

Orlando Boy Wins Prize at National Soap Box Derby



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Ralph Schnur of Orlando grins broadly on being presented with a magnificent cup for racing the best up-holstered car in the All-American Soap Box Derby finals in Akron, Ohio.

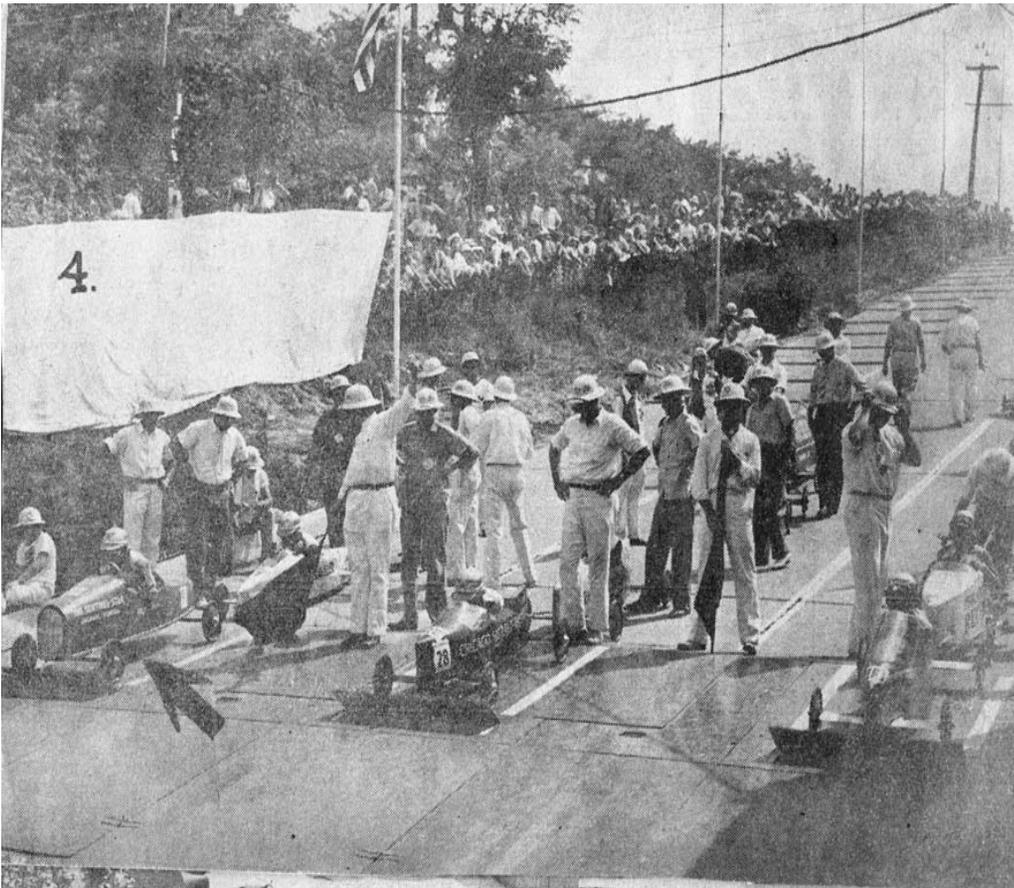
Young Schnur was presented with the cup [1] at a banquet held by the Chevrolet Motor Company which sponsored the Derby.



Picture number 2 shows a flag parade made up of the young contestants just before the Akron race.

