

29th all-american soap box derby

souvenir program

derby downs - akron, ohio - august 6, 1966



the derby is more than a race . . .

it's a giant step toward manhood taken each year by over 50,000 boys. It's an opportunity for boys all over the world to learn skills, perseverance and sportsmanship through honest, rugged competition. Often called the greatest amateur racing event in the world, the Soap Box Derby is open to more youngsters than any comparable activity. It's also an effective measure of the mettle of American youth and a barometer of the future of America for the youthful champions of today will become the responsible leaders of tomorrow.

The Soap Box Derby is a lot of other things, too. Hundreds of hours in a boy's workshop. Bruised knuckles and hammered thumbnails. The look on mother's face as she makes a trip down the basement stairs to see how much progress has been made today. It's the proud expression on father's face as a derby official yells out "Who's car is this?" and his boy steps forward with his chest stuck out a mile and says, "That's my car!"

Today the All-American Soap Box Derby hosts 251 City Champions from the United States, Canada, West Germany, Okinawa, the Philippines and Venezuela who have come to Akron in hopes of capturing the All-American trophy and a share of the \$30,000 in scholarships awarded to the winners.



My sincere gratitude goes out to the hundreds of people in Akron and throughout the country who have contributed their time and effort toward making the 1966 Soap Box Derby an unequalled success.

General Manager,
All-American Soap Box Derby, Inc.



ALL-AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY

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official scholarship awards

first place award

\$7,500 college scholarship

second place award

\$5,000 college scholarship

third place award

\$4,000 college scholarship

fourth place award

\$3,500 college scholarship

fifth place award

\$3,000 college scholarship

sixth place award

\$2,500 college scholarship

seventh place award

\$2,000 college scholarship

eighth place award

\$1,500 college scholarship

ninth place award

\$1,000 college scholarship

special awards

Best Brake Chevrolet Trophy
Best Designed Car Chevrolet Trophy
Best Constructed Car Chevrolet Trophy
Best Upholstered Car Chevrolet Trophy
Fastest Heat Chevrolet Trophy

individual champion awards

- Chevrolet presents each champion with an award plaque in recognition of his participation in the 1966 All-American Soap Box Derby.
- Each champion receives a 17-jewel Elgin wrist watch from Chevrolet.
- An Instamatic Camera and film supply are presented to each champion by Eastman Kodak Company.
- Levi Straus Company presents each champion with a pair of blue Levi's.
- A slot-racing model Corvette will be given to each champion by Revell, Inc.
- In addition, the boys keep their All-American racing helmets, shirts, white Levi's and city flags with the compliments of Chevrolet as reminders of this memorable day.

Brand names do not constitute endorsement by the All-American Soap Box Derby, Inc.

heat procedure

Although boys in local races run in two classes (class A for boys 13 through 15 and class B for boys 11 through 12), every contestant in the All-American is considered a champion and competes in the same classification.

First-round heats for the All-American are established by drawing the names of sponsoring cities on the Wednesday preceding Race Day. The first name drawn is in heat 1, lane 1; second name, heat 1, lane 2; and third name, heat 1, lane 3. Heats with only two cars use lanes 1 and 3. The winners from every three heats, from the first round on, draw for lane positions for the heats in the next round.

judging procedure

As each racer crosses the finish line, it breaks an electric eye beam that triggers a special camera and timing clock. The camera is placed directly over the track with the timing clock in the field of vision so a visual record of the official time is recorded on the photograph. When, in the opinion of the finish-line judges, the closeness of a race warrants, the photo-finish negative may be developed and projected on a screen to facilitate decision making. In photo-finish heats, a copy of the official photograph will be posted on a board at the southwest corner of the west grandstand. Decisions of the judges in all matters pertaining to the interpretation and enforcement of Soap Box Derby rules, the conduct of the race, and the determination of heat winners will be final and binding on all concerned.

Flags are important in directing the races. The checkered flag designates the heat winner. The green flag means the track is "clear," while the red flag signals "not clear."

pre-race program

- 10:45 A.M. Presentation of Colors by the Boy Scouts of America.
- 11:00 A.M. March up Derby Downs track by Akron Youth Groups.
- 11:30 A.M. Track show, featuring Dayton Darlings, The Gordon Pipers of Indianapolis, Derby Downs Dandies.
- 12:00 Noon 29th All-American Champions Parade.
- 12:50 P.M. Premiere performance of an original Soap Box Derby March played by massed bands of Akron High Schools and conducted by the composer, Mr. Robert Russell Bennett.
- 1:00 P.M. Presentation of Colors and The Star Spangled Banner.
- 1:05 P.M. Oil Can Trophy Race featuring Stars of "F Troop" and "Bewitched."
- 1:15 P.M. Start of the 29th All-American Soap Box Derby.

