

## HISTORY OF THE BATHTUB RACE IT'S RACE TIME!

The scene is not that of the Monte Carlo Grand Prix but is, instead, the campus drive of Southern Technical Institute in Marietta, Georgia, where the most unique of all land races take place - the annual bathtub race. These are not just common bathtubs on wheels, mind you, but finely tuned racing machines. The formula is simple: Take any cast iron bathtub four feet in length, mount it on a tubular frame, attach a 175cc motorcycle engine, devise a steering system, and you're in business.

Of course, refinement of these basic requirements produce an Indy-type bathtub racer that negotiates the 1.1 mile track filled with hairpins, S-turns, straightaways, and gently banked turns at speeds in excess of 60 miles an hour. Nowhere in the world is there another race that can compare to this one.

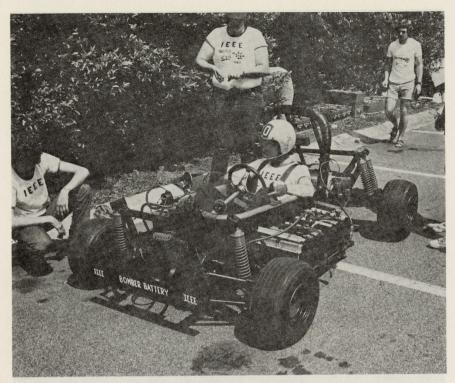
Bathtub racing is a relatively new sport at Southern Tech. It made its campus appearance about 10 years ago when two fraternities, using tubs mounted on wheels as a means of carrying beer, spontaneously began a race. Other clubs and fraternities soon picked up the idea and bathtub racing as an organized sport was born. The original tubs were pieced-together racers with little more than ropes to guide them and powered by the energy of unfortunate pledges. The track consisted of a series of man-made obstacles such as opened fire hydrants, mud puddles and water balloons. Despite its crude beginnings, the idea of bathtub racing took hold and grew. It has evolved into a major racing attraction that draws national attention.



Tub Number: 1
Tub Name: Sigma Pi
Organization: Sigma Pi
Tub Colors: Purple, White and Gold
Driver: Jim Bailey
Co-Driver: Larry Smith
Pit Crew: Charles Evans, Doug Crawford, Ed Woodward and Larry Smith
Builder: Sigma Pi
Engine Type: Honda 175cc
Tub Characteristics: Steel frame, rear axle drive, Honda 175cc, 4-speed



Tub Number: 8
Tub Name: Zeke The Teke
Organization: Tau Kappa Epsilon
Tub Colors: Silver, Gray and Red
Driver: Slim Hayman
Co-Driver: Dean Hayman
Pit Crew: David Walker, Mike Harrison and Scott Connell
Builder: Robert Liber, Mike Mask and Slim Hayman
Engine Type: Honda 175cc
Tub Characteristics: 5-speed transmission, rear wheel drive, winner of '69 '72, '73, '74 Bathtub Races
Tub Sponsor: P.S. Heating and Air Conditioning



Tub Name: The Bomber

Organization: STI Chapter of Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers

Tub Colors: Black and Red

Driver: Tim M. Strike

Co-Driver: Andy Schram

Pit Crew: Randy Connelly, Steve Combs and Steve Odom

Builder: IEEE Club, contributions from LPM Parts and Service and Bomber Batteries

Engine Type: 10.5 horsepower electric by General Electric

Tub Characteristics: 4-wheel independent suspension, rack and pinion steering, dry ice cooling, 1700 lbs and disc brakes



Tub Name: The Asphalt Angel

Organization: Society for the Advancement of Management

Tub Colors: Orange and Black

Driver: Glenn C. Welch

Co-Driver: Janet Flynn

Pit Crew: Jim Gilreath and Tom Samford

Builder: Glenn C. Welch

Engine Type: Harley Davidson

Tub Characteristics: Chrome-moly frame, capacitive discharge ignition, Martin gears, magnesium wheels, Hurst shifter, dual Hurst-Airheart brakes

Tub Sponsors: Atlanta Mannequins Finishing and Modeling Academy and Clark Manufacturing Company, Inc.



