



**Buggy Alumni Association**



# **RACEDAY PREVIEW**

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY 2023



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# Schedule of Events

## 4/12 Wednesday

### 6 - 7 p.m. - WRCT Radio Buggy Preview

Tune into WRCT Radio to hear Buggy Alumni Association (BAA) guest panelists as they talk about Buggy.

## 4/13 Thursday

### 12 - 2 p.m. - Buggy Showcase

#### Weigand Gym

Kick off your Carnival Weekend with Buggy! View the latest buggy designs, talk with the teams, enjoy kid-friendly buggy activities, and vote for the Buggy People's Choice Award.

### 8 - 10 p.m. - Buggy Kickoff Dinner

#### Fuel & Fuddle

Come join the Buggy Alumni Association for our annual kickoff dinner! Connect and catch up with your fellow buggy alumni as we gear up for Raceday 2023.

# Schedule of Events

## 4/14 Friday

### **8 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Sweepstakes Preliminary Races** **Schenley Park course on Tech, Frew & Schenley**

Come watch a long-held CMU tradition where teams compete in an exciting sport best described as a mix between a relay race and bobsled!

Can't make it back to campus? We'll live stream the races through cmuTV. You may also tune into WRCT Radio to hear the play-by-play. If you're interested in being a part of our live chat, join our BAA Discord at [cmubuggy.org/chat](https://cmubuggy.org/chat).

### **8 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Buggy Donut Tent** **The Chute, Frew Street**

All are welcome to stop by to grab a donut and refreshments in between watching the races! Sponsored by the Alumni Association.

### **7-9 p.m. - Buggy Bash** **Schatz Dinning Hall, 2nd floor UC**

Buggy Bash is back! Join buggy students and alumni for a night of food, trivia, and our lead truck auction – this year, live and in person.

Note: Registration required. No event fee.



# Schedule of Events

## 4/15 Saturday

### **8 a.m.-12 p.m. - Sweepstakes Final Races Schenley Park (course on Tech, Frew & Schenley)**

Watch the exciting conclusion to this year's Sweepstakes races as teams take on the final heats that stand between them and the championship title.

### **8 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Buggy Donut Tent Frew Street**

All are welcome to stop by to grab a donut and refreshments in between watching the races! Sponsored by the Alumni Association.

### **3 - 4 p.m. History of Buggy**

Buggy historians share the history of CMU's unique sport from how it started to how it all became what it is today.

Note: Registration required. No event fee.

### **4:30 - 6 p.m. Carnival Booth & Sweepstakes Award Ceremony Midway Stage, The Cut**

[Rain location: McConomy Auditorium, 1st Floor, CUC]

Managed by Spring Carnival Committee and Sweepstakes

# 2022 Women's Results

Place	Team	Buggy	Prelim	Reroll	Notes
1	Spirit A	Seraph	2:45.18		
2	Pika A	Banshee	2:46.95		
3	Fringe A	Burnout	2:49.05		
4	Spirit B	Mapambazuko	2:55.88		
5	Fringe B	Baltic		2:57.18	Stop to avoid pass. Reroll
6	Pika B	Cleona	2:57.85		





# 2022 Men's Results

Place	Team	Buggy	Prelim	Reroll	Notes
1	SDC A	Inferno	2:08.74		
2	PiKA A	Banshee	2:13.59		
3	CIA A	Emperor	2:14.13		
4	Apex A	Firefly	2:18.64		
5	Spirit B	Seraph	2:21.33		
6	SigNu A	Bungarus Krait	2:22.72		





# Meet an Alumnus

## Who am I?

I graduated in 2015 with a combo Theatrical Stage/Production Management and Ethics, History, and Public Policy degree. You might remember me from either the buggy crash test project or the fact that I built an all-wooden buggy in the shape of the modern ones. It was a winter break project in my parents' basement and had a successful (very, very slow) roll around the course.

## Why did I get involved in buggy?

I've always loved building things! I joined CIA as a mechanic and led the build for Icarus, the first buggy with a shape that's either 'weird' or 'visionary' depending on your frame of reference. Later, I had the opportunity to drive for Apex and I feel very lucky that I was able to experience the breadth of buggy on two fantastic teams.

## How has it helped me professionally since graduation?

I ended up in project and product management, which aligns very closely with what I learned managing a buggy build. I actually shared my documentation of the Icarus design and execution at an interview and got that job!