track bomb schedule

- 10:45 A.M. 1 15-inch bomb
- 11:00 A.M. 2 15-inch bombs
- 11:50 A.M. 3 15-inch bombs
- 1:00 P.M. 3 9-inch bombs
- 1:12 P.M. 19 15-inch bombs and
- 2 12-inch bombs with American Flags

parade lineup

- 1—United States Marine Color Guard with National Colors
- 2—Bob Logan, 1965 All-American Soap Box Derby Champion from Santa Anna, California
- 3—Honorable **James A. Rhodes** Governor of Ohio, Honorary Parade Marshal
- 4—The Eaglettes, from Sandusky, Ohio, Don E. McNeal, Director
- 5—1966 Champions—251 Champions from towns throughout the United States, each carrying his own Champion's flag
- 6—Buchtel High School Band The Official Soap Box Derby Band Eugene Thrall, Director
- 7—65 Derbytowntown Counselors F. A. Wahl, Director
- 8—**Forrest Tucker**, Star of the television show "F Troop"
- 9—Akron East High School Band Milton Nelson, Director
- 10—**Larry Storch**, Co-Star of the television show "F Troop"
- 11—Akron Ellet High School Band Roger Schaeffer, Director
- 12—The Valentines, Majorettes Mrs. Norman Valentine, Director
- 13—**Ken Berry**, Co-Star of the television show "F Troop"
- 14—Trumbull County 4H Club Band, from Warren, Ohio R. William Bell, Director
- 15—Honorable **John S. Ballard** Mayor of Akron
- 16—Firestone High School Band Joseph Lentine, Director
- 17—The Musical Knights Richard Heffelfinger, Director
- 18—The Champion from West Germany Wilfried Labmeier With members of the Akron Naval Reserve carrying his country's flag escorting him and flanked by Corvettes of the Tiretown Corvette Club, Don Gresock, Director
- 19—Akron South High School Band Richard Averitte, Director
- 20—The Genies of Magic City (Barberton), Jeanne Tritt, Director
- 21—Two Champions from Canada Douglas Gillard, from St. Catharines, Ontario, and Richard Lewis, from Mission City, British Columbia With Navy Escort carrying flags and flanked by Corvettes
- 22—Akron Central High School Band Carl Arnold, Director
- 23—The Champion from Venezuela Pedro Moreno With Navy Escort carrying his flag and Corvette flankers
- 24—The Cadettes Mrs. Margaret Lindsay, Director
- 25—Springfield Township High School Band, Dale Stanford, Director
- 26—The Champion from the Philippines, Miguel C. Victorio With Navy Escort carrying his flag and Corvette flankers
- 27—The Hi-Steppers Dollie J. Roquemore, Director
- 28—The Champion from Okinawa Raymond J. Rapoza With Navy Escort carrying his flag and Corvette flankers
- 29—The Tiretown Twirlers Mrs. Katherine Cutlip, Director
- 30—**Elizabeth Montgomery** Star of TV Show, "Bewitched"
- 31—Akron North High School Band Frank Nelson, Director
- 32—The Poli-Vets Mrs. Stanley Tatko, Director
- 33—**Agnes Moorehead** Star of TV Show, "Bewitched"
- 34—Garfield High School Band Kristan Crane, Director
- 35—**Dick York** Star of TV Show, "Bewitched"
- 36—YMCA Indian Guides from Cuyahoga Falls Robert Shaffer, Director
- 37—Kenmore High School Band Ralph Vitt, Director
- 38—Civil Air Patrol of Northeast Ohio Col. Albert D. Barnhart Commanding
- 39—America's Junior Miss **Diane Wilkins** from Wawatosa, Wisconsin
- 40—American Federation of Musicians Band, Robert Cole, Director
- 41—Miss Ohio, **Madeline Carvalho** from Vandalia, Ohio
- 42—Wadsworth High School Band Ralph Baldwin, Director
- 43—The Dayton Darlings A prize-winning team from Dayton, Ohio Mrs. Koneta Grierson, Director
- 44—Summit County Sheriff's Corps Sheriff Robert D. Campbell
- 45—Lexington High School Band, Lexington, Ohio David Welles, Director
- 46—All Star Twirlers Mrs. Anna Duff, Director
- 47—Hopewell High School Band, from Aliquippa, Pa. David J. Carr, Director
- 48—The Akronites Mrs. Ronald Steadman, Director
- 49—Stow High School Band William Newenhisen, Director
- 50—Rubber City Elks Majorettes Kay Smith, Director
- 51—Former Champs All-American Soap Box Derby winners of previous years
- 52—Coventry High School Band Ralph Herron, Director
- 53—City Motorcycle Police Lieutenant Beabout Commanding

