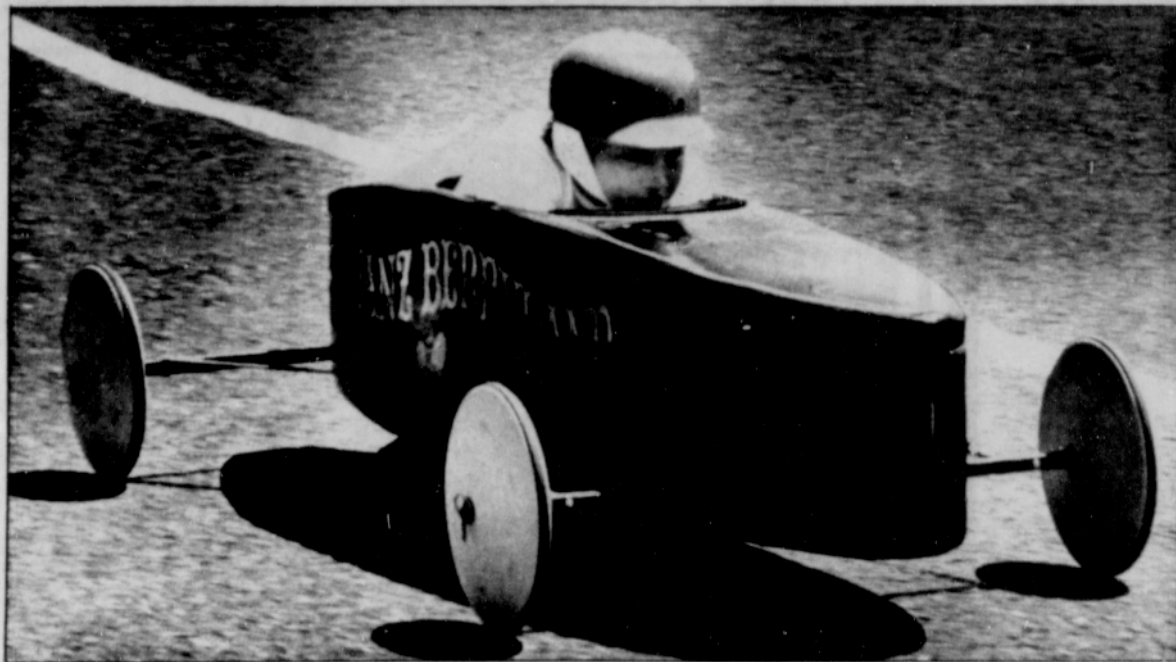


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Brian Cox of Janz Berryland heads down the track.



Steve Fox, Byron Stamm and John Day ride with cars back to the starting line.

Sportsmanship called key to successful Derby races

by SCOTT NEWTON

Twenty racers made about 120 trips down Industrial Way July 4, with Greg Martin and Byron Stamm, both of Sandy, winning the junior and senior division Soap Box Derby titles.

Barry Fretz, Derby director, estimated that about 1000 people came and went during the day-long event.

The number 1000 turned out to be popular, as Nick Roth, president of the Optimist Club, estimated that Fretz put in "1000, possibly 1500, quality hours" organizing Sandy's first race.

"Without them (the Optimists), we wouldn't have had it," Fretz said.

Asked if it was a worthwhile project for the club, Roth said, "I certainly do." But he added that it took a full complement of funds for two quarters, "which restricted our movements, limited the number of activities we could be involved in."

Roth said it was also a time-consuming project, and as the race

neared 60 to 70 local people chipped in to help. "If they had been involved all along, it would have been fun," Roth said.

Seeing the end result helped make it worthwhile. He said it was "kind of exciting," and the announcing gave it a professional air.

Roth said, "I did think it was successfully completed, in part due to Barry Fretz. I don't know if anyone else could have pulled it out."

For Fretz, having stepson Byron Stamm win will make the family trip to Akron, Ohio, later this month more enjoyable.

The winners received \$450 expense money for the trip to Akron, and a \$100 savings bond from the Clackamas County Bank.

CCB also awarded \$50 savings bonds to the second place finishers in each division.

