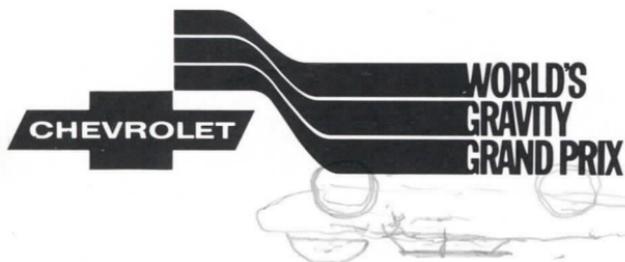
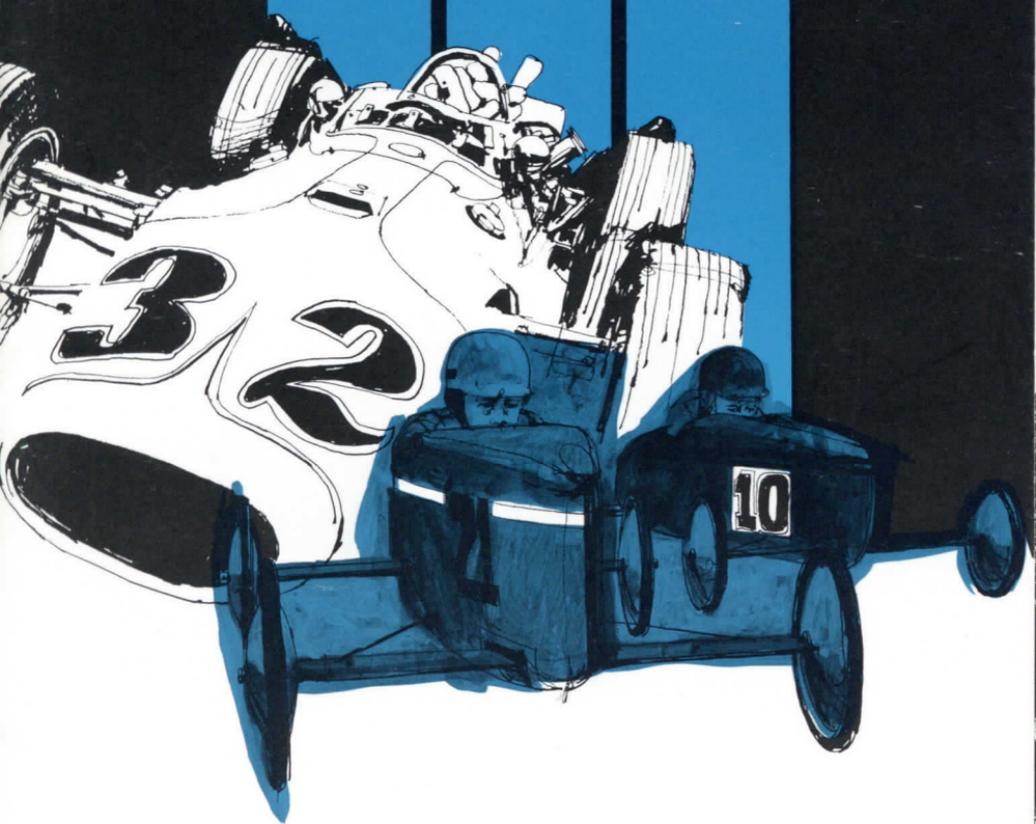


32ND ALL-AMERICAN

Soap Box Derby

AUGUST 23,
1969



SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Welcome

TO THE ALL-AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY

Today we join 257 champions here at Derby Downs — the center of the All-American Soap Box Derby world. The 32nd running of the All-American — the World's Gravity Grand Prix — is the culmination of a year of hard work on the part of each outstanding young competitor — an opportunity for 257 champions to display their skills in craftsmanship to the thousands of persons gathered here at Derby Downs. For each spectator here, the All-American will be a spectacular and exciting event — for the champions, it promises to be an important day in their lives which they will never forget.

Chevrolet and the staff of the All-American Soap Box Derby, along with thousands of organizations and individuals who work hard all year round to make the Derby possible, are privileged to share the All-American world with the champions.

You will leave Derby Downs today with a sense of pride and amazement that these young men can accomplish such great things through hard work and application of their talents.

The All-American today marks the climax of the most successful year in its history — a new record in the number of local races — a new record in the number of

Mason Bell

General Manager
All-American Soap Box Derby, Inc.

boys building cars and racing — more involvement on the part of community leaders and adults from every walk of life. Tremendous support has been received from city governments, from the press and all news media, and from civic organizations and Chevrolet dealers. To each person who has contributed untiring effort or financial assistance, we extend a special and heartfelt "THANK YOU."

And now the great moment has arrived. 257 champions who began with a dream and a design and made it a reality with talented hands and basic tools are ready at Topside to compete according to the rules of true sportsmanship for a total of \$30,000 in scholarships presented by Chevrolet.

Please join us in a silent wish of good luck to each of them and a thunderous round of applause as they pass in review.