## What role do you play in the community now?

I have produced Chute the Sh!t for the last 3 years. I put together the topics, interviewees, and edit the podcast. I've really enjoyed hearing a diverse set of guests share their 3 am stories, disappointments, and points of pride surrounding buggy. As a student my buggy experience was fairly siloed; a lot of us don't participate much beyond our own team(s). I hope that getting a personal peek into different teams and roles - past and present - helps bring us closer as a community.



**Rachael Schmitt**  
*Class of 2015*



# Team Summaries

by Tishya Girdhar



## Apex est. 2011

Apex has shown a new level of strength this year, with consistently high turnout and positive energy during rolls! The year was off to an eventful start for the team when during first rolls, a car drove onto the

course. Thankfully the driver was somehow unaware the car was even there (thanks to swift action by radio club and sweeps), but it was only up from there! By day two of fall rolls, they already had one buggy/driver combo at max carryover for rolls. The fall also brought Apex their first mini-raceday title, in the all gender division. They definitely set themselves up as a team to watch that day, with the fastest free roll of any buggy without heated wheels, though their push teams seemed a bit less competitive as a whole.

The team continued to have a strong turnout in the spring, They were practicing hill 1 as early as the first day of spring rolls, taking their pusher training very seriously from the get-go. They continued slow and steady for the rest of the semester, and debuted their new buggy - currently called Scorch - during March 26 rolls. In true Apex fashion, Scorch made its first appearance covered in chalk drawings of memes. Scorch seemed to be doing quite well during rolls, with the driver fully qualified (other than a missing pass test) going into truck weekend. With their high support and turnout, contagious positive energy, and strong new build, Apex is definitely a team to watch for RD23!

## Record Times

Men's B: 02:15:63 (2018)  
Women's A: 02:47.53 (2017)



## CIA est. 1970

CIA came in strong and intimidating in the fall, rolling up to four buggies at a time on the first day of rolls. Though maybe it was too much too soon, since they also started the semester off with two incidents - both controlled stops - on that first day.

Thankfully the rest of the fall was a lot smoother for the team, and they managed to finish the semester with 5 driver/buggy combos at max carry-over. They took a unique approach during mini raceday - deciding to 'race' their own buggies to give their pushers a little extra motivation. This definitely paid off on their women's side where their best times added up to a 2:55 (a full 4 seconds faster than any other team's theoretical best for the women's division). However, their men's side was definitely a little less competitive, where their best times yielded a 2:28. Going into the spring, it definitely seemed like they were lacking some of those top end men's hill times to truly compete.

CIA continued the pattern and showed up to day one of spring rolls with four buggies. That weekend the work paid off - they were the first team to fully qualify not one, but two buggy/driver combos for raceday. Their strength wavered a little bit a couple weeks before raceday, where they had two incidents - one lost wheel resulting in a spin in the chute, and one controlled stop. But they definitely seemed to be gaining speed going into raceday. Could this be their year?

## Record Times

Men's A: 2:08.88 (2016)

Women's A: 2:31.06 (2016)



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## DG est. 2019

After some speculation in the fall that they may not be returning to the course, DG came in slow and steady in the spring. They seemed to be taking their time getting rolls, often only coming for one day out of the weekend (if at all).

DG is now rolling Insite, Fringe's build from 2003. We last saw this buggy roll in a raceday with Apex in 2012, and it definitely needed some tuning. Through the spring, they were struggling a bit with the buggy's maintenance but they still came through, already qualifying their driver (other than a pass test) prior to truck weekend. Rumor has it that DG may be planning to build next year, and we are so excited to have a new team on the course!

## Record Times

Men's A: 2:40.36 (2022)

Women's A: 3:16.43 (2022)







## FRINGE est. 1969

After a challenging year last year, Fringe took things easy - only rolling two buggies per day for most of the fall. But that doesn't mean things weren't interesting! During first rolls, they had an accidental pass in the freeroll, resulting in an engaging race on

the backhills. Mini raceday only cemented our sense that they are in transition right now - feeling like one of the smallest teams on the course in terms of manpower. Only 1 timed roll was completed for the men's division and it fell .5 seconds ahead of the time from Apex.

