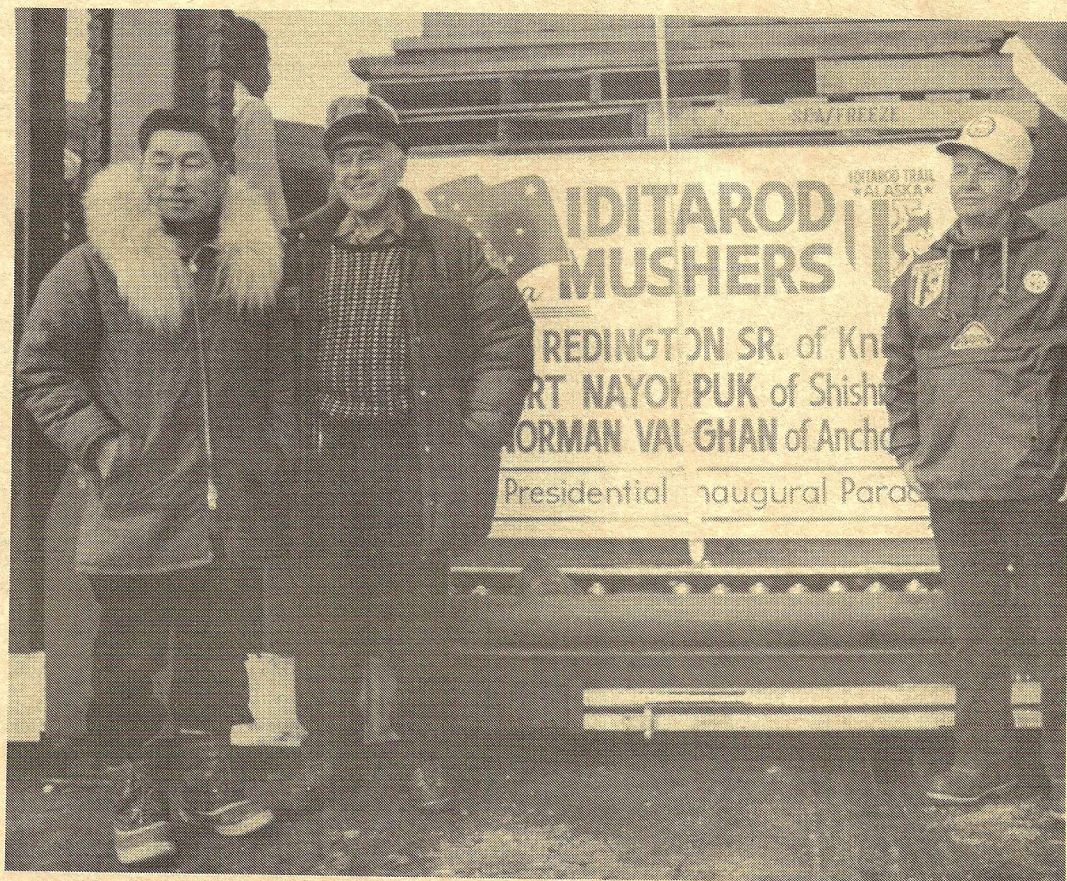


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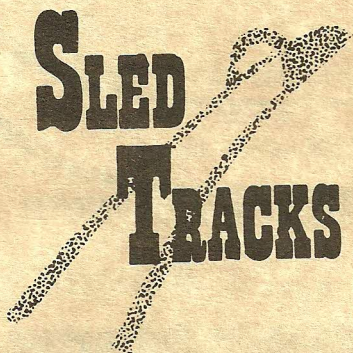


Jim Brown photo

MUSHERS REPRESENT ALASKA

Herbert Nayokpuk, Norman Vaughan, and Joe Redington, Sr. stand beside the dog boxes, loaded and ready to board the Flying Tigers 747 bound for the 1981 Presidential Inaugural Parade.

(See photo story on page 6. A complete story on Nayokpuk, Redington and Vaughan's participation in the parade will be in the February issue of the Runner.)



Dear Friends,

On January 20, Joe Redington, Sr., Herbie Nayokpuk, and Norman Vaughan will drive their teams down Pennsylvania Avenue. They will be representing all of Alaska as they carry the blue and gold in the 1981 Presidential Inaugural Parade.

The invitation to participate in the parade came, via Governor Jay Hammond's office, from Washington, D.C.

