

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 21st](#)

Race Dates for 2016

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

April 23-24, 2016

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

May 14-15, 2016

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

June 11-12, 2016

Denver Metro Local Championship weekend

Registration fees for the Local Championship Race will increase from \$50 to \$75 after February 14th. Registration close date is April 15th.

2016 First Energy All American Soap Box Derby World Championships- July 10-16 2016 Akron, Ohio

IMPORTANT NEWS

MARCH 5TH CLINIC #1

The first of three clinics clinic is this Saturday, March 5, at Jerry Stander's Fix Auto, Highlands Ranch, 3900 Norwood Drive, Littleton, CO 80125. Clinic classroom 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.

APRIL 16TH CLINIC #2

- Car Set up
- Weights
- Speed tips
- Rally preparation
- Hands on workshop

SEEKING NEW DRIVERS – free test drives offered

The racing season is here and we would like more drivers to participate with us. If you know of someone who would like to try it out without commitments, have them contact us. We will have cars at the rallies for potential families to see. We will explain the fundamentals of involvement to the families and allow the potential driver take some **free trial runs** down the hill.

Our first desire is to obtain new drivers who fall into the category that Sertoma sponsors (with speech and hearing needs). We also seek to involve the Boy Scouts of America to help grow the Mile High Soap Box Derby so we hope to enlist boy scouts as drivers.

Should we still have unused club cars, we will be more than happy to include friends of our current drivers.

PREVIOUS DRIVERS – Are you using your old cars?

If you are a past driver and are no longer using your cars, will you please consider helping to continue the tradition and involvement in derby racing for new families? We would appreciate your help in either identifying others that you know who you like to pass your car to or contact Buzz on making a donation or if you are selling it.

If you have interest in a used car, please contact “Buzz” Pankoff and we will get you in touch with a car for sale or to borrow.

FUTURE FUNDRAISERS

The March spaghetti dinner was substituted for the chili cook-off.

We may hold it in the future or may replace it fundraisers offered at local restaurants, such as Garlic Knott, Chick Fil A, McAllister's Deli. Marty is looking into this and will advise the committee in the near future.

ADULT RACES

HEY adults, have you always wanted to drive a soap box derby car but didn't have the opportunity? Well, here it is. At rallies and on the local championship day, we would like to have adult races with any adult willing to enter. Participants could be either a family member of a child driver or simply a race observer. There may be a nominal fee that will help to assist in covering all costs of holding the races. Primarily, however, the primary purpose is to Have Fun.

Clinics

Weekends before races:

March 5, 2015

Getting started correctly, driving position and advanced racing tips

April 16, 2016

Car set up & weights

May 7, 2016

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.

Reminders

RECRUITMENT Reminder

This year we would like to ask for some assistance in recruiting new families to participate in our events. We would appreciate if families that have been involved would make contact with people who may be interested. Because people get busy and don't always follow up themselves, our committee would like to do so. If you could forward any information to “Buzz”, Bob or other committee attendees, we will do the rest.

As a reward for your efforts, we will waive the race fee for one race during an upcoming rally weekend for your efforts for any referral that registers for the June local Championship race! Please help us in getting more families involved in this great family opportunity!

VOLUNTEERS

We still need volunteers during the races and would like to let you know now what that involves. Please start thinking about helping and either contact Buzz Pankoff or complete the form at SMHSBD.com.

DRIVER FAMILY COMMITTEE MEMBER & JR COMMITTEE

That committee, consisting of parents, would have a representative attend the committee meetings to supply requests and ideas from the driver families.

We would like to invite former racers to help mold the program for new racers. We would like to assemble a Jr. Committee to help with areas of the race and the planning process. This will count towards High School Volunteer hours.

Please volunteer to Buzz Pankoff.

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