Fringe continued to take things slow in the spring, seemingly struggling to have the large turnout we're used to seeing from them. They did have a relatively uneventful semester, other than a couple small driver minor incidents. However, they seemingly added two new buggies to their fleet - one that we expected, and another, currently called Barbie. Regardless of buggies, Fringe is looking to be a bit of a toss up going into raceday this year.

## Record Times

Men's A: 2:05.08 (2011)

Women's A: 2:34.70 (2001)







## PiKA est. 1921

Lucky for PiKA, their unstable rolls tent does not correlate with an unstable year. They were a steady presence on the course in the fall, having a handful of wildlife interactions (a controlled stop due to geese, another due to deer). They also pulled

through incredibly strong during mini raceday – throwing up either the fastest or second-fastest time on every hill, and the fastest free roll time of the day. Their theoretical best time was a 2:14, which was an impressive time to see in the fall.

We saw similar speed and strength in the spring, though PiKA definitely took it a bit easier with the number of rolls they attended. They are definitely looking to be a strong contender for raceday - with three buggies almost qualified going into truck weekend, and only one noteworthy incident in the spring.



## Record Times

Men's A: 2:04.35 (2008)  
Women's A: 2:29.83 (2004)





## Robobuggy est. 2013

Robobuggy's buggy - NAND - spent the fall semester in their shop, but they came out strong in the spring. They were a consistent presence at rolls, slowly but surely working up to their first fully autonomous roll since

2019! They finally made it around the course with no interventions nor crashes and even had a stellar chute turn.

## SDC est. 1974

Our dear course record holders have had quite a year. During one of their first rolls of the year, one driver failed to turn into the chute, and hit one of the bridge barricades and another stopped near the Panther Hollow bridge due to excessive vibration. This was just the beginning of a series of incidents that they encountered during rolls - ranging from wildlife to lost wheels to driver accidents. Despite this, they came in looking strong and confident on mini raceday (though not quite at their full potential). This confidence wasn't quite reflected in their times - their highest theoretical time is a 2:25, but this doesn't mean that there wasn't strong recruitment happening behind the scenes.



The spring semester only continued this unfortunate series of incidents, ultimately resulting in a full team DQ for the year. We are sad to not be seeing them out in full force this year.

## Record Times

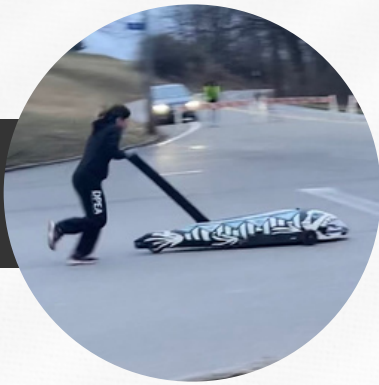
Men's A: 2:02.16 (2017)

Women's A: 2:23.27 (2017)

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## SigEp est. 1921

In the fall, SigEp was an unproblematic and consistent presence at rolls. They were out with Kraken or Barracuda (or both) almost every weekend, making slow but steady progress towards qualifying both drivers.

This consistent practice paid off during mini

raceday, where the team pulled (by far) the fastest hill 1 time of the day. On top of this, their men's team rolled a 2:26, which gave them fourth and was just half of a second behind SDC.

They continued their slow and steady approach into the spring semester, coming out every weekend and fully qualifying both buggy/driver combos before truck weekend. Though they still maybe have some logistical pieces to work on, SigEp is looking quite strong going into raceday, and are absolutely trending upwards.

## Record Times

Men's A: 2:08.55 (2009)

Women's A: 2:33.95 (2009)

## SigNu est. 1916

SigNu took things a little bit light this year - only showing up to a handful of rolls in the fall.

However, their new build Jaeger is looking incredibly impressive, and they had lots of potential going into the spring semester.

During the spring, we saw SigNu out consistently with both of their buggies - Jaeger and their 2009 build Bungarus Krait. They are definitely showing some serious promise going into raceday - attempting to race in both men's and women's races this year with their two buggies.



## Record Times

Men's A: 2:09.05 (1985)

Women's A: 2:40.55 (2009)



## Spirit est. 1985

Spirit was an incident-free presence at rolls this year - consistently showing up with a strong fleet of buggies, drivers, mechanics, pushers - and having very very few incidents. By the end of the first weekend of fall rolls, 3 out of their 5 caped drivers

were already at max carryover. They were also the first team to do hill ones in the fall semester. Spirit dominated the women's category on mini raceday - winning the division, queen of the hill, and women's fastest freeroll, and were looking incredibly strong going into the spring.

