



Rolling Plains Longhouse



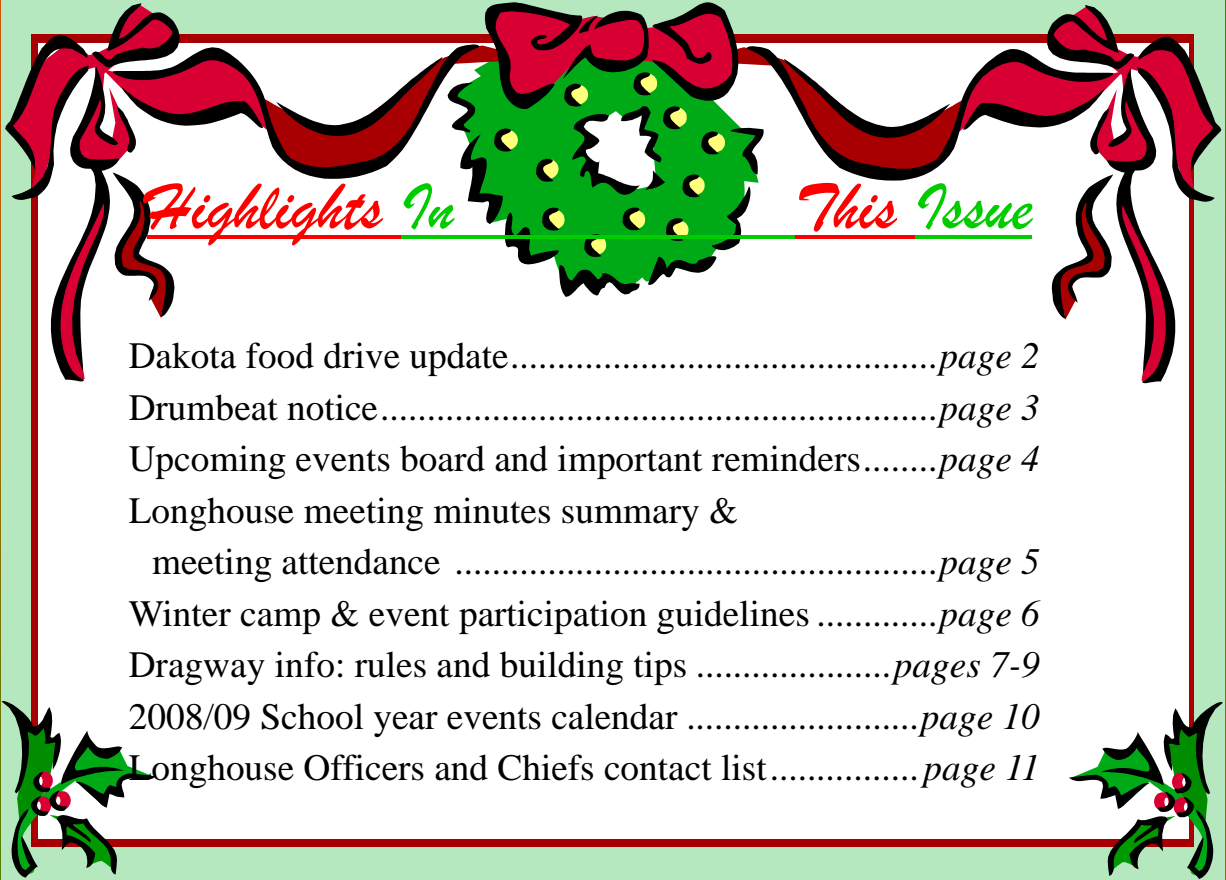
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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ALERT!

- If you haven't signed up for Winter camp– do it NOW!!
- Mark your calendars for Dragway– special car-building tips inside this issue (see page 8)!

Congratulations to this year's winner of *Tribe of the Year*– awarded each year to the Indian tribe demonstrating outstanding achievements of member participation, both within the tribe as well as in the community.
Way to go Shawnee!



Dakota Food Drive

Brad Nelson and Robert Nicholas of the Dakota Tribe deliver hundreds of containers of food and \$36 cash donations from the annual food drive at the December awards banquet. Thank you, once again to the tribes of the Rolling Plains Longhouse for your generosity.

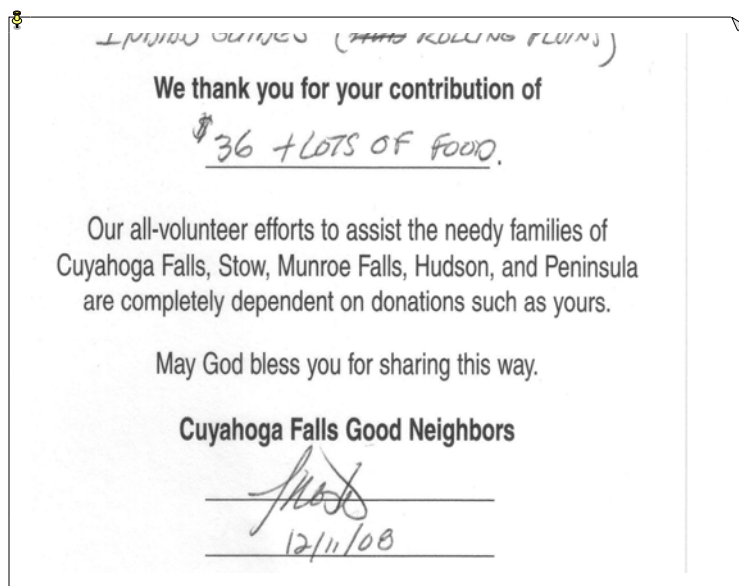


In this challenging year of need, the donation went to Good Neighbors.

