**Montgomery County Agricultural Fairgrounds**

**Gaithersburg, Maryland**

**Rettew Motorsports**

**August 19 and 20, 2022**

**Arrival for competitors begins at 10:00 AM – Dalamar St entrance only**

**Demolition Derby starts at 7:30 PM**

Please read these rules carefully! They will be enforced! If you don’t see something in the rules, that doesn’t mean you can do it. Please consult an official by calling JC Butts 301-674-3999 or Justin Hobbs 301-461-9977 to answer any questions. Decisions made by the Officials in all matters from registration to the end of the derby are final. Thank you!

Arrival can begin at 10:00 AM at the Dalamar St. entrance only. ( GPS 7 Dalamar St) Cars MUST be at The Montgomery County Ag Fair and registered no later than 5 pm so they can be inspected before 6:00 PM. Derby starts at 7 PM sharp.

**PIT ACCESS – NEW THIS YEAR!**

1. NO VEHICLE ENTRY FEE!
2. Pit Passes will not be sold.
3. Pit access will only be granted to registered drivers and one crew member. All others must purchase tickets for grandstand admission.

**DEMOLITION DERBY GENERAL RULES**

 The Demolition Derby is designed and promoted as an entertaining spectator attraction, and in the interest of safety, anyone entering is subject to the following rules and regulations that are hereby set forth by the track.

1. All drivers must fill out an entry form and a release form before taking part in the event.
2. Fair officials reserve the right to approve or reject any applications.
3. No driver or pit crew member may consume alcoholic beverages or use illegal drugs prior to and during the event. Breathalyzers will be used and drivers will be disqualified if any alcohol is detected.
4. Verbal or physical abuse towards any participant or track official will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification for drivers and crews. Removal from the Fairgrounds for inappropriate behavior is at the discretion of officials and the Montgomery County Police.
5. All derby cars will be inspected before competing and maybe re-inspected for rule violation at any time during or after the event.
6. Only participating derby cars, registered drivers, and one crew member will be permitted in the pit area. All other vehicles must be parked outside the pit area.
7. A protest must be submitted in writing by the person who registered the vehicle and state clearly the reason for the protest. Protest fees are $125.00 and will be returned if the protest is upheld.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Drivers must be at least 18 years old or 16 years old with parental consent indicated on the completed waiver form at registration.
2. Only driver and one crew member will be permitted free entry to the Fairgrounds at the 7 Dalamar St. entrance. Additional tickets can be purchased in advance for $12.00 each at mcagfair.com.
3. Mandatory driver’s safety meeting begins at 7 pm sharp. Failure to attend this meeting will result in disqualification. No exceptions.
4. Driver’s license or photo ID required at registration (must be current to date and valid).
5. Registered driver and crew agree to follow the direction of officials during load-out at the end of the derby.

**CAR PREPARATION**

1. No Chrysler Imperials, X frames, or hearses will be allowed.
2. All dirt and loose parts must be removed from the car.
3. All glass (no broken glass in doors) including plastic head and tail lights must be removed. Removal of the front windshield is optional. All sunroofs must have glass removed and covered with sheet metal (14-gauge maximum) attached with through bolts and nuts.
4. Air bag safety system activation charges must be disabled.
5. All chrome molding, sun visors and rear-view mirrors must be removed.
6. All outside plastic and grill must be removed including factory nosepieces.
7. NO bumper or frame-mounted hitches.
8. All air conditioning systems must be drained.
9. All-wheel balancing weights must be removed, including inside of wheels
10. No obscene, racist or inappropriate images are allowed on the vehicle.
11. Cars sponsored by businesses with appropriate imaging may be permitted on their sponsored vehicle.
12. No self-tapping screws permitted

**BRAKES**

1. All vehicles must have brakes in good working order, pinion brakes allowed

**BUMPERS**

1. Any year car bumper is permitted, must be the same width as the vehicle being used.
2. Bumpers cannot be reinforced, no sharp edges or pointed bumpers are allowed.
3. You can weld stock brackets to bumper and to frame, no additional metal may be used. No fabricated or homemade bumpers are allowed.

**FRAME**

No reinforced or concrete filled frame rails are allowed. Frame patching for rust will be allowed but must be minimal and not disguised for strengthening frame (maximum 1/8th inch material allowed)

**FUEL TANKS/ BATTERIES/ COOLANT SYSTEMS**

1. No alcohol fuel allowed.
2. Gas tank must be relocated if the stock location is behind rear axle.
3. When tank is relocated, an approved metal container must be securely fastened and a maximum of 5 gallons of fuel is allowed. Fuel tanks must be accessible during inspection. All electric fuel pumps must be operated by the key switch.
4. Top of battery must be covered with a mat and battery must be fastened to front seat or passenger’s floorboard by an appropriate bracket and through bolts or ratchet strap.
5. Engine cooling systems must be original equipment or less and must be located in the engine compartment under the hood. NO auxiliary coolant tanks allowed. Radiator overflow hoses must exit downward. Prior to bringing vehicle to track, all anti-freeze must be drained and systems back flushed and filled with water or biodegradable coolant.
6. Transmission lines or coolers in the cab of the vehicle will not be permitted.
7. All fuel lines must run thru firewall or underneath vehicle. No fuel lines allowed to run over the dash. Use 2 clamps at each hose connection, fuel line must be protected when passing thru sheet metal.