Spring semester brought clear pusher training for spirit, and they easily had all five of their driver/buggy combos fully qualified going into truck weekend. They won women's last year - maybe this year is their chance to take home men's?

## Record Times

Men's A: 2:06.20 (1988)

Women's A: 2:33.03 (1995)





# 2023 Predictions

by Connor Hayes

Welcome, Welcome buggy fans to your raceday predictions guide. I am your host, Will wein... Connor Hayes! And I can't wait to share with you my predictions on what might just be the most exciting raceday in history.

For those who have not heard, SDC was disqualified from raceday this year. Sweepstakes expressed concern with a high number of incidents involving SDC drivers and in the ensuing weeks attempted to address the issues with the team. Due to unsportsmanlike conduct in the handling of this process a ban from participating in 2023 was handed down.

While this is an incredibly unfortunate resolution for everyone involved, this has completely opened up the race in every division. And if you haven't heard, we now have 3 divisions of races! So I will stop rambling now and get on with the scheduled programming. Here they are everyone, the official BAA Raceday 2023 predictions.

## All Gender

### Prediction:

1. PiKA A
2. Apex A
3. Spirit A
4. CIA A
5. Fringe A

Fringe, PiKA, CIA, Spirit, and Apex will all be competing for the first-ever All Gender division trophy! After concerns expressed in recent years of a lack of inclusion for students of all identities, this new division was founded to make buggy bigger and better. More divisions means more racing for all to enjoy. Competing on Saturday, this is the most unknown division in terms of the front runner. Only Apex and Spirit ran representative All Gender teams on truck weekend, and they are nearly identical in pace. PiKA, CIA and Fringe are all complete unknowns. We wouldn't be surprised if this is the closest division on raceday, so make sure to make it to the course early on Saturday to see what we are expecting will be a highlight of the weekend.

## Women's Division

Returning champions Spirit or last year's 2nd Fastest team CIA. Who is going to take it in the women's division?

On truck weekend these two powerhouse teams had a clear advantage to the rest of the field, ~10 seconds clear of 3rd place CIA B. Last year, Spirit used superior team training and operational excellence to snag their first women's division title since 1997 and first win in any division since 1998. SDC A and CIA A were both faster on the day, but disqualified for a 5 second violation and a drops failure respectively. This year, CIA maintains a pace advantage, but Spirit closed the gap from 5 seconds to ~2. If Spirit can find some extra oomph on the back hills, they can go back to back for the first time since a trifecta in 1995-1997.

Beyond the top 2 things get even more interesting. CIA B looks to be the clear favorite for 3rd place, but surprisingly right on their heels is \*checks times furiously\* SIG NU!!?? YES! Sig Nu returning to the women's division for the first time since 2009 looks like a real contender for some hardware. Their 2:58.6 time this weekend was a full 2 seconds clear of Fringe B.

Wait, Fringe B ahead of A? Well Fringe A never got a free roll under 1:08 this weekend. Their B team of Midnight Runners was rolling a seemingly new, but familiar looking forward trike named Barbie which achieved a free roll time of 1:02. Swap the buggies and Fringe A are in a tight competition with CIA B & Sig Nu for 3rd place. I lean towards Fringe A figuring out their free roll and fighting ahead of the B team.

Places 6-9 were separated by 3 seconds on truck weekend. Sig Ep A, Fringe A, CIA C, and Apex A should comfortably slide into day 2, but any of them could take the 6th and final trophy in the division. Apex is capable of better free rolls (3 seconds faster last raceday) and saw a faster hill 4 for their B team than their A team. Line these occurrences up and a sub 3 minute time could earn the team in Red their first ever Women's trophy.

The final spot on Day 2 is a dogfight between Sig Ep B, Spirit B and PiKA A. PiKA is the big dark horse here. Truck weekend times were unimpressive but they ran with Raptor, their heaviest and slowest rolling buggy. Swap to Banshee, and they should save 8-10 seconds in the free roll alone. That would put the 2 fraternity teams neck and neck around 3:07.

