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2023 RULES

OFF ROAD DERBY RULES (MODIFIED CLASS) i.e.: BUMP N RUN

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE (COMPACT) & V8 CLASSES

Continue to monitor Facebook page and our website for any date or time changes.

For additional rules, Events Page (with fairground addresses) and entry forms please visit our Facebook page or website.

If you have any additional questions please call the office at 616-636-8180

MODIFIED OFF ROAD DERBY RULES – Each driver & mechanic has an obligation to read these rules.

“MITTEN MADNESS” CHAMPIONSHIP - GAYLORD – SEPT. 30, 2023 – ANYONE MAY ENTER:

2023 UMS “MITTEN MADNESS” OFF ROAD (BUMP N RUN) STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – THIS WILL BE FOR STOCK OFF ROAD, FRONT WHEEL DRIVE MOD, LADIES PP STOCK OFF ROAD, YOUTH HEAT STOCK OFF ROAD AND POWER WHEELS FOR KIDS.

Powder Puff Heat or Stock Youth Heat at each show with five (5) registrations. See Stock Off Road rules sheet.

More than one (1) driver can register a car. Mud flaps on all rear-wheel drive cars.

IMPORTANT RULES FOR 2023:

1. **Off-Road Derby will have a class for any 4 and 6-cyl compact front wheel drive car or compact rear wheel drive car, mini van or S-10 type pickup. No all-wheel drive or four-wheel drive vehicles.**
2. **Off-Road Derby will have a V-8 class open to all V-8 autos. Check events page not all shows have a V8 class.**
3. **For the V-8 class - guarantee \$500 1st place feature with 12 or more participants.**
4. **You MUST have a 24” x 24” sign with car number painted on each side of the sign and placed upright in the center of the roof of the car for scoring. MAKE SURE NUMBER IS CLEARLY VISIBLE FOR THE SCOREKEEPERS! If we can’t see your number, we can’t score you.**
5. **Bumpers may be interchanged or be fabricated, no sharp points, no sharp edges or they will be cut.**
6. **Mandatory driver’s net over driver’s side window.**
7. **AIR BAG SAFETY SYSTEMS (this includes activation charges) must be removed. If air bag or activation charge is deployed during heat you may be disqualified or fined.**
8. **All vehicles must have five (5) lug nuts and five (5) lug studs per wheel. 1” racing lug nuts strongly recommended. Supporting rim center is allowed. If it came with 4 then it needs 4.**

Driver Rules: All Work Must Be Done Before Entering the Pits!!

1. **Pre-entry fee is \$25.00, \$40.00 day of show – with the exception of championship shows; entry includes the car and driver only. Pre-registers must be post marked one week prior to show. Limited to first 64 pre-paid entries. Officials reserve the right to reject or accept any and all registrations. Pit passes will be \$20.00 per person. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent signed waiver form.**
2. **All drivers and pit crew members must be able to provide proof of age and picture ID – driver’s license or state issued photo ID card. This must be done at every event that he/she will be entering pit area – no exceptions.**
3. **Only drivers and pit persons who sign a release form will be permitted in pit area.**
4. **Any driver/pit crew not obeying the rules will be disqualified. The driver is responsible for the actions of his/her pit crew in all respects. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification. At any time during a UMS event a driver and/or pit person(s) can be asked to leave event for any reason.**
5. **Driver must wear long sleeve shirt, long pants and closed toe shoes – fire suit and neck collar is recommended. Safety belts and Z-90 approved full face helmets, with chinstrap and eye protection are required. Safety harnesses are also recommended.**
6. **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL ON GROUNDS. Anyone under the influence of intoxicating beverages or drugs prior to or during the race disqualifies the car and crew of the offending party.**
7. **NO hot rodding in pit area, no passengers riding on vehicle.**
8. **The fair association and UMS will not be held responsible for personal property at any time.**
9. **At any time during the event if any official rules a car unsafe it will be disqualified.**
10. **If a vehicle is found illegal there will be no refund of the entry fee or pit passes.**
11. **Drivers must attend the drivers meeting held approximately ½ hour before race time.**
12. **All injuries must be reported before you leave the Off-Road Derby area.**
13. **The Off-Road Derby will consist of heats; number of laps and direction will be determined at the driver’s meeting.**
14. **All cars must have brakes to enter.**
15. **If the original stock gas tank is factory located completely in front of the rear axle it can remain and be used in this position. Stock gas tanks must be removed if it is above or behind rear axle. We suggest extra straps on a stock gas tank. If using auxiliary tank it must be placed on floor pan behind front seat in the middle of the car. If you are using the original tank with electric fuel pump in tank it must have a clearly marked shut-off in reach of the driver for shut-off purposes. Stock ignition switch is considered shut-off switch. Fire shield must be placed over tank. All fuel lines must be of a safe and secure**

manner, no exceptions. Auxiliary tank must be made of steel or neoprene construction. Absolutely no 1 to 5 gallon carrying gas cans allowed for auxiliary tank.