**HOODS/ TRUNKS/ DOORS**

1. Inner driver’s door upholstery panel must be removed. Additional foam padding for the driver is acceptable.
2. External reinforcement of driver’s door is permitted at the drivers’ discretion. Reinforcement plate (maximum of ¼” steel plate 12” high) welded or bolted to the driver’s door, and a maximum of 8 inches past vertical seams of driver’s door will be allowed in all classes.
3. All doors must be fastened shut by a chain, cable or weld when permitted. Minimum ¼” chain or cable, maximum 3/8” chain or cable (No electrical wire allowed).
4. Hood and trunk lids must be opened for inspection. (This includes rear inner deck of station wagons)
5. Hood, trunk or rear station wagon must be secured after inspection (all 4 corners). Minimum ¼” or maximum 3/8” chain or cable, NO electrical wire allowed.
6. There must be a hole in the hood of the car that measures at least 12 inches in diameter above the carburetor.
7. Exhaust existing through hood is allowed, must be straight up.
8. **All cars must have vehicle numbers clearly painted on each side and on the roof of the vehicle. Number must be visible to the announcer. Car number must match number on entry form.**

**TIRES/WHEELS**

1. NO Ag, industrial, utility, dirt bike or recapped tires allowed on drive axles. NO studded tires, tire liners or heavy truck tires are allowed.
2. NO LIQUID OR CONCRETE FILLED TIRES ALLOWED
3. All tires are subject to the Tech Inspectors judgement.

**OPERATION OF THE DEMOLITION DERBY**

1. Drivers must wear DOT approved helmets with full face shield or approved safety glasses that are securely fastened. Factory installed seat belts with shoulder straps must remain fastened until heat is completed as indicated by the track officials. Close toed shoes are required. SFI fire suit, gloves and racing neck support is optional.
2. Drivers must stay in car and keep helmet on until heat is completed, unless instructed otherwise by track officials. NO two-way radios between drivers and other persons allowed.
3. NO deliberate hitting of the driver’s door. No head-on collisions. Doing this will result in disqualification. If you use your driver’s door to draw a door hit, you will be disqualified. Drivers are expected to protect themselves from driver door hits to the best of their ability.
4. Any vehicle deemed unsafe by track officials during the event will be stopped and disqualified. Any vehicle which does not make contact for one minute will be disqualified.
5. Any vehicle throwing debris towards the grandstands will be stopped and disqualified.
6. This is NOT a team sport! Team driving will not be tolerated by officials and will result in disqualification.
7. Heat winners must run same car in feature. Track officials reserve the right to fill feature event with additional vehicles if finalist cannot return.
8. NO passengers riding on or in the derby cars or tow vehicles at any time. This includes pit area, parking lot and driveways.
9. Maximum of 5MPH speed limit must be maintained at all times in the pit area and parking lot. Automatic disqualification for reckless driving in pit area and parking lot.
10. The only people allowed on the track at any time will be drivers, officials and towing personal.
11. Any drivers not obeying the rules will be disqualified.

 The rules and regulations are set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of competition events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the conditions and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the conditions of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATION OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and in no way guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator or official.

 The Event Director shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in his/her opinion do not alter the minimum or maximum acceptable requirements. NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATIONS OF SPECIFICATIONS.

Vehicle will be inspected for all items in the safety and car specification rules as well as the general workmanship in preparing the vehicle. When the car is accepted for competition, it will be assigned a vehicle number, heat event and a competition marker will be taped to the car. You will be directed to your heat area in the pits to wait until officials call to start your heat. Modifications to the vehicle may not occur during this time.

To be the winner of the final heat or feature, driver must be the last to make a hit. All decisions of the track judges are final.

INJURIES, IF ANY, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, MUST BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE OFFICAL IN CHARGE, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY INJURIES AT ALL- BE SMART- FOLLOW OUR RULES. RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSARY FOR SAFETY REASONS.

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**Minimum Prize Money Each Night**

**(Subject to Change by Car Count)**

**$5,000.00 in purse money paid each night!!**

**The number of heats will be determined by Rettew Motorsports, based on the number of entries.**