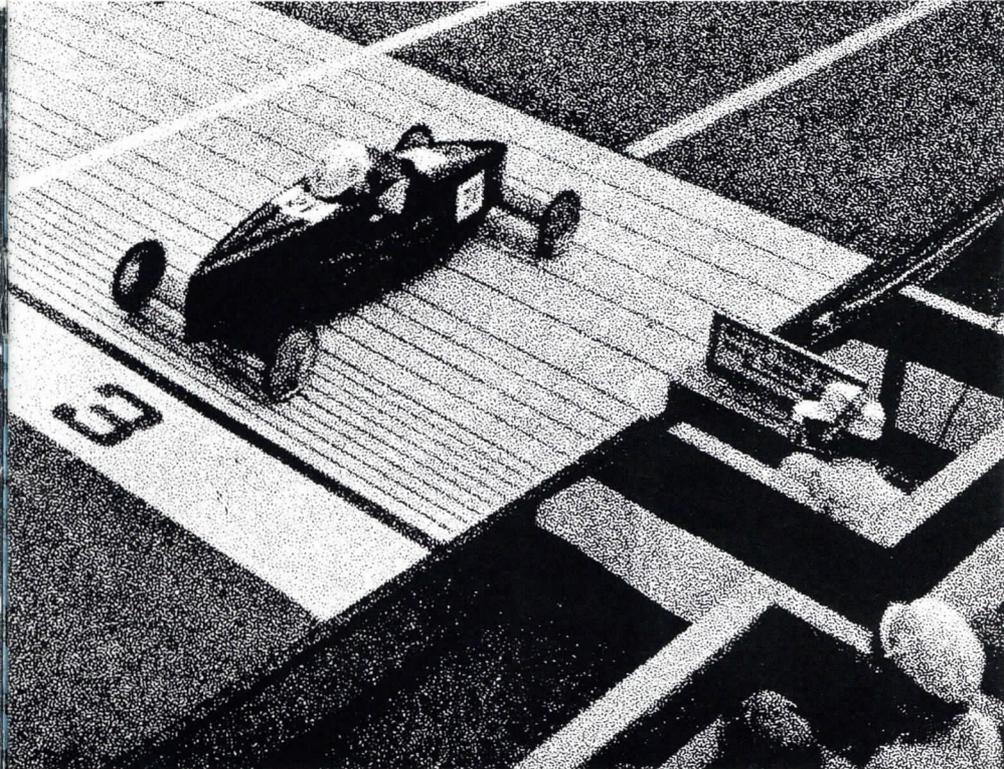
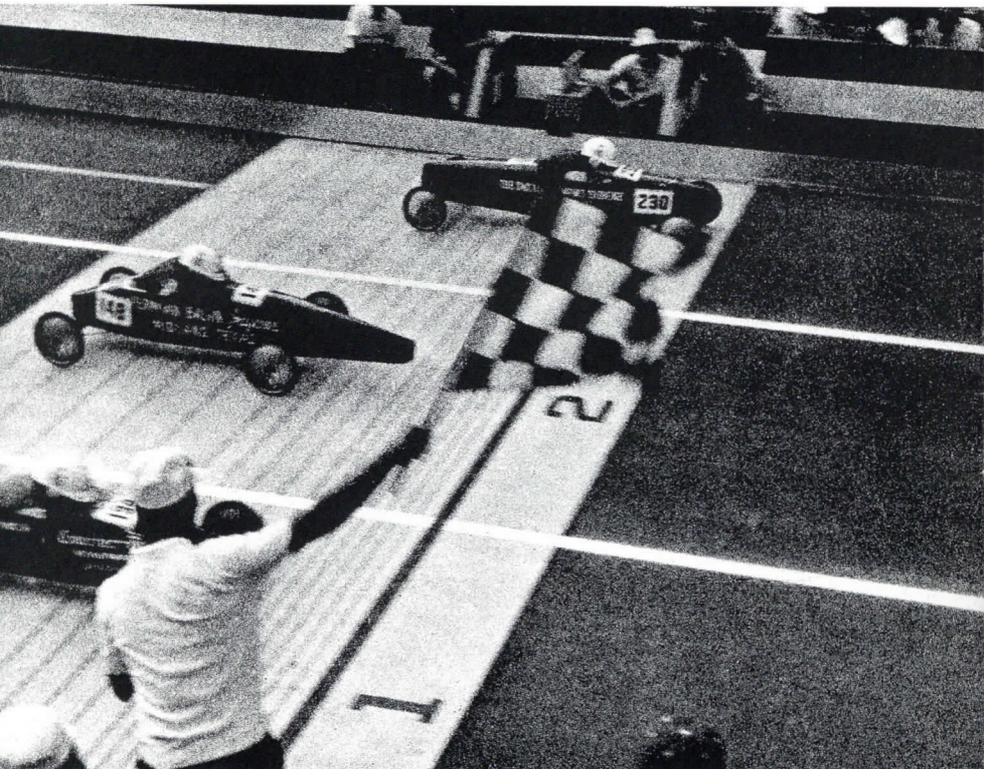
Pre-Race Schedule

PARADE LINEUP

- 11:00 A.M. Boy Scouts march down track to raise flags at poles.
- 11:15 A.M. Scouts & Red Cross march up track from bridge to seats in bleachers.
- 11:30 A.M. Marching units perform on track.
- 11:45 A.M. Dennis Day will sing "God Bless America" with band.
- 12:00 Noon Pre-Race Parade begins.
- 12:50 P.M. Star Spangled Banner
- 12:55 P.M. "Oil Can Trophy" Race
- 1:15 P.M. All-American Soap Box Derby Race begins.

