



We are making preparations for the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce's 10th annual **Murder on the Alaska Railroad** fundraiser. We would like to ask you to participate in our silent auction this year. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

This unique fundraiser is a high-profile, fun activity which has captured the interest and imagination of hundreds of South-Central residents each year. As a donor, your participation could be highlighted several ways including: posters, www.murderontherailroad.com website, flyers, and printed ad copy.

Here is a bit of information regarding this year's excursion:

2008 Murder on the Alaska Railroad

Nifty Fifty's

All aboard! The year is 1950. Many modern toys like Hula-hoops and Frisbees were invented. Television and Rock & Roll were just taking off. Beatniks, a culture of teenage and young adults who were seen as rebels and against the social norms were in the mix. The Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States played out through the entire decade. Teen fashion in America favored blue jeans, penny loafers and sock's, saddle shoes, poodle skirts, letterman sweaters and varsity jackets, T-shirts and black leather motorcycle jackets made popular by the Marlon Brando film *The Wild One*, and, *For Boys*, the greaser hairstyle known as the D.A. or Duck's Ass. The hairstyle became a stereotypical feature of rebels and nonconformists, and was adopted by Hollywood to represent the wild youth of the era. Brylcreem and other hair tonics had a period of popularity. Little Richard, Chuck Berry and Buddy Holly Elvis Presley Bill Haley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash Musicals of the period included *Guys and Dolls* (1950), Rogers and Hammerstein's *The King and I* (1951) *Peter Pan* (1954), *Damn Yankees* (1955), Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady* (1956), Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man* (1957), Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* (1957), Lerner and Loewe's musical film adaptation of the stage play *Gigi* (1958), and Rogers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music* (1959).

Join us as aboard the Alaska Railroad as your excursion this year is to Spencer Glacier. We will depart from the Wasilla Train Depot or the Anchorage Railroad depot early Saturday morning, returning round 5pm. Ticket price of \$125 includes lunch. Snacks and beverages are available for purchase. The lounge, operated by the Great Bear Brewing Company will be open through out the excursion.

Thank you for considering this request, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Lyn Carden
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