INDIANAPOLIS SOAP BOX DERBY



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Geordan Wells and Region 5

repeat Indy History!

Congratulations Geordan and team

Region 5! They were our second All

American Build and Battle

Champions!!! Well done Geordan.



Henry Paul makes Indy history!

Congratulations Henry on being the first Indianapolis champ to win all three local divisions: Stock (2012), Super Stock (2014), and Masters (2019) AND go on to place in all three divisions at the All American Soap Box Derby in Akron, OH: Stock (2012), Super Stock (2014), and Masters (2019). Amazing job Henry.





Geordan Wells makes Indy
History! He is the LEGACY
DIVISION National Champion
(2019). Well done Geordan!





Bob Getts our ISBD Director was awarded the ABOVE AND BEYOND Award in Akron this year for his outstanding work with our soap box derby kids and the first ever MINI CAR event with the Indianapolis 500 Festival 4th Grade STEM program. Thank you Bob! Great job!









Mini Car winning school was St. Nicholas School in Sunman, In. Congratulations!!!

INDY Cousin ABBEY MILLS
makes history: Lafayette driver
Abbey Mills won two National
Championships at Akron this year:
Rally Challenge Masters Champion
and Rally Division
Masters Champion. Fantastic
job to a special young lady!



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Thank you!!!

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Any pre-race questions can be directed to Bob Getts, 317-446-5462. Rule clarifications can be directed to Jerry Pearson (785-554-5312). Please let us know if you need a mentor to help you with your car or if you need assistance with safety or training, or if you would like to be a mentor to others. We look forward to seeing all of you.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

We want to extend a heart-felt 'thank you' to all of you who have faithfully volunteered and to all of our faithful sponsors. Your generosity has made it possible to have a soap box derby in Indianapolis, Food, time, money, and a lot of love and good will have been generously donated. Thank you so very much!

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HAVE YOU THANKED YOUR MENTOR TODAY?



Volunteers come in all ages

Thank you Dave Fulton

Dave designed and had made our wonderful new banner at the top of the hill celebrating our Indianapolis National Champions over the years. Take time to see this wonderful banner.







Thank you Marion University Wrestling Team as well as Daric Moenter from Shepherd Community Center

We take care of our wonderful soap box derby facility. It takes a lot of work to do and we received some very generous help from the Marion University Wrestling Team as well as Daric Moenter from Shepherd Community Center. There was a really nice flower bed put in under our fantastic soap box derby sign. It had gravel and sand put in as a base and then a cloth cover to keep weeds down. The sign, top shelter house, and bridge concrete pillars were painted. And, there was lots of trash collected and grass trimmed and removed from cracks in the asphalt. Thank you all!!!













Thank you Cleo Wells and Keith and Mac and Dave

Our drinking fountain needed to be upgraded to allow for wheelchair access. Cleo, Keith, Mac, and Dave did that work a couple of weeks ago to allow that access. They also took down our canopy for the winter storage. Thank you!!!!











Thank you Bob and Katrina Getts!

Our director Bob and his wife Katrina do so much for all of our soap box derby children. They always show up early and leave late. Please take time to thank them for the benefit your children receive for all the things they do for them. Thank you!!!!!



Thank you Lee Ann White

Our Indy Parks contact person is Lee Ann White. She does so much for us and has been our friend and advocate with the City for many, many years. We will miss her greatly when she retires.



Thank you Indy Parks and DPW

To reduce the flooding damage being done to our soap box derby facility, DPW has installed a flood zone swale at the bottom of the hill. You probably noticed them working all summer on it. They put in a bio pond which is a giant dry well filled with gravel as well as an overflow swale which will direct water around the bottom of the track and over to the culvert under 30th Street. Thank you for this much needed flood management!!!!





2019 remaining SCHEDULE

- 1. NOV 2, 3 2019 INDOOR RALLY. Location is at the Marion County Fairgrounds at 7300 E Troy Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46239.
- 2. General Meeting to be determined all are welcome to attend.
- 3. December Christmas party to be determined.

2020 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

BE SURE TO CHECK THE AKRON WEB SITE FOR RULE AND CAR CONSTRUCTION CHANGES!!! There are changes for 2020 that go into effect.

January 11, 12 indoor rally/building clinic. Marion County Fairgrounds.

Feb 7-9 World of Wheels: Indiana State Fairgrounds.

March 16 - Girl's World Expo.

April 22-26: Mini Car Race for participating 4th Grade classrooms.