TRACK BOMB SCHEDULE

- 11:00 A.M. 1—15-inch bomb
- 11:15 A.M. 2—15-inch bombs
- 12:00 Noon 3—15-inch bombs
- 12:55 P.M. 3— 9-inch bombs
- 1:15 P.M. 19—15-inch bombs
- 2—12-inch bombs with American flags



The Parade

- 1—United States Marine Corps Color Guard
- 2—Kenmore High School Band
Official Soap Box Derby Band
Ralph Vitt, Director
- 3—**Branch Lew** - 1968 World Champion
Honorary Parade Marshall
- 4—Honorable **John S. Ballard**
Mayor of Akron
- 5—Ellet High School Band
Roger Schaeffer, Director
- 6—1969 Champions: 251 United States
Champions, each carrying his
city flag
- 7—Central High School Band
Robert W. Williamson, Director
- 8—70 Derbytownt Counselors
F. A. Wahl, Director
- 9—Akron East High School Band
Milton Nelson, Director
- 10—Summit County Sheriff's Dept.
Sheriff Robert D. Campbell
- 11—The Royal Judells
Judy Patterson, Director
- 12—**Lorne Greene**, "Ben Cartwright"
in TV's Bonanza
- 13—The Forestettes on a one-day trip
from Cincinnati by bus
Eugene Rheude, Director
- 14—Garfield High School Band
Kristan Crane, Director
- 15—**Jo Anne Worley**,
TV Star from Laugh-In
- 16—The Poli-Vets
Mrs. Stanley Tatko, Director
- 17—Buchtel High School Band
James Lucas, Director
- 18—**John "Hondo" Havlicek**
Captain of Boston's basketball
team, the Celtics
- 19—Musical Knights
Richard Heffelfinger, Director
- 20—**Noel Harrison** - Stage and
Television Star
- 21—Former World Champions
- 22—Akron South High School Band
Spurgeon Moore, Director
- 23—**Hugh O'Brian** - Television Star
- 24—Hyattsville Volunteer Fire
Department Majorettes from
Laurel, Maryland
Joan Jernigan, Director
- 25—Akron North High School Band
Frank Nelson, Director
- 26—La Voyagettes & Les Voyageurs
First place winners in Akron
Derby Parade
Margaret L. Smith, Director
- 27—**Mark Slade** - TV Star from
High Chaparral
- 28—Tiretown Twirlers
Geraldine Coleman, Director
- 29—Akron Police Dept.
Chief Harry Whiddon
- 30—Akron Fire Dept.
Chief Gerald Vernotzy
- 31—The Copleyettes
Mrs. Helen Meek, Director
- 32—**Chuck Connors** - TV Star
The Rifleman
- 33—Akron Majorettes
G. F. (Gail) McCleary, Director
- 34—America's Junior Miss
Jackie Benington
- 35—The Akronites
Ed Mathews, Director
- 36—Mogadore High School Band
James Martin, Director
- 37—St. Catharines Lakeside Majorettes
from St. Catharines, Ontario,
Canada
Judy Dearborn, Director
- 38—Cadettes
Mrs. Margaret Lindsey, Director
Harry Brown - Baton
- 39—Guest Champions
Germany - Wolfgang Kick
Venezuela - Hector de Jesus Garcia
Canal Zone - John G. Shobe
Philippines - Enrique A. Polidario
Canada - Dennis John Lissimore,
Mission City, B.C.
Vernon Michael Andreas,
St. Catharines, Ont.
Okinawa - David B. Hartley
- 40—Hillsdale High School Band
James R. Saker, Director
- 41—Sharps & Sharpettes
Kathy Collins, Director
- 42—Firestone High School Band
Joseph Lentine, Director
- 43—Akron Motorcycle Police
Sergeant Robert Keel Commanding

The Race

HEAT PROCEDURE

Although boys in local races run in two classes (class A for boys 13 through 15 and class B for boys 11 and 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 second round.

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."

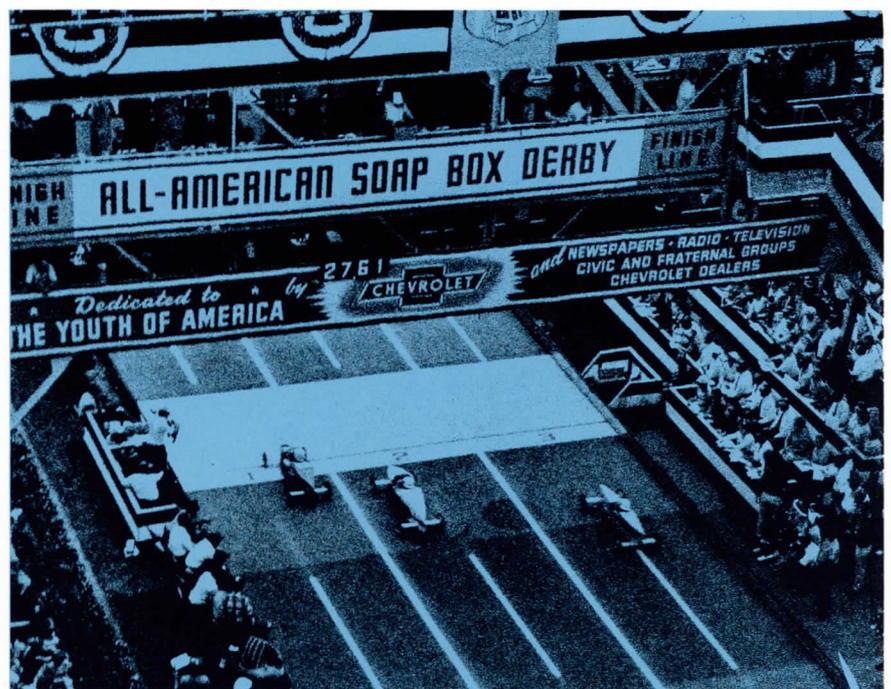
JUDGING PROCEDURE

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.

KEEPING SCORE

To enable you to participate even more in the thrill of the All-American, the following four pages are designed so that you can indicate the winner of each heat. As each winner is called out by the track announcer, mark down his car number or city name. Then, you'll have your own complete record of the 32nd All-American Soap Box Derby.