16. Any leakage of fuel will lead to immediate disqualification.
17. Mandatory bar or chain from top of roof to cowl.
18. Windshield is optional or lexon/plexiglass is permitted in driver's windshield.
19. All glass, chrome moldings, antenna and any dangerous loose objects must be removed. No protruding front or rear frame horns/ends must be rounded or flattened. Door handles must be removed. Gas lid door must be removed.
20. An approved roll cage is recommended (but not required). Roll cage must be in car and above driver's head. No bars through fire wall. Roll cage is for driver's protection only. If no roll cage, you must have minimum 2 vertical posts – 1 behind driver's seat and 1 behind passenger's seat, from floor to roof with minimum 6" x 6" plate on each end, must be bolted and welded to floor and ceiling. Post must be minimum 2" pipe or 2" x 2" square 1/8" tubing. If no cage, you must use outside driver door protection.
21. **You MUST have driver's door protection.** You may use 1/8" plate, pipe, square tubing or grader blade. This is not to exceed 3" past brake of door. You must smash over ends, no protruding ends. No driver's door protection, you do not race. If door protection comes loose you will be disqualified. You may run one piece of 2" max square tubing or 2" pipe down passenger doors – not to exceed 3" past break of doors, front and back. You must smash over ends. Inside driver's door must be padded.
22. Battery location open must be secure, fastened and covered.
23. Radiator must remain in original position or be removed.
24. All excessive holes in firewall and front floor pan must be covered.
25. All entries must have 6" hole cut in hood and trunk for inspection purposes.
26. Hood must stay on car at all times.
27. You must have a 24" x 24" sign with your car number painted on each side of the sign and placed upright in the center of the roof of the car.
28. Doors and trunk must be welded, wired, chained or banded shut.
29. No excessive welding to frame or uni-body.
30. You may fix rust holes or rusty strut towers with same steel gauge thickness as factory.
31. ON OFF-ROAD DERBY CARS ONLY: (This reinforcement may be used, but not required.) One horizontal piece of pipe may be placed in front of radiator, to be supported by two vertical pieces of pipe coming off frame with a support pipe not exceeding 18" back from horizontal pipe. All pipe not to exceed 2" in diameter. This reinforcement if made is intended for protection of radiator only, must be behind front bumper in grill area not to exceed beyond the width of frame rails. This is designed as a protector not a battering ram. PIPES MAY GO BACK TO STRUT.
32. Tires must be DOT approved not to exceed 8-ply. Tire grooving will be allowed. Tubes – okay. Wheel weights must be removed. No tractor lug tires, no AG tires, no ATV or UTV tires.
33. No rim protectors, no bead locks.
34. Exhaust pipes must exit down or straight up through hood – 12" maximum through hood, no tall pipes.
35. All chassis and suspension components must be stock OEM for make and model of car. One shock per wheel in stock location. Strut supports okay. Cable or seat belt material to limit travel of springs okay.
36. Skid plate may go from undercarriage – right to left – 36" back.
37. **BUMPERS:** You may interchange any stock automotive bumper. You may weld 24" back on frame or uni-body to secure bumper to automobile. If bumper is home made it must have factory skin welded over it or rubber bumper skin attached to it. It must appear to be factory. If bumper is too excessive we will ask you to remove or cut it. Bumper ends must be rounded or capped. **NO TIRE CUTTERS!**
38. **MANDATORY:** Drivers window net. You can do this several ways - you can use the mesh type stock car window net, with a quick release device, or you can use plastic snow fence with zip ties. No metal grating – we must be able to cut if necessary to get you out of the car. No window net – no racing.
39. You may use pipe or square tubing not to exceed 2 inches in diameter to come off the back of the cage going towards rear bumper of car through firewall area. This can be no closer than 6 inches in front of rear bumper. This may be attached to floor sheet metal but may not be attached to rear bumper. The purpose of this is to keep structural integrity to the cars that are taking such rear end abuse. This may only be done on cars that have four point cage, this can be up to 36 inches wide and at the end you may attach a side bar or square tubing not to exceed 36 inches wide.
40. No pipe or square tube can be seen from outside of car. All pipe and square tube must be underneath engine compartment, i.e.: no body armor.
41. No connecting k-frame to rear axle on any front wheel drive car.
42. No protest of any kind about any car after the drivers meeting has taken place.
43. These rules supersede any and all rules previously used. Rules, payouts & dates subject to change without notice. **THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES, SCOREKEEPERS AND OFFICIALS WILL BE FINAL!**
44. Rule infractions and/or event infraction may result in fines.

THESE RULES APPLY TO BIG V-8 CLASS:

1. Any full size V-8 car may run in this class.
2. Derby cars are welcome.
3. Big Figure 8 cars are welcome.
4. Full framed V-6 cars will be put in this class.
5. All other Off-Road Derby rules apply.

At time of registration all drivers and pit personnel must sign a waiver and release of liability and indemnity agreement. These rules will govern all Unique Motor Sports events. All participants must comply with these rules and regulations, it is furthermore agreed that all entries, pit crew, driver, owner, sponsors, safety personnel, law enforcement will comply with these rules. No expressed or implied warranties of any kind. This is a guide set forth for the conduct of the sport and no way a guarantee against injury or death to the spectator, participant or official. **Unique Motor Sports has the right to accept or reject any entrees without notice.**

WHAT IS OFF-ROAD DERBY? It has several names; Demo Scramble, Bump and Run, Auto Cross, Enduro Run, Off-Road Racing, etc. It is a combination of Demo Derby, Figure Eight and Dirt Track Racing on a small track where there are right turns, left turns, obstacles to go around and small jumps. Where rubbing is considered racing, where there is moderate contact. The average life of a car is 8–10 shows, making it affordable and a great way to get involved in motor sports. The small compact front wheel drive cars do well in the corners and the bigger cars do well in the straight-a-ways. Figure Eight cars do well in the Off-Road Derby. All cars are allowed. This is one of the fastest growing motor sports, growing in popularity with a lot of first time drivers.

Awards and prize money will be given out at each show.