Tub Name: Overnight Wonder

Organization: STI Chapter of the American Society of Mechnical Engineers

Tub Colors: Blue and Yellow

Driver: Mike Van Steenburg

Co-Driver: Louis Bondurant

Pit Crew: Walter Exley, John Parker and Dennis Keene

Builder: ASME Chapter

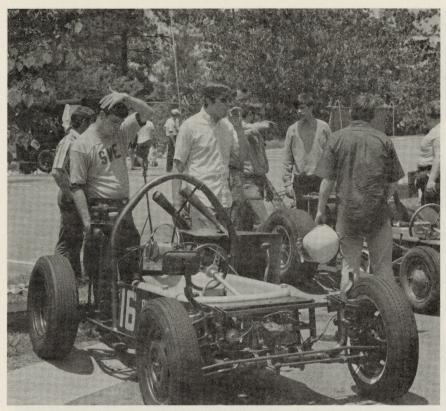
Engine Type: Honda 175cc

Tub Characteristcs: Chrome-moly frame

Tub Sponsors: John Q. Bullard Associates, Inc. and J.J. Finnegan

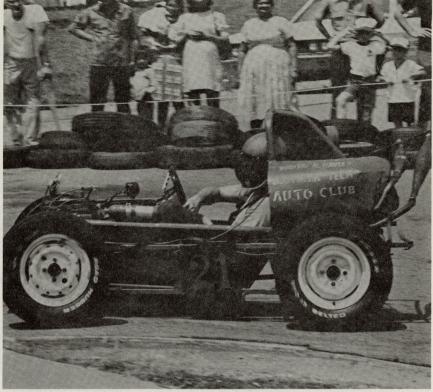


Tub Number: 14 Tub Name: Little John Organization: STI Chapter of the Society for Manufacturing Engineers Tub Colors: Blue and Yellow Driver: Ray Davis Co-Driver: Carl Montgomery Pit Crew: Tom Miles and Ken Katle Builder: Society for Manufacturing Engineers Chapter Engine Type: Honda 175cc Tub Characteristics: Austin Mini-Couper front and rear, full independent suspension, won second place twice and third place once in previous races, best engineered for two years.



Tub Number: 16 Tub Name: SME Big John Organization: STI Chapter of the Society for Manufacturing Engineers Tub Colors: Blue and Yellow Driver: Court Dowis Pit Crew: Tom Miles, Ken Katle and Carl Montgomery Builder: Society for Manufacturing Engineers Chapter Engine Type: Honda 175cc Tub Characteristics: Fiat rear end, one of the heaviest and largest tubs in the race, has won three 2nd place trophies and has received best engineered tub

trophy.



Tub Number: 21
Tub Name: The High Roller
Organization: Southern Tech Auto Club
Tub Colors: Blue, White and Red
Driver: Fred Cook
Co-Driver: Lamar Lowe
Pit Crew: Tom Silhavy, Robin Blythe and Alan Hooper
Builder: Fred Cook
Engine Type: 175cc Bridgestone, redesigned for bath- tub running
Tub Characteristics: Oversized left brakes so the tub pulls to inside on left hand turns, one of the oldest tubs still racing



Tub Name: The SNAFU

Organization: STI Lions International Club and STI Veterans Club

Tub Colors: Gold and Purple

Driver: Bob Dean

Co-Driver: Tim McCarthy

Pit Crew: Russell Beach and Charles Aud

Builder: Veterans Club

Enginee Type: 160cc Honda

Tub Characteristics: Differential rear end, drum brakes on rear end, mechanical linkage steering



Tub Name: Wally Clark

Organization: Independent (alumnus)

Tub Colors: Red, White and Blue

Driver: Wally Clark

Pit Crew: Mike Wysong, Jim Brannon and Drannan Dobbs

Builder: Wally Clark

Engine Type: Ossa 175cc

Tub Characteristics: Ossa 175cc engine, Airheart hydraulic disc brakes, magnesium wheels, Carlile tires, solid rear axle, frame made of 4130 chrome-moly steel tubing.