1st Round

Ht. No.	Car No.	Driver	City
	206	Floyd L. Frick	Salem, Ore.
1	14	Michael Henry Bos	Appleton, Wis.
	39	Donald Peters Proebis	Cleveland, Ohio
2	82	Phillip Joseph Doerries	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
	198	Leslie W. Summers	Roswell, N. M.
	137	William James Page	Massena, N. Y.
	207	Ronald Frank	Salina, Kansas
3	145	Dennis John Lissimore	Mission City, B.C., Can.
	3	David Alan Seidner	Albany, N. Y.
	4	Allen Lee Martin	Albuquerque, N. M.
4	161	Loren C. Eaton	Nogales, Ariz.
	173	Rodney Lewis Moyers	Orange, Va.
	87	Glenn Kenneth Tagge	Green Bay, Wis.
5	249	Danny Jay Rinerson	Watertown, S. D.
	136	Thomas Lloyd Christie	Marion, Ind.
	162	Stanley A. Essley	Norfolk, Neb.
6	195	Craig Lee Burnett	Rochester, N. Y.
	241	Donald C. Lyle	Valdosta, Ga.
	196	Kevin Fredrick Dillon	Rockland County, N. Y.
7	188	William H. Colman	Putnam County, N. Y.
	67	David Allen Brenaman	Fergus Falls, Minn.
	135	John Lawrence Helling	Mankato, Minn.
8	9	Kim Richard Meyers	Amherst, Ohio
	232	Steven Michael Faes	Syracuse, N. Y.
	111	Joe M. Taylor	Johnson City, Tenn.
9	32	Michael Eugene Miller	Charleston, W. Va.
	24	David E. Tyrrell, Jr.	Boynton Beach, Fla.
	101	John Michael Ewas	Hingham, Mass.
10	153	Kim T. Montgomery	Nashville, Tenn.
	36	Jack Zientek	Cincinnati, Ohio
	164	Chester Serrbocco, III	Norristown, Pa.
11	44	Mark Steven Morelock	Columbus, Ga.
	238	Gary S. Shroyer	Troy, Ohio
	211	William Ralph Helm	Santa Cruz, Cal.
12	150	Mark Alan Medley	Mt. Airy, N. C.
	94	Michael E. Howell	Hattiesburg, Miss.
	253	Phillip Dean Wittmer	Wichita, Kansas
13	50	William Harvey Garrett	Danville, Va.
	120	Louis Cal Lopez	Lakeland, Fla.
	76	Mark Geil	Ft. Worth, Texas
14	109	Steven Mark Sunday	Jackson, Mich.
	248	Thomas Henry Derwin	Waterbury, Conn.
	84	Eugene Edward Mears	Grand Rapids, Mich.
15	154	Vincent H. Pagliei	Newark, N. J.
	183	Dennis Trost	Plattsburg, N. Y.
	185	Jody Thomas Murray	Portsmouth, Ohio
16	89	Richard M. Parris, Jr.	Greenville, S. C.
	115	Douglas G. Howe	Keokuk, Iowa
	77	Stephen Jamie Jones	Fredericksburg, Va.
17	5	Donald R. Johnson	Alexandria, Minn.
	33	William Gary Lands	Charlotte, N. C.
	222	Timothy J. Bassing	Sioux Falls, S. D.
18	130	Steven R. Confer	Lockport, N. Y.
	191	Thomas J. Tomasky	Reading, Pa.
	167	Dennis Leigh Brittle	Oakland Co., Pont., Mich.
19	22	Bret Davidson	Boulder, Colo.
	181	Enrique A. Polidario	Philippines
	250	Michael E. Mullett	Waynesboro, Va.
20	112	Paul H. Easley, Jr.	Junction City, Kansas
	81	Wolfgang Kick	Germany
	95	Joseph P. Tavares, Jr.	Hawaii
21	26	Jeffrey L. Pilarski	Burlington, Wis.
	210	Richard Whiteley	Santa Ana, Cal.
	16	Robert L. Javens	Beaver Falls, Pa.
22	205	Richard J. Egersdorf	St. Paul, Minn.
	58	Eddie Hatley	Durham, N. C.
	176	Donald P. Jackson	Owego, N. Y.
23	160	James A. Proietti	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
	93	Alan Paul Crowther	Hancock, Mich.
	62	Joseph N. Booth	El Paso, Texas
24	108	William Zimmerman	Iowa City, Iowa
	21	James L. Masker, Jr.	Boise, Idaho
	177	Darryl Newton	Parkersburg, W. Va.
25	142	Steve Roe Souter	Midland, Texas
	209	Ned B. Christiansen	Salt Lake City, Utah
	131	James Robert Hanks	Louisville, Ky.
26	116	Richard Lee Blevins	Kingsport, Tenn.
	68	Brian Amie Babineau	Fitchburg, Mass.
	17	Robert T. Harman	Bel Air, Md.
27	148	Francis N. Dunn, Jr.	Mobile, Ala.
	237	Edward L. Carpenter	Topeka, Kansas
	66	David J. North	Federalburg, Md.
28	96	Lynn Davignon	Hays, Kansas
	88	David R. Hall	Greensboro, N. C.

