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2007 REGISTRATION YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS NEEDED!!!

Enclosed in this newsletter is your 2007 All-American Local Championship Race registration form. If you need additional copies for new racers in the family or friends please make copies to send in. This race is JUNE 16-17. It is very important that you read over the form very carefully and return it in the self addressed envelope also enclosed. It is due back by March 1st. If you cannot commit to this date please return the form and indicate that you will not be racing this year but keep us on the mailing list. If you have a corporate car and are not racing, we will need to make arrangements to pick up the car as soon as possible to allow another family the opportunity to race on June 16-17. We can not wait one week before the local race to find out you are not racing a corporate car. Along with the form a check should be sent for association membership and All-American race fees. . If you are a first year participant please include a copy of a birth certificate. Please fill out the form as completely as possible. In the past several have left off their sponsors and they did not get listed in the program. If you have any questions concerning car # or sponsors please call. If you have a car for sale please contact Jerry Van Waart at 347-9702 to help direct prospects to you. It is very difficult to plan, budget, and run a race not knowing what your status is. You need to keep us informed. A quick phone call would be a great help to our race directors. This year we are asking your permission to use photos of your child in our news letter and web site. This parental release is on the 2007 registration form.

! Please check your calendar—do this today—Please !

Race Fever Dance April 14

We will be hosting a fundraiser this year. Please check the attached flyer for complete information. We will be needing the help of the entire association to reach our goal. The Track surface will be in need of some major work in the coming years. We start raising funds now so we can keep on rolling!

BASIC INFORMATION OF THE OMAHA AREA SOAP BOX DERBY ASSOC.

(Just a short review of what we are and how we attempt to do it!)

NEWSLETTERS! We attempt to put out a newsletter about once a month during the year. We will never win any prizes for writing, but we will keep you informed. AH we need you to do is PLEASE READ it. This is the best way we can keep you informed. The biggest help you can be to us is being on time, honoring the mandatory dates, and keeping us informed on your racing status. This year we will be attempting to send our newsletters and reminders thru your e-mail. When you fill out your 2007 registration form make sure that you include a PARENT e-mail address. If you do not have an e-mail we will continue to send out a paper copy for you.

2007 REGISTRATION & FEES Registration for last years participants is due March 1st. Plan ahead and get the enclosed form and fee in today!! Your immediate attention will be very helpful to us. Please read it carefully and completely fill in all blanks!!! This years cost will remain the same as 06, \$30 for first family member and \$20 for the second and no charge for participants over two in one family.

2007 OMAHA AREA LOCAL ALL-AMERICAN RACE The June 16-17 is the only race you are registering for at this time. Winners of this local race will go to Akron in July.

RALLY RACING Omaha All-American Rally will be April 28-29 AA Rallies are for points. The top two or three point earners in all three divisions out of region IV, who do not win their local, also qualify for Akron. Last year two of the six spots in Dist. 4 were from our association. Omaha NDR Rally will be Sept. 15-16. NDR Rallies are also a points race to attend the NDR Nationals. All you need to qualify is to be a member and attend two NDR rallies. This year 07 the NDR is in Muncie IN. the last week of July. Plan ahead! NEVER go to a rally without making many practice runs prior to the race. Always show up on time and ready to race! (alignment, new brake pad, weight check) Our track and scales are open the night before all rallies. Help when ever possible!

TRACK USAGE AND SAFETY The track is located in the northwest corner of Seymour Smith Park 72nd and Washington. The track is open 24-7-365 for your use. Simple safety requirements. #1. Always walk the track before starting to practice looking for objects and check the car over for tight steering and a good brake pad. #2. Never start a first timer from the top. Work them up the hill. #3. If you are using the yellow center line to practice make sure your driver is past the finish line completely before putting on the brake. There is a metal plate on the finish line and you may catch and bend your brake plunger. #4. Never let a driver go down while there is someone or another car sitting on the track. #5. You should have a second person on the bottom to act as a lookout. #6. Remind drivers to make slow correction and keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times especially while braking!.

