

Alaska Highway Rendezvous 1992

The construction of the Alaska Highway was a joint effort between the United States and Canada. Alaska Highway Rendezvous '92 will bring to life once more this spirit of international cooperation as we celebrate the highway's 50th Anniversary. Communities all along the highway in Canada and U.S.A. are planning parades, rodeos, festivals and cultural events to honour this vital link between Alaska, the Yukon and British Columbia. International airshows and treks of the highway will commemorate the early modes of transportation. Alaska Highway Rendezvous '92 will showcase the North in all it's splendour and majesty for all the world to see. We hope you'll come along for the ride!

Opening Ceremonies

Alaska Highway Rendezvous '92 will start off with a bang. Opening Ceremonies for the year-long 50th anniversary celebrations will be held February 15 and 16, 1992 in Dawson Creek, B.C. amid the winter splendour of the North. Official guests of honour and big name entertainers are to be announced. The Canadian Forces Band and the National Colour Party and Guard will represent the Canadian Armed Forces at the ceremony. There will be gala performances by world-class and local performers, followed by an entire day of celebrations with a unique northern flavour. Contact Marjorie Pomeroy at (604) 787-1992 for more information.

Alaska Challenge Snowmobile Safari

This exciting snowmobile trek will see 40 snowmobilers from all over the world journey up the Alaska Highway from Dawson Creek to Fairbanks. The tour will begin in Tumbler Ridge, the foothills town where the concept was first developed, and journey the 116 km to Dawson Creek to take part in the Opening Ceremonies February 16, 1992. Then it's off to Alaska! As the group travels north at a rate of 100 to 150 miles a day, they will participate in special rides and local events whenever possible along the way. This AHR '92 sanctioned event will be covered by The Sports Network (TSN). For more information contact event organizer Glen Bouey at (604) 242-3221.

Airmada

Airmada '92 is a flash from the past! This international air event will see military aircraft from the past and present re-enact the historic ferrying of aircraft along the Northwest Staging Route from Great Falls, Montana to Fairbanks, Alaska. The Airmada of 25 to 30 aircraft will assemble at Great Falls July 4, 1992 before they commence their extraordinary journey. Stops along the route are in Edmonton July 5 and 6; Grande Prairie July 5 and 6; Dawson Creek July 7 and 8; Fort St. John July 7 and 8; Fort Nelson July 9 and 10; Watson Lake July 9 and 10; Whitehorse July 10 and 11; and Fairbanks July 11 and 12. The aircraft will be on display at each location for three to five hours before taking off for the next air base. This event is produced by Alaska Highway Rendezvous '92 International Joint Committee. Contact Air Events Coordinator Tom Reid at (604) 478-4144 for more information.



International Airshow Series '92

The Alaska Highway Rendezvous '92 will generate not one, but four international airshows throughout July in Great Falls, Montana; Fort St. John, B.C.; Whitehorse, Yukon; and Fairbanks, Alaska. Static and flying displays will be featured at these events which are expected to draw thousands of spectators. Support of the American and Canadian Air Forces is expected and the Russian Air Force have also been invited to participate. Don't miss the action! Contact Tom Reid at (604) 478-4144 for more information.

Alaska Highway Trailblazers

Pack mules and horses were essential to the surveying of the Alaska Highway. In tribute to their contribution the Alaska Highway Trailblazers will stage a mule and wagon trek from Dawson Creek, B.C. to Fairbanks, Alaska. This Alaska Highway Rendezvous '92 sanctioned event is being put on by the Village of Pouce Coupe. The journey starts on May 17, 1992 and will take over three months to complete. A convoy of up to 100 animals is expected to begin the journey, with groups of horsemen and wagons joining in and dropping out along the way. The mule train will camp out along the way, with traditional-style campfires, storytelling and entertainment nightly. Everyone is invited to take part in this wild west experience. Contact event coordinator Hellmut Patzelt at (604) 786-5794 for more information.

Army Motors Convoy

Load 'em up and move 'em out! The Alcan Convoy of vintage military vehicles departs Edmonton, Alberta June 10, 1992 en route to Fairbanks, Alaska. This Alaska Highway Rendezvous '92 sanctioned event is a tribute to the Army Engineering Corps who forged the Alaska Highway through the wilderness in 1942. Seventy-four military vehicles from all over North America will take part in the 20-day return trip. The convoy will stop at communities along the route to take part in local parades, display the vehicles and meet with veterans. Overnight camping is planned at local community college campuses. For more information contact event organizer Reg Hodgson of Army Motors Magazine at (403) 471-8715.

Float Plane Competition

It's a test of flying and maneuvering skills when 75 float planes depart Dawson Creek on their way to Fairbanks, June 22, 1992! Float planes were and continue to be essential to the development of the North. These aircraft transported supplies and manpower to remote areas during the Alaska Highway's construction. In recognition of their contribution the Float Plane Competition will follow the waterways adjacent to the Alaska Highway on the challenging flight. This exciting 1500-mile event is produced by Alaska Highway Rendezvous '92. Prizes will be awarded in various categories. Contact Air Events Coordinator Tom Reid at (604) 478-4144 for more information.



Rallye Alaska Highway '92

Professional race car drivers, truck drivers, tourists and senior citizens. All these people and more will compete in Rallye Alaska Highway '92. Events are planned for several categories of vehicle, including antique, passenger, motorhomes, commercial, and competition classes. Monte Carlo-style starts are planned to begin in Daytona Beach, San Diego, Toronto and Anchorage. This Rendezvous '92 sanctioned event will officially start in Dawson Creek, B.C. September 17 and end September 27 in Fairbanks, Alaska. The route is suitable for every class of vehicle, as all but 100 km is paved. The competition will be governed by a strict set of rules and will follow all highway regulations. If you are interested in learning more about the rally and how you can participate call event organizer Jock Wilson at (604) 583-1197.

North West Staging Route Commemoration and Gala

The Old Ladd Field in Fairbanks will be the stage for a gala affair to commemorate the North West Staging Route on July 11, 1992. The commemoration is planned to coincide with the arrival of the Airmada and will feature U.S., Canadian and Russian dignitaries. Veterans of the Lend-Lease program will be invited to attend the ceremony and the 1940's USO-style stage show. Later that evening there will be an expanded main stage extravaganza featuring several special surprise guest stars. Contact Marjorie Pomeroy at (604) 787-1992 for further information.

Rededication Ceremonies

After almost nine months and 1500 miles of gruelling road construction, the completion of the Alaska Highway was cause for celebration on November 20, 1942. And it will be again on November 20, 1992 when the 50th Anniversary of the official opening comes around. The Rededication will be held at Soldier's Summit, near beautiful Kluane Lake, Yukon, 150 miles west of Whitehorse. Here the original ribbon-cutting ceremony was held, with U.S. and Canadian military and police represented. The ceremony will be followed by an evening of entertainment and nostalgia in Whitehorse. For more information about this International Joint Committee produced event, call Marjorie Pomeroy at (604) 787-1992.

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