Ht. No.	Car No.	Driver	City
	123	Alfred D. Uhlman	Lawrenceburg, Ind.
29	42	John Terry Nance	Colorado Springs Colo.
	28	Dennis Yoder	Canton, Ohio
	63	Tom N. Gaskill	Eugene, Ore.
30	53	Phillip Daniel Haun	DeKalb Co. (Decatur), Ga.
	178	Gregory P. Quinn	Pk. Forest-Chi. Hts., Ill.
	182	Mark David Smith	Phoenix, Ariz.
31	20	Glen William Stidd	Bloomington, Ind.
	149	David E. Alexander	Morganton, N. C.
	179	Thomas A. Antonellis	Peabody, Mass.
32	228	Samuel S. Stephens	State College, Pa.
	184	James E. Curtin	Port Jefferson, N. Y.
	97	Bruce W. Huttenstine	Hazleton, Pa.
33	52	Jonathan David Ledford	Dayton, Ohio
	61	William R. Barkay	Ellwood City, Pa.
	259	Scott Alan Warner	York, Pa.
34	129	Mark Allen Stevens	Lincoln, Neb.
	107	Kenneth Leon Hayes	Indianola, Iowa
	231	Tom Beham	Sub. Rubber City, Ohio
35	78	Eugene C. Cocanower	Freeport, Ill.
	224	Charles L. McDonald	Spartanburg, S. C.
	118	Curtis J. Hufty	Kokomo, Ind.
36	187	John Ray Phillips	Pulaski, Va.
	133	Perry Van Jackson	Lubbock, Texas
	186	Steven Espinoza	Pueblo, Colo.
37	49	Andrew S. Foote	Dallas, Texas
	8	Jack Pickens	Ambridge, Pa.
	221	Michael P. Lennon	Sioux City, Iowa
38	48	Stanley J. Connelly, Jr.	Cortland, N. Y.
	54	Jeffery David Boyd	Des Moines, Iowa
	146	William P. Jaksha	Missoula, Mont.
39	132	Gregory P. Gassman	Loveland, Colo.
	64	Thomas Joel Asp	Fargo, N. D.
	127	Bruce Victor Roberts	Lexington, Ky.
40	151	Robin Orr	Muncie, Ind.
	165	Gregory J. Omasta	Northampton, Mass.
	60	Randy Lynn Austin	Elkhart, Ind.
41	201	Dwayne Joseph Meyer	St. Charles, Mo.
	203	Steven Edward Riley	St. Johns, Mich.
	23	John J. May	Bowling Green, Ky.
42	18	James McIntire	Bethpage, N. Y.
	90	Timothy Hager Shank	Hagerstown, Md.
	138	James R. Pigozzi	McKeesport, Pa.
43	194	Jeffery Felten	Rochester, Minn.
	212	Neal E. McMillan	Santa Fe, N. M.
	125	Jeffrey John Dowalo	Levittown, Pa.
44	254	Esty F. Davis III	Wilmingon, N. C.
	46	James Joseph Harper	Conshohocken, Pa.
	163	Paul Crocker	Norfolk, Va.
45	45	Michael D. Niederlander	Columbus, Ohio
	260	Brian J. Birmingham	Youngstown, Ohio
	141	Doug Schaffer	Middletown, Ohio
46	244	David G. Quinn	Ventura, Cal.
	240	Martin B. Mather	Utica, N. Y.
	25	Michael Stewart Kelley	Bristol, Tenn.
47	261	Mark A. Moyer	Zanesville, Ohio
	31	Roger Neil Shank	Chambersburg, Pa.
	236	David J. Panning	Toledo, Ohio
48	91	Jack Bonbright	Hamilton, Ohio
	157	James Allen Kuntz	New Orleans, La.
	119	Thomas O. Burns	Lafayette, Ind.
49	247	Steven Goad	Washington, D. C.
	73	Kenneth Yogi Krueger	Ft. Pierce, Fla.
	106	Douglas R. Elliott	Indianapolis, Ind.
50	110	Merle G. Wagner II	Jackson, Tenn.
	11	Steven E. Menefee	Anderson, Ind.
	122	Mark S. Crum	Las Cruces, N. M.
51	172	Michael J. McNulty	Oneonta, N. Y.
	156	Theodore B. Packard	New London, Conn.
	229	Dean M. Nelson	Stoughton, Wis.
52	218	Keith Lynn Alexander	Shelby Co., (Cmba), Ala.
	147	Craig Lachnit	Mitchell, S. D.
	70	Herbert Singleton	Florence, S. C.
53	1	Gary Evans	Aberdeen, Wash.
	256	Bruce A. Fath	Wooster, Ohio
	128	Richard Collert	Lima, Ohio
54	233	James C. Maddock	Tacoma, Wash.
	75	Robert Lew, Jr.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
	189	Michael David Norby	Raleigh, N. C.
55	258	Steven J. Ryan	York, Neb.
	65	Reed Spears	Fayetteville, N. C.
	197	Michael A. O'Brien	Roseburg, Ore.
56	251	Daniel W. Connors	Westbrook, Maine
	255	James Robert Starnes	Winston-Salem, N. C.
	223	Victor M. Rapisarda	S.W. Sub., Bdgview, Ill.
57	37	Alan R. Bradley	Clarksburg, W. Va.
	43	William Logan Daniels	Columbia, S. C.

