



1ST ANNUAL LAS VEGAS SOAP BOX DERBY



NOVEMBER 22, 23, 24, 25, 1979

The derby will be held on the Old Searchlight Road, opposite the Railroad Pass Casino and Restaurant. The course will be a two-mile run, with three separate divisions competing for cash prizes and U.S. Savings Bonds.

The three classes of participants will consist of an Open Division, broken down into two sub-divisions, with participants ages 10 to 12 competing in the Junior Division and participants ages 13 through 16 years competing in the Senior Division. The third division will be classified as a Sponsored Division and will consist of entrants who have paid a \$400.00 sponsorship fee and may be eligible to win a \$10,000.00 First Prize. There will be no age limit in the Sponsored Division.

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<u>Open</u>						Spo	Sponsored			
Junior (10-12)			Senior	Age	Age Unlimited					
	1st Place	Moped		Moped				Sponsor Driver	\$10,000.00	
	2nd Place	\$250.00	Bond	\$250.00	Bond	2nd	Place	Driver	2,500.00	Bond
	3rd Place	100.00	Bond	100.00	Bond	3rd	Place	Driver	500.00	Bond
	4th Place	50.00	Bond	50.00	Bond	4th	Place	Driver	500.00	Bond
	5th Place	50.00	Bond	50.00	Bond	5th	Place.	Driver	500.00	Bond
	6th Flace	50.00	Bond	50.00	Bond	6th	Place	Driver	500.00	Bond
	7th Place	25,00	Bond	25.00	Bond	7th	Place	Driver	500.00	Bond
	8th Place	25.00	Bond	25.00	Bond	8th	Place	Driver	500.00	Bond

Above prizes apply with 400 sponsors.

This derby will ultimately be one of the longest runs ever attempted. The derby will not be associated with the All American Soap Box Derby that conducts derbies throughout the country and conducts its finals in Akron, Ohio.

RULES

CONSTRUCTION: There will be no restriction as to who builds the car. For the Junior and Senior Divisions, the cars will need to meet specific weight, length, width and construction specifications. Cars for the Junior Division are not to exceed 80 inches in length, no less than 13 inches wide, the nose must be forward of the front wheels except when turning and the maximum combined allowable weight for car and driver is 220 pounds. The Senior Division requirements are that the cars must not exceed 84 inches in length, maximum combined weight of car and driver is 250 pounds; no less than 13 inches wide and the nose must be forward as indicated in Junior Division. The only construction restrictions for the OPEN DIVISION will be that the maximum combined weight for car and driver is 300 pounds; nose must be forward of wheels as required for other Divisions—no length or width restriction. All cars in all Divisions must have a 3 inch road clearance under car, including brake assembly.

Cars in all divisions must have 4 wheels; other restrictions include: no glass, no propelling systems, nose of the car must be rounded, including all corners; front of driver cockpit must be padded and all drivers will be required to sit while driving in an upright or forward leaning position—lying forward or backward is prohibited; steering wheels must be of a continuous loop—cross bars or prong—like handles are prohibited, steering wheels must not be less than 6 inches in diameter. Wheels on all cars must be 12-14 inches in diameter.

All cars will be impounded by the Derby officials after safety, weight and construction inspections are made and released to driver at Derby site on day of scheduled races. All drivers will be notified of inspection site and dates to report.

All drivers will be required to wear a helmet, armguards, kneeguards, long pants, an upper garment and footwear.

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