April 25, 26 All American Rally

May 11: Kids Day on Monument Circle.
Mini Car finals.

May 14: Mayor's Cup Open House

May 16: 20th Annual Mayor's Cup race

May 29: 83rd Local All American registration and inspection.

May 30: 83rd Local All American Race

July 18: 83rd International All American Race in Akron, Ohio

August 22, 23: All American Rally

September 5: NDR Finals in Indianapolis September 12: SUPER KIDS 9 am to 2 pm September 19, 20: All American Rally General Meeting: tbd. All are welcome.

This and That

- 1. Again, Please check the Akron website at www.aasbd.com for important updates on 2020 season rules and car construction!!
- 2. Did you notice: Almost every time we are at our track now there are a couple of bald eagles that fly overhead at some point. It is breathtaking to see them. If anyone has a picture of them please email it to us. We would love to have it.
- 3. Our Local race was some sort of record for rainfall. It was a difficult day weather wise and we want to thank all our racers who were good sports as we tried to get the race in. We also want to thank the Housing angels who brought all the kids lunch at the garage. It took team Indy!

19th Annual Mayor's Cup Results: May 18, 2019 Congratulations to all our racers

ROBERT THIENES SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: SCARLET SHELL



MC SUPER STOCK RESULTS (21)

1st Ming Grindean

2nd Stajah McGhee

3rd Diamond Sayre

4th Elijah Perkins

5th Hayden Ferguson

6th Exzayvion Love

7th William Clark

8th Scarlett Shell

Christina Bell

Keiyon Sanders

Joe Tobey

Caiden Clements

Liberty Potter

Story Kulenkamp

Emilia Ivanon

Xavier Rivas

Kyra Jones

Gabe Lemus

William Tucker

Kaison Stevenson

Jordan Acevado

MC STOCK RESULTS (29)

1st Marcus Wells

2nd Anthony Cuadros

3rd Graham Vaughn

4th Henry Ruble

5th Davis Hinkle

6th Matthew Wells

7th Tonatiah McClintock

8th William Pickens

Mason Yeoman

Bridget Paul

Maranatha Potter

Quintarius Tucker

Jack Cao

Michael Finkton

Karsen Stevenson

Quuinnija Tucker

Ayden Montgomery

Stlla Kulenkamp

Porter Kulenkamp

Travis Jones

Matthew Barker

Peyton Jones

Kendra Jones

KeShawn Stinnett

Cohen Ruble David Chase Kwabena Ronke Kojo Ronke Gabriel Cao

MC MASTERS RESULTS (10)

1st William Bivins

2nd Claudia Campbell

3rd Marlon Wells

4th Charlie Thacker

5th Jaisen Evans

6th Jordan Edmonds

7th Aiden Potter

8th Geordan Wells

Mallory Hutchison

Stephanie Hutchison

STEM SUPERSTOCK participants (this was our first ever STEM race)

Hayden Ferguson

Emilia Ivanon

William Clark

Elijah Perkins

Ming Grindean

Joe Tobey

Jordan Acevado

Scarlett Shell

STEM STOCK participants

David Chase

Kwabena Ronke

Anthony Cuadros

Kojo Ronke

82nd Local All American Results: June 15, 2019 Congratulations to all our racers!



Eddie Thienes Sportsmanship award: Claudia Campbell

Local MASTERS Results (11)

1st Henry Paul

2nd Claudia Campbell

3rd Charlie Thacker

4th Lilian Alred

5th William Bivens

6th Jordan Edmonds

7th Jaisen Evans

8th Bradley Getts

Stephanie Hutchison

Mallory Hutchison

Aiden Potter

Local SUPER STOCK Results (14)

1st Ming Grindean

2nd Gerald Young

3rd Adam Getts

4th Quinton Hatfield

5th Caiden Clements

6th Joe Tobey

7th Stajah McGhee

8th William Clark

Scarlett Shell

Liberty Potter Exzayvion Love Ann Vaughn Elijah Perkins Diamond Sayre

Local STOCK Results (18)

1st Bridget Paul

2nd Marcus Wells

3rd Matthew Wells

4th Davis Hinkle

5th Tona McClintock

6th Graham Vaughn

7th William Pickens

8th Karsen Stevenson

Anthony Cuadros

Mason Yeoman

Maranatha Potter

Michael Finkton

Matthew Barker

Peyton Jones

Kendra Jones

David Chase

Levi Thienes

Caleb Thienes

AKRON 82nd ALL AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY RESULTS 7/20/2019 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEAM INDY CHAMPS



RALLY CHALLENGE:

Ming Grindean: Top 9 Super Stock

BUILD and BATTLE COMPETITION:

Geordan Wells and Region 5: Champion This let Geordan and our drivers show off their STEM skills using tools to build and align a soap box derby car.

