



**Buggy Alumni Association**



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# A Word from the President

**August 2023**

*By Connor Hayes*

Hello Buggy Fans!

Welcome to your fall news letter for the 2023-2024 buggy season! This year is a particularly special Buggy year as we will witness the 100th race of the most fearsome, blood curling, rip-roaring, adrenaline pumping sport on 3 wheels! We have a lot of amazing things planned for the coming year to build on the great things that have been happening since our centennial celebration and fundraising began in 2019.

Each one of our committee leads has crafted a personalized blurb to get you all up to speed on what they will be tackling this year. If any of the initiatives sound interesting, and you want to volunteer your assistance please reach out and let us know! To deliver a worthy 100th celebration we need you, our awesome Buggy community members, to step up and help whatever way you can.

I can't wait to see you all around the course throughout this school year! And with that introduction I will turn it over to my fearless BAA Board to give you the latest updates in the buggy sphere!

# Key Dates - Fall

## 9/9 Career Event

Work with current students to network, review resumes, and offer career and interview advice to help prepare for the upcoming career fairs.

## 9/16 First Rolls

The expected opening weekend of Fall 2023 freeroll practices.

## TBA History of Buggy

Lead by Tom Wood, this presentation provides an incredible firsthand insight into how buggy became the sport we know and love.

## 11/11-11/12 Mini Raceday

We will be looking for alumni to volunteer to time mini raceday on Nov 11. If you're interested in volunteering, mark your calendars and keep an eye out for a volunteer form being released closer to the date.

## 11/28 Giving Tuesday

The best day to donate to your team, student org, or the BAA to take advantage of donation matching by CMU.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS ON FALL  
BAA SOCIAL EVENTS!

# Key Dates - Spring

## 4/6-4/7 Truck Weekend

Dress rehearsal for Raceday 24, where teams will simulate Raceday conditions and finalize team selections.

## 4/11-4/13 Carnival

A half week of celebrations with BAA event offerings each day including a welcome dinner, Buggy Showcase, Buggy Bash, and Raceday 24!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS ON OUR BAA  
EVENTS THIS SPRING!



# Get Involved!

*Take a look at what the BAA Committees are up to, and reach out if you're interested in volunteering!*

## Broadcast

The Broadcast Committee works to improve the broadcast for all involved (from providing guidance and insight to cmuTV; coordinating broadcasters; preparing and funding future data, video, and photography initiatives, etc.). Two focal points for this year's committee are 1.) working with the University to expand the Buggy broadcast's overall audience and reach and 2.) preparing and documenting processes, contacts, etc., and working with the students and their vendors and the ops committee earlier in the planning cycle to ensure enhancements and changes are noted, costs are determined, and potential avenues of funding are explored.

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## Buggy Endowment Fund

Dividends from the Buggy Endowed Fund provide perpetual funding for Buggy Enhancement Grants. Applications are considered at the beginning of each semester. With over \$6,000 granted to 9 applicants from 7 different orgs, our Spring 2023 campaign was a huge success! If you have an idea that you would like to see funded to enhance your buggy experience, all it takes is a short paragraph and a tentative budget. Details for the Fall 2023 campaign are coming soon!

Contact: [wadegordon@cmubuggy.org](mailto:wadegordon@cmubuggy.org)

## Event Planning

This fall, the events committee is planning a drop-in professional development and mentorship event for current students. Alumni will help students with resume, interview, and networking questions to prepare for the major career fairs. If you're interested, please fill out [this form](#)! Also, keep an eye out for information about your favorite recurring events such as History of Buggy, Mini Raceday, Showcase, Buggy Bash, and Raceday! If you have strong feelings about how these events should go this year, please reach out.

Contact: [samuel.mthomp@gmail.com](mailto:samuel.mthomp@gmail.com)

# BAA Committees

## Marketing, Graphics, and Rolls Reports

Marketing and Graphics is responsible for managing outreach for BAA and keeping alumni up-to-date with the buggy activities happening on campus. On top of managing the Raceday preview and rolls reports, this year we aim to improve outreach and communication with alumni, including revitalizing our newsletters and sending more regular updates to members, as well as introducing more merchandise options through an online storefront to help you show your buggy spirit.

We are currently looking for a Rolls Report Chair! If you're interested, reach out to [marketing@cmubuggy.org](mailto:marketing@cmubuggy.org).

## History

The history committee is continuing to categorize and tag photos in our new photo gallery and is looking for new photos every day! We're also looking to get some older Raceday footage (including a compilation of Raceday 2021 video) onto our YouTube page. If you have any photos or videos from the past 103 years of Buggy, or know anyone who does, reach out to us at [data@cmubuggy.org](mailto:data@cmubuggy.org).

In addition to that, we're working on plans to celebrate the past 100 Racedays, including some additional "100 Years of Buggy History" articles and potentially some Raceday Rewatches. So be on the lookout for new historical content!

Contact: [data@cmubuggy.org](mailto:data@cmubuggy.org)

## Teams

The teams committee is supporting some existing teams with new builds this year, as well as guiding one new team onto the course.

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# BAA Committees

## Website

Since Raceday, the Website committee has been focused on updating our infrastructure to modern versions of the software we use as well as completely documenting our systems and practices. We're hoping to dramatically reduce our hosting costs by working directly with CMU soon. Finally, we're in discussions with a CMU Information Systems professor about potentially working with their students on improvements to the overall site design as part of coursework. If you're interested in helping with the design or development of the web site, please reach out!

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*Interested in getting involved? Fill out this form with your information to reach out!*

<https://cmubuggy.org/2023interest>



# Meet Stacie Gardner

Hello! My name is Stacie Gardner, and I began in February 2023 as an Assistant Director in SLICE (Student Leadership, Involvement, and Civic Engagement) at CMU.

Within my role, I am responsible for the general operations of student organizations through areas of advising (Sweepstakes, GSA, CoSO, WRCT, and cmuTV), shop management, TartanConnect management (our online platform that has recently replaced The Bridge), and more.

I am a native of Pittsburgh, but have lived out of state for the past 10 years working as an elementary school teacher. In moving back to the Burgh, I pursued a long-time calling of working in student affairs and have loved every minute of it!

Outside of my role, I enjoy spending time with family, friends, and our pup, Murphy, whether we're running, eating, traveling, or just hanging out! I am honored to serve as advisor to Sweepstakes and am pumped for the year ahead!



**Stacie Gardner**  
*Slice Asst. Director*

# Membership Survey 2023

Want to help the BAA grow and improve? Fill out our annual member feedback form to let us know what you want to see from us at BAA for the next year!

<https://cmubuggy.org/2023membersurvey>