
April 2009 Official Newsletter

Omaha Area

Soap Box Derby Association

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2009 REGISTRATION

AS OF THIS TIME WE ARE MISSING (46) REGISTRATIONS!!!!!!

We have 7 master (7 missing) 25 Super Stocks (16 missing) 38 Stocks (23missing) We also have 1-Master, 6-Super Stock, 11-Stock division corporate cars open. If all of the identified families would complete the registration form and send in their fees, we would be looking at 70 plus cars for our June 20-21 local. That will be a great race to see who will represent us in Akron, Ohio for the 72nd running of the All-American Soap Box Derby. Akron is expecting about 500 participants this July. I know we are all busy and have a lot of other things taking up our time but we need a firm commitment one way or the other. We have attempted to call, write, beg, give away trips to Vegas and still we do not have everyone's paper work. Most of you have given a verbal ok but no form or money as of this time. If you are holding a corporate car and are NOT racing please call 347-9702 so we can pick -up the car so another family can race the car. The corporate cars that are available will be reassigned in April and May. If you know of a family who is interested in racing please let us know. **YOUR HELP AND CO-OPERATION IS NEEDED.** Part of our problem is that the newsletter is not being read and many of you are unaware of our problem with registration. Not reading the newsletters results in not meeting our dead lines, and the board in the dark on your status. We are very aware of the current financial stress we are all under. We do not want any participant from last year left out. If you need to pay at a latter time please send in your 2009 registration form now and mark the top IOU. We will work it out!

TAKE THE TIME TODAY!! FILL OUT FORM, WRITE CHECK, & MAIL

Four Person Golf Scramble Fundraiser **Sunday June 7th 1:30 pm. Shot Gun Start**

The Omaha Area SBDA will be hosting a golf scramble Sunday June 7th at Ashland Country Club. Cost is \$65 per person \$260 per team. It is a four person scramble format 18 holes of golf, cart, hamburgers / brats. There will be flight winners, pin prizes and a chance to win a car hole in one contest. We have a limit of 36 teams. Entry dead line is May 15. As a member of our association we would like to see as many of you that are golfers enter a team or if you are not find three ringers and have a good time! If you are not a golfer and can help secure prizes we could use the help. Call Jerry Van Waart (347-97020 with teams or prizes. We may also have a silent auction. Step Up Help!!!!!!

DERBY UNCLES

We have a Derby Uncle program in place to help communicate to our families as well as a contact person to help with technical questions. All derby uncles this year will be working in pairs, and assigned in mid April. We will be asking all Uncles to be in contact with you so you know who to contact when a problem comes up. We feel this is the best way to keep you informed of changes or updates. We are very busy and some times need friendly reminders. The biggest problem we have is when we do not know what your race status is. If you have a change in your racing status we need to know as soon as possible. **It is very hard on us to wait over an hour on inspection day for you to show up with a corporate car, to find out you later that are not racing.** At that time it is too late to contact a family that was on the waiting list to race! You can help your derby uncle and the program out by down loading a set of plans for your division and review them. The plans are at the All-American web site. aasbd.org

RALLY RACING & PRACTICE

To be better you must get better!

Rally racing is not only fun but it is a way to tune up your driver as well as the car. Seat time is as big a factor in winning heats at a race as any one item. Just practice trips down the track will help the driving. Racing and getting a time difference can help to see if you are making progress with your driving. Until your driver achieves a good air profile (helmet flat, shoulders down, and rear cockpit gap filled) and a smooth driving line the times will **NOT** come down. As soon as they start achieving that air and smooth line the times will come in **BIG** chunks. Time on the track is the best way to gain the smooth line. On our track you can run straight down the middle straddling the white line. You can not see the steering wheel back and forth to keep this straight line. Small smooth corrections are needed. Coming off straight on the ramp is also key. Getting a good air flow will need some work by the driver. Some young people need to learn how to stretch so they can bend and fold over and get farther back in the car and arch their neck to get the helmet flatter. If you have a video or digital camera take some pictures of them at the finish line as they go by. Let them see how they look. If they are racing someone else compare the air profile. Some of our best drivers start stretching months before the race season starts. Just a footnote if your driver is to the point where all the stretching in the world will not help, maybe it is time to look at the new masters kit Scottie, where you lie down! After you have air and driving it is time to look for all the other small things in the car that will improve your times. **Most important factor is have some fun.** I know its neat to place or win a race, but you are already a winner by just showing up and working at. As a child growing up the best thing my dad did for me was to stress to me how important it was to keep working at some thing, and be the best at it as I could. It was not about winning races, it was about staying with it, and do not stop trying. I know of a family that took 13 years to see the checkered flag. Remember you may have to stand in some rain to see a rainbow. If it was easy billions of people would be racing.