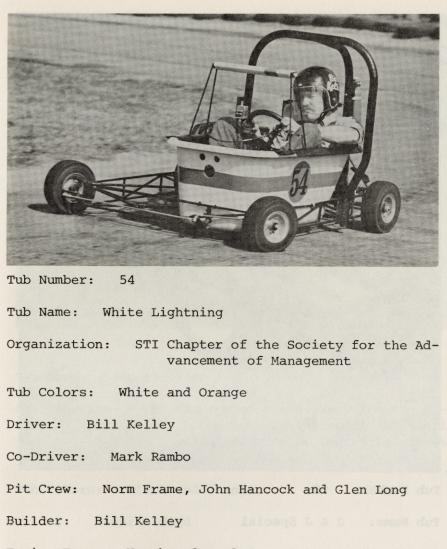


Tub Number: 28 Sanders Shadow II Tub Name: Organization: Shadow Racing Tub Colors: Black, Silver and White Driver: Gene Sanders Co-Driver: Pit Crew: Will Robinson, James Turner, Dan Smith and Dennis Womack Builder: Gene Sanders Engine Type: Honda 175cc, 5-speed, twin carbs Tub Characteristics: Chrome-moly frame, acid dipped tub, 10" rear mags, Goodyear racing tires, special differential and twin rear disc brakes



Tub Number: 43 Tub Name: Midnight Special Organization: Delta Phi Delta Tub Colors: Blue, Yellow and Orange Driver: Tom Preacher Co-Driver: Steve Pressley Pit Crew: George Mills, Eddie Peebles and Rodney Bridges Tom Preacher, Steve Pressley and Rodney Builder: Bridges Engine Type: Honda 161cc, bored once over, 4 cycle, 2 cylinder engine Tub Characteristics: Solid chassis, chrome-moly frame, 5'1" tub, rear chain drive, rack and pinion steering, 86" length, 42" wheel base, 4-speed gearbox, drum brakes

in rear



Engine Type: Yamaha, 2-cycle

Tub Characteristics: Chrome-moly space frame, capacitive discharge ignition, dual Hurst-Airheart disc brakes, high compression head, ported and polished, periscope mirror, Goodyear racing tires. THIS TUB IS FOR SALE.

Tub Sponsors: Society for the Advancement of Management, American Institute of Industrial Engineers, Yamaha of Marietta and F. & H. Racing



Tub Number: 55 Tub Name: J & J Special Organization: Independent Tub Colors: Black and Yellow Driver: Jeff Beyers Co-Driver: James Waits Pit Crew: Joe Liptak and Roger Bryant Builder: Jeff Beyers and James Waits Engine Type: 175cc Honda, 4-stroke Tub Characteristics: Front wheel drive



Tub Name: The Streaker

Organization: STI Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management and American Institute of Industrial Engineers

Tub Colors: Black and Orange

Driver: Vicki Aldred

Co-Driver:

Pit Crew: Ed Ferguson and Julie Evans

Builder: Glenn C. Welch

Engine Type: Tecumseh Racing Engine, 172cc

Tub Characteristics: First tub to be driven by a female driver. Tub won most comical tub last spring. Automatic clutch, 5 ft. bathtub and aluminum wheels

Tub Sponsor: Atlanta Adult Bookstore



- Tub Name: Porsche Pusher
- Organization: Lambda Chi Alpha
- Tub Colors: Green, Gold and White
- Driver: Tommy Onsrud
- Co-Driver: Steve Windham
- Pit Crew: Owen Brinson, Holt Rogers, Steve Hair
- Builder: Tommy Onsrud, Owen Brinson and Steve Windham
- Engine Type: 175cc Honda, 5-speed gearbox

Tub Characteristics: First place in Winter '75 Preview Race, chrome-moly frame, go kart front end, solid rear axle, wheel base 56", width center to center 46½", approximate weight 340 lbs., tub and engine may be switched for proper weight distribution to run on either side of the tub, depending on the track.

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