

Railroad officials conducted dedication ceremony for rail spur line that had been built connecting Fairbanks International Airport with rail system. It rained cats and dogs that morning so the ceremony was moved inside the depot. Crowded. After that ceremony, the crowds went to Nenana on the train for the Golden Spike recreation (your interviewer drove her car since she was not an invited train guest). The spike driving ceremony was a good half mile hike from the closest parking area so she was unable to carry all the heavy taping equipment plus cameras...hence the borrowing of Tom Jensen's cassette recording of the events ....re-taped here.

Interview with Walter J. Hickel on train going to Nenana. Talk about support for Alaska Pipeline bill in Congress..his political plans (uncertain).

Taped remarks at the spike ceremony at the north end of the railroad bridge across the Tanana River just north of Nenana: Most people came to the spot on the train from Nenana station. Some (like me) walked.