



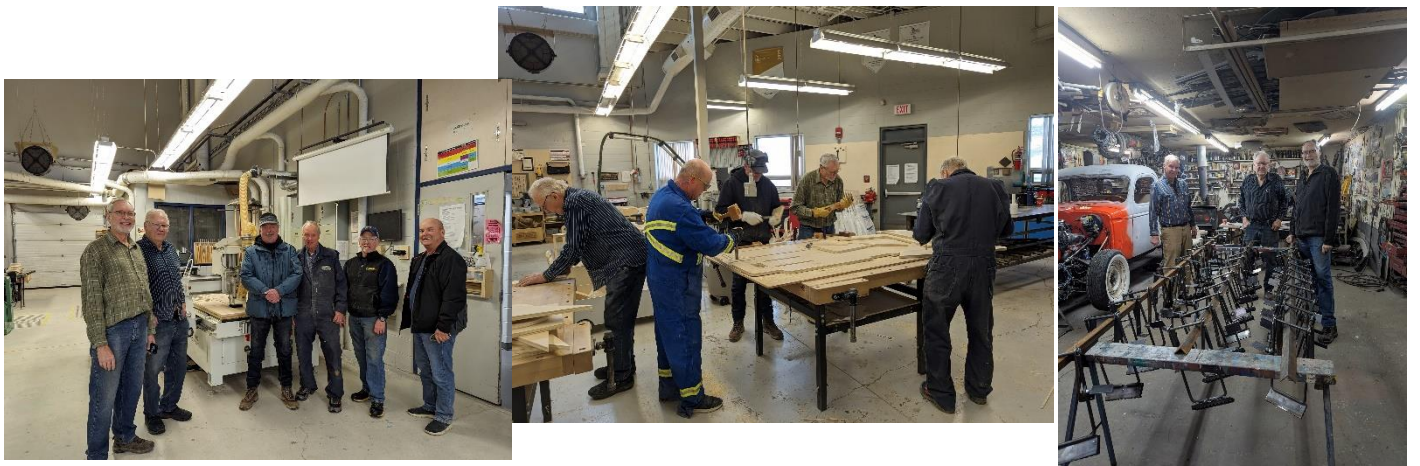
UPDATE #3 February 4, 2024

2024 Soap Box strong registration open response

Thanks to all the past racers for getting the word out that 2024 St Albert Soap Box Derby registration is open. So far, Soapbox **has commitment for eighty-seven (87) seats.** 7 new build kits have been purchased. So already registrations are more than a 1/3 of the way to the 200-seat racers target for 2024 in the first month.

Since the January update

- 1) Thanks to volunteer help, Soapbox was able to complete twenty-one (21) more Build Kit Plus sets. A second volunteer build session focused on brake builds and completed another thirty-five (35) brakes. Uncut plywood for the Build Kit basic option is available at Fountain Tire. All individual parts and a new display are at Fountain Tire. Always looking for “build volunteers. There are at least a couple of “Community Racer fixup dates” where help will be needed.



If you are interested in learning more about St Albert Soap Box Derby and lending a hand, please send an email to Volunteer@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca with BUILD HELP in the Subject Line .

2) Soap Box Derby continues to need **additional organizational volunteers**.
The group meets monthly the 1st Tuesday at 7:30 @ St Albert Inn., Room opens at 7 for socialization, meeting starts at 7:30.

In a maximum of 2 hours progress updates are given to continue to completion for the June 14 and June 15 race days.

Currently open on the Working Group for 2024 are.....

Food Director (find and coordinate the food providers),

Volunteer Coordinator(s) (contact the past volunteers 80+ and fill the race weekend roles). Please see volunteer page for examples of hands on needs today and up to and on race days.

Safety Director (Review the established plan and run the safety function)

Meeting minute volunteer (take and distribute meeting minutes). There are fourteen (14) existing experienced volunteers doing other defined roles including - Finance, Build, Sponsorship, Registration, Social Media, Community Racers, Prizing, VIP's, Site Setup.....

Want to contribute to making this St Albert community event successful.
Questions, Info@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca

Bonus: A round of St Albert Inn Chocolate Chip cookies end the meeting....

3) **FEEDBACK REQUESTED - NEW: Build Kit PLUS Build Day???**

St Albert Soap Box offers two Info Build Sessions where builders can watch Gary “build” a cart, see the race day operational tricks (we call them Stress Reduction Mandatories) and ask build related how to questions. March 23 and May 11.
There is a [St Albert Soapbox build video](#) available on YouTube.

There *maybe an opportunity* to have a location with benches and tools available for a one day HANDS on BUILD. The concept is builder with their racer could take the **Build Kit Plus** precut components and assemble their cart. Experienced Soapbox volunteers would be present to respond to how to as the construction proceeded. The cart would be ready for painting.....

If you would be interested, please send your name and contact information to Info@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca with BUILD KIT PLUS BUILD DAY in the subject line.

4) Soapbox Derby awareness

Some new [YouTube playlists](#) to give new racers some ideas of race weekend fun.
[Photo finish video o final in 9-10-11 in 2023](#)

A [Photo show](#) focusing on Soapbox awareness intended for public viewing at a variety of venues.

If you have videos or pictures to contribute, Info@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca with VIDEO PICTURE in subject line.

Please share St Albert Soapbox Derby information with others as references from racers is the #1 way new racers find out about St Albert Soapbox Derby.

5) Racer Parents: Please mark these dates in your 2024 Calendars.

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MANDATORY

Cart Inspection and Racer Orientation – Saturday June 8

Carts are inspected and weighed. Racers go through an individual orientation using their cart. **REQUIRED so your racer(s) can be scheduled to race.**

Racer scheduling is based on carts/racers who complete and pass on June 8

Each racer is scheduled for three (3) races.

OPTIONAL BUT STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Soapbox Walkthru and Practice – Friday June 14

Arrive at Race Hill - St Vital Ave, see the area and parking. Visit registration to check your Saturday Race times. Unload your cart. Go through what you will do on Saturday. Get some practice races in.

Race Day - Saturday June 15 – Age Category starting time will be provided after Inspections have been completed.... usually mid week.

NOTE: 1st race 7:30AM in 2023, asked to be ready to race 15 minutes before. Details on the how race day works and scheduling in a future update

Please allow for extra time – you know your racer(s) the best. Friday night will give you an idea of how things work.

Anticipate 60-80 other racers in your age category will be arriving at the same time all trying to have a perfect experience with their racers.

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Next St Albert Soapbox Derby Working Group (WG_ meeting is Tuesday February 6, 7 PM St Albert Inn. If you have the interest in getting involved and want to see the WG in action, please drop in.

WG work gives you an insight and input as you do work improving Soap Box Derby.

All members of the Working Group have one (or more) specific areas to do to continue the fun and success of St Albert Soapbox Derby.

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DO NOT FORGET

St Albert Soap Box Derby website has Build Info
The Rules and Recommendations
FAQ

2024 Newsletter updates (this is # 3) and Media references..

Videos on our YouTube channel

And much more...

www.stalbertsoapboxderby.ca

If you would like to be **removed from this Soapbox Derby list, please reply with REMOVE in the subject field**

Any questions, please send an email to Info@stalbertsoapboxderby.ca

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