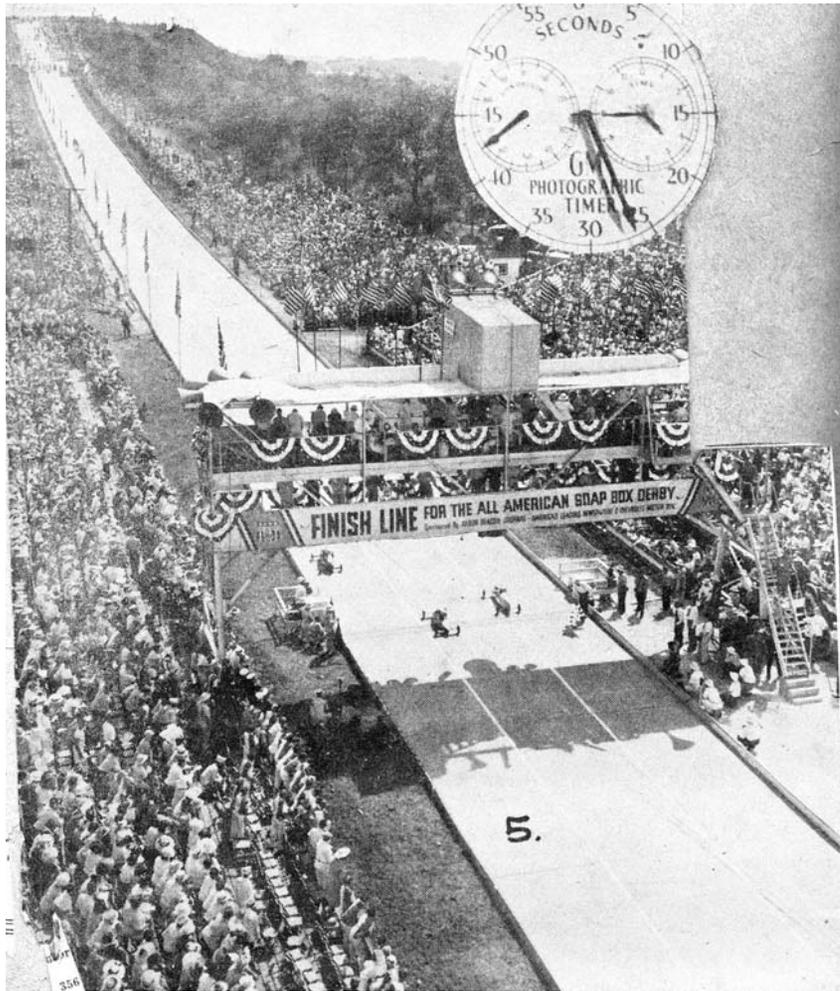


A miniature Wilbur Shaw is young Tommy Fisher of Detroit [3] whose sleek Soap Box speedster won the grand finals in Akron in a field containing 129 other city champions from the length and breadth of the nation. More than 100,000 persons saw this classic and cheered wildly for their various favorites.

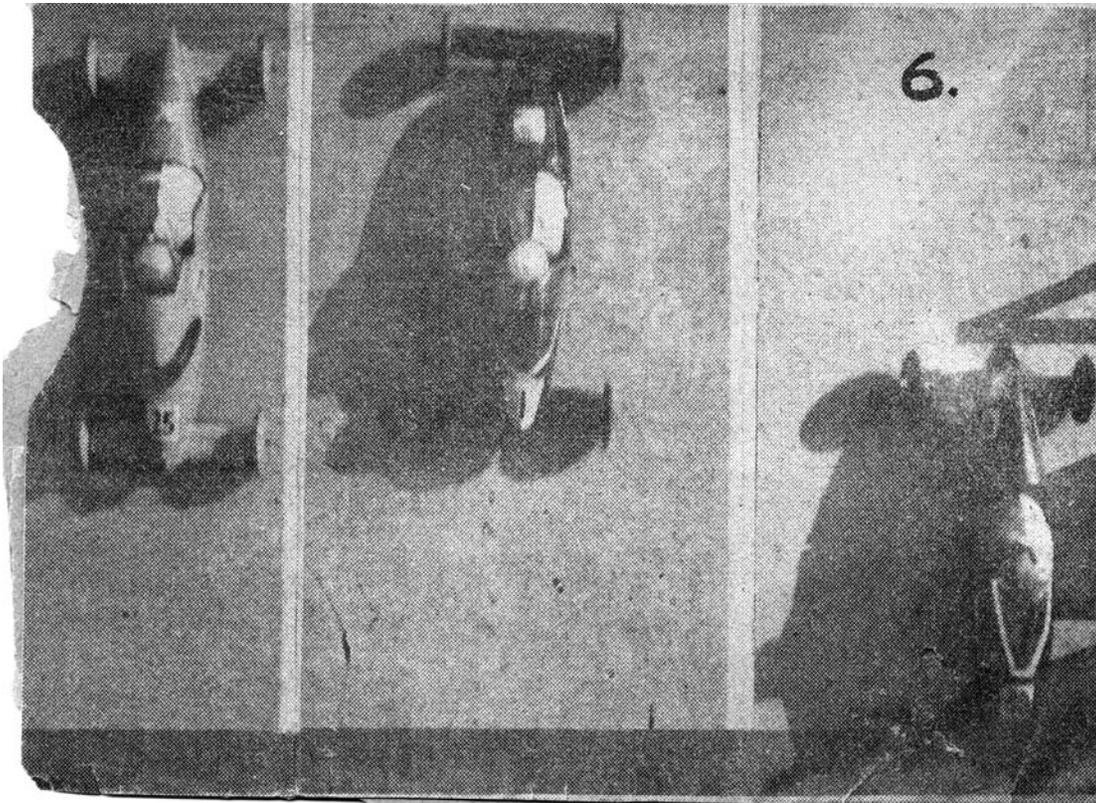


Picture No. 4 deals with racing officials and finish lines-man, equipped with their flags. The course was a long slope marked off in lanes for the racers and the car that rolled the farthest distance was proclaimed the winner. There were so many contestants that the races were run off in heats.

The arrow shows the Orlando entry.



A sweeping view of the course and the speeding derbyites is shown in Number 5. The boys had a long way to travel but the mobility of their cars amazed the tremendous crowd. Elaborate preparations were made for this national feature as shown by the overhead judges' stand with its crows nest observation tower.



No. 6 gives you a bird's eye shot of the racers as they swept under the bridge, each youthful entrant intent on winning glory for his city and State.

The insert shows the type of timing watch used to clock the boys.



The huge Akron Armory was the scene of a banquet of champions after the Derby [7]. Thousands jammed the immense room to watch the interesting ceremonies.

M. E. Coyle, general manager of the Chevrolet Division, W. E. Holler, general sales manager and father of Roger Holler of Orlando; J. S. Knight, publisher of the Akron Beacon-Journal, were among the speakers at the banquet.