Founded in 1957, Good Neighbors is a vital county-wide volunteer organization with ten locations where clothing, linens, and household items are provided, at no cost, to families or individuals. This time of year, they add toys and gifts to currently, more than working as Good



of year, they add those in need. Currently, 300 individuals are Neighbor volunteers.





Drumbeats!



BLACKFOOT!

On 12/18 the mighty Blackfoot braved the miserable ice storm and visited Kent Healthcare. Cooper Mothersbaugh, Mason Lorch and Hopewell Indian Princess, Edie Mothersbaugh played Hangman, read books, told stories, drew pictures and Mason even played a beautiful rendition of Silent Night. On the way out, Coop said, "That was fun". Indeed, Cooper, it was.



Monthly Longhouse Meeting Highlights

December 2, 2008



Longhouse Chief: Email list by tribe provided at meeting; chiefs to verify and get updates to Brian

Sachem: Ron M. retied as Rainmaker; Get all winter camp forms to Dean; money due by 1st week Jan 09

Wampum Bearer: Total: \$5297.46 (checking) and \$3007 (savings); Lost about 80 members; added about 45 (20 dads/25 sons); Contacted City of Stow- meeting house reserved for 09-10

Medicine Man: Anyone missing patches to contact Bill

Rainmaker: Jerry noted that Jim Poston will take over for Ron as new Rainmaker

New Business

General item: Longhouse discussed idea of offering “early-bird” discounts on future registration forms to encourage more timely submission

Winter camp: Iroquois as overall sponsor; Money due by Jan 5th

Dragway: Confirmed for Feb 22nd at East Woods school; time trials Feb 8th at Adell Durbin (12-4pm); Apache overall sponsor

Bowling: Date decided as April 5, 2009

Spring camp: May 8-10- camp Y-NOAH; Overall sponsors: Pawnee

Parades: Memorial Day: Shawnee handling Hudson; Blackfoot handling Kent; July 4th- still need sponsor

We build strong kids,
strong families,
strong communities



2008-09 School Year December meeting

Apache	X
Arapaho	X
Blackfoot	X
Black Hawk	X
Cherokee	
Dakota	
Iroquois	
Pawnee	X
Shawnee	X
Wyandot	X

Longhouse Meeting Attendance

Winter Camp at Camp Manatoc January 9-11, 2009

Winter Camp begins the evening of Friday the 9th and concludes the morning of Sunday the 11th.

Registration is on a first-come first-frozen basis. Accommodations are Limited ! This sells out early!

PLAN TO BRING YOUR OWN:

Food & Drinks, Firewood, Flashlights
Sleeping Bags, Extra Clothing, Cooking Gear,
(Plates, Knives, Spoons), Turkey DeepFryer,
Toilet Kit including Bathroom Tissue

A Heated Lodge is available if desired!

NO ALCOHOL OR FIREWORKS!

Camp Manatoc is a Boy Scout Camp located in Peninsula

From Hudson:

Take Rt. 303 to Akron Peninsula Rd, South to Truxell Rd.

From Stow:

Take Rt. 91 North to Hudson & follow above directions –OR–

Take Graham to State Rd., Go North to Truxell, (State Rd. Becomes Akron-Cleveland Road)

From Kent:

Take Rte 43 to Streetsboro, then take Rte 303 West through Hudson –OR– Fairchild/Graham to Stow and follow above directions.

Hey... new guides!!

EVENT PARTICIPATION POINTS FOR LITTLE BRAVES

- ◆ *The YMCA Indian Guides Year actually starts at the Hayride and New Member Induction Ceremony, usually held in October. The activities year ends with Fall Camp of the year following. In a typical year the Longhouse designates as many as 14 activities as 'Longhouse Events'.*
- ◆ *Participation by the Little Braves in these Longhouse Events earns that Little Brave EVENT PARTICIPATION POINTS.*
- ◆ *Little Braves who attend a minimum of 6 events during the year will receive a participation award at the Awards Banquet, usually held in December. 12 or more events is considered as perfect attendance. In addition, little braves receive recognition for the number of years each little brave has participated in YMCA Indian Guides.*
- ◆ *Factors such as average attendance from each tribe member, service awards, Drum Beats notices, and participation by the Big Braves as Longhouse Officers all add up and qualify one Tribe to