The parade has been cut down from a 7 1/2 hour

extravaganza to a one hour tightly scheduled event. Many states will have to share space on one float. It is indeed quite an honor that three Iditarod drivers and their worthy teams will stand alone on that day.

For the Iditarod Trail Committee this is a reflection of the many years of consistent hard work. All of us will be there with them on January 20, the drivers, race volunteers, sponsors, board of directors, etc.

Thank you,
RAINE HALL

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Attention Drivers!

You must have all your dog food shipped **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 19**. Race Manager Dick Mackey has sent all drivers a Mushers Information Packet. If you have not received your packet, please let us know. You may pick one up at the Iditarod Office or we will send you another packet in the mail. These packets contain very important information pertaining to your participation in the 1981 Iditarod Trail Race. For more information call the Iditarod Office at 376-5155 or 376-3561.

Rondy Hospitality Suite

The Iditarod Trail Committee invites you to enjoy our Hospitality Suite at the Sheraton Anchorage during the Fur Rendezvous Races, February 20, 21 and 22. Come watch the teams head for the finish line and share some warmth and Rondy cheer. We'll see you there!

To the editor

Dear Fellow Mushers:

In addition to Ace Dodson and the Spanish film crew, a number of our friends have died along the Norton Sound coast between Unalakleet and Nome this past summer and this winter. Lee Eckels of Unalakleet, Martin Olson of Golovin, Garrett Aukon of Nome, and Diana Gardenier of Nome have all left us tragically.

As we leave the timber of the Anvik River and the Unalakleet Valley, and begin the desolate trek along the coast to Nome, let us all take whatever moments we have to remember these fine people, and the loved ones they left behind.

Jerry and Clara Austin
St. Michael

We encourage your views relevant to the sport of sled dog racing and to the Iditarod Trail Race. We invite you to participate through Letters to the Editor, The Iditarod Runner, Pouch X, Wasilla, Alaska 99687.

1981 GOLD MINERS 140 Sled Dog Race

Sponsored by the gold miners of Livengood, Eureka, and Manley, and the Interior Dog Mushers Inc. of Manley.

Date: February 28 and March 1, 1981.

Entry Fee: \$50.00

Purse: \$4,500.00 in cash and gold. Pay seven places — 32, 24, 16, 12, 8, 5 and 3 percent.

The drawing for positions and a drivers meeting will be held on Saturday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nenana Dog Mushers Clubhouse, Nenana, Alaska.

The race will start in Nenana at 11:00 a.m. and will run 70 miles by overland and river trail to Manley where there will be a 12-hour mandatory layover before the return trip to Nenana.

Racing teams must start with no less than 7 dogs and finish with

at least 5. Mandatory equipment to be carried to the Manley checkpoint will consist of:

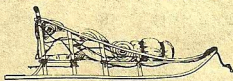
1. Sleeping bag.
2. 2 lb. of food for each dog.

Warm water will be supplied to all mushers at the Manley checkpoint. Anything else required by the musher must be carried by him. This is a camp-out.

There will be a \$10.00 fee charged for flying each dropped dog back to Nenana.

Any musher who scratches or is disqualified at the checkpoint will be responsible for the return of his team and equipment.

Inquiries and entries will be received by: **Interior Dog Mushers Inc.**, Eric Meffley, General Delivery, Manley, Alaska 99756. (907) 672-3345.



Special Alaska Fares

Alaska Airlines has announced special discounts during the "Last Great Race on Earth," the Iditarod.

Alaska has introduced a special passenger fare discount good on round trip transportation between Anchorage, Fairbanks or Kotzebue and Nome during the month of March. The fare, subject to CAB approval, provides savings of up to one-third off the normal coach fare.

Tickets may be purchased and roundtrip reservations made up to one hour before departure. Seats will be limited, and provided on a first come-first served basis.

In addition, Alaska is providing cargo discounts for participants in the Iditarod. Between Febru-

ary 25 and March 7 Alaska Airlines will transport dogs, supplies and equipment from Nome and Kotzebue to Anchorage, absolutely free of charge, for registered participants of the race. Following the race, from March 21 to April 21, Alaska will offer a 50 percent discount on transportation of dogs, supplies and equipment from Nome and Kotzebue to Anchorage.

