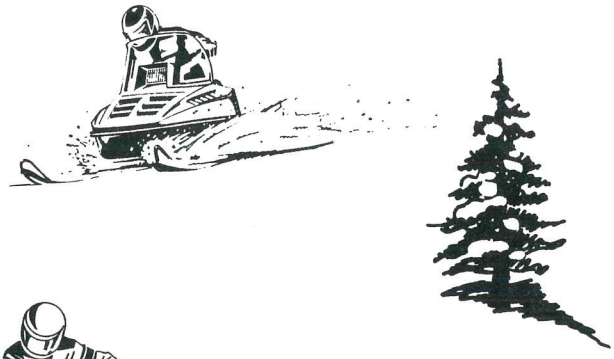
Share with us this evening your blessing for the Drivers, their families, the Race Marshall, Board Members, Checkpoints, committee people and the race supporters. Soon these people will trek across one of your greatest creations = the vast wilderness of our state = some in body, others in spirit. We ask that each person place in high regard the rules set up to guard and protect them. Please Lord give them calm demeanor, clear thought and the guidance that will carry each of them through this race safely. We ask your blessing upon this food we are about to receive and ask that you walk closely in the days to come.

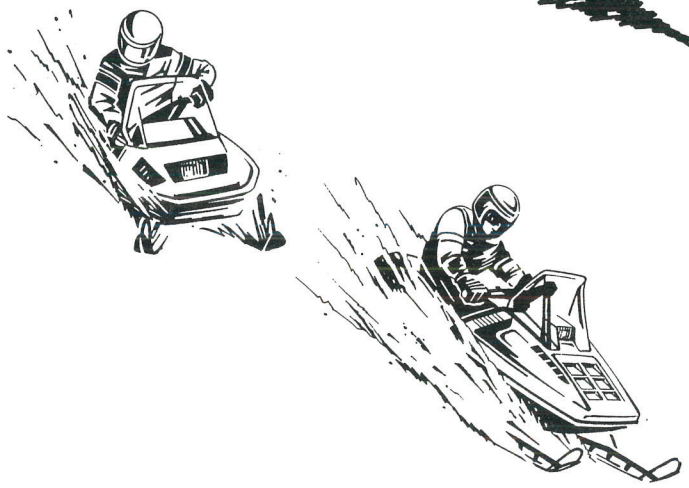
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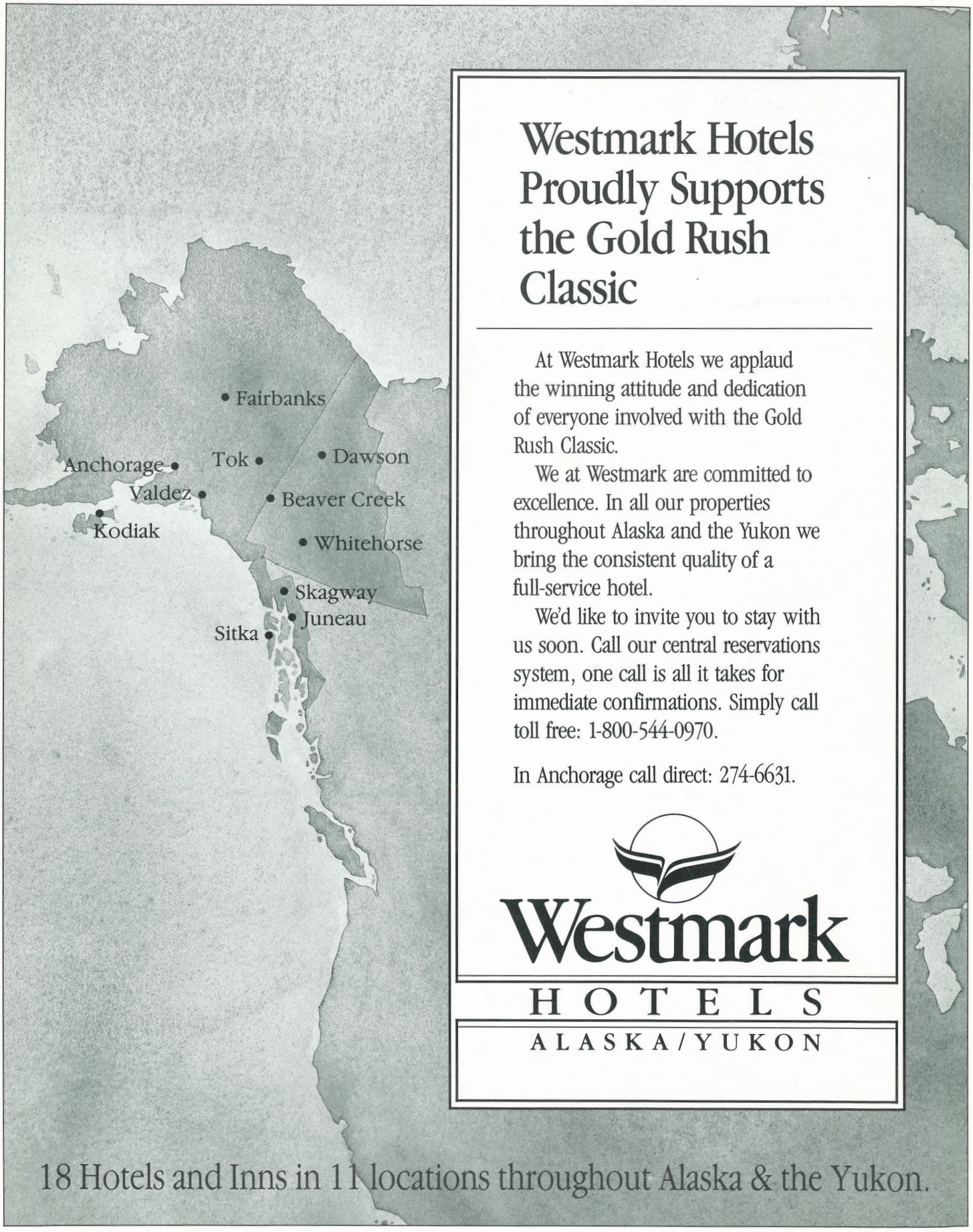
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