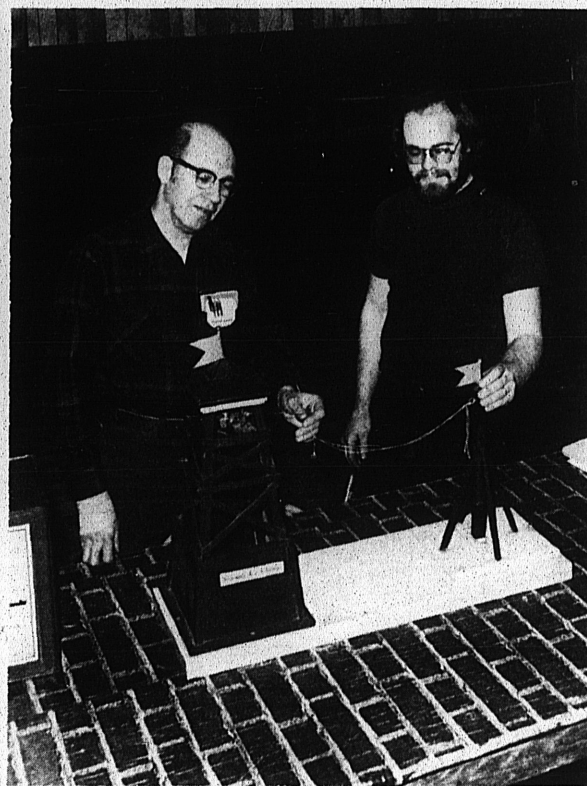




Milt Jauhola (left) chairman of the Nenana Ice Classic Committee points to the 1975 winning time still registered on the Ice Classic clock. Henry Ketzler holds the back-up clock which is also attached to the Ice Classic tripod located in the center of the Tanana River. This is just in case something should happen although it hasn't yet. The tickets are available now to allow Alaskans to place their bets on the minute, date and hour that the ice will move, signaling the start of spring. Bets may be placed until midnight, April 6, when the compilation of bets and the long waiting begins.

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Bob Coghill (left) demonstrates to fellow Nenana Ice Classic Commission member, Robert Knight, how the tripod trips the clock signaling the end of another winter. The tripod moves down river with the ice at breakup. A movement of 10 feet causes a siren to go off, bringing the town populace to the river's edge. A further movement of 90 feet will stop the clock and the 1976 Nenana Ice Classic will have a new winner or group of winners. Tickets for the Classic can be purchased throughout the state until April 5, when betting will close and waiting will begin.



THE RICHES TO THE WINNERS—Bruce Penoske (left) and Milt Jauhola (right) show some of the winning tickets from past Nenana Ice Classics. The betting for the 1976 Classic is currently underway. Tickets this year have been raised to \$2, but the price seems quite reasonable when compared to the amount a person could win if he's correct as to the minute, day and hour of breakup.



EVERY BET IS POSTED—Bruce Penoske (left) member of the Nenana Ice Classic Committee, points out how simple it is to drop a bet as to the minute, day, and hour of breakup in one of the bright red cans now positioned throughout the state. Once the betting has closed members of the committee have the monumental task of compiling the "Directory of Chances" like the one member Jack Coghill holds. Every bet is posted and then the long wait begins. Chances are, the ice will go out some time in April or May. Every system of guessing the right times has been tried, even computers, but everyone might as well stick to one system—keep your fingers crossed.