Our Soap box derby kids are STEM smart!

LEGACY DIVISION NATIONAL

CHAMPION: Geordan Wells

LOCAL STOCK:

VIP, Heat Winner: Bridget Paul

LOCAL SUPER STOCK

VIP, Heat Winner: Ming Grindean

LOCAL MASTERS

VIP, 7th Place: Henry Paul

RALLY STOCK

VIP, Heat Winner: Matthew Wells VIP, Heat Winner: Marcus Wells

RALLY SUPER STOCK



VIP 4th PLACE: Bradley Getts

VIP: Quinton Hatfield VIP: William Bivens

VIP: Adam Getts VIP: Lilian Allred

RALLY MASTERS

VIP, Heat Winner: Claudia Campbell

VIP: Marlon Wells

VIP, Heat Winner: Geordan Wells



Akron fun

SUPER KIDS September 15, 2019

It was a wonderful day and event and our Super Kids really shined. In the end, everyone tied for first. Great job Super Kids!!!!!!





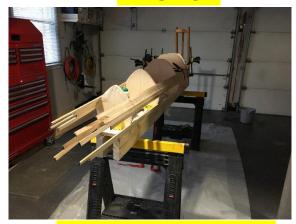








DERBY SCIENCE: LEGACY



The beginnings of a legacy champion



Do you know what is underneath the plastic case of your cell phone? 'Inside there' is actually your phone. What does it look like? Does it 'speak' in English, or some electronic language that computers speak? Do you even know if there is metal, plastic, or even wires in there? So much of our daily lives are like that. Do we know how our food is grown? How many days does it take to grow something to eat? Are we really ok with not knowing any of these things? Are we really ok with only a few select people knowing everything?

Legacy (definition): Something received from a predecessor and passed on to the next. The All American Soap Box Derby added a new type of soap box derby car category in 2019 and called it the Legacy Division. A foundation for this category is probably needed. Up until the 1980's soap box derby cars were

built almost the same way a canoe is made. A framework of bulkheads were designed and cut out and assembled on a floorboard. Thin strips of wood were cut and then nailed with finishing nails onto the bulkheads. Once the car was formed, sheets of fiberglass cloth were applied to the exterior and a fiberglass resin was put on them to make them rigid. More filling, sanding, polishing, and then painting were done. Then cutouts on the floorboard were made for axels, brakes, steering assembly, and weights. Additional components were added: a hatch to allow the driver to get in and out of the car, safety rubber was added, and then precision tuning of the axles, steering, and drag areas were smoothed. Today, most soap box derby cars come as kits that just require assembly and precision tuning. The new Legacy Division cars are made using STEM techniques with thin strips of wood and fiberglass described above. The Inner City Youth Racing League decided to make a Legacy car and enter it in a new All American race in Akron, Ohio.

The IIYRCL Legacy car took a team of six men and two youth to build and race. They started it in November, 2018 and worked on it all winter, spring, and into the summer. The car was barely finished in July, so there was no time to get it painted to make it pretty. It raced with gray primer on it. We required that the youth participants had to be part of the project from start to finish. In other words, they were to receive mentoring in all the skills used to build the car. Well over 500 person hours went into building this car along with about \$2,000 in volunteer supplies. In Akron this July, our Inner City Youth Racing League driver went on to become the Champion of the National Legacy Car Division race. He now has a legacy of success and STEM skills to take forward to the next generation. Our Legacy

Division Champ is now on Campus at Indiana State University. We are so very proud of him.

You might be wondering if this young man actually knows how to build a soap box derby car or if adults built it and he just drove it. Have we actually 'passed on' skills? I am glad you asked. The All American Soap Box Derby also had a Build and Battle competition. It consisted of a team captain and crew (all soap box derby youth). They are given a box containing parts for a basic soap box derby car and they have 2 hours to put it together, test it, and then race it against the other teams entered. Our IIYRCL Champ was the team captain of the Region 5 team. He led the team in building and racing their car and they won the competition this year. Actually, our IIYRCL Champ was the assistant team captain last year when Region 5 won as well. Our kids are taught skills. They become leaders as they grow. They are awesome.