"This is simply another part of our continuing support of this phenomenal event," said John Kelly, staff vice president-marketing. "All Alaskans can be proud of the spirit and endurance celebrated during the Iditarod. Alaska Airlines is happy to be able to offer its support."

Hope Race Results

Two 25 mile heats over Palmer Creek. Start and finish in Hope.

1. Bob Martin 5:33:25
2. Paul May 6:01:33.
3. Joe May 6:02:35
4. Mich Seavey, 5. John Wood, 6. Dean Osmar, 7. David Lindquist, 8. Kris Deverell, 9. Lavonne Barve, 10. Jim Strong, 11. Bill Hall, 12. Rick Tarpey, 13. Bill Caveney, 14. John Timmerman, 15. Rick Hamilton, 16. Robby Carrol, 17. Mick McGrary.

Pete Larson and Mike Meehan, time keepers and starters. Cliff Sisson, Trail Marshal.

Following the race, a pot luck and banquet was held, with an open bar sponsored by the people of Hope.

Here are the results of the 5-mile Kids' Race, held the next day:

1. Lance Barve, 2. Tim Osmar, 3. Elyssa Strong, 4. Siri Strohg. The last three teams came in one second apart!

News Flash

Three dogs destined for the Inaugural Parade were stolen from the Maryland Farm where they were staying. Joe Redington Sr.'s lead dog Feets and his faithful Candy who made it to Nome 7 times and carried Redington to the top of Mt. McKinley are two of the missing. Norman Vaughan's leader was also stolen. The theft occurred around midnight on January 18. The dogs were found in time to participate in the parade. More in the February issue.

Rediscovering the Old Trail

Following are some thoughts jotted down one dark, sleeting evening by Dick Mackey as he sat in a tent camp on the trail. Joe Redington's plane was heard just before dark, but returned as fog

prevented a landing. Dick himself had barely managed a landing in the fog just before dark, doing the very thing he vowed some time ago never to do again.
— James Hall

The Iditarod Trail isn't always racing to cover another mile, peering around a turn in the trail, hoping to discover the next checkpoint cabin where companionship, warmth and rest await.

The Iditarod Trail is presently an elusive thread, winding through swamp spruce, crossing newly frozen creeks and swamp ice that is forever giving way underfoot.

Under a hurriedly drawn agreement between the State of Alaska, the surveyors, and ourselves, Joe Redington Sr. and I are rushing to locate and mark the original Historic Iditarod Trail in an effort to prevent the possibility of land surrounding the old trail being made available during future land lotteries, such as happened at Otter Lakes last year. And so the slow process of search, slash, and mark continues.

What's that saying? "The best made plans of men" — Working closely with Burt Bomhoff's surveyors, Joe and I started on October 1 what was to be a fifty-day process of mushing the

original Iditarod from Knik to Finger Lake, a distance of some 110 miles. The first twelve miles from Knik were pure hell. Water and No Trespassing signs were the most prevalent landmarks along a trail, known to be the exact location of the Iditarod. Most landowners along the way recognize the trail's existence, and have no problems with racing dog teams converging once each year; but making it official—that's another story! We have no alternative but to proceed on the belief that the trail is in fact a public trail, continued since day one. The legalities and disputes are left for the state and various governmental agencies to settle. Preserving a protected "greenbelt" for a thousand plus miles across this great state overshadows selfish inclinations to uphold continued but forgotten disclaimers written into old homestead patents by original owners.

Regardless, the quest continues. November 20 finds our progress rapidly approaching that of an injured snail. Days are

spent flying in and out of a central camp. Days when even the ducks, if there were any left this time of year, would refuse to migrate through the fog, snow, sleet showers, and early darkness. On the ground each mile covered is an agonizing experience. Another piece of trail, another ribbon and marker. Joe and I seem to resign ourselves to the far from desirable weather conditions. Being wringing wet followed by freezing chills becomes normal. A third party to keep camp, cook for the dogs and relieve us of the chores following a tough day on the trail is at the moment a wishful dream.

Yet the thrill of an old blazed tree, followed by the remains of a trail cabin seem to make it all worthwhile. Our original Turkey Day deadline for reaching Finger Lake has pushed up nearer to the arrival of Santa Claus. What's another month on the trail in a person's lifetime? Those who have been a part of the Iditarod may be the only ones that really understand.

Before the Mushers . . .