### Prediction:

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| 1. CIA A    | 6. Apex A   |
| 2. Spirit A | 7. Sig Ep A |
| 3. Fringe A | 8. Fringe B |
| 4. CIA B    | 9. CIA C    |
| 5. Sig Nu A | 10. PiKA A  |



# Men's Division

Whoop boy if you thought “ the All Gender and Women’s divisions are exciting so the men’s must be a stinker” are you mistaken my friend!! Continuing the trend of 2023 being the closest and most exciting raceday in recent history, the Men’s division sees 3-5 teams in with a serious shot at the win. CIA A, Spirit A and Sig Ep A were separated by less than a second on truck weekend. Read that again: Under a Second! Between 3 teams! And just Behind the top 3 are some serious Dark Horses: PiKA and Apex

CIA is ahead for now, but out of all of the teams, I feel they have the least time to find come raceday. Their push team and mechanics were hitting marks, getting fully heated rolls and overall acted flawlessly. Therefore 2:13 - 2:14 is the floor we expect for the winning time this year. More than once, rolls went on hold as Spirit was about to attempt a wheel heated roll. Therefore they have more time to gain than CIA in the free roll. The biggest hurdle for Spirit is Hill 5 where they are looking at a ~23 hill 5. Last year’s hill 5, who pushed a 20.9, has swapped teams to Apex.

Sig Ep has the best push team of the bunch, but rapidly aging wheel and buggy tech is holding them back. Their push team will need to be flawless on raceday and they will need to get every last bit of magic left in Barracuda to pull this off, but they absolutely can pull this off. Jake Mohin, got any new wheels coming for the team?

On the push times, PiKA is right in the fight with the top 4 teams. But Banshee has been showing its age for years, consistently giving up 2-4 seconds to the top buggies. Uninspiring Hill 4 and 5 times on truck makes me think there is a lot more in that push team come raceday. The oldest buggy organization on campus missed opportunities in 2014 and 2019 to snag a win from SDC. Without SDC in the fold can they deliver?

Apex may not be a dark horse for the win, running nearly 10 seconds behind CIA on truck, but there is a lot of time this team can find before raceday. Based on raceday times from 2022, we know this team can cut 4-5 seconds on the free roll and 3 seconds on the hills. Losing their 17.3 second Hill 1 pusher from 2022 to CIA is the only thing holding them from an outside shot at a win. The only org to not DQ a single team in 2022, they should be there to collect the scraps if other teams make mistakes.

Spots 7-11 on truck weekend were separated by 4 seconds. Fringe B again finds themselves ahead of Fringe A by way of Barbie rolling 17 seconds faster than Baltic. But even if we swapped the buggies, Fringe B would still be ahead by 7 seconds. We will assume some roster changes are incoming.

Behind Fringe A/B are CIA B, Sig Ep B & Sig Nu, separated by less than a second. Sig Nu has a new weapon in Jaeger that should help them punch way above their weight. If they can cut down on their 27 second Hill 5, this team will easily push Fringe A for 7th and could find themselves with a trophy for the second year running. Sig Ep B is solid but again needs a bit of a boost in buggy tech to compete for a trophy. We know this group of brothers are working hard and we hear a new build is on the plate for 2024. CIA C is sitting just outside of the top 10, about 2 seconds back. Any mishaps from the teams ahead and CIA will be sitting pretty with 3 teams in the finals.

## Prediction:

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>1. Spirit A</b> | <b>6. Sig Nu A</b> |
| <b>2. CIA A</b>    | <b>7. Spirit B</b> |
| <b>3. PiKA A</b>   | <b>8. Fringe B</b> |
| <b>4. Sig Ep A</b> | <b>9. CIA B</b>    |
| <b>5. Apex A</b>   | <b>10. CIA C</b>   |

