

Cutlines:

6-17-2011 End ribbon

Soldotna Alaska State Trooper David Lorring, on left, and Fairbanks Police Sgt. Eric Jewkes, break through the finishing tape to end the second-annual Alaska State Troopers Adventure Relay at about 3:10 p.m. on Friday, June 17.

6-17-2011: Team FPD at end

Team FPD (Fairbanks Police Department) members Officer Nathan Werner, Sgt. Jeromey Lindhag, Officer Zach Sherman, Sgt. Eric Jewkes, Lt. Matt Soden (team captain) and Officer Scott McCumby at the end of the Alaska State Troopers Adventure Relay at the Alaska State Troopers "E" Detachment Headquarters in Soldotna on June 17, 2011.

6-13-2011 EJewkes tire fix

No roadside assistance needed as Sgt. Eric Jewkes replaces a flat tire on the side of the Parks Highway north of Healy.

6-15-2011 MManrique EJewkes start Leg 14

Alaska State Troopers Alaska Bureau of Investigation Sgt. Michelyn Manrique and FPD Sgt. Eric Jewkes start Leg 14 – an 8-mile run from the corner of Pittman Road and the Parks Highway north of Wasilla – in a downpour at 5:38 p.m. on June 15, 2011. After the run, Manrique did the following leg – a 30.5-mile bike from the Wasilla Police Department to the weigh station on the Glenn Highway.

6-17-2011 Upper Kenai float

After three days of rain, the weather turns for the better when the Alaska State Troopers Adventure Relay hit the Kenai Peninsula. Here, two rafts and a cataraft launch onto the upper Kenai River for a scenic float through some of the most beautiful land and weather Alaska has to offer.

FPD team at start

Team FPD (Fairbanks Police Department) members Officer Scott McCumby, Lt. Matt Soden, Officer Allen Brandt, Sgt. Jeromey Lindhag (now a member of AST's Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol), Sgt. Robert Thompson, Officer Zach Sherman and Sgt. Eric Jewkes at the start of ASTAR at the AST "D" Detachment headquarters on Peger Road in Fairbanks.

6-13-2011 Start

From the left, runners Court Services Officer Ray Norris of the Fairbanks Judicial Services, AST Capt. Barry Wilson and Fairbanks Officer Allen Brandt begin ASTAR with a 9-mile run from the Fairbanks post on Peger Road to the Ester Volunteer Fire Department on Monday, June 13, 2011.

6-13-2011 Three bikers at Ester VFW

From the left, Team FPD members Sgt. Robert Thompson, Officer Andrew "Ace" Adams and State Parks Ranger Nicole Potter before they biked more than 70 miles from the Ester Volunteer Fire Department to past the Green Bridge (Rex Bridge) for legs two through four.

6-15-2011 MManrique on trail

ABI Sgt. Michelyn Manrique runs the trail running parallel the Parks Highway through Wasilla for Leg 14 on June 15, 2011.

6-17-2011 EJewkes Brayden hug at finish

Fairbanks Sgt. Eric Jewkes gives his son, Brayden, a hug after finishing the final leg of ASTAR at about 3:10 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2011. The Jewkes made ASTAR a family outing as Brayden, wife, Martha, and grandson, Kory, accompanied Jewkes along the ASTAR route.

6-13-2011 AAdams Nenana

Fairbanks Officer Andrew "Ace" Adams bikes into Nenana at the end of Leg 3 on June 13, 2011.

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AST Capt. Barry Wilson describes the route the first leg of the second-annual Alaska State Troopers Adventure Relay will take through Fairbanks. The first leg was 9-miles long.

6-17-2011 Kenai Float

Rafters enjoy a leisurely and scenic float down the upper Kenai River on Friday, June 17, 2011 for one of the easier ASTAR legs. Tougher legs included a 32-mile hike from Coal Creek to Byers Lake, a 20.7-mile hike from AST Headquarters in Anchorage to Indian via Powerline Pass and the 40-mile Resurrection Pass bike leg.

6-17-2011 Russian River float

ASTAR rafters float past anglers and the Russian River ferry on their way down the river.

6-15-2011 AVaentine end raft

Annabelle Valentine, the 3-year-old daughter of Alaska Wildlife Trooper Dan Valentine, after the 37-mile float down the Chulitna and Susitna rivers for leg 11 on June 15, 2011. Annabelle and her 6-year-old brother, Chase, were onboard the float.

6-15-2011 jump on raft

Alaska Wildlife Trooper Ken Acton (far right) laughs as 6-year-old Chase Valentine takes a flying leap to help push air out of the raft at the end of a float down the Chulitna and Susitna rivers. His 3-year-old sister, Annabelle (in pink) and AST Capt. Barry Wilson, in back, also help deflate the raft.

6-15-2011 Susitna end raft

In front, FPD Officer Zach Sherman helps drag the raft onto shore after a 37-mile float down the Susitna and Chulitna rivers. AWT Ken Acton (in back) and AST Lt. Dave Tugmon (far right) help. Meanwhile, 3-year-old Annabelle Valentine and her 6-year-old brother, Chase, plus Trooper Vic Aye, wait for dry land. Aye wasn't wearing rubber boots and didn't want to get his feet wet.

6-15-2011 end Susitna raft

Same as above, but only with Trooper Vic Aye waving from the raft like a parade queen.

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6-16-2011 hit by wave

In front, AST Lt. Dave Tugmon, the search and rescue coordinator for the Department of Public Safety, and Cooper Landing Alaska Wildlife Trooper Ken Acton get swamped by a wave while rafting down the Six Mile Creek near Hope. These white-water rafting legs included three canyons degree of difficulty elevated from Class 3 to Class 5 where experienced rafters Acton and Tugmon, plus DPS Council John Novak, were washed out of the raft, leaving AST Public Information Officer Beth Ipsen and Martha Tugmon to man the paddles as rafting guide, Mudflats, pulled the guys in. Jeanne Acton did the first two canyons, but decided the Class 5 canyon was too much for this grandmother of nine. Ken Acton is in front and wearing orange. In back of him is Martha Tugmon, wife of Dave Tugmon. On the opposite side of her is Jeanne Acton, but you can't see her. Ipsen is wearing sunglasses and Novak is in the red helmet. COC Guide, known only as Mudflats, is in back with the long flowing hair.

6-16-2011 after the wave

The rafters try to keep their seats while still paddling after a wave washes over them. Same order as above – Dave Tugmon, Jeanne Acton and Beth Ipsen on top, Ken Acton, Martha Tugmon and John Novak on bottom.

6-16-2011 preparing for the wave

The rafters prepare for the wave they know is about to hit them.