

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 August 20, 2018.

2019 SMHSBD Races

Special Race to Read event weekend

May 18 – 19

Car training, Racing techniques test runs, and much more

Local Championship

June 8 - 9

Rally Race

August 10-11

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A NEW YEAR OF RACING

RACE TO READ Program with Bandimere Speedway

This is an exciting new endeavor for the Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby. We decided to try some new strategies toward our growth rather than holding spring rallies. We have gotten involved with Bandimere's Race to Read six-week reading program, spreading word and invitations to our racing program to potential new families. The Race to Read program encourages literacy by providing an exciting race-themed incentive for elementary-age students of 70 local schools. We have provided flyers describing the program and inviting families to come try out soap box derby on the weekend of May 18-19. We hope to spark new interests and resulting racers. Please come out and join us that weekend and share your knowledge, enthusiasm, and opportunity to learn/test racing techniques.

INPUT INTO AKRON DECISIONS

Buzz was asked and is serving on a committee to impact increased fairness in racing and is a member of the National Rally Commission. Some of the discussions revolved around

- Rally race points and the determination of what qualifies them to go to Akron's international race,

The rally race discussion has a large impact since fair weather cities hold more races and result in a larger percentage of racers going to Akron. We in the colder region have to drive farther and race more to allow fewer racers to go to Akron. So this inequity is being addressed in a way in which helps to grow the sport and increase the quality of the programs being run across the country.

- Required weight differential of cars in races (within 2 lbs of the division's maximum weight)

It has been found that in some cities, putting less weight in the car is an advantage. So to keep things fair for all, requiring everyone to run closer to max weight keeps the winning edge on the driver skills no matter what size or age.

NEW COMMITTEE BLOOD

We all know by now that Jennifer Comstock is co-director to the Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby but the next good news is the latest member of the committee – Allison Pankoff. Our world champion is becoming a great spokesperson and brings fresh ideas and enthusiasm. She has a compassion for the sport and fellow racers that can only make her a great mentor for new racers. Welcome Allison, and thanks.

STORAGE OF CLUB CARS DURING THE RACE SEASON

To make it easier on potential race families (who may not have the capability to store and/or transport cars to the race track), we will have a storage container at the fairground from May to August to store cars and track equipment. The container will be moved there on May 1. We are asking for club cars that do not currently have a driver, be taken to the fairgrounds on May 4. If you can't get it there, call Buzz and we will set up a time to pick up your car and take it to the fairground.

In August, we will then need a representative for each club to be identified so that the car can be returned to the owning club.

LOCAL RACE INFO

This year's local championship will be the weekend of June 8-9. On Saturday, we will have the Super Kid's race and also the Master's division race. All other cars will perform inspections and practice runs, after which the cars will be stored for the next day. On Sunday, we will have the Stock and Super Stock division's local races. **Registrations for new racers need to be received by May 25th** or as soon as possible. We are asking **former racers to Register by May 1st**. EVERYONE should participate the special race event (May 18-19) to get some practice in and register for the local.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers for both the May 18-19 special event weekend and the June 8-9 local. Sertomans, this is your opportunity to share your smiles and see how the much appreciated donations are being used on our youth and their families.

If you are a previous race family but not racing this year, this is a great opportunity to come and let your kids share their experience with new drivers and everyone can help in supporting new parents to the program.

Some of the types of volunteer work are:

May 18-19 event

Volunteers:

- Volunteers to help brand new racers
- Volunteers providing safety discussions
- Truck drivers (returning cars and kids back up the hill)

- Food
- Flaggers
- Track setup / take down

June 8-9 Local

Volunteers:

- Super Kids Helper on Saturday
- Track setup and tear down on Saturday and Sunday
- Inspection / weigh-in (making sure car is built to plans)
- Pit Supervisor (managing the pit area and assisting with rule compliance)
- Safety
 - Overseeing loading of cars and kids at the bottom of the hill
 - Making sure people do not cross the race track
- Driver & Volunteer Check In
- Starting Line Helper
- Ramp Handler
- Food Sales

PLEASE CONTACT BUZZ OR JENNIFER

UPCOMING EVENT

FREE **SERTOMA MILE HIGH SOAPBOX DERBY** **FREE**

The Thrill of the Hill!!!
Congrats On Your Reading Success!

Now Come Let Loose. During Our FREE Open Track Downhill Gravity Event. All Derby Cars Are Provided! APPLY TODAY!!!

Racer Information
May 18-19, 2019 10am-2pm
Ages 7-18
Limited Free Cars Available

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RACE
Let's Go Racing!

<u>RACING DIVISIONS</u>	<u>EVENT INFO</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STOCK • Ages 7-13 years old • Accommodate a racer up to 5'3" tall and 125 lbs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ OPEN HILL TRIAL DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When: May 18 & 19 • Cost: Free • Apply Today: Limited Space Available
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUPER STOCK • Ages 9-18 years old • Accommodate a racer up to 6'0" tall and 160 lbs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ DENVER CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When: June 8 & 9 • Cost: \$60 weekend entry fee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRACK LOCATION • Arapahoe County Fairgrounds • 25690 E Quincy Ave, Aurora, CO 80016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ SPRING RALLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When: August 10 & 11 • Cost: \$35 per day

The International Soap Box Derby® is a non-profit youth education and leadership development organization whose mission is to build knowledge and character, and to create meaningful experiences through fair and honest racing competitions.

Thank you all for your support.