

Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby

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SMHSBD Committee meetings held the 3rd Monday of each month @ Jerry Stander's Fix Auto, Highlands Ranch, 3900 Norwood Drive, Littleton, CO 80125. 6:30 pm

All are welcome and appreciated. See SMHSBD.com or 303.791.1900 for SMHSBD Info. [Our Next meeting is on March 20th](#)

Denver Race Dates for 2017

Races are held at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds 25690 East Quincy Avenue, Aurora CO

April 22-23, 2017

All American Rally weekend- Double and single elimination on BOTH Saturday and Sunday

May 20-21, 2017

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Rally registrations take place at the Rally. Fees are \$35 per race, \$25 for a sibling.

June 24-25, 2017

Denver Metro Local Championship weekend

Registration fees for the Local Championship Race is \$60.

2017 First Energy All American Soap Box Derby World Championships- July 22, 2017 Akron, Ohio

IMPORTANT NEWS

APRIL 1 - CLINIC #1

The first of three clinics clinic is this Saturday, April 1, at Jerry Stander's Fix Auto, Highlands Ranch, 3900 Norwood Drive, Littleton, CO 80125. Clinic classroom is approximately from 10 to noon and workshop from noon to 2:00 pm.

The topic is "Getting Started Correctly".

This will include proper driver fit and position, building basics, the physics of Soap Box Derby and a general overview of the sport and upcoming races. All are invited. Bring your cars if you would like specific guidance and help. We will be willing to do a pre-inspection at all clinics to help prepare any racers for the June 24th official inspection.

APRIL 15TH CLINIC #2

The second clinic will cover the basics behind setting the alignment to reduce the forces upon the car that affect speed, eliminating cross bind, and weight setup. The workshop will involve actually setting these criteria on your cars in preparation for the next week's rally.

MAY 13 - CLINIC #3

The third clinic will cover the final car adjustments and an in depth look into driving skills that lead to a win. Most importantly, this is your opportunity to have help perfecting the weights, alignment, and triangulation to ensure that they are set and optimally ready for racing for the following week's rally and in preparation for the local championship race in June.

JUNE WORKSHOP TIME

We will be setting a date for a workshop time prior to the June race for any help needed and use of scales.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to transfer equipment to fairgrounds:

On APRIL 8 the materials and equipment that we use during a race will be delivered to the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. We need men to help pack/unpack trucks to transfer the materials to the shed at the fairground. The packing will be at Fix Auto. PLEASE help with this. This would be a perfect opportunity to those who can't help during a race weekend. Contact Buzz.

on race weekends:

We always need volunteers during the races, especially the championship race which requires inspection of the vehicles.

Examples of volunteer activities are:

- Track setup and tear down
- Car handlers (top and bottom of the hill)
- Trailer drivers
- Security
- Pit area supervisor
- Inspections

June 25th Track pack up and Move back to Fix Auto

We are trying to set up a team of people that can help move all of the equipment back to Fix Auto after the race. We are looking for fresh individuals who may not have spent a grueling weekend working at the track. The current idea is from 2:00 pm to approximately 8:00 pm. And will require being at the Fairgrounds and finishing at Fix Auto. This is a very critical part of what we do and we would appreciate setting this up far in advance to develop a plan for the move.

Please contact Buzz Pankoff or complete the form at SMHSBD.com.

See the Volunteer Information Sheet at

<http://www.soapboxderby.org/sertoma-mile-high/getting-started/volunteer.aspx>

DRIVER FAMILY COMMITTEE MEMBER

We still seek more parents attending the committee meetings to supply requests and ideas from the driver families. The driver families and former racers would help mold the program for new racers.

Please volunteer to Buzz Pankoff.

Clinics

Weekends before races:

April 1, 2017

Getting started correctly, driving position and advanced racing tips

April 15, 2017

Car set up & weights

May 13, 2017

Alignment, driving skills, and rally preparation

Times: Clinic – from 10 am to 12 pm
Workshop from 12 pm to 2 pm

So, bring your cars if you would like an inspection or assistance.

REGION 4 RALLY RACES

Indoor Rally 17 (Kansas City)
3/11 – 3/12/2017

Rally Race (Ogallala NE)
4/29/2017

May 7 (Cape Girardeau MO)
5/06/2017

Indoor Rally 17 (Kansas City)
3/11 – 3/12/2017

May Rally (Kansas City MO)
5/6-7/2017

New Drivers or Drivers Who Need Cars

We have club cars available to new drivers or current drivers who need a car. These cars are sponsored by Sertoma clubs within the Mile Hi area. The Sertoma clubs reach out to those in our community to assist and support them. We hope that drivers of club cars would be involved with their sponsoring club, sharing their experience with them.

If you need a car or know someone who is not currently involved in the soap box derby because they don't have a car, contact us. We have an application form for club car usage. We hope this year to have no cars nor willing drivers sitting idle. We are hoping that we can start filling up available cars in preparation for the first clinic on April 1. We will continue to fill the spots until there are no more available. Please let others know!

See the SMHSDD Club Car Application form at <http://www.soapboxderby.org/sertoma-mile-high/race-programs/mile-high-race-info.aspx>

Registrations Needed

Please register for races as soon as possible. The information and money are needed in advance to prepare for the races.

Print out or go online to complete the forms and return to 3900 Norwood Drive Littleton, CO 80125 .

<http://www.soapboxderby.org/sertoma-mile-high/race-programs/race-registration.aspx>

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