



SPECIAL
RACE
EDITION

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The STING

Southern Technical Institute
Marietta, Georgia 30060

WINTER '77 BATHTUB RACE

Tub Number: 11
Tub Name: Fireball
Organization: Lambda Chi Alpha
Tub Colors: Red and Black
Driver: Gary Thomas
Co-Driver: Tommy Thomas
Pit Crew: Jim Thomas, Tommy Thomas, J. W. Fortner and Mike Billingsley
Builder: Modified by Tommy Thomas and Gary Thomas
Engine Type: 175 cc Yamaha, 5-speed gearbox
Tub Characteristics: 4½' side mounted tub, live rear axle, quick-change fuel tanks, Goodyear Blue Streak racing slicks, Hurst/Air Heart disc brakes.
Tub Sponsor: Albany Elevator Company

Tub Number: 14
Tub Name: Little John
Organization: S.T.I. Society of Manufacturing Engineers
Tub Colors: Blue and Yellow
Driver: Edward Jordan
Co-Driver: Mark Pratter
Pit Crew: Ernie Goldin, Paul Shirley, Walter Crawford, and Julian "Jumping Joe" Jordan
Builder: S.M.E. Student Chapter #16
Engine Type: Honda 175 cc, 5-speed
Tub Characteristics: Full independent suspension, Austin-Mini-Couper front and rear, won 2nd place twice and 3rd place in previous races, "Best Engineered" for two years
Tub Sponsor: S.M.E. Senior Chapter #61

Tub Number: 16
Tub Name: Big John
Organization: S.T.I. Chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers
Tub Colors: Blue and Yellow
Driver: Ricky Evans
Pit Crew: Darrell Bryant and Keith Bryant
Builder: S.M.E.
Engine Type: Honda 175 cc
Tub Characteristics: One of the largest and oldest tubs, Fiat rear-end, NSU front end, 9th in '76 Spring Race, winner of three 2nd place trophies and "Best Engineered" trophies
Tub Sponsor: S.M.E. of Atlanta
Bryants Racing of Forest Park

Tub Number: 17
Organization: Independent
Tub Colors: Red, White and Blue
Driver: Mike Van Steenburg
Co-Driver: Frank Betz
Pit Crew: Chuck Hanna, Jim Eardly and Kip Van Steenburg
Builder: Mike Van Steenburg and Frank Betz
Engine Type: 175 cc Bultaco Pursang
Tub Characteristics: 4130 chrome moly frame, front suspension, Chevrolet valve springs, solid rear suspension, acid dipped cast iron tub, single Hurst Air Heart disc brakes, quick change fuel tanks
Tub Sponsor: Anderson Chevrolet
Cycle Speciality

Tub Number: 18
Tub Name: Zeke The Teke II
Organization: Tau Kappa Epsilon
Tub Colors: Red and Gray
Driver: Butch Ballenger
Co-Driver: Calvin Nall
Pit Crew: Calvin Nall, Mike Peppers and Barry Carr
Builder: Slim Hayman
Engine Type: Kawasaki 175 cc
Tub Characteristics: Chrome moly frame, Goodyear racing slicks, 4½' acid dipped tub, disc brakes, Margay aluminum wheels
Tub Sponsor: P. S. Heating and Air Conditioning
Brown Steel Company

Tub Number: 22
Tub Name: G. I. Bill
Organization: S.T.I. Vets Club
Tub Colors: Red, White and Blue
Driver: Joe D'Ambrosio
Co-Driver: Phil Haxton
Pit Crew: Phil Haxton, Wayne Martin, John Sheppard and Tom Mullarky
Builder: Vets Club
Engine Type: MC-49 E McCullock racing engines
Tub Characteristics: Engines 80 cc each, fluid clutch and chain drive, dual disc brakes, channel aluminum frame.
Tub Sponsor: Andy's AMC-Jeep, Andy's Volkswagon-Fiat
Lum's - 2365 S. Cobb Dr., Smyrna, Ga.

Tub Number: 28
Tub Name: Shadow II
Organization: Shadow Racing and Tau Kappa Epsilon
Tub Colors: Black, Silver and White
Driver: Gene Sanders
Pit Crew: Danny Parrish, Jimmy Leatherwood, Jim Sussenbach and Bob Kiely
Builder: Gene Sanders, Engine - Danny Parrish
Engine Type: 175 cc Yamaha
Tub Characteristics: Twin Borg-Warner disc brakes, chrome moly frame, Goodyear Blue Streak racing tires
Tub Sponsor: Yamaha of Macon Ltd.
T.K.E.
Brown Steel Company

Tub Number: 44
Tub Name: Vermeer Varmint
Organization: Vermeer Racing Team
Tub Colors: Yellow and Black
Driver: Don Davidson
Co-Driver: Dan Smith
Pit Crew: Dan Smith, Benjie Hemphill, Alan Hughes, and Hal Jones
Builder: Don Davidson and Pit Crew
Engine Type: Puch 175 cc
Tub Characteristics: Chrome moly construction, Margay wheels, Goodyear Blue Streak tires, 4½' acid dipped tub, Hurst/Air Heart disc brakes, solid rear axle
Tub Sponsor: Vermeer Southeast Sales and Service

Tub Number: 54
Organization: L. A. Racing
Tub Colors: Maroon and Gold
Driver: David Lynn
Co-Driver: Terry Allen
Pit Crew: Garry Burns and Don Johnson
Builder: David Lynn, Terry Allen and Garry Burns
Engine Type: 175 cc Yamaha
Tub Characteristics: Rear mounted engine with
4-wheel disc brakes and chrome moly
stress relived frame
Tub Sponsor: David Lynn

Tub Number: 55
Tub Name: It's What's Up Front That Counts
Organization: Independent (Alumni)
Tub Colors: Red and Yellow
Driver: Jeff Beyers
Co-Driver: Carl Montgomery
Builder: Jeff Beyers
Engine Type: 175 cc Kawasaki 2-cycle
Tub Characteristics: It's new, it's different
from the ho-hum front wheel drive tub
of last year. This year, tub #55 has a
new look. For this race it features
rear wheel drive (it can be run as front
or rear wheel drive). It has a locked
rear axle, four wheel disc brakes, duel
master cylinders, chrome moly 6-4130
steel frame and interchangeable gas tanks.