BY ANNE PATCH

The Iditarod Trail winds on a map from Anchorage to Nome. We call it 1049 miles. In fact, it's closer to 1200 or 1300 miles. It crosses muskeg and swamps; skirts overflow; climbs through mountain passes and dense forests. Between Anchorage and Nome the trail crosses three major river systems, and brings bustling activity to more than 25 bush communities.

Before the field of mushers and teams can start the long Iditarod

journey in March, this wilderness trail has to be physically located, established and marked.

As civilization moves out into previously vacant lands, especially on the southern end of the route, this location and marking becomes more important and more difficult.

The Iditarod Trail has recently been designated a National Historic Trail and, as such, has a right of a way through federal lands. The lands, however, on the

southern portion of the trail, between Knik and Finger Lake are state lands, and in order to insure the right-of-way for the Iditarod Trail through these lands, contracts have been let to locate the actual historic trail, mark that trail, break it through the wilderness where necessary and, ultimately, survey the trail to protect it from future encroachment.

Two veteran "Iditaroders" are hard at work on this location and

marking project for the Iditarod Trail between Knik and Finger Lake in preparation for surveying. Joe Redington and Dick Mackey have "set up housekeeping" near Alexander Lake, 55 miles out on the trail. From here they are fighting willow thickets and dense underbrush to locate and mark the old trail. Naturally, there is an active dog lot at the camp and Joe Redington is also using this time to train his Iditarod team for the March race to Nome. In the past, the race has not strictly followed the original Iditarod Trail. When Mackey and Redington are done, the historic trail will be clearly located, broken and marked and the mushers will run the original trail from Knik to Susitna Station area, across old Skwentna Crossing, and begin the climb to Rainy Pass. Mackey reports that the going is rough. Because the trail has not been used, thick willows and dense ground cover have taken over and progress can often be measured in feet per hour. A crew will follow Mackey and Redington to clear the brush and put the trail in passable condition for the race and the future surveyors. The trail, through these state lands, will be marked with 5x7 reflective Iditarod markers.

Frank Harvey and Jay Peterson take over to actually put the trail in for the race and maintain it. Their trail marking responsibilities go from Skwentna to Nikolai—the toughest terrain the Iditarod Trail has to offer. Frank and Jay have put the trail in annually for the Iditarod Trail Committee. Their weeks of back-

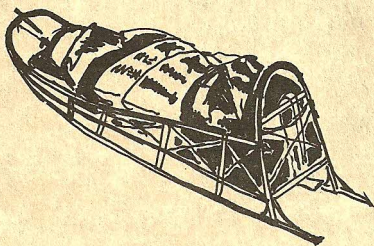
breaking labor on the back of snowmachines make the Iditarod Trail Race possible.

Dick Forsgren and a crew from McGrath take over at Nikolai and bring the trail across the Kuskokwim, through McGrath and on west to the now deserted town of Iditarod.

This year the mushers will follow a southern route through Iditarod, Shageluk, Grayling and Anvik. Part of this trail is used regularly and is kept open for village to village travel. Part of the trail will be put in at the time of reconstruction of the checkpoint known as Don's Cabin.

Victor "Duke" Katongan and a crew from Unalakleet will open and mark the 100-plus mile trail between Beaver Creek and Unalakleet. The well traveled trail between Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, Koyuk and on into Nome will be marked and maintained by crews from the various villages and from Nome.

The trail is long and tough and varied in ground cover, elevation and obstacles. Trail work began early this year and will be on-going until the mushers are through. Hopefully, it will be the best trail possible. Our trail breaking crews over the entire length of the trail make the race possible. Now that the trail has been federally recognized, they are marking and maintaining a swath through the Alaskan wilderness that will be open year 'round to multiple uses. Without the snowmachines and man's hard physical labor, this tough winter trail would not be accessible for the long dog sled race to Nome.



