

Let's Go Valve Cover Racin' . . .

VALVE COVER RACES! Never heard of it, you say? Here's the deal: It's a lot like the Pinewood Derby races that your neighborhood Cub Scouts do. Only bigger. Bigger boys have bigger toys. Girls do too! Simply take an old valve cover, slap a set of wheels under it, find an incline somewhere, and say to your buddy, "Bet mine's faster'n yers!", and Bubba, 'ya probably got 'yerself a race. There are a few rules, of course, but not many. In order to keep this from turning into an NWACC type fiasco...i.e...crushed under the weight of the NWACC competition rule book...we're borrowing the guidelines used by our Canadian friends. Very simple. And, if we build to their standards, perhaps we can entice some international competition some day.

THERE WILL BE (3) CLASSES:

STOCK	MODIFIED	UNLIMITED
Must use small block Chevy valve cover. Must be short type only. Can be steel or aluminum.	Must be small block Chevy valve cover. Can be TALL or short. Can be steel, aluminum, cast, or carbon fiber.	Can be small or big block Chevy or other make. Can be TALL or short. Can be any material.
Must be stock in appearance (no wings, etc.) Maximum width 10 in. Maximum weight 5 lbs.	Wings and accessories are allowed. Maximum width 10 in. Maximum weight 7 lbs.	Modifications are allowed. Maximum width 11.5 in. Maximum weight 15 lbs.

RULES and SPECIFICATIONS

VALVE COVERS	TRACK
NO engines or motors are allowed. GRAVITY power only.	Will be 20-30 feet long.
Leading edge of racer must contact track starting pin (pin extends 2" above track)	Starting line will be 4 feet off the floor.
All entries must be officially weighed in.	Lanes will be 12 inches wide.
Valve Covers must pass a technical inspection.	Rails will be 2 inches high.
Valve Covers must have a minimum of 3 wheels.	Races will be electronically timed, if possible.
Individual entries are allowed in one class only.	Eliminations will proceed after time trials and qualifying runs completed.
all track measurements are approximate	

GENERAL

Entrants are responsible for staging their own Valve Cover entry.
Racing is open to kids (ALL ages), one official entry per person, after time trials. Unsportsmanlike behavior will result in disqualification (& heavy shame!). Organizers do not accept responsibility for injury or damage to persons or property or for failure to have fun. Yer on yer own, bubba!
Decisions of the Organizers will be final. Protests will NOT be acknowledged. Awards may be made for People's Choice, Rusty Wheels, and Competition classes. Anything NOT specifically PROHIBITED by above rules is LEGAL. Anything NOT specifically REQUIRED by above rules is OPTIONAL. And finally. . . there AIN'T NO MORE RULES!

So there you have it. Dig around in your garage & find that old valve cover you've been using to store old rocker arms & rusty head bolts that you'll never ever use again. Dump the junk out of it, slap on a set of wheels (and maybe a coat of spiffy paint) and LET'S GO RACIN' . . . !