Ht. No.	Car No.	Driver	City
	180	Anthony M. Sabella	Philadelphia, Pa.
58	168	Todd Tremaine	Ocean County, N. J.
	72	Guy Austin Tipton	Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.
	242	James Richard Bond	Valparaiso, Ind.
59	152	Michael E. Schneider	Muskegon, Mich.
	245	Joel Wilging	Warren, Ohio
	257	Robert A. Kulakowich	Yonkers, N. Y.
60	239	George D. Popovich	Tucson, Arizona
	252	Charles L. Lowe, Jr.	West Palm Beach, Fla.
	100	Steven DeHaven Vance	High Point, N. C.
61	199	Michael D. Lewis	Saginaw, Mich.
	27	John G. Shobe	Canal Zone
	158	Jeffery W. Bitticker	New Philadelphia, Ohio
62	86	Alan Corey Smit	Greeley, Colo.
	80	Charles Paul Devecki	Geauga County, Ohio
	175	David Alan Byers	Oskaloosa, Iowa
63	246	Rodney Chris Maier	Warren, Pa.
	83	Amos Artis, Jr.	Goldsboro, N. C.
	166	Ronald Arden Tonne	Norton, Kansas
64	15	John Charles Kline	Ashland, Ohio
	217	Thomas G. Zacharias	Shelby, Ohio
	234	Ray B. Foster III	Tampa, Fla.
65	190	David J. Bereck	Ravenna-Kent, Ohio
	71	Peter L. Von Stetina	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
	220	Robert J. Cotterman	Sidney, Ohio
66	47	Thomas Dean Blair	Corning, N. Y.
	159	Raymond Pagliarulo	New York, N. Y.
	215	Howard Travis Mays	Seattle, Wash.
67	143	Arnold Selberg	Minneapolis, Minn.
	57	Richard A. Behan	Dover, N. H.
	51	Brian Sidney Mattson	Davenport, Iowa
68	38	Thomas H. Rothrock	Clearfield, Pa.
	204	Robert George Lion II	St. Marys, Pa.
	103	Gregory Scott Rash	Huntington, W. Va.
69	134	John R. Smecko	Madison, Wis.
	41	William A. Giffhorn	Coffeyville, Kansas
	30	John Gail Mitchell	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
70	126	Russell E. Harpster	Lewistown, Pa.
	29	Robert G. Hamilton	Carlsbad, N. M.
	200	Vernon M. Andreas	St. Cath'r'ns, Ont., Can.
71	92	Michael K. Rattray	Hammond, Ind.
	35	James Alva Bliss, Jr.	Cheyenne, Wyo.
	155	Timothy James Seaver	Newburgh, N. Y.
72	40	Alan Lee Wagner	Clinton, Iowa
	216	Michael Benishek	Sheboygan, Wis.
	104	Marc Lundry	Hutchinson, Kansas
73	170	David Lee Bashline	Oil City, Pa.
	174	Kelly Stewart	Oroville, Cal.
	2	James W. Underwood, Jr.	Akron, Ohio
74	98	Michael Wayne Bolch	Hickory, N. C.
	55	Brian O'Keefe	Detroit, Mich.
	56	David W. Gardner	Dodge City, Kansas
75	12	David E. Kemble	Ann Arbor, Mich.
	214	Douglas James Vance	Scottsbluff, Neb.
	192	Quentin D. Thomas	Richmond, Ind.
76	219	Bradlee Paul Belden	Sidney, Neb.
	202	John Joseph Omann	St. Cloud, Minn.
	227	Warren Wilfred Hurd	Stamford, Conn.
77	10	David Crawford	Anchorage, Alaska
	140	Robert Bacco	Middletown, N. Y.
	105	John Travor Taylor	Idaho Falls, Idaho
78	243	Hector de Jesus Garcia	Venezuela
	69	Joseph Patrick Curry	Flint, Mich.
	117	Robert D. Durand, Jr.	Kingston, N. Y.
79	59	Scott Douglas Evans	Easton, Pa.
	85	Terence Keith Watson	Grand Rapids, Minn.
	121	James Lee Hunt	Lancaster, Ohio
80	169	Monte L. Hazlitt	Ogallala, Neb.
	144	Kelly Baranick	Minot, N. D.
	193	Charles Z. Lineberry III	Roanoke, Va.
81	171	David B. Hartley	Okinawa
	139	Robert E. Bernhardt, Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.
	225	Gary Fredrick Knoles	Spokane, Wash.
82	230	William R. Anderson	Sub. Motor City, Mich.
	226	Daniel L. Teghtmyer	Springfield, Mo.
	208	Henry Glen Hartis	Salisbury, N. C.
83	102	Mark Gaylord	Hudson, N. Y.
	79	Robert Bryan Elam	Gadsden, Ala.
	124	Thomas W. Layton	Lawton, Okla.
84	114	Eric Franklin Smith	Kansas City, Mo.
	6	Michael Eugene Cobb	Amarillo, Texas
	235	Issac B. Weathers, III	Temple, Texas
85	19	William E. Burrus III	Birmingham, Ala.
	99	Louis Thomas Tazioli	Highland Park, Ill.
	34	Curtis Wayne Davis	Charlottesville, Va.
86	7	Patrick Doherty	Ambler-Up, Dublin, Pa.

2nd Round

FEATURING WINNERS OF FIRST-ROUND HEATS.

Heat No.	Heat No.
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)
99..... (Winner of Heat 99)	113..... (Winner of Heat 113)
100..... (Winner of Heat 100)	114..... (Winner of Heat 114)
115..... (Winner of Heat 115)	

3rd Round

FEATURING WINNERS OF SECOND-ROUND HEATS.

Heat No.	Heat No.
116..... (Winner of Heat 116)	121..... (Winner of Heat 121)
117..... (Winner of Heat 117)	122..... (Winner of Heat 122)
118..... (Winner of Heat 118)	123..... (Winner of Heat 123)
119..... (Winner of Heat 119)	124..... (Winner of Heat 124)
120..... (Winner of Heat 120)	125..... (Winner of Heat 125)

4th Round

FEATURING WINNERS OF THIRD-ROUND HEATS.

Heat No.	Heat No.
1st.....	
126 2nd.....	
3rd.....	
1st.....	
127 2nd.....	
3rd.....	
1st.....	
128 2nd.....	
3rd.....	

Semi-Final Rounds

THE 3rd PLACE WINNERS OF HEATS 126, 127 AND 128 WILL COMPETE IN HEAT 129 FOR 7th, 8th AND 9th PRIZES.

9th.....
129 8th.....
7th.....
THE 2nd PLACE WINNERS OF HEATS 126, 127 AND 128 WILL COMPETE IN HEAT 130 FOR 4th, 5th AND 6th PRIZES.
6th.....
130 5th.....
4th.....