Board meets in Nome

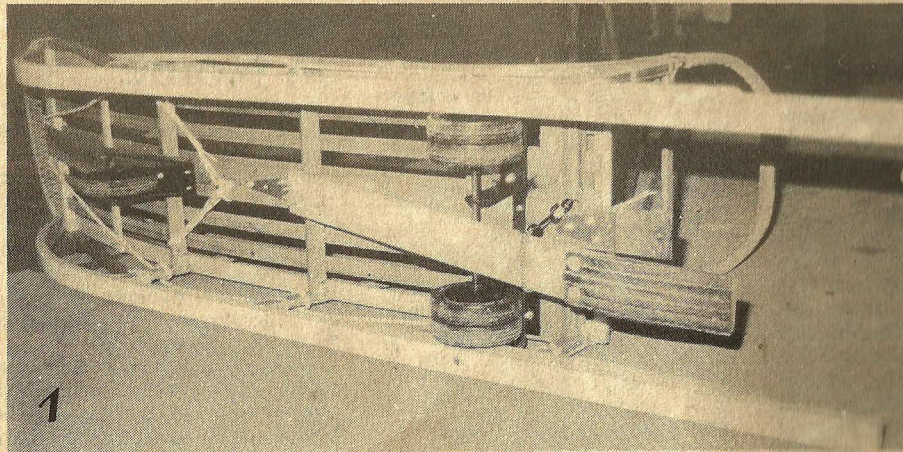
The Iditarod Trail Committee board held their mid-winter meeting in Nome on December 6 and 7. The meetings were well attended and a great deal of work was covered. The Saturday meeting was open to the public and several "Nome-ites" were in the audience. Former secretary-Race Manager Gail Phillips of Homer was also present.

Under Old Business the sales items for 1981 were discussed. It was announced that many new items will be available this year, such as a full-color photographic poster, vests, jewelry, small novelty items such as lighters, lapel pins, charms etc.

An entry update was given. We have three scratches to date leaving a field of 41 mushers entered. Entry deadline is January 15. Tom Jensen and Raine Hall reported on the results of the request for proposal which was sent to all Alaska TV stations. Midnight Sun (KENI-KFAR) has been named the official Iditarod network again for '81. They will cover the race day-to-day statewide with an update on the evening news. There will be live broadcast capabilities from Anchorage, McGrath and Nome. It was decided that the City of Nome will be blacked out during the finish coverage, but that it will be taped for delayed broadcast.

Anne Patch reported that 850 of the 1049 Iditarod Sweepstakes tickets have been distributed. Sales are going well especially in the bush. Mary Boily sent a report regarding Fairbanks headquarters, which will be set up in the basement of the Chamber of Commerce building. A ham operator has volunteered his time for trail updates in Fairbanks. Don Brugman announced that Alaska Airlines has secured a 50 percent tariff for mushers. Wien has applied for a

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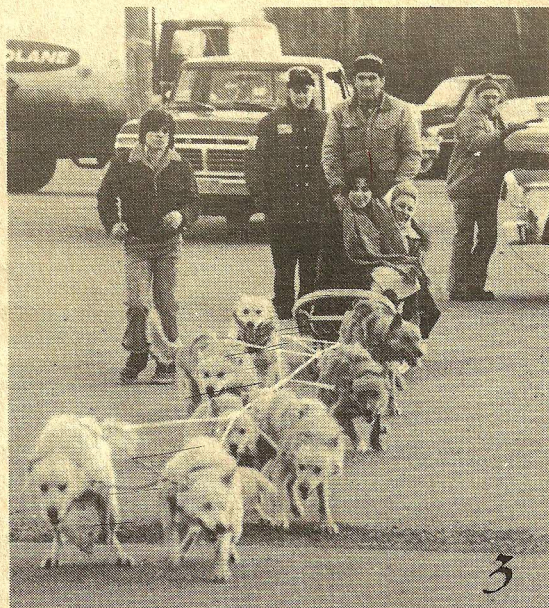
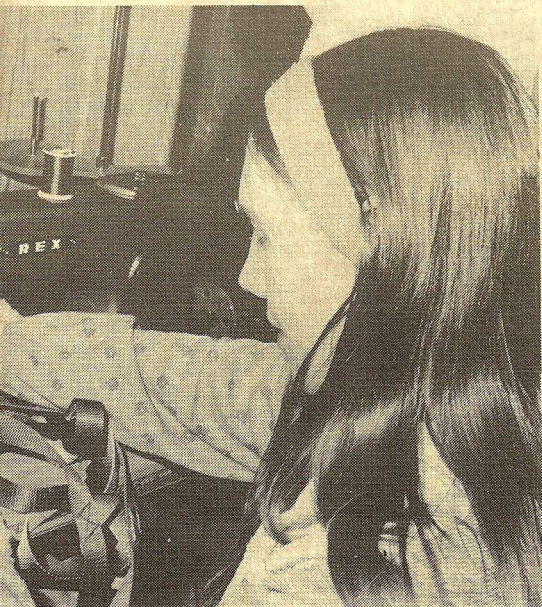


Mushing to D.C.

