
May 2010 Official Newsletter

Omaha Area

Soap Box Derby Association

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2010 REGISTRATION

AS OF THIS TIME WE ARE MISSING (23) REGISTRATIONS!!!!!!

We have 4 master (2 missing) 18 Super Stocks (7missing) 20 Stocks (14missing) We also have 7-Super Stock, 8-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 60 plus cars for our June 19th 20th local. That will be a great race to see who will represent us in Akron, Ohio for the 73rd 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 had three meetings called, sent postcards, beg, give away trips to Vegas and still we do not have everyone's paper work. Most of you have given a verbal yes 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 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 postcards, or newsletter are not being read and many of you are unaware of our problem with registration. Not reading the newsletters, postcards, and returning phone calls results in not meeting our dead lines, and leaves 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 2010 registration form now and mark the top IOU.** We will work out the money later. Many of you have missed three of our kickoff meetings where you would have received your 2010 packet. This packet has your 2010 registration form in it. **We will be at the track every Wednesday in the month of May 6-8 pm. This would be a great opportunity to stop out pick up your packet fill out the registration form pay you fee.** This is also a great time to get some help with your car, check it over, practice runs, scale check, and get ready for our rally on May 15-16.

HOT ROD GRILL FUNDRAISER

The Grill has been a huge hit. If you have some tickets to turn in or need more tickets please stop out to the track on Wed. nights in May. We have a big contest with our drivers to see who can sell the most tickets. We will continue to sell chances up to June 19 the day of our All-American local race. This barbeque gas grill looks like a real car engine on a stand. Smoke actually comes out the exhaust pipes. Need your help to reach our goal.

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 2010 registration and sent it in!!**
Pleased do so today!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks

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Have You Registered For 2010*****
Four Person Golf Scramble Fundraiser June 5th

Need Your Support!! Please Help
Golf Scramble
Saturday June 5th 1:30 pm. Shot Gun Start

The Omaha Area SBDA will be hosting our second annual golf scramble Saturday June 5th 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 32 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 a golfer find three ringers and have a good time! If you are not a golfer and can help secure prizes or hole sponsors we could use the help. Call Jerry Van Waart (H-347-9702 C-960-5782) with teams or prizes.

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 saw the steering wheel back and forth to keep this straight line. Small smooth corrections are needed. Coming off straight on the ramp is also big . 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.

Track is open and scales out Friday evening!!

Rally Dates & Region IV Rally Championship Series

Dates, location, and contacts for rallies were in your packet 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, Austin Artwein Des Moines IA., Stock Div. Annie Taylor Neligh NE. S-Stock Div. and Bryana Plog Omaha Masters Div. A traveling trophy in each division will be awarded at the last rally of the season.

Omaha May 15-16 Rally

Our Spring rally will be May 15-16. The first race Saturday will be a double elimination and followed by a single elimination. Just one double elimination race on Sunday. 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 We will also be selling Season Omaha participants rally books at the first rally. SAVE SOME MONEY!!!

Rookie Night's At The Track

Wed. May 5-12-19-26 6:00-8:00 pm.

Practice Runs, Scale Checks & Alignment Speed Tips Clinic

This is the second 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.

Corporate Cars Race Day Fee Sponsor Program

Some corporate car drivers have already taken advantage of selling sponsorship for their racing fees, and will be racing their corporate cars Free in the local All-American race June 19-20 and two additional rallies races this year. The program was outline in the packet. If anyone has any question how can they can reduce their costs please call. If you have not picked up your packet please also call.

2010 NDR National Akron Ohio July 25-31

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 and race the big hill. This a great opportunity to attend the 73rd running of the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio and then race in the NDR National's the following week. Great family vacation!!! Start planning NOW!!!

If you have read this newsletter all the way to this point and you are the first driver or parent to call Jerry Van Waart he will buy you a hamburger and coke at our rally Sat May 15.
