Soap boxers carry on traditions

Derby drivers from around the world compete in All-American

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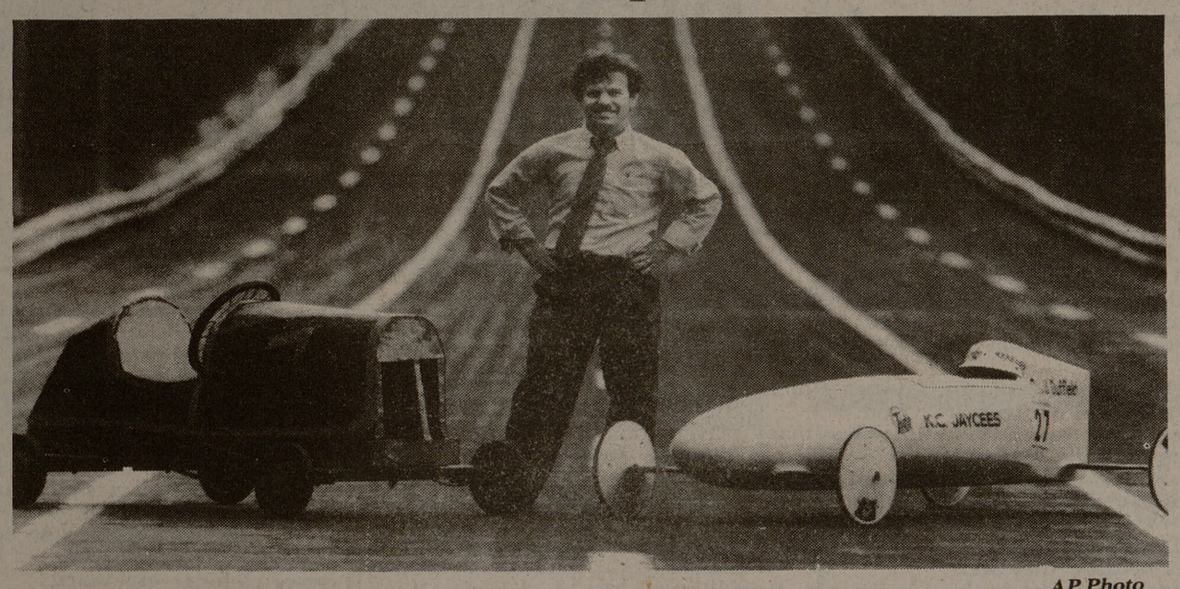
Boys who raced in the first Soap Box Derby are old enough to be grandfathers now, but the competition is as keen today as it was when it began more than a half-century ago.

This year, some 5,000 boys and girls at 90 sites attempted to qualify for the right to race at Derby Downs on Aug. 12. Some 175 youngsters from 32 states and five foreign countries made it.

The race began in Dayton in 1933 for local kids, with cars made of orange crates, sheet tin and baby buggy wheels. Now the All-American Soap Box Derby is run in two divisions in cars made from kits or from scratch — but all with regulation wheels.



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Jeff Iula, manager of the All-American Soap Box Derby, stands with the winning car from 1933 (left) and the 1988 Master's World Champion car.

Competitors aged 9 to 16 can enter the kit car division in which they buy designs and components for a derby car and buy wood or fiberglass for the body, Jeff Iula, derby manager, said.

"With the kit car, they have to build the kit," Iula said. "It's a sit-up car. There are different body designs, but they are all pretty similar. For $73, you get everything but the wood and the wheels — brakes, a steering wheel, stabilizer bars, a bracket — you used to have to drive all over town to find the components."

The master's division for ages 12 to 16 also offers kits, but more than half of the competitors build their own designs — for somewhere around $350 — and 95 percent of those put the driver in a prone position, Iula said.

Some of the luckier contestants get sponsorship from local businesses to help defray building costs, and local derby sponsors pay transportation to Akron for qualifying cars and drivers. Cars must arrive in Akron in time to pass muster before the race.

"They are inspected for safety and to make sure no one gets an unfair advantage," Iula said.

Race officials supply fiberglass wheels to ensure quality of competition.

This year, competitors from Canada, Guam, the Philippines, Ireland and West Germany are entered, and Iula said there could be other last-minute entries.

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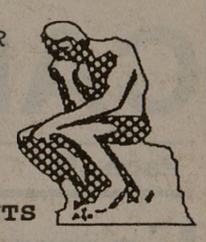

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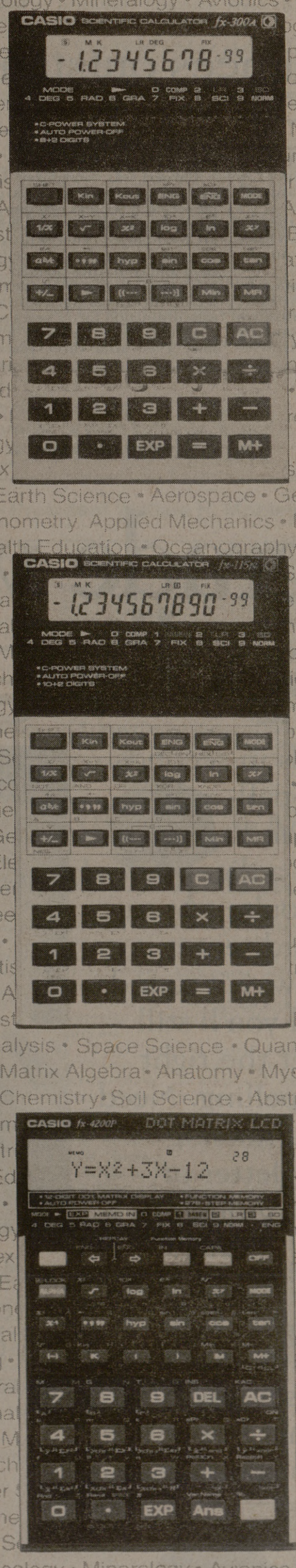

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