- 1 Knik sled builder Vernon Hill made all three sleds for the Inaugural Parade. Seen above is Redington's sled with wheels and special brakes. Hill has donated the sled to the Iditarod Trail Committee and it will be auctioned off at the Musers Drawing and Banquet on March 5 at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel.
- 2 Iditarod musher and owner of Lolly's Harness Shop in Wasilla, Lolly Medley, works on one of the twenty-five harnesses she made and donated to the Iditarod for the Inaugural Parade. The special harnesses were made in Alaska's colors, blue and gold. Lolly also made and donated the banners for all three sleds.
- 3 Don Holcomb uses his Iditarod team to test the wheels and brakes installed on Vernon Hill's sled, as Norman Vaughan and Hill watch. To simulate the action in Washington. Sharon Hess and Raine Hall rode in the basket. The sled worked perfectly! Wasilla welder, Forest Dow, helped Vernon prepare the wheels and elaborate braking system. Joe Smith, Arctic Cat dealer in Wasilla, donated two sets of wheels, as did Vernon Hill.
- 4 Doug Shaw, manager of Flying Tigers in Anchorage, helps Norman Vaughan load his team bound for Washington, D.C. Tigers International, including Flying Tigers and Hall's Motor Express, handled all the transportation of the dogs free of charge. Norman Vaughan and handler Dick Mackey accompanied the teams aboard the Flying Tigers jets.
- 5 Iditarod musher Dave Olson lent his 20 dog box to carry the dogs on their journey south. One more box was added and was then forklifted on to the Flying Tigers 747.



Photos by Jim Brown



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Board —

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50 percent tariff on dogs and mushers and more news on that will be forthcoming. It was pointed out that the special rates for dog food and mushers should be non-directional so that the musher shipping his supplies from Fairbanks or Kotzebue to Anchorage for the start of the race will also realize the savings.

Many pieces of business were briefly touched on as progressing - location of the historic trail by Mackey and Redington, establishment of a trust fund, copyright on our various logos and publications, pursuing an old debt of Del Allison's etc. Jack Morris reported on the veterinarians. The budget is not strictly firm at this point but they have six confirmed vets to cover the trail. It was discussed, moved and passed unanimously that the board go on record for strong and uniform enforcement of the veterinarian rules.

Dick Mackey, Race Manager '81, gave a brief progress report on the trail, the air force, the start and restart etc. The restart will be held at Settlers Bay. We are looking for pilots who would be available to help us fly dogs and food over all sections of the trail. The Iditarod is going to supply gas and oil for the pilots. Mackey met with Howard and Julie Farley and Anne Patch, and the end of the race in Nome is now in the planning stages.

Anne Patch, Administrative Coordinator '81, reported that there will be 1049 tickets available for the March 5 mushers banquet at the Anchorage Sheraton. Headquarters will be in the Sheraton this year with three rooms being occupied for HAM HQ, telephone room and office. There will be a downstairs informational table as in the past. HQ will open in Anchorage on February 13.

Raine Hall reported on the progress of fund raising. Alaska Airlines will contribute to the

veterinarian fees as in the past. Rainier will again sponsor the mushers' bibs and their Alaskan distributor, Anchorage Cold Storage, have pledged 50 cents from each case of Rainier sold during January, February and March to the Trail Committee. Settlers Bay will donate as the restart point, and Midnight Sun Broadcasters will contribute as a result of advertising sales on the broadcast coverage. Several outside companies have been contacted.

Mayor Leo Rasmussen of Nome was appointed to head up the legislation committee to push for permanent funding for the race. He will work closely with Tom Jensen to coordinate the trip to Juneau scheduled for key members of the Committee to speak with legislators.

The treasurer was directed to research the possibilities of putting the ITC account into money market certificates rather than the conventional checking account to realize a higher interest rate. Tom Brennan's 1981 Public Relations plan was passed out to each board member for consideration and discussion at a later date. It was announced that Frank Flavin will be the official photographer for 1981 and that there is a possibility that we will have a pace car or truck provided.

