

# **2009 DEMOLITION DERBY**

**Sunday, September 6, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.**

## **Sanders County Fairgrounds Plains, Montana**

**Sponsored by the Plains Lions Club  
\$1500 Grand Prize; \$1000 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; \$500 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**Each Heat (last three cars) \$60  
Trophies Awarded For 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Entry Fee: \$60.00**

**Car Number: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Year/Make Of Car: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Heat Number: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Heats assigned on a first come, first served basis. The earlier you enter, the more assured you will be of obtaining the heat you desire.**

***NOTE: Only a 15 minute break will be allowed between the final regulation heat and the "hard luck" heat. In order to ensure you have time to make repairs to your demo car, return your entry form as early as possible so that you are assigned to one of the first three heats.***

**Sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Please read the following carefully before signing your name.** I hereby agree to conform to and comply with the rules governing this contest. I further agree to hold blameless the Plains Lions Club, local management and track owners for any loss or injury to myself or property by reason of participation in this contest. I also agree that my car becomes the property of the Plains Lions Club twenty-four hours after the conclusion of this contest if not removed from the fairgrounds.

**A \$100.00 removal fee will be paid by all drivers who fail to remove their car/cars from the fairgrounds within 24 hours after the conclusion of the derby.**

**Signature of Driver: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Return this form along with entry fee payment to: Demolition Derby, Sanders County Fair, P.O. Box 9, Plains, Montana, 59859, no later than August 31, 2009. Do not send cash. Mail your check or money order payable to the Plains Lions Club. Questions: call Ron Robinson at (406) 261-4046.**

## **DEMOLITION DERBY RULES**

**Check-in time: noon to 4:00 p.m. Driver's meeting: 5:00 p.m. Derby starts at 6:00 p.m.**

1. Drivers must know and obey all safety rules or they will be disqualified.
2. The following rules which stipulate how to prepare a vehicle for entry into the demolition derby **must be followed explicitly**. If a driver fails to follow these rules, he/she will be given one chance, time permitting, to bring the vehicle into compliance with these rules. If the car fails the second inspection, the car and driver will be excluded from participating in the derby and **no refunds will be given. There are NO exceptions to this rule.**
3. At sign-in, each driver will be given a "car inspection" form. When your car is checked and passes inspection, the Lions Club inspector will give the driver two wrist bands for access to the West Bleachers area reserved for drivers and pit crew members.
4. Members of the Plains Lions Club who enter the derby competitively, or have immediate family members participating in the derby, will NOT be permitted to assist the Lions Club inspecting cars or working the arena.
5. Drivers must have a valid driver's license and must complete derby release forms in order to participate. Drivers under the age of 18 must have their parents/guardians permission and a signed participation release form. Drivers over 50 must have a doctor's certificate. All drivers enter at their own risk.
6. Safety equipment: seat belts and shoulder harnesses are required, will be tested, and must be worn; an approved crash helmet will be worn; a 2 ½ pound dry chemical fire extinguisher in each car at the right of the driver is mandatory; a roll bar is optional but it may not structurally reinforce the car.
7. A screen (expanded metal with ½ inch squares minimum, installed from the driver's side windshield post to the hood bar) **must** be placed over the driver's windshield with a **HOOD** bar in the center of the windshield running from the firewall to the roof. If the dash board is removed, it may be replaced with 2 inch or smaller tubing and securely welded at both ends.
8. American passenger cars and standard station wagons only. No jeeps, pick-ups or ambulances. No reinforcing of frame or body parts, except for the driver's door.
9. Hard tops must have a cross brace from door-to-door behind the driver's seat at seat level or lower. Each plated end of the cross brace must not exceed six inches by six inches; this bar is optional in all other cars.
10. **Radiator must be stock, in the original position and operating.** Radiator may be wired or belted in. Transmission coolers are allowed but must not have any exposed rubber lines in the driver's compartment.
11. Any DOT tire is allowed. No vulcanizing, no double side walls, no implement or military tires are allowed. No studded tires are allowed. **No alterations to the wheels are allowed.**
12. **All glass, mirrors, lenses, chrome, body moldings, pot metal, metal trim, head-liners, inside door panels, and anything breakable or loose, must be removed from the car prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. Your car will FAIL inspection if you do not comply with this rule.**
13. Driver's door must be painted white and both front doors must be reinforced. Reinforcement material may be five feet in length but may not extend more than six inches past the door ends. Six inch wide channel material is recommended for use and must have a minimum of four one inch bolts with six inch square steel backing plates, one for each bolt. All sharp corners must be rounded. Reinforcement may be inside the door at the driver's discretion. Passenger door may be reinforced following the same rules. **No grader blades or guard rail type materials are allowed.**
14. Original gas tank **must** be removed before arrival at the fairgrounds. A DOT approved supplemental fuel tank (maximum six gallon capacity) must be placed in the rear passenger area, rigidly secured with metal strapping and covered with a non-flammable material or sheet of metal secured to the floor. No plumber's tape or nylon straps are allowed to be used to secure the gas tank.
15. Electric fuel pumps are allowed only if they run through the ignition switch. If a car is so equipped, add the letter 'e' next to the car number. No rubber gas lines are allowed in the driver's compartment; metal fuel lines only.
16. No reserve water tanks or external engine oil coolers permitted.
17. Batteries must be placed in a battery box, securely fastened on the floor in front of the passenger seat and **covered** with tire tube material; two batteries are allowed.
18. Engine must be in the original location; engines may be chained or welded to the frame.
19. Car's engine hood **must** be chained or bolted and **must** be able to be opened for inspection. A maximum of four one inch or smaller bolts or chains are allowed through the sheet metal (a maximum of four bolts or four chains). Front bolts only may extend to or through the frame but may not reinforce the car. Two eight inch fire holes, one on each side, are required in the engine hood.
20. Doors and trunk **must** be chained or welded shut, but not reinforced. If trunk is permanently shut, an inspection hole of twelve to fifteen inches is required. All welds will be four inch welds, spaced four inches apart

