

Alaska Transportation Museum in Anchorage

The Alaska Transportation Museum, in Anchorage, is beginning a statewide drive to gather any, and all items pertaining to the development of the transportation industry in Alaska.

According to Philip Redden, Curator of the Museum, a great many people felt that the history of aviation in Alaska was worth recording.

Hence, in June of 1967, a Centennial project was initiated. Jack Peck was named chairman of the CENTENNIAL AVIATION PROGRESS MUSEUM COMMITTEE, under the Aviation Chairman, Mr. Carl Brady (of Era Helicopters).

In 1968, the project was officially turned over to the State of Alaska, broadened in scope to include all modes of

of transportation, and was opened to the public as the ALASKA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM, following the Centennial year.

The Museum is interested in all types of automobile, train, and airplane parts, as well as articles and photos of such items.

Also items such as skis, dog sleds, boats, snow shoes, tracked vehicles, etc. Some of the current displays at the Museum include a 1933 Stinson, a 1928 Model "A" Pick-up, a 1946 Eliason snow machine, a home-made helicopter, railroad cars, dogsleds, kyaks, and snow shoes.

With a little help from Major General William S. Elmore, and Major Kent Lee Woodman of the Air National Guard, items for displays are flown from all parts of the State to Anchorage (when space is available). Once in

Anchorage, they are restored, and put up for exhibition.

With an increased budget, Redden said, the Museum has been able to turn several "old wrecks" into valuable displays.

A thirty-year antique collector, Curator Redden has personally restored several automobiles, and is a knowledgeable antique airplane buff.

The Museum is located at 3833 International Airport Road just 5 blocks from International Airport terminal. Visitors and tour groups are welcome 7 days a week, admission free of charge. Museum hours Monday through Saturday, 10:00-5:00, Sunday 1:00-5:00.

For additional information please call either Philip Redden, Curator, or Bunny Cameron, Museum Assistant, at 277-2022.