

Course Designer's Revenge Part Deux

They're baaaaaacccccccccckkkkkk! Yes, just when you thought it was safe to walk the latest Solo course, you get the word that the rest-home-rejects who design courses have decided to challenge you again. Yes, this is why Eskimos put old folks on ice floes and bid them "Bon chance!"

However, with global warming all the rage, the paucity of ice floes means you will once again have to suffer the insanities of Casey and Pat's two-cycle kart fume damaged brains. Look on this as payback for certain carbon footprint and global warming accusations that have been unfairly brought against the karting community.

So, we are back for a second attempt to torture the Glen Region with a series of driving directions that flaunt every safety rule known to man and beast, and would make Dr. Brown (remember Brownian Motion?) nauseous.

We have chosen Sunday, October 26, 2007 at the Arnot Mall as the time and place to unleash the latest ramblings of our fume-ravaged brains: The Course Designer's Revenge Part Deux.

Be afraid. Be very afraid.

The Glen Region End-of-Season Funkhana is an event that will challenge you in a way you have never been challenged before. It is intended as a celebration of another year of racing competition and fun.

This event is open to all Glen Region members and anyone who competed in a Glen Region event this year. Like any Glen event, we have a set of rules:

1. There will be several individuals who will be the event judges; they will grant points and awards at their whim. All decisions by these judges will be final, unless the judges decide otherwise. Attempts to influence the judges by means of threatened violence, monetary bribes, blackmail and other disgusting and sordid means will be fruitless. Attempts to influence the judges with prurient offers will be considered.
2. Your car must have at least two seats. Why? Because we said so! Also because you will also be required to compete in the Funkhana with a navigator!
3. Guess what the next rule is? Ayup, bring along a navigator. A navigator can be a spouse, a friend, a significant other, a "not nearly so significant" other, a "we used to be significant but now can barely stand each other's company" other, a hitchhiker, someone you met in that weird bar your friends dragged you to last night, or even your parole officer. If you can't find any of those, well.. come along anyway and we'll make sure you have someone riding along. No, we will not allow blow-up latex dummies, unless they have a current SCCA competition license!
4. Helmets are not required, though there may be an award for most creative headgear.
5. Your car must pass a highly detailed technical inspection. In particular it must have tires, preferably at least several on each side of the car. Inflated if possible. The car should have a motor capable of propelling the car to a speed of at least 15 miles per hour. Brakes should be capable of slowing the car down and eventually bringing it to a stop. The car's transmission must be capable of reverse. Cars with non-functional cigarette lighters will be scorned. Umm.. that's about it.
6. Cars will compete one at a time and there will be only one car on course at a time. Why? First and foremost, to ensure that all derogatory comments and insults are appropriately directed at only that car. Second, since the course may involve actions such as going forward, backward, stopping, turning or any combination of those actions, we really can't imagine anyone else wanting to be anywhere near the car on course.
7. The navigator will have some duties to perform, so be sure to have a navigator willing to cooperate. Navigators unwilling to cooperate will be mocked, then stoned. Drivers bringing navigators unwilling to cooperate will not be mocked, but will be stoned. We also recommend bringing a navigator who is somewhat trustworthy. Why? Oh, you'll see....
8. This event will emphasize an egalitarian approach to classification of vehicles. All cars will compete in the same class.
9. Points will be awarded at the whim of the judges who may bestow points for any reason that compels them to act.
10. Cars will be ranked by points earned, though awards may be given to any finishing positions that strike the whim of the judges. Suggestion: study up on prime numbers.

11. The awards ceremony will be held after the event somewhere close where we will have a Bar-B-Que awaiting all of us. Except, of course, uncooperative navigators. We don't like uncooperative navigators.
12. Finally, anyone found to be taking the event too seriously will be summarily expelled.

The cost? Twenty dollars per car. Such a deal!

The schedule:

- Registration 8:00 am – 9:00 am
- Tech: Huh? Did you read the rules?
- Driver's meeting 9:15 am
- Novice walk: Hey, we're all novices so try to scope the course while you're registering.
- First car: As soon as we can find someone brave enough to take to the course.
- Go-kart runs: start around 1:00 pm

After a requisite number of Funkhana runs, we will setup a simple solo course for folks to try a ride in one of the go-karts. No joking here: You **MUST** have a full face Snell 95 or better helmet and be wearing scuff-resistant clothing. Gloves of some sort are suggested. We will have a couple of loaner helmets and driver's suits available for those who enjoy Casey Cooties.... Of course, you also have to be able to fit in the kart!