All-American Final

HEAT NO. 131

THE 1st PLACE WINNERS OF HEATS 126, 127 AND 128 WILL COMPETE IN HEAT 131 FOR 1st, 2nd AND 3rd PRIZES.

The All-American Champion

Second Place

Third Place

Past Champions

1934

Robert A. Turner, 11, Muncie, Indiana. Won title at Dayton, Ohio; 34 boys; \$500 scholarship.

1935

Maurice E. Bale, 14, Anderson, Indiana. First to win in Akron; 52 boys; \$2,000 scholarship.

1936

Herbert E. Muench, 14, St. Louis, Missouri. First to win at Akron's new Derby Downs; 116 boys; \$2,000 scholarship.

1937

Robert L. Ballard, 12, White Plains, New York; 120 boys; \$2,000 scholarship.

1938

Robert L. Berger, 14, Omaha, Nebraska; 113 boys; \$2,000 scholarship.

1939

Clifton W. Hardesty, Jr., 11, White Plains, New York; 114 boys; \$2,000 scholarship.

1940

Thomas D. Fisher, 12, Detroit, Michigan; 130 boys; \$2,000 scholarship.

1941

Claude A. Smith, 14, Akron, Ohio; 118 boys; \$2,000 scholarship.

1946

Gilbert Klecan, 14, San Diego, California; 111 boys; \$2,000 scholarship.

1947

Kenneth Holmboe, 14, Charleston, West Virginia; 134 boys; \$3,000 scholarship.

1948

Donald Strub, 14, Akron, Ohio; 153 boys; \$3,000 scholarship.

1949

Fred Derks, 15, Akron, Ohio; 146 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1950

Harold Williamson, 15, Charleston, West Virginia; 147 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1951

Darwin Cooper, 15, Williamsport, Pennsylvania; 141 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1952

Joe Lunn, 11, Columbus, Georgia; 154 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1953

Freddy Mohler, 14, Muncie, Indiana; 152 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1954

Dick Kemp, 14, Los Angeles, California; 151 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1955

Richard Rohrer, 14, Rochester, New York; 154 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1956

Norman Westfall, 14, Rochester, New York; 155 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1957

Terry Townsend, 14, Anderson, Indiana; 159 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1958

Jim Miley, 15, Muncie, Indiana; 160 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1959

Barney Townsend, 13, Anderson, Indiana; 170 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1960

Fredic Lake, 11, South Bend, Indiana; 168 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1961

Dick Dawson, 13, Wichita, Kansas; 151 boys; \$5,000 scholarship.

1962

David Mann, 14, Gary, Indiana; 184 boys; \$7,500 scholarship.

1963

Harold W. Conrad, 12, Duluth, Minnesota; 240 boys; \$7,500 scholarship.

1964

Gregory J. Schumacher, 14, Tacoma, Washington; 240 boys; \$7,500 scholarship.

1965

Robert Ellis Logan, 12, Santa Ana, California; 253 boys; \$7,500 scholarship.

1966

David Krussow, 12, Tacoma, Washington; 252 boys; \$7,500 scholarship.

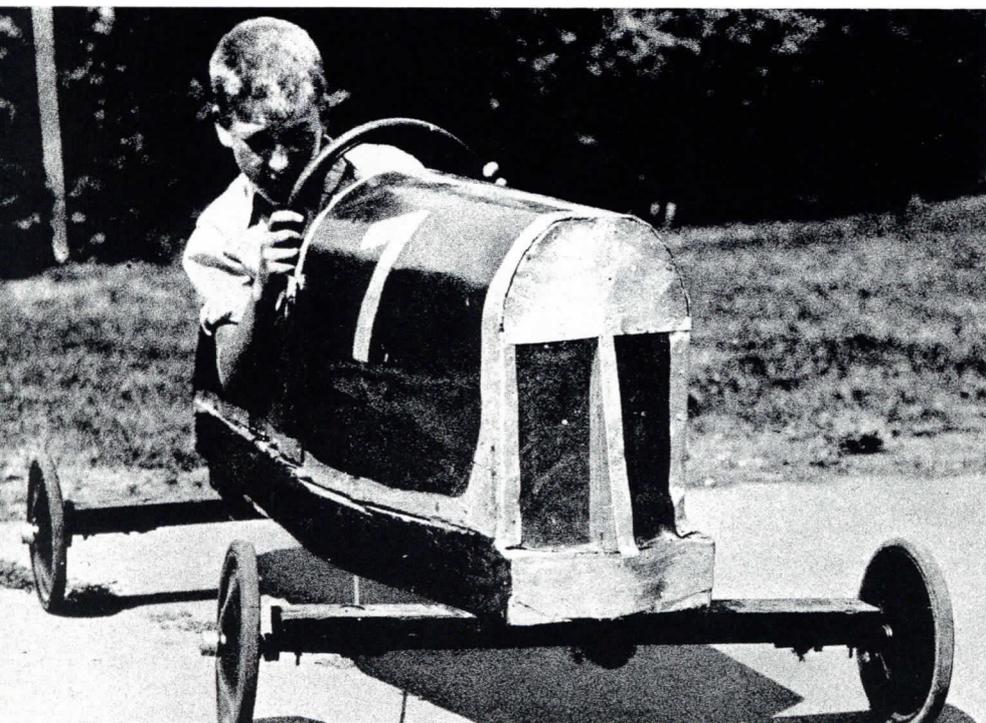
1967

Kenneth Cline, 13, Lincoln, Nebraska; 244 boys; \$7,500 scholarship.

