



***Brockport Soap Box Derby Rally  
Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of  
Brockport***

***August 28 & 29, 2010***



The Soap Box Derby is a youth racing program which has run nationally since 1934. World Championship finals are held each August at Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio.

The idea of the Soap Box Derby grew out of a photographic assignment of Dayton, Ohio, newsman Myron Scott. He covered a race of boy-built cars in his home community and was so impressed with this event that he acquired a copyright for the idea and began development of a similar program on a national scale.

The first All-American race was held in Dayton in 1934. The following year, the race was moved to Akron because of its central location and hilly terrain. In 1936, Akron civic leaders recognized the need for a permanent track site for the youth racing classic and, through the efforts of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), Derby Downs became a reality.

Each year since, with the exception of during World War II, youngsters from throughout the United States and several foreign countries have come to Akron with the racers they have built and driven to victory in their home communities.

There will be three racing divisions at the rally races in Brockport. The Stock division is designed to give the first-time builder a learning experience. Boys and girls, 8 through 13 compete in simplified cars built from kits purchased from the All-American. The Super Stock Car division, ages 10 through 17, gives the competitor an opportunity to expand their knowledge and build a more advanced model. The Masters division offers boys and girls, 10 through 17, race in an advanced class of car.



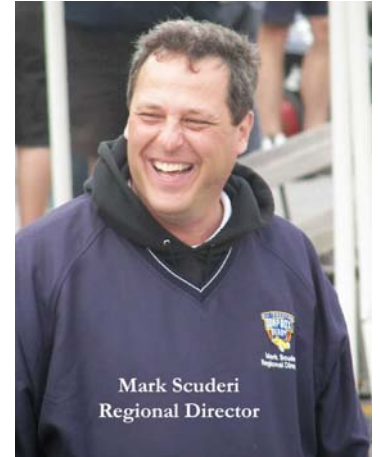
The goals of the Soap Box Derby program have not changed since it began in 1934. They are to teach youngsters some of the basic skills of workmanship, the spirit of competition and the perseverance to continue a project once it has begun.

## Getting Started

**First:** Complete Derby information can be found on the national website: <http://aasbd.whitespace-creative.com>. The online store front has all the information you need to order racing kits and parts. The rule book can be downloaded for your review, the message board is a good place to learn about Derby racing, and the race schedule will tell you about other races in our area.

**Second:** Contact your local Derby director for information on racing in this area and to find information on construction clinics and other programs that may be of assistance to you. Our area director is Mark Scuderi, [mscuderi@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mscuderi@rochester.rr.com), 585-266-8874

**Third:** Decide which type of car you wish to build. Mark will be able to help you with this choice. You also may want to look for a sponsor to help underwrite the cost of your racer. You will normally need to purchase a car kit and a set of Z-Glas racing wheels. All kits and parts for Soap Box Derby racing must be purchased through the All-American Soap Box Derby.



**Fourth:** Read the official plans and build your car exactly as the instructions indicate. Plan to attend construction clinics if they are available in your area. These clinics are intended to help you understand the regulations and guide you in building a safe and competitive car.

**Finally:** Join us to compete at our rally races in Brockport. You will gain experience and with each trip down the hill, build the bond between driver and parent/guardian, and make new friends along the way. In addition to our local Brockport race, you may participate in rally racing all over our area. The big race on Lakeshore Boulevard is in June, and several other races will occur throughout the year in the Rochester area.



## WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT RACING DIVISIONS?



**Stock Division:** The Stock division is for racers age 8-13 years old. Stock cars can accommodate a racer up to (Approximately) 5'3" tall and 125 pounds. The Stock car, a lean-forward design, is sold as a kit which includes everything needed for racing with the exception of Z-Glas racing wheels and weights. Because painting is not permitted on the Stock car shell, drivers have their choice of purchasing one of three colored shells: red, white or blue. Builders should allow 4-6 hours to assemble their Stock division car.

**Super Stock Division:** The Super Stock division is designed for racers age 10-17 years old. Super Stock cars can accommodate a larger racer up to (Approximately) 6'0" tall and 150 pounds. The Super



Stock, a lean-forward designed car, is also sold as a kit which includes everything needed for racing with the exception of Z-Glas racing wheels and weights. Builders should allow 4-6 hours to assemble their Super Stock division car.

**Masters Division:** The Masters division (also known as Scottie) is for racers age 10-17 years old and is driven by the more experienced drivers. Masters cars can accommodate a child up to (Approximately) 6'0" tall and 160 pounds. Because of the lay-down (enclosed) design of the Masters car, small drivers are also competitive in this division.



### ***THE ROAD TO AKRON***

#### **Soap Box Derby World Championship Race**

The Road to Akron can be winning just a single race, or it can be an entire season of racing in many races. Either way, when a champion qualifies for the All-American race in Akron, Ohio, it is certain to be a fun-filled week with memories to last a lifetime.

There are two qualifying roads leading to The All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship held each July. Communities all across the world hold local Soap Box Derby races. Local races are held once a year and are dedicated races for children who reside within the community sponsoring the local race. Our local race is the June race on Lakeshore Boulevard. The winner of each division of the Rochester race will be invited to Akron, Ohio to represent Rochester and compete against champions from around the world.

The other road to Akron is a well-traveled road. Rally races are held throughout the year on weekends. Participants can race in any All-American sanctioned rally race anywhere in the world and accumulate points. The rally season ends several weeks prior to the All-American race and begins immediately following the Championship race in Akron. Our Brockport race is a rally race.

A driver who accumulates 180 points and meets all criteria will automatically be invited to the All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship race to compete against other rally champions for the world title. The United States is sectioned into 12 rally regions. The rally champion represents the region in which he or she resides. A rally champion can only become a regional champion once in each division during their Derby career.

During race week, all champions participate in various activities. On race day, local champions compete against other local champions, and rally champions compete against other rally champions. At the end of race day, there will be three All-American world champions and three rally world champions. Most of all, the Derby is about fun, family and sportsmanship!

Every participant representing their home town in the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron will "Always Be a CHAMPION!"