Sunday's meeting was a closed session of the board. It was opened with a discussion about the Nome Chamber of Commerce, their exclusion of the Month of Iditarod festivities, and how we can assist on the Nome end. It was moved and passed that the Iditarod Trail Committee join the Nome Chamber of Commerce.

A further discussion was held on legislation and how to go about contacting our various representatives. Mackey, Jack Coghill, Roger Nordlum and Al Crane will assist on this committee.

A lengthy discussion was held about insurance and the various types we would need. It was

decided that Mackey and Dick Galleher would check further and that the Executive Committee would be responsible for the final decisions.

The membership committee has not come up with a firm plan to date. They were asked to meet in Nome following the meetings and report to the Executive Committee and the other board members via mail.

A lengthy discussion was held about the Nome end of the race. Rosemary Phillips was present from the Nome Kennel Club, and it was decided that the awards ceremony at the end of the race would be an Iditarod function this year. Nome Kennel Club decided that instead of the 10 percent fee promised to Iditarod from the proceeds of the carnival, that the money would be split between the 21st and 30th place mushers. A discussion was held about the over-crowding in the Nome armory. It was decided that only 550 tickets will be sold, but that the possibility of setting up satellite rooms with closed circuit TV would be explored.

Bob Madden with the City of Nome shared some time with us in the afternoon and a discussion about ways to improve Front Street and the chute was held. Grant monies are available for this purpose, and we will explore the possibility of hiring a grant writer to work with the Iditarod Trail Committee and the City of Nome on such projects.

The meetings were adjourned early on Sunday so that the various committees could get together before departing for Anchorage and Fairbanks.

The next board meeting will be in April in Anchorage.



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TRAIL TALK

Happy New Year! The undercurrent all over Alaska is. . . WHERE IS THE SNOW?

Congratulations to '77 and '79 champ **Rick Swenson** and wife **Kathy**. . . **Kristen Rochelle Swenson** was born on December 11, weighing in at seven pounds and four ounces. After a lengthy stay in Fairbanks, the family is back in Eureka where the countdown to March 7 has begun.

Gene Leonard is going to Nome. Thanks to the efforts of an old friend, **Bob Curtis** of Anchorage, Gene has secured **Continental Oil** as his sponsor. Gene won the red lantern in 1979, and has been training a faster team out of his Finger Lake musher's paradise . . . (there's always plenty of snow there).

Other drivers who are making rumblings about meeting the January 15 entry deadline are **Ken Chase**, **Harry Sutherland**, **Rudy Demoski**, and **Emmitt Peters**. All four are well seasoned race veterans who would add a great deal to the competition. If Chase doesn't sign up, this will be the first Iditarod he has missed since the first race was run in 1973.

Mayor Leo and **Erna Rasmussen** of Nome are about 10 feet off the ground these days. . . Miss **Amanda Esther Maria Rasmussen** joined the Rasmussen family on November 6, tipping the scales at 7 lbs. 8 oz. Congratulations **Erna** and **Leo**!

Don't miss the **Iditarod** float in the **Rondy Parade** if you're in town. . . It will be pulled by a new breed of Iditarod dog, in fact, a whole herd of them.

Gary Attla, son of **George Attla**, is planning to run the '81 race, o Nome. His dad ran the Iditarod in 1973 and finished fourth. Gary recently came in second in the **Su Valley Championship** and has got one fast dog team. This is one rookie to watch out for. . .

Another rookie, **Dr. Bob Martin** recently won the 50-mile **Hope Race**, beating both **Paul** and **Joe May**. Martin's no one to mess with either.

Unless you can travel to the snow, the farther north you live the better for training this winter. So far, the only driver who hasn't been complaining about conditions is the **Shishmaref Cannonball**. . . It was 51 degrees F. in Fairbanks last week!



BOARD PROFILE

Anne Patch

In three short years with the Iditarod Trail Committee, **Anne Patch** has had her hands on almost all aspects of race operations and administration. Anne originally became involved with the Committee in 1978 when **Graphix West**, the advertising agency she was working with was contracted to write a fund raising brochure about the race. Anne

wrote the brochure, **Jon VanZyle**, our mushing artist, did the graphics and illustration work. As a result of the extensive research and work on the Brochure, Anne's interest was piqued and she continued to become more and more involved as a volunteer.

In 1979 Anne served as treasurer of the Iditarod Committee.