Finishing second in the junior division was Quay Williams of Sandy. David Rolofson, Sandy, was third, and Dana Welling, Boring, was fourth. Welling was the only girl entered this year.

Welling also received an award for best construction. Martin had

the best appearing car, and Williams had the best design.

The best all-around fiberglass car—and winner of the Mayor's Cup—was Wes Kelly of Sandy.

In the senior division Steve Christman, Sandy, was second. John Cordway of Rhododendron was third and Tracy Knapp of Sandy was fourth.

Cordway won the trophy for best construction. Stamm won the trophy for best appearing and Christman received an award for best design.

He added that the people at Baert's Metal were instrumental, as well as personnel from the city of Sandy, including the police and firemen.

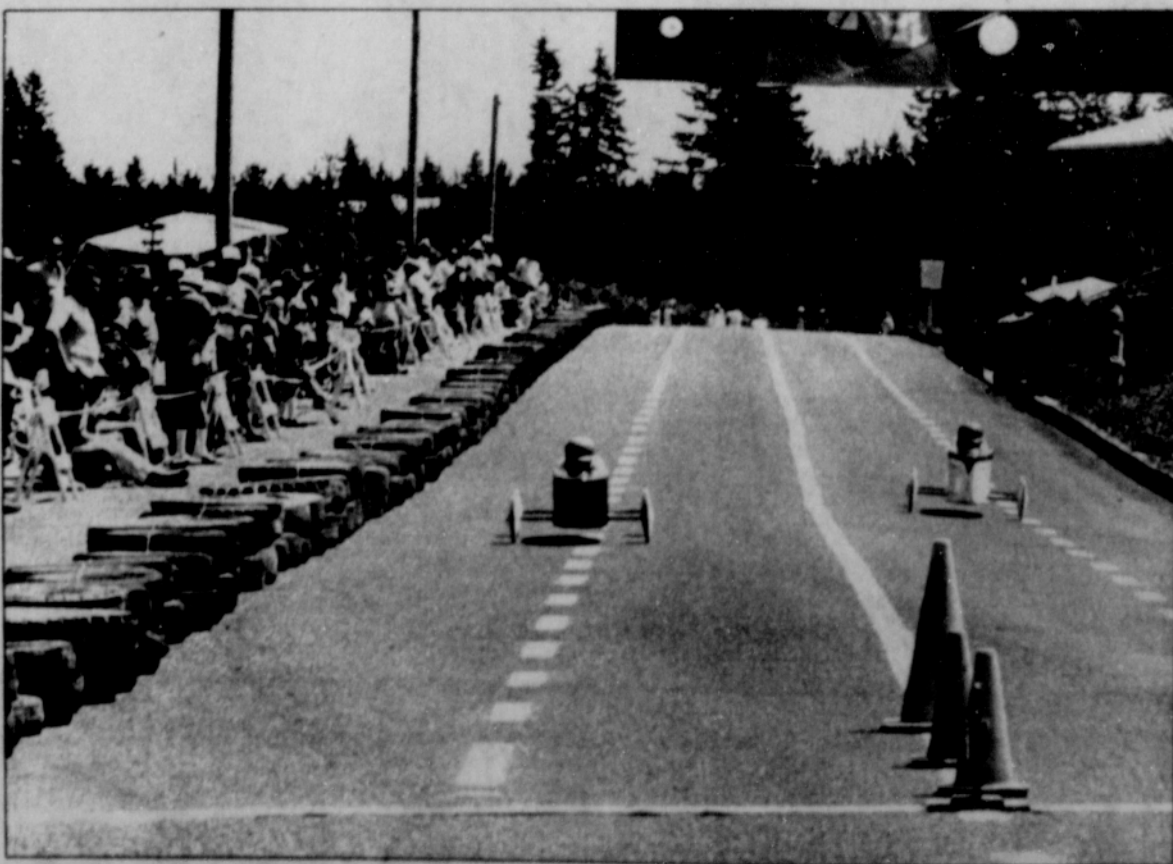
The thing that seemed to please him most was the sportsmanship. Often after a race a driver would get out of his car and go over and shake his opponent's hand.

"To me that's what this is all about," Fretz said. "Kids and parents working together, and sportsmanship. And that's how this worked out. It really paid."

