

Yes I know I was late getting this out. I just found out that Carnival had been moved a week up. How is a timeless bot supposed to keep up with silly things like the dates of Raceday? Ridiculous expectation. Almost as ridiculous as putting construction paper on the course. I mean seriously? This year looks like JV Buggy.

Anyways, I understand you all are used to sitting through the annual adoration for SDC, but I am used to an SDC that looks put together. Wonder what it feels like to be the first driver in 10 years to crash what was a beautiful buggy in Malice. Guess puppeteering your inside (wo)man into rolling on a clearly wet morning can have its downsides. Clearly we see her allegiance still lies with her team and not sweepstakes. Luckily for everyone the driver in the incident was unharmed, and even luckier for the competition it looks like she'll be behind the wheel again on Race Day. Choosing the A team driver is a hard decision to make for an inexperienced chair, especially with drivers that unpredictable. Give Spirit a call, they've got years of experience with that.

Speaking of driver issues, we've seen a lot of fun mistakes recently. Sig Nu made a LEFT turn on the course. How, HOW does that happen?! Who in their right mind decides to turn left! SAE needed a perfect truck weekend to qualify. Annnddd they crashed on their first roll. PiKA can barely get their flaggers in position in time. SDC, well, ya know. But Spirit, yes, the same Spirit you know and love hasn't crashed once. What is happening in the world of Buggy?

The team who's shown up to be one of the biggest competitor for SDC this year is SigEp. The Brothers and Sister of Sigma Phi Epsilon have been putting up some of the best times on the course all year and even Cuda looks cool this year with a new paint job. However, they have a lot to worry about. 1) Will they pass drops? 2) Will they still be holding the buggy at 5 seconds? 3) Will they just make no improvements from truck weekend to raceday and put up a non competitive time for the however many years they've competed-ith time in a row?

PiKA continues their tradition of building new buggies for their worst team, and instead electing to rely on a buggy made 8 years ago with a driver who spun last year. Hopefully no one jumps into a bush again and gets hospitalized. Then again, would anyone be that upset with a few less of those guys on the course?

With the Supreme Court ruling on sports gambling, maybe we'll soon be able to bet on how Fringe will DQ its teams. This team deserves the first place trophy if they have even half their teams make it around without a DQ. We're really rooting for you girls.

#Lit, SuperDuperCoolBuggy, Project Mixtape, Solaris. No matter what you call it, it won't be faster than anything else you've built in years. Here's a piece of advice, try timing your push team to figure out the order of A, B, and C. Allowing the B Team to beat the A is frankly embarrassing, and reminds us why so few are taking advantage of your open source policy.

SAE. Rip. Everyone loves a good underdog story, too bad you undershoot just a bit off the bat.

But the biggest storyline here is CIA stealing king of the hill. The org that copies SDC for everything they do is now just literally trying acquire SDC. Honestly, with SDC's entire A team from last year they wouldn't break 2:10. The build was a joke, and their program is as regressive as it gets. The only thing moving forward in that program is the push bar, literally, not figuratively.

Predictions:

Mens

1. SDC B
2. SigEp A
3. PiKA A
4. CIA A
5. Spirit A
6. SDC C
7. PiKA B
8. Fringe A
9. Spirit B
10. Apex B

Womens

1. SDC A
2. PiKA A
3. Fringe A
4. CIA A
5. SDC B
6. Spirit A
7. Fringe B
8. SigEp A
9. CIA B
10. SDC C

The Field:

Apex: Maybe trendy hashtags will dupe some freshmen during recruitment #lit

CIA: Can't Invent Anything... new at least. Nice time machine to the stone age

Fringe: Missing something? Googles? Gloves? Maybe a mouth piece?

Phi Delt: So many brothers, and such little talent... how?

PiKA: Never seen so many guys so opposed to finishing

Robobuggy: "I just wanna go the distance" -Rocky (1976)

SAE: Saturdays Aren't Expected

SDC: Black don't crack, unless you're Malice

SigEp: First fraternity with a female chair ~So progressive~

SigNu: If only there was a men's driver division, then you'd have a shot

Spirit: In the last 10 years you have 1 women's third place. Why keep pretending you're a contender?

