

It’s a bird, it’s a plane ... it’s the ‘Siebe Streaker’



Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain
Parker Siebe, 12, poses in his new Bowlby Bash (aka Summerfest) gravity powered downhill race car. Parker and his granddad Dr. Scott Siebe built the car together to fulfill one of Parker’s dreams.

Soapbox derby highlights Summerfest in Enterprise

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It’s tall. Black with flame-colored swirls. It’s a classic.

The downhill beast to be piloted by Parker Siebe, 12, of Enterprise in the Summerfest Downhill Derby on July 8 in Enterprise perfectly embodies the spirit of the event: it is the product of a multigenerational brain storm session over the junk heap.

Parker has already done some welding with his father, Shawn Mork, and with his great-grandfather, who is folk art metal sculptor Bob Freeman of Walla Walla, Wash.

This year, he worked with his maternal grandfather, Dr. Scott Siebe.

The two sorted through the family scrap pile, ran to Stangle Industries for a few extra lengths of angle iron, then designed and modified and redesigned and together raised from the junk-heap like a Phoenix the “Siebe Streaker.”

The vehicle is salvaged plywood over welded angle iron and rolls on the remnants of two old bicycles.

Some of its other features are parts of an old clothesline centerpost and a cushy lawnmower inner tube for a donut seat. It sports two different kinds of tires and two different axles behind.

It’s so fast that Scott and Parker Siebe have

affixed three brakes on it: bike calipers front and back and a lever-action two-by-four emergency brake that plants a tire-tread block on the pavement for friction.

The brakes remain a concern.

A recent trial run down Reavis Lane outside Enterprise clocked the vehicle at 35 miles per hour, according to Parker.

“Granddad was behind me on the four-wheeler, and he could barely keep up and said he smelled rubber,” Parker said.

There could be some exaggeration there, but Parker’s mom, Amy Mork, isn’t taking any chances.

“It makes me nervous,” said Mork, “It’s plenty fast.”

The vehicle comes in at 180 pounds counting Parker.

Parker said he has always been drawn to the downhill race and watches it every year.

“I even got to be a flagger one year,” he said.

He’s also naturally good at engineering and design, not to mention welding.

Next year he’ll be in sixth grade, but he’s looking forward to working with Zane Anderson of Stangle Industries in the industrial arts manufacturing and engineering department at Enterprise High in a few years.

“I love the sound of hot metal cooling in the water,” Parker said.

Parker says the Stengle-mobile, with its sneaker brake system, will be his keenest competition this year. Stengle’s low-slung, stripped down machine has posted blazing times in previous years.



IF YOU GO

The Enterprise Summerfest is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8 on Main Street in Enterprise. In addition to the soapbox derby, the event features live music, a street fair featuring crafts, food vendors, barrel train rides, pickle ball games, black powder demonstrations and more. The downhill derby begins 2 p.m. For rules, entry fees, and more, contact organizer Michael Berry at Dandelion Wines 541-398-8582 or daisy@dandelionwines.com. Cars may be entered, sponsored and inspected up until the Tuesday before the race. Cars and drivers must pass a safety inspection.

Ford Roadster is ‘peoples choice’ at Oregon Mountain Cruise show

Visitors to the Oregon Mountain Cruise Car Show selected a 1914 black Ford Roadster entered by Al and Alice Humphrey of Kamiah, Idaho, as winner of the people’s choice award. Fellow Idahoans John and Stephanie Scholl finished second with their 1965 Ford Mustang.

Danny Vanderpool was given the “Hard Luck” Award. A door latch on the passenger side of his 1949 Ford Coup failed at Minam Canyon, and the solenoid wiring on the electric door latch caught fire. Everyone came away safe and unharmed.

Here are the remaining awards presented following the car show June 9-10 in Joseph:

Hot Rod: First, Cris and Linda McMann, Warren, Ore. Blue 1932 Ford three-window; second, Jack and Dawn Bruck of Meridian, Idaho; and third, L.D. and Reeney Charf of Vashon, Wash.

Modified Custom Car: First, Rick Stanton, Junction City, Ore. Turquoise 1954 Ford Sunliner Glasstop; second, Jack and Kathy Jones of Payette, Idaho; and third John and Steph-

anie Scholl of Nampa, Idaho.

Modified Custom Truck: First, Ralph and Marcy Kappner, Grants Pass, Ore. Bronze 1932 Ford Roadster; second, Dallas and Sonia Head, Ontario, Ore.; and third, Norman and Penny Brown, Silverton, Ore.

Classic Restored Car: First, Herb and Bonnie Sutton, Central Point, Ore. Blue 1956 Ford Parklane Wagon; second, Mike Grimm, Battle Ground, Wash.; and third Tom Fox, Roseburg, Ore.

Classic Restored Truck: First, Bill and Teresa Henke, Wallowa. Green 1956 Ford; second, Jeff and Kathy Rice, Fruitland, Idaho; and third, Jay Byers, Lewiston, Idaho.

Unrestored Car or Truck: First, Pete and Tammy Cook, Lewiston, Idaho. Red 1962 Chevy Belair; second, Jim and Michelle Pelzer, The Dalles, Ore.; and third, Bill and Trudy Henline, Des Moines, Wash.

Sports car: First, Dave Hunsaker, Baker City, Ore. Red 1960 Triumph TR3 Roadster; second, William Clemans, Lake Stevens, Wash.; and third, Jon and Ardis Sparks, Kennewick, Wash.

Moonshine Hauler: First,

James and Chris Rolstand, Tacoma, Wash. Maroon 1939 Ford two-door sedan; second, Ron and Linda Peil, Talent, Ore.; and third, Dave and Lucy Dansereau, Meridian, Idaho.

4x4 Vehicle: First, Gordon and Vicky Compton, Banks, Ore. Red 1966 Ford Bronco.

Kids Choice: Kevin and Jeannie Hossfeld of Meridian, Idaho. Black 1964 Plymouth Fury.

Ladies Choice: Loren and Nancy Clevenger, Kennewick, Wash. Red 1968 Chevy Camaro.

Ragman Memorial Award: Steve Edmonds, Meecham, Ore. Black 1914 Ford Roadster.

King of the Mountain: Eddie and Barbara Akers, Graham, Wash. 1928 Graham-Paige four-door tan and brown.

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Eighth Grade Aragon, Ariella 3.25; Ferre, Mason D. 4.00; Fisher, Jace 3.50; Hermens, Zeb 3.93; Mallory, Owen 3.50; Moeller, Ella 4.00; Tillery, Shanna Rae 4.00; and Tippet, Brody 3.43.	Eleventh Grade Araya, Daniel 3.63; Burns, Ethan A. 3.54; Delancey, Daniel 4.00; Goebel, Chance 3.67; Miller, Teagan 4.00; Poulson, Brianna 3.60; Ritthaler, Patrick E. 3.42; and Scott, Josie A. 3.25.
Ninth Grade Hunt-Prince, Ricky 3.54; Johnston, Jamie 3.46; Sang, Alani 3.54; Tillery, Quinten 3.93; Waldron, Logan 3.64; and Young, Ashlyn 4.00.	Twelfth Grade Burns, Chandler 3.67; Cabral, Sierra 3.95; Douglass, Stacy 3.78; Ferre, Jordan 4.00; John-ston, Elizabeth 3.53; Lindros, Austin 3.37; Markle-Shane, Aleksandria 3.63; Melville, Bryce 3.46; Mendez Morales, Alejandro 3.27; Phelps, Bre-anna 3.60; and Starner-Durning, Ashley 4.00.

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