REMEMBER!!! Do attempt to race in a rally if you have not had a lot of practice. Saturday morning of the rally is **NOT** the time to take your first trip down the hill and try and put weight in your car and start racing! The car will be a lot faster with weight, so practice with the car up to weight. Rally racing is a great opportunity to gain experience, observe and ask questions. You must be on site by 7:00 am and PLEASE register as soon as you arrive. If it is your first AA rally you should have a copy of your birth certificate to send in with the registration.

Rally Dates & Region IV Rally Championship Series

Dates, location, and contacts for rallies were in your March newsletter along with information on our new Region IV Rally Championship Series. Please take time to read the information. If you have any questions please call . We feel this will be a fun thing for All-American and NDR rallies in our region. Last years champs were Bryanna Plog, Omaha Stock Div. Samantha Kunkle, Council Bluffs S-Stock Div. and Emily Atkinson, Sioux City Masters Div. A traveling trophy in each division will be awarded at the last rally of the season May 31 in Sioux City, Iowa.

Omaha May 9 Rally

Our Spring rally will be May 9 only. We are not racing Sun. May 10 Mother's Day. The first race Saturday will be a double elimination and followed by a single elimination. If you are just racing the single elimination race in the afternoon you should check in about noon. It would also be wise to call Jerry VW and let him know that you want in the single only that day! Jerry's Cell # 402-960-5782

Rookie Night At The Track

Thursday April 30 & May 7 6:00-8:00 pm.

Practice Runs, Scale Checks & Alignment Speed Tips Clinic

This is the first year for Rookie night at the track. This is a great opportunity to gain some valuable seat time, confidence, and many speed tips. We plan on having some match races and tech clinics to help the newcomers. This night will also be used to give free test rides to anyone that maybe is interested in possibly racing a corporate car. If you have any neighbors, friends, or relatives you think may want to race bring them out. A rookie in our association will be anyone who has never placed in our local or a rally. Placing in the consolation race the day after our local does not count.

WAL-MART DISPLAY

We will be needing some help with some displays out front of several Wal-Mart locations. We plan on having a Stock and Super Stock on display and handing out information and answering questions. We plan on doing this several Saturdays in April from 10-3. We feel this is a great way to get out in the public and let people know we are alive and well. This also maybe a great way to fill up some of our corporate cars. If you can spare 5 hours and would like to display your own car please give our President Candy Plog a call. 491-4127

Reading The Newsletter

I know we are all very busy, **BUT** we need your help in getting things done and organized in an orderly fashion. You can help us out by taking time to read this news letter and follow through in a timely manner, and keep us informed and return phone calls. Please help us in this regard.

2009 NDR National Des Moines, IA. July 26-31

Very easy to qualify! Just attend 4 NDR rallies and become a member. NDR nationals is several days of lane wheel swap qualifying and finals. A fun week of racing and a great opportunity to learn more about derby racing. See you in Des Moines. Need more information just ask!

WE WILL NEED HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

REMINDERS AND FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- #1. The best thing you can do for us is read the newsletter and keep informed and updated!
- #2. Download a set of plans for the division you are racing in and go through your car!
- #3. Call Jerry Van Waart if you have any registration conflicts or questions.
- #4. Make sure you walk the track and pea gravel before practicing. Do not have people or cars on the track including the braking area, while someone is coming down the hill! Safety First
- #5. Do not drive on the track with trucks or cars.
- #6. If your driver is having trouble keeping a straight line, check for loose cables or rear axle triangulation. Make sure they are making small slow corrections. Large quick corrections will cause the car to whip back and forth. It is a short wheel base! Practice is the best way to get faster.
- #7. Come ready to race at rallies! There is not enough time for everyone to do a scale check in the morning. Practice runs, new brake pad, aligned, and being on time makes a race go so much easier. NEVER SHOW UP AT A RALLY WITHOUT HAVING A LOT OF PRATICE RUNS.
- #8. We always have the track open the night before rallies. Scales, alignment equipment, etc.
- #9. Have you completed your 09 registration and sent it in!!*
Pleased do so today!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks

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Have You Registered For 2009*****