She also became involved as chairman for the first Iditarod Sweepstakes sale. She worked extensively that year in Anchorage headquarters and helped out on the Nome end with the banquet and information headquarters.

With the reorganization of the board in 1980, Anne was elected to a two-year term and was re-elected as treasurer.

Anne moved from Anchorage in 1979 to Homer where she opened her own secretarial service. She was also contracted by the Iditarod Trail Committee to act as Anchorage co-coordinator for the 1980 race working with Howard Farley from Nome.

As Anchorage coordinator Anne oversaw the first half of the trail and all operations on the Anchorage end. In 1981 Anne has agreed to donate her time and efforts to being administrative coordinator for the race. Working with Dick Mackey who will be in charge of all trail-related operations as Race Manager, Anne

will coordinate the headquarters on both ends, the banquet in Anchorage, the awards ceremony in Nome and the communications effort of the race.

Anne, originally from upstate New York, has been in Alaska since 1968. She has lived in Anchorage, Bethel, Valdez, and now Homer. Professionally a writer, she is also responsible for our new full color brochure on the race. Anne has had several articles published about the race and, hopefully, someday soon she'll publish the book she's promised us about this last great race on earth.

Annual buys IBM

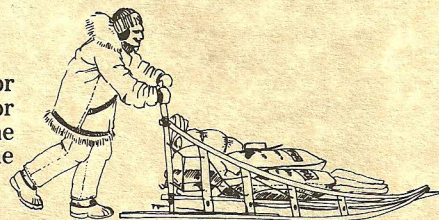
Dorothy G. Page, editor and publisher of the **Iditarod Trail Annual** has donated the funds for the purchase of a new IBM Correcting Selectric III for the Iditarod Office.

Since 1973, Mrs. Page has shouldered the workload and cost of producing the award winning **Annual**. When all is said and done, if there is any profit made, Dorothy comes through with a donation just when we need it the most. Many thanks, Dorothy!

Junior Iditarod

The annual Junior Iditarod Trail Race is set for February 28. Mushers ages 14 - 17 may enter. The trail, approximately 120 miles long, will follow the same

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52. GENE LEONARD, Hayes River, Alaska
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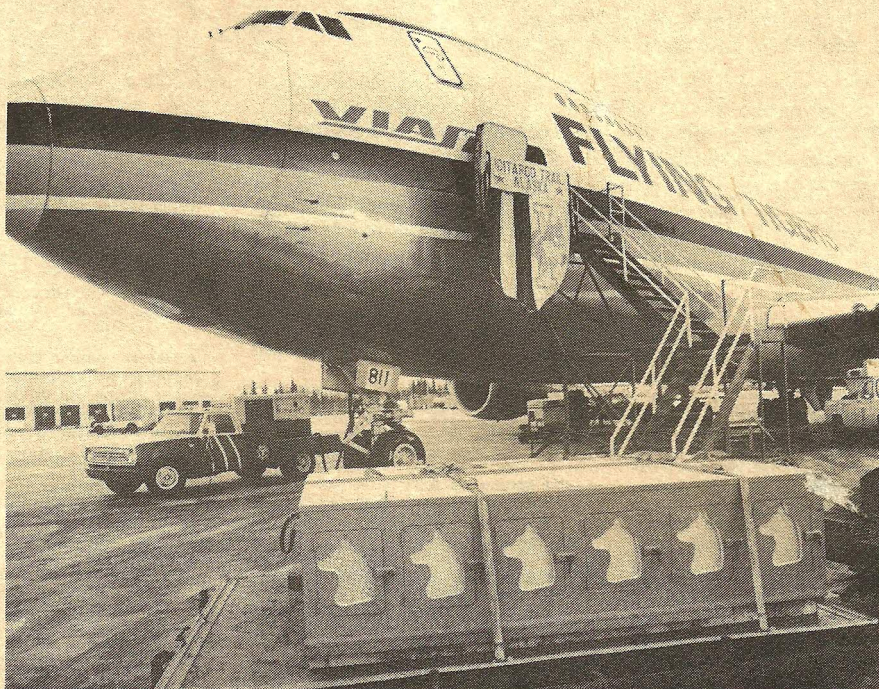
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The Flying Tigers 747 prepares to wing the dogs south for the 1981 Presidential Inaugural Parade. Without the help of Doug Shaw and everyone at

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