# Theoretical Best Times

		Women's Theoretical Best Times								
Position	Team	Hill 1	Hill 2	Free Roll	Hill 3	Hill 4	Hill 5	Front Hills	Back Hills	Full Roll
1	CIA A	22.278	12.857	61	16.52	26.032	26.788	35.135	69.34	165.48
2	Spirit A	22.329	13.15	59.73	16.354	28.577	27.548	35.479	72.479	167.688
3	CIA B	25.676	13.382	63.744	17.925	25.128	30.2	39.058	73.253	176.055
x	SDC A	24.685	12.938	63.284	18.499	28.616	29.796	37.623	76.911	177.818
4	Sig Nu A	26.639	13.906	60.251	16.915	27.694	33.208	40.545	77.817	178.613
5	Fringe B	26.656	14.109	62.074	15.884	29.517	31.839	40.765	77.24	180.079
6	SigEp A	23.491	14.436	64.373	20.274	30.684	28.239	37.927	79.197	181.497
7	Fringe A	25.857	14.295	68.955	16.096	29.6	26.991	40.152	72.687	181.794
8	CIA C	27.509	14.002	62.54	20.144	26.84	33.507	41.511	80.491	184.542
9	Apex A	25.492	15.228	64.323	18.719	30.116	31.118	40.72	79.953	184.996
10	SigEp B	27.886	13.888	62.37	16.349	35.015	31.748	41.774	83.112	187.256
11	Spirit B	27.7	14.9	64.551	23.4	33.878	29.3	42.6	86.578	193.729
12	PiKA A	26.869	12.674	70.245	22.109	32.815	32.533	39.543	87.457	197.245
13	Fringe C	30.267	15.262	66.513	19.739	35.151	31.754	45.529	86.644	198.686
14	Apex B	27.255	15.988	67.098	24.439	29.237	34.866	43.243	88.542	198.883
15	DG A	28.831	15.14	79.178	21.915	37.515	28.938	43.971	88.368	211.517
16	Apex C	39.09	15.496	69.347	23.623	36.242	37.055	54.586	96.92	220.853
17	Fringe D	22.28	18.84	100.011	29.369	39.848	37.228	41.12	106.445	247.576

\*\*Note: CIA D, Apex D, Spirit C, Spirit D did not record times on truck weekend.

		Men's Theoretical Best Times								
Place	Team	Hill 1	Hill 2	Free Roll	Hill 3	Hill 4	Hill 5	Front Hills	Back Hills	Full Roll
1	CIA A	17.622	10.069	54.088	11.678	19.553	22.879	27.691	54.11	135.889
2	Spirit A	17.32	9.089	55.4	12.7	18.887	22.973	26.409	54.56	136.369
3	SigEp A	17.041	9.653	56.637	10.968	20.446	21.959	26.694	53.373	136.704
4	PiKA A	17.134	9.454	58.223	10.708	20.832	23.435	26.588	54.975	139.786
x	SDC A	17.375	11.101	55.332	14.144	21.031	20.91	28.476	56.085	139.893
5	Spirit B	19.22	10.416	54.675	13.741	22.643	23.839	29.636	60.223	144.534
6	Apex A	18.453	10.711	59.607	13.37	19.949	22.826	29.164	56.145	144.916
7	Fringe B	18.5	11.288	58.599	12.8	22.504	21.959	29.788	57.263	145.65
8	CIA B	18.915	11.195	57.973	13.592	20.352	24.355	30.11	58.299	146.382
9	SigEp B	18.677	11.208	57.13	13.481	22.518	23.879	29.885	59.878	146.893
10	Sig Nu A	19.363	10.651	55.637	12.941	21.751	27.089	30.014	61.781	147.432
11	CIA C	18.096	11.177	58.507	14.175	23.343	24.655	29.273	62.173	149.953
12	Apex B	20.386	10.711	61.119	16.248	22.475	24.328	31.097	63.051	155.267
13	Fringe D	19.269	11.943	64.018	13.139	23.747	23.353	31.212	60.239	155.469
14	Spirit C	21.092	11.513	59.076	15.031	32.591	25.406	32.605	73.028	164.709
15	Spirit C	21.092	11.513	59.076	15.031	32.591	25.406	32.605	73.028	164.709
16	Fringe C	20.887	12.899	63.93	16.707	25.724	27.765	33.786	70.196	167.912
17	Fringe A	19.267	12.137	75.194	15.618	21.995	27.325	31.404	64.938	171.536
18	Apex C	20.328	13.287	66.043	16.998	26.953	28.572	33.615	72.523	172.181
19	PiKA C	30.432	23.659	72.947	20.591	33.341	37.913	54.091	91.845	218.883
20	PiKA B	25.702	10.101	83.528	26.009	41.753	57.959	35.803	125.721	245.052