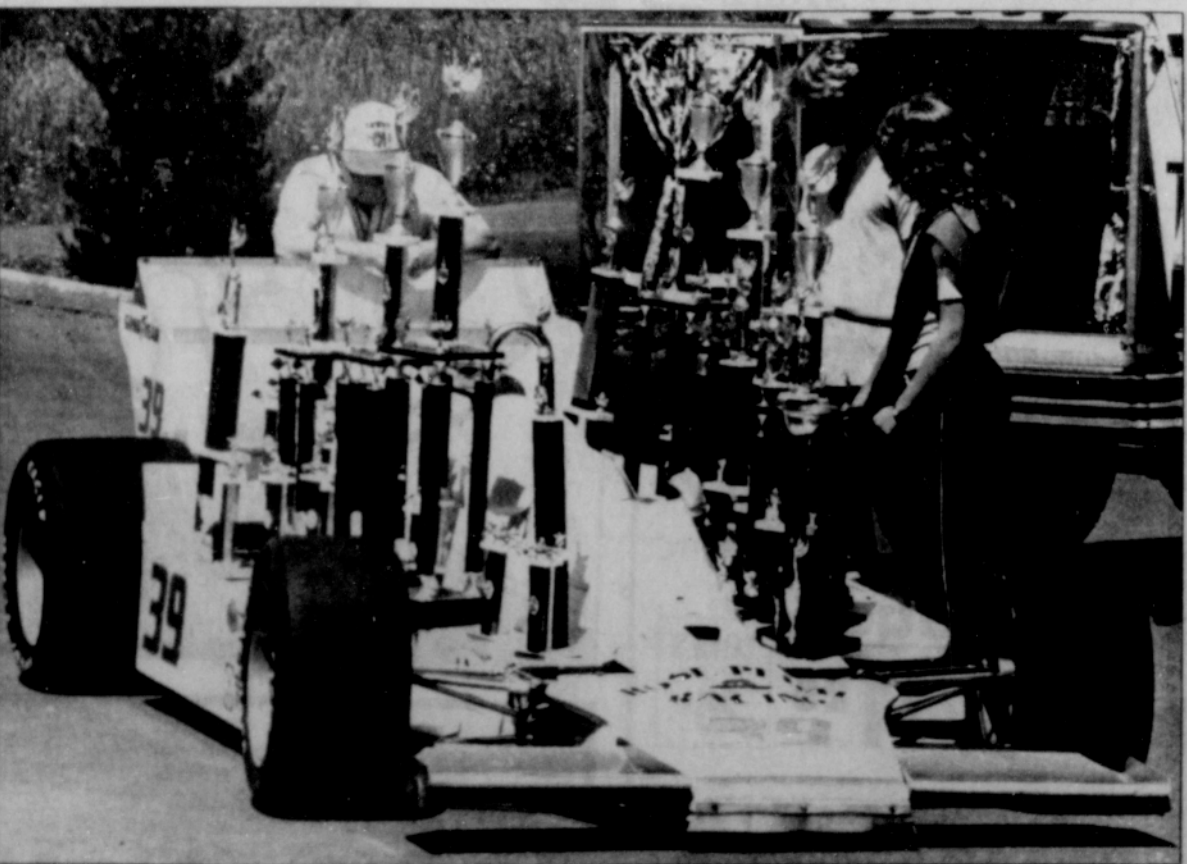


Jason Brindell of Prime Time Video races to the finish.

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 Over 1,000 species of birds make their home in Mexico, including 60 varieties of hummingbird. And the annual gathering of the Monarch butterflies in a valley in central Mexico receives international attention. The types of animals are equally diversified: turtles, terrapins, alligators and crocodiles; jaguar, puma, bobcat (or lynx), ocelot, jaguarundi and margay; tarir, armadillo and anteaters; kinkajous, wolves, bear, foxes and coyotes. And Mexico's waters abound with aquatic creatures — octopus, whales, dolphins and billfish (several species), tarpon, barracuda, dorado, dolina, shad, wahoo, blue fin and yellow fin, mackerel, tuna and red snapper along the coasts, plus a wealth of fish in its lakes and rivers: black bass, rainbow trout, carp, perch and catfish.
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