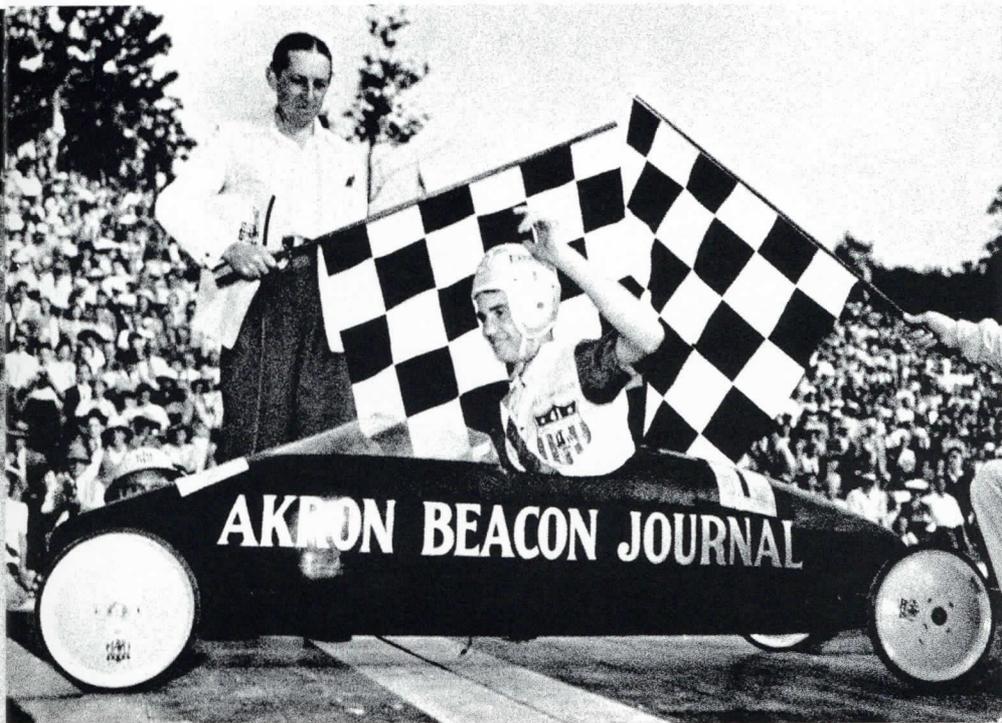
1968

Branch Lew, 11, Muncie, Indiana; 243 boys; \$7,500 scholarship.

"OLD NUMBER SEVEN," one of the first Soap Box Derby cars built, was used by originator Myron Scott in designing the official Derby emblem. Bob Gravett competed in a 1933 Dayton race.



AKRON'S FIRST All-American Soap Box Derby champion, 14-year-old Claude Smith, took the checkered flag in the 1941 race when he topped a field of 118 contestants.



History

It all began in 1933. Nobody had much money. And kids got by with rolling barrel hoops, playing football with stuffed rag balls and building coasters from junk parts and hunks of soap box wood. That year, a young Dayton, Ohio, newspaper photographer, Myron E. Scott, now assistant director of Public Relations for the Chevrolet Division, organized a coaster race . . . and the "Soap Box Derby" was born. Chevrolet sponsored the event and put it on a national basis the following year, drawing 34 entries to Dayton. A humble beginning for what is often called "the world's greatest amateur racing event."

In 1935 the All-American was moved to Akron and the next year saw the completion of Derby Downs, site of the race ever since. Steadily gaining both national and international stature, the Derby has been a story of growth — interrupted only during W. W. II, 1942-45.

The All-American Soap Box Derby has come a long way since its early years when contestants had limited resources, and just about anything on four wheels could qualify. Today, as we celebrate the 32nd event, the Derby holds special significance as a community activity for adults as well as boys. Clinics, local race organizations and Derby planning involve an average of six adults for every boy who enters the Derby. That means, with over 50,000 boys building cars every year, about 300,000 people are directly involved in some phase of the event.

Increasing popularity and civic support in the United States have brought about a growth in the number of local entries and the number of communities constructing permanent race courses, many fashioned after Derby Downs. In other nations the Derby is recognized as a living symbol of this country's youthful enterprise, competitive spirit, sportsmanship and opportunity.

However, it's still the boys who make the race. Contestants, cars and competition get sharper each year. Prizes such as the All-American Trophy and a share of \$30,000 in college scholarships are well worth working for. Yet, some of the greatest rewards are as intangible now as they were in 1933: the self-satisfaction that shows on the face of each contestant as he goes to the starting line . . . the anticipation of proud parents, sponsors and friends . . . and the wild exhilaration only the boy can feel as his car flashes toward the finish line.

Sponsors

In addition to the contestants, parents, officials and individuals who do so much toward making the Soap Box Derby successful, the sponsors and co-sponsors are vitally important to the Derby. Some help individual boys with funds for materials; some help with transportation. Still others provide publicity or organizational talents. Each sponsor makes his contribution in the hope of helping the boys and the Derby.

JAYCEES AND OTHER CIVIC AND FRATERNAL GROUPS

This year, 130 local Jaycee units have helped in Soap Box Derby events. Other organizations important to the Derby include: Optimists, Lions, Exchange Clubs, Knights of Columbus, Shriners, American Legion, Moose, Toledo Scale, and municipal recreation departments. There were others, too, for a total of 70 in addition to the Jaycees.

NEWS MEDIA

Throughout the country, various newspapers and broadcast media contribute space time and active participation in promoting the Soap Box Derby. For 1969, news media co-sponsors included: over 100 newspapers, 75 radio and television stations.

CHEVROLET DEALERS

Keeping pace with their positions as leaders in the business community, over 600 Chevrolet dealers in Derby cities donated their services and facilities to the 1969 Soap Box Derby.