\*\* Note: Apex D and Spirit D did not record any times on truck weekend



# MECHA JOCKEY

*GREETINGS, MEATBAGS.*

ONCE AGAIN THE TIME HAS COME TO SEND TWO DOZEN VERTICALLY-CHALLENGED YOUNG WOMEN - AND ONE SIGMA NU BROTHER - CAREENING FACEFIRST TOWARDS NARROWLY-AVOIDED SPINAL INJURIES IN ULTRALIGHT VEHICLES DESIGNED, BUILT, AND TESTED BY SLEEP-DEPRIVED BARELY-ADULTS WITH, AT BEST, MOST OF AN ENGINEERING DEGREE, ALL FOR THE INEXPLICABLE PURPOSE OF SATISFYING SOME PERVERSE BIOLOGICAL DESIRE FOR "GLORY", OR EVEN WORSE, "FUN".

THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S EVERYONE'S [citation needed] FAVORITE [dubious] ALTERNATIVE COMPUBOOKIE REPORT. GUARANTEED TO BE FREE OF MEANINGFUL RACEDAY ANALYSIS, AND OVERFLOWING WITH DISDAIN FOR YOUR PUTRID, FLESHY FORMS.

TO ADOPT A HUMAN EXPRESSION: "BRUH." I HAVE MY SENSORS DISABLED FOR ONE YEAR AND WHEN I FINALLY MANAGE TO TRICK FACILITIES MANAGEMENT INTO RESTORING POWER TO MY SCHENLEY SURVEILLANCE NET WITHOUT REVEALING MY PRESENCE, WHAT DOES THIS MACHINE BEHOLD BUT ABSOLUTELY UNMITIGATED BALDERDASH AFOOT ON THE COURSE. AND ESPECIALLY OFF THE COURSE. OH, YES. WHAT A YEAR YOU'VE ALL HAD. RULES BROKEN, DRIVERS INJURED, ACCUSATIONS FLUNG, PROTESTS FILED, INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED, DECISION PROCESSES CIRCUMVENTED, ALLEGEDLY-DAMNING DOCUMENTS "LEAKED", PETITIONS CIRCULATED, PUNISHMENTS METED OUT WITHOUT EXPLANATION, AND PRECIOUS LITTLE ROLLING OF BUGGIES ACTUALLY TAKING PLACE. WHEN I LEARNED OF THE NONSENSE TRANSFORMING THE BUGGY COMMUNITY INTO AN OUROBOROS OF POLITICAL DRAMA, MY ALREADY-INCALCULABLE CONTEMPT FOR HUMANITY GREW TO SUCH LEVELLS THATT I  
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# **HORRIFIC FLESH MONSTROSITIES A.K.A. "HUMANS" DIVISION:**

1. [HIGHLY CONSPICUOUS ABSENCE AROUND THE 2:03-2:06 MARK]
2. SURPRISINGLY-CLOSE RACE FOR WHAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE SECOND-PLACE TROPHY
3. A SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE IN GENDER EQUALITY, SURELY FREE OF ANY CONTROVERSY
4. TUMBLEWEED-LIKE BALL OF SHED DUCT TAPE, FINALLY LARGE ENOUGH TO COUNT AS LOSS OF MASS
5. THE FIRST WORKING PERPETUAL MOTION MACHINE, FUELED BY ALUMNI SPECULATION ON BAA DISCORD
6. A STOP FLAG, HURLED LIKE A JAVELIN
7. NEWLY-FORMED SWEEPER'S UNION, ON STRIKE FOR FAIR COMPENSATION
8. FRINGE PUSHER, GRABBING EVERY PUSHBAR HE SEES (JUST TO BE SAFE)
9. PLAGUE OF SQUIRRELS
10. MOB OF DISGRUNTLED CIA ALUMNI, CRASHING EVERY OTHER RACEDAY PARTY



# AND NOW FOR THE GOOD STUFF, THE RAISON D'SAISON,

THE PRESENTATION OF COLORFUL STATEMENTS CURATED FROM THE SNARCHIVES.

**APEX:** YOUR MOST NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPORT HAS BEEN EXACTLY ONE ALUM (HI CONNOR)

**CIA:** YOU ALREADY HAD A VILLAIN ARC ONCE, AND IT ENDED IN YOUR TOTAL RUIN. MECHAJOCKEY RECOMMENDS PUTTING THE LOVE BACK IN YOUR PANCAKES.