Tub Number: 57
Organization: Independent
Tub Colors: Green and White
Driver: Jim J. Hills
Co-Driver: Jim Mercure
Pit Crew: Charlie Allen, Chip Cummins and Jerry
Turner
Builder: Jim Hills
Engine Type: Suzuki 175 cc
Tub Characteristics: Bonded aluminum frame,
motorcycle type steering, clutch and
throttle
Tub Sponsor: Applied Technical Service
Lockheed

Tub Number: 72
Tub Name: Triuba
Organization: Independent
Tub Colors: Blue and White
Driver: Lee Cuba
Co-Driver: Bert Cuba
Pit Crew: Lee Cuba, Bert Cuba, Glenn Cuba,
Kent Lewis and June Cuba on chalk board
Builder: Lee Cuba and Bert Cuba
Engine Type: Yamaha 175 cc piston port
Tub Characteristics: 3-wheels, full independent
suspension and front wheel drive
Tub Sponsor: National Used Auto Parts
East Side Cycle Shop
Ricky Evans

Tub Number: 76
Tub Name: Porsche Pusher
Organization: Lambda Chi Alpha
Tub Colors: Green and Gold
Driver: Mike Lowry
Co-Driver: Larry Hollingsworth
Pit Crew: John Fields, Leroy Walden and Leon
Wimpey
Builder: Lambda Chi Alpha
Engine Type: Kawasaki 175 cc
Tub Characteristics: Chrome moly composite frame,
adjustable weight transfer, dual disc
brakes
Tub Sponsor: Lambda Chi Alpha
Fairway Hills
Laurel Valley
Alumni
East-Side Cycle

Tub Number: 96
Organization: R. R. P. and Sigma Nu
Tub Colors: Red, White and Black
Driver: Tom Preacher
Pit Crew: Dana Whitlow, Bob Spence, Millie
Cone and John Farmer
Builder: Tom Preacher and Ray Brooks (engine
builder)
Engine Type: 175 cc Kawasaki 2-cycle
Tub Characteristics: 144 lb. acid dipped, side
mounted tub, chrome moly frame,
Hurst/Air Heart disc brakes, G.E.M.
dual-puck brake pads, Goodyear Blue
Streak racing slicks, Margay wheels,
solid rear axle, quick-change fuel
tanks, close ratio 5-speed transmission,
bored second over, polished and ported,
high compression head, cut rotary valve,
30 mm Mikuni carburetor, D.I.D. chain
drive, Torsten Hallman nylon cables,
light weight aluminum motor mounts
Tub Sponsor: Kelly Chrysler-Plymouth
The Mad Italian
RCA CB Co-Pilot Radios Distributed
by Southco Sales

THE WORLD FAMOUS BATHTUB RACE

Eleven years ago, the students of Southern Technical Institute in Marietta, Georgia began racing bathtubs. What started out as pledge-powered racing bathtubs has evolved into sophisticated motorcycle engine-powered racing machines.

Words, photos and film of the world's only motorized bathtub race on land have appeared in major racing publications as Autoweek and Road and Track, major newspapers across the country from the New York Times to the Palm Beach Post Times, television from California to New York. Stars and Stripes and the wire services have taken the Bathtub Race around the world. The result has been national and international publicity for Southern Tech.

And just as the racing bathtubs have changed from the heavier framed vehicles with car wheels to the lightweight chrome moly tubs with racing slicks, so too, a loosely organized group of drivers, pit crewmen and other bathtub racing enthusiasts have organized themselves into the Bathtub Racing Association at Southern Tech. BRA has been meeting every week since school began in September planning the Winter '77 Race. Besides building their racing machines and finding sponsors to finance them, BRA must handle every aspect of the race, safety, communications, flags, track marshalls, etc. BRA wishes to thank the Student Government Association for its support, the Southern Tech Physical Plant and Police Departments for their hard work, the Atlanta Triumph Club for volunteering to handle communications and flags, Southern Tech's radio station WSTB for the track sounds, the sponsors who finance the tubs, The STING for its special race edition, the faculty and staff who work as lap counters, safety committee members and all the students of Southern Tech who work so very hard to give Southern Tech its finest hours.

The Winter '77 Preview Race is held especially for the students, faculty and staff of Southern Tech and the sponsors and press.

It is a prelude to the biggest event on the Southern Tech campus and the most unique racing attraction in the world, the Spring Bathtub Race. Welcome Race Fans!

TIME TRIALS RESULTS

- (1) #17, Mike Van Steenburg, 69.3 sec.
- (2) #18, Zeke The Teke II, Butch Ballenger, 72.5
- (3) #44, Vermeer Varmint, Don Davidson, 73.8 sec
- (4) #96, Tom Preacher, 74.1 sec.
- (5) #28, Shadow II, Gene Sanders, 77.5 sec.
- (6) #11, Fireball, Gary Thomas, 79.6 sec.
- (7) #72, Triuba, Lee Cuba, 86.1 sec.
- (8) #14, Little John, Edward Jordan, 88.6 sec.