(stitch welding only) - no solid welds are permitted. **No welding of any inner body seams.** Driver may use two pieces of one inch or smaller ready bolt to secure the trunk by placing the ready bolt through the trunk lid to the trunk floor, but not through the frame so as not to reinforce the car.

21. Bumpers may be welded on with one inch stitch welds, maximum of twelve per bracket or bumper shock. No solid welds.

22. All cars must have a **maximum** ground clearance of thirty inches from the top of the bumper to the ground.

23. Wheel wells may be cut open at the driver's discretion.

24. Ether starting fluid may not be used in the arena. If found in the car during or after the race, the driver and pit crew will be disqualified.

25. **No** altering or increasing the weight of the car. No sand or concrete can be used in any part of the automobile, including the tires. Trailer hitches must be completely removed so that no reinforcement remains. Towing from the arena will be done only by specific authorization from the derby sponsor.

26. **Immediate disqualification will result if you:** (1) hit a driver's door (exception - if pushed into a driver's door by another car); (2) if you remove your seat belt, helmet, or leave your car for any reason during the heat (exception - if your car is on fire); and (3) if you fail to follow the rules established for this derby.

27. Any abusive language or action directed toward derby officials will result in the disqualification of vehicle, driver and crew.

28. **If your car is disqualified for violating any of these rules, the entry fee WILL NOT BE REFUNDED. All cars will be removed from the fairgrounds within 24 hours after the event. Driver's will be charged a \$100.00 removal/disposal fee for any car(s) left past that time.**

### **ADDITIONAL LOCAL DEMOLITION DERBY RULES**

The prizes listed hereon are fixed and not subject to change. For competition, only 60 cars will be accepted. Entry forms with payment in full must be received no later than August 31, 2009, at P.O. Box 9, Plains, Montana, 59859. **Entry fees are not refundable.** Any driver or pit crew person caught consuming alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be disqualified. No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted in the pit area. No coolers are permitted in the arena seating areas. Coolers in the pit area may be inspected.

1. *Your car number is the number on your entry form and must be painted on both front doors and the roof and be at least twenty four inches in height.*

2. Only one pit person per demo car; there are **NO** exceptions.

3. Moving of cars in the pit area is prohibited except for inspection and going to and from the arena. Following inspection, your car will be placed in the horse arena along with all other cars in your heat. This will ensure that all cars entered into the derby will participate in the heat to which they are assigned, including Powder Puff vehicles built for running only in the Powder Puff.

4. All drivers and pit persons must check-in no earlier than noon or later than 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 6, 2009. An "inspection form" will be provide to the drivers at check-in. Once your car has passed inspection, the Lions Club inspectors will give the driver two wrist bands (one for the driver and one for the pit crew) which will permit access to the driver/pit crew area in the West Bleachers.

5. Drivers meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. prior to the start of the derby. **Come early or you may get stuck in traffic.**

6. **ONLY** two seats are reserved in the bleachers for the driver and pit person. Additional tickets may be purchased prior to the fair by calling (406) 826-3202 or going online to [www.sanderscountyfair.com](http://www.sanderscountyfair.com).

7. Following the fourth heat, **fifteen minutes** will be provided to the drivers so they may prepare their car for entry into the "hard luck" heat if they are eligible to enter the heat.

7. **Lions Club car inspectors have the final say regarding a car or driver's eligibility to participate in the demolition derby. No welding or cutting allowed after the car is inspected.**

8. Car inspectors will include Lions Club members plus other drivers and pit persons picked at random every hour. **For further information, call Ron Robinson at (406) 261-4046.**

### **POWDER PUFF RULES**

1. **Entry fee is \$60.00. A full refund will be given to any Powder Puff entrant who is unable to run.**

2. Cash awards for first and second places only. Amounts are pro-rated based on the number of entries. There will be only one trophy awarded and that will be presented to the first place winner.

3. Powder Puff entries close at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 6, 2009.

4. Powder Puff will be conducted **ONLY** if there are ten (10) or more entrants.

5. The driver and pit person of demolition derby cars built **only** for the Powder Puff will each receive a wrist band for the west bleacher area reserved for drivers and pit persons.