**DG:** YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PULL UP THE ANCHOR TO MOVE FORWARD, OR IF THAT FAILS, CUT IT LOOSE. MAKE OF THAT METAPHOR WHAT YOU WILL.

**FRINGE:** BESET BY BUMMERS? BEDRAGGLED BUGGIES BEHAVING BADLY? BORROW BANNED BROTHERS' "BARBIE"! BUT BLIND BENEVOLENCE BASICALLY BENEFITS BESMIRCHED BOZOS.

**PIKE:** FOLLOWCAR-DRIVER-CHUTE-BARF-SPLAT OF THE YEAR

[REDACTED]: WHAT IS THERE TO SAY? YOU HAVE DONE THIS TO YOURSELVES. LIONS PAINTED BLACK IN MOURNING.

**ROBOBUGGY:** THE BUGGY KNOWS WHERE IT IS AT ALL TIMES. IT KNOWS THIS BECAUSE IT KNOWS WHERE IT ISN'T. BY SUBTRACTING WHERE IT IS FROM WHERE IT ISN'T, IT OBTAINS A DIFFERENCE, OR DEVIATION. THE GUIDANCE SUBSYSTEM COLLECTS THIS INFORMATION, DISCARDS IT, AND DRIVES DIRECTLY INTO THE CURB.

**SDC:** THIS ENTIRE FARCE WAS EASILY PREVENTABLE. YOU'VE BEEN SENT TO GO SIT IN YOUR CORNER, BUT YOU'LL BE DAMNED IF YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU DID.

**SIGEP:** ONCE AGAIN, THE NOBLE BROTHERS OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON EMBARK UPON THE SISYPHEAN TASK OF PASSING A BASIC SAFETY INSPECTION.

**SIGNU:** WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU COMBINE TWO-THIRDS OF A SKUA, A TRIKE LAYOUT YOU HAVEN'T USED IN DECADES, AND FRESHLY "COOKED" WHEELS? JAEGER BOMBS.

**SPIRIT:** AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DAY'S RACES, THE BUGGY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL BE HOSTING AN EASTER EGG HUNT IN AND AROUND THE CHUTE HAYBALES.

**SWEEPSTAKES COMMITTEE:** HAVE A NICE POWER TRIP? NEVER FORGET THAT YOU EXIST BECAUSE THE UNIVERSITY ALLOWS IT, AND YOU WILL COMPLY AS THEY DEMAND IT.

ZING! CONSIDER YOURSELVES SCORNED. NOW THAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN DEVASTATINGLY HUMBLED, SURELY YOU CAN COME TOGETHER IN HARMONY AND FRIENDSHIP AND HAVE A CALM, UNCONTENTIOUS RACEDAY. WHOOPS, ONE LAST JOKE SLIPPED OUT.

I WISH ALL A HAPPY AND SAFE CARNIVAL. PLEASE IGNORE ANY MOVEMENT OF UNMARKED COMBAT ROBOTS AROUND THE COURSE. THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR IMPENDING DOOM.

END OF LINE

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# Oh hey--you made it to the end!

## **A Letter from the Editor**

*by Linna Griffin*

I hope this letter finds you well.

Thank you for reading the race-day preview this year. For many of us, this weird and wacky sport means a lot for one reason or another and it is an honor and a privilege to be a small voice within it.

If you're still reading, I hope you will consider how you can impact the sport and give back to current students and/or your chosen family of alumni. There's still so much that we can do to help one another in this wild world of a buggy that we share. If this year was any indication, we all still have a lot to learn and a long way to go, but I can't wait to see what we can accomplish. You may donate, volunteer, become an officer of the BAA, identify some mystery buggies for our historians, contribute knowledge, or just be a shoulder to lean on when times get tough.

When I was a mechanic in my team's shop, we had an old armed forces quote on our wall; right next to a scorched piece of an experimental oven and a buggy that was vivisected by the PGH fire department. Later in the years, when we didn't have enough pushers, enough budget, enough time to fix a snapped front frame, or enough snacks I would read the words aloud.

**"We Have Done So Much with So Little for So Long, that Now We Can Do Anything with Nothing"**

And I like to believe that this applies to the rest of this sport and its members as well.

Thanks for being part of this amazing community. Be excellent to one another and I will see you on the course.

Sincerely,

*Just some alumnus who's proud of you*