second round

featuring winners of first round heats

FIRST HALF		SECOND HALF	
Heat No.		Heat No.	
85.....	(Winner of Heat 85)	99.....	(Winner of Heat 99)
86.....	(Winner of Heat 86)	100.....	(Winner of Heat 100)
87.....	(Winner of Heat 87)	101.....	(Winner of Heat 101)
88.....	(Winner of Heat 88)	102.....	(Winner of Heat 102)
89.....	(Winner of Heat 89)	103.....	(Winner of Heat 103)
90.....	(Winner of Heat 90)	104.....	(Winner of Heat 104)
91.....	(Winner of Heat 91)	105.....	(Winner of Heat 105)
92.....	(Winner of Heat 92)	106.....	(Winner of Heat 106)
93.....	(Winner of Heat 93)	107.....	(Winner of Heat 107)
94.....	(Winner of Heat 94)	108.....	(Winner of Heat 108)
95.....	(Winner of Heat 95)	109.....	(Winner of Heat 109)
96.....	(Winner of Heat 96)	110.....	(Winner of Heat 110)
97.....	(Winner of Heat 97)	111.....	(Winner of Heat 111)
98.....	(Winner of Heat 98)	112.....	(Winner of Heat 112)

ELIMINATION HEAT—TWO WINNING CARS SELECTED FROM FIRST AND SECOND HALVES OF ROUND TWO.

113.....
(Winner of Heat 113)

third round

featuring winners of second round heats

Heat No.	
114.....	(Winner of Heat 114)
115.....	(Winner of Heat 115)
116.....	(Winner of Heat 116)
117.....	(Winner of Heat 117)
118.....	(Winner of Heat 118)
119.....	(Winner of Heat 119)
120.....	(Winner of Heat 120)
121.....	(Winner of Heat 121)
122.....	(Winner of Heat 122)

fourth round

featuring winners of third round heats

Heat No.	
123	1st.....
	2nd.....
	3rd.....
124	1st.....
	2nd.....
	3rd.....
125	1st.....
	2nd.....
	3rd.....

semi-final rounds

THE 3rd PLACE WINNERS OF HEATS 123, 124 AND 125 WILL COMPETE IN HEAT 126 FOR 7th, 8th AND 9th PRIZES.

126	9th.....
	8th.....
	7th.....

THE 2nd PLACE WINNERS OF HEATS 123, 124 AND 125 WILL COMPETE IN HEAT 127 FOR 4th, 5th AND 6th PRIZES.

127	6th.....
	5th.....
	4th.....

ALL-AMERICAN FINAL

HEAT NO. 128

THE 1st PLACE WINNERS OF HEATS 123, 124 AND 125 WILL COMPETE IN HEAT 128 FOR 1st, 2nd AND 3rd PRIZES.

.....	(Third Place)
.....	(Second Place)
.....	(First Place)

1966 soap box derby sponsors

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Putnam-Pawling (N.Y.) Reporter Dispatch
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Richmond (Ind.) Richmond Noon Optimist Club
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Rochester (Minn.) Jr. Chamber of Commerce
Rochester (N.Y.) Times-Union
Rockford (Ill.) Rockford Morning Star and Register-Republic
Rockland County (N.Y.) The Reporter Dispatch, Westchester Rockland Newspapers, Inc.
Roseburg (Ore.) The News-Review, Roseburg Jaycees
Roswell (N.M.) Optimist Club of Roswell
Sacramento (Cal.) Active 20-30 Club of Sacramento No. 1
Saginaw (Mich.) Saginaw Jaycees
St. Catharines (Ont. Canada) The St. Catharines Standard Limited
St. Charles (Mo.) St. Charles Journal, St. Charles Banner News, Loyal Order of Moose
St. Cloud (Minn.) St. Cloud Jaycees, St. Cloud Daily Times, St. Cloud Seven-Up Bottling Co.
St. Johns (Mich.) St. Johns Jaycees
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Santa Ana (Cal.) Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794
Santa Rosa (Cal.) The Press Democrat
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Shelby (Ohio) Shelby Jaycees
Sidney (Neb.) Sidney Jaycees
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Waterbury (Conn.) Waterbury Exchange Club Community Projects, Inc.
Waterloo (Iowa) Jr. Chamber of Commerce
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Wausau (Wis.) Wausau Jaycees
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West Palm Beach (Fla.) Jr. Chamber of Commerce
Wichita (Kansas) Optimist Derby Foundation, Inc.
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Winston-Salem (N.C.) Jr. Chamber of Commerce
Wooster (Ohio) The Daily Record
York (Neb.) Jr. Chamber of Commerce
Youngstown (Ohio) Youngstown Jaycees
Zanesville (Ohio) Jr. Chamber of Commerce