CORPORATE CARS The association has several cars that have been purchased by clubs or businesses. For the registration fee \$30 dollars a family can use a corporate car for the season. If you are using a corporate car there are two dates you are committed to. The mandatory inspection date and the June 16-17 local race date. If at any time you cannot fulfill this commitment you need to notify your derby uncle or the board. We will have a waiting list of families wanting to race. It is very embarrassing for us when a sponsor shows up to the local race and their car is NOT there. If you are a first timer family with a corporate car you and the driver must take the time to break the car down and reassemble to 2007 plans and comply per-plan. You are allowed to race this car in rallies. The driver who is registered to race in the local June 16-17 is the ONLY driver who can use the car in an AH-American Rally. If the car is being used in an NDR Rally another person can use the car for that race only. This car must be stored inside, a dry, secure place. The family must maintain this car in good working order and replace any damaged items. Arrangements must be made to keep the car covered when transporting in foul weather.

DERBY UNCLES All participants will be assigned a Derby Uncle.. This along with your newsletter will be our way of keeping you informed and updated. This person can also be a resource to aid in assembly or timely racing tips. Remember there are no dumb derby questions, you have to start somewhere! Trust me, we all have put the steering in backwards more than once.

RACE DAY PROCEDURES AH of our races will be a double elimination lane and 2-4 wheel swap race to the top 8 places. To be eliminated from the days competition you must lose two heats. One in the winners side of the bracket and one in the challengers side of the bracket. The exception would be if you are racing off for 5-6-7-8 places. To win or lose a heat you must go down the hill with your opponent twice. A timer at the finish line will be started as the first car crosses the finish line and stopped as the second car breaks the beam. That will give the winner a 1st. phase time differential. Both cars will be taken back to the top where the cars will be blocked up and all four wheels will be exchanged spindle for spindle. Care should be taken to not turn the wheel around or set in down on the ground. Only the car handler and driver should handle the wheels. Replace and check wheel pins and go to the start ramps and line up in the opposite lane than the first phase. Second phase racers have priority on the ramp. We do not want long periods of time between phases of heats. The second phase is raced and a second time differential is taken. The car with the greater differential is the over all winner and advances in the bracket. Prior to going to the scale for the first phase two wheels will be swapped. All your wheels should be marked with your name and the direction you are running them. You can use washers inside and out. You should check your wheels and your opponent wheels to make sure that their wheels do not rub against your air foils.

PROMOTIONS & RECRUITMENT The association does not have a large budget for promotion or large scale recruitment programs. The best source to get the message out about the program is our membership. We have one of the larger races in the Nation. We would like to continue to grow and possibly split our race to send more champs to Akron. To do this we need to have each member recruit a new race family. If you know of any family interested please have them contact Jerry Van Waart at 347-9702. We will have a display at the car show in March and we will need some help in manning the display and answering questions. Please call and volunteer if possible.

PER-PLAN ASSEMBLE It is your responsibility and commitment to review changes and updates to confirm that your car is in compliance. There are several changes in all three divisions. Some are mandatory and others are optional. It is very important that the car is updated before the rally season starts in April. The 2007 plans are posted on the All-American web site (aasbd.org). You can and should download a copy. If you have questions please call! Washer configuration in Stock & S-Stock mandatory for 07. For clarification or need the correct washers just call and ask. Must use AA washers.

BOARD MEETINGS Association Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We meet at Pin & Play 16th. & Cumming. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. You are all invited to attend and we need to put in your two cents. All changes in meeting location, time or time will be in the newsletter. A call to Jerry to confirm the meeting is always wise. We are very lucky to have several board members who do not have children racing. They are such a valuable resource for our association. We also have an advisory board made of former champs and parents. Your input is welcomed!!!

Web Sites Our web site is www.omahasoapboxderby.org; All-American is www.aasbd.org

CLINICS Please check your newsletters for any upcoming construction clinic's. If anyone is interested in moving to the 2007 Scottie Masters division please call Jerry VW. This year the Masters division will be all flat bottom kit Scotties. At the present time we have 9 entries in this division and several other families have expressed an interest in switching to the new Scottie. This new car can be a two weekend project. An assembly and alignment clinic will be held in April. This would be a great time to get your car ready for the rally season and great place for beginners to get their corporate cars in 07 compliance.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2007

The 2007 Omaha Area Soap Box Derby Board was elected in Dec. We had a great turn out and several new families wanting to help server on the board. Some of us old dogs were thrilled to see the this willingness to help direct our racing program. New ideals help make a program grow and gives us a very bright future. Thanks to all of you willing to serve!

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You need not be a board member to attend meetings. Stop by or call if you have some concerns or ideals, or MONEY!! Money gets you first up on the agenda!! Please Help when ever possible.