

Nenana Ice Classic Tripod— Strange contraption

If you've ever stopped in the friendly and historic town of Nenana, Alaska, during the late winter months, you might see a rather strange contraption in the middle of the Tanana River. That's the famous Nenana Ice Classic tripod, sitting firmly on the ice waiting for spring.

The red and white tripod, was placed on the river in an afternoon ceremony, Sunday, Feb. 29. Trenches were dug in the river ice for the tripod legs to make it more sturdy. Miss Alaska, Cindy Suryan, supervised the placing of the tripod into position.

A spirited dog race is also held on tripod raising day with a local mushers banquet capping the festivities.

As spring comes closer to the

interior of Alaska, other items are noted that are a part of the famous Classic. Following the close of betting on midnight April the bright red five gallon fuel cans (sealed except for a one-way slot in the top) are collected.

These contain the bets of hundreds of Alaskan as to the minute, day, and hour of break-up. The committee and local volunteers spend hours opening the cans and compiling the huge "Directory of Chances" which lists every bet.

The tripod, witting well out on the ice, is connected to the clock tower on shore by a line. There is not only the large, dependable Ice Classic clock, but a back-up clock just in case something happens to the first one. Both are the most accurate that can be purchased.

Once the cans are collected and the book compiled, the wait begins. Then one day the Tanana ice will crack, groan, and begin to move downstream. After 10 feet a siren will be tripped and after 100 feet the clock will be stopped and some Alaskans will be richer.

People who are not able to find some of the bright red cans in which to place their bets this month can contact the Nenana Ice Classic Committee in Nenana for the locations.



ICE CLASSIC PARAPHERNALIA — Members of the Nenana Ice Classic Committee display some of the necessary items for a successful Classic. Chairman Milt Jauhola (far left) leans on the Ice Classic clock, which will be attached by a line to the tripod in the center of the Tanana River. Behind Jauhola, Richard Ketzler (left) and Robert Knight are watching the clock with the same eagle eye that it receives throughout the long wait to make certain no one tries to assist Mother Nature. Bob Coghill stands behind Henry Ketzler who holds the backup clock that is also tied into the system. Bruce Penoska displays one of the bright red cans currently being filled with Ice Classic guesses around the state. Jack Coghill (right) shows one of the betting books that is painstakingly compiled after all the bets have been collected. In front of the committee is a model of the famous tripod and clock tower. Tickets for the Classic will be on sale until April 5 when the long wait begins.

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The property tax is calculated on the basis of pipeline property reported to the Petroleum Revenue Division of the Alaska Department of Revenue.

Pipeline property reported as taxable by the pipeline's owners includes right-of-ways and other lands, pipeline, pump stations,

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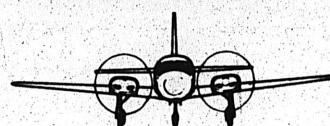
A portion of the tax on pipeline property to be paid by the owners will go to local taxing jurisdictions in which the properties are situated, under provisions of State law.

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