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2010 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #7

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Dear School and Sponsors,

Please copy this newsletter and distribute to all of the people involved in the event

THANK YOU

A great big thank you to everyone involved:

- The Drivers who launched themselves at over 50km an hour down the road (the police are still working on the speeding fines)
- The Pit Crew, Teachers, Parents and Friends who helped put the cars together and spent hours in practice and fine tuning the car
- The Cheerleaders, parents, teachers and community who came out to watch and cheer the drivers on
- All the Helpers who turned out to give us a hand with running this – Scouts, Kelston Boys Rugby Team, Truancy Services, Rotarians (both from our Club and others in the District) and stray friends (who didn't duck fast enough)
- The Suppliers whose gear worked well
- Those who donated prizes – or gave us great discounts on buying them
- And of course our Sponsors – from The Trusts, without who's support we would be struggling to hold this event, through the car Sponsors whose money will be used to fund Rotary projects in our area to all those who were "persuaded" to give a freebie in car painting and signs or other goods.



Without all of you this event wouldn't be as fantastic as it is.

Times:

Want to check out your time in the races? These are on the website www.soapboxderby.co.nz





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Finalists:

The four finalists who will be racing again at Kaipatiki Road on the North Shore are:

1. Michael (Raptor) Louden – Riverhead
2. Henry (Knuckles) Dyer – Riverhead
3. John (Ninja) Tullock – Riverhead
4. Carlos Clarke – Waitakere



The two fastest cars on the day were:



Riverhead Car

Sponsor: Metro Roofing



Waitakere Car

Sponsors: Airfoam, First National; FBN Contracting; Residents and Ratepayers

NZ Finals Details:

- Date: Saturday 10th April
- Venue: Kaipatiki Road, Glenfield
- Northcote have their races first and these will be followed by the NZ Finals in the afternoon. West Auckland spectators welcome!

Feedback:

We have had some great feedback from a couple of schools – and I've seen one or two excellent school newsletters that have been passed onto Rotary members. From what we've heard everyone seems to have really enjoyed the day – and I saw one of our sponsors, Barry Clark from Airfoam dressed in the team uniform and looking remarkably like the cat that got at the cream - grinning from ear to ear.

2011 Track:

We are currently contemplating looking for a new track without a roundabout (Great North Road from Kelston down to Henderson would be a brilliant run but we may have issues with road closure... and speed ☺) If anyone has any suggestions on alternative roads or other





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things that can make the event even better next year – let us know. We can only fix the things we know are broken.

Finding a new road isn't easy. It needs to be a side road without too many driveways on it in a central area, preferably with an alternative route for the car return and with a good road surface with the right gradient. We'd also prefer a good run off without roundabouts.



We've had a couple of suggestions so far but welcome extra ideas. If you know of a good possibility please pass it on so we can check it out as well.

Sponsors:

Please remember your sponsors - these great people allow the derby to happen.

Also please contact your sponsor and ask where they would like the car displayed.

Do you have a space in your school foyer? Do you have any forthcoming school events where you can display it? Would the sponsor like to borrow it for a few weeks or months for a display in their showroom?

And remember to mention them in school newsletters, send them a copy – and ask if they would like to visit the school. A few of the sponsors were active team members on derby day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Is your sponsor one of these? All would like to hear about it.

Parts:

In the next month or so we will be inventorying all the parts that are out there prior to placing our new order for spares. We particularly need all bent axles back as an engineering firm can straighten most of them. At \$90 each (plus freight from America) for new ones we would much rather repair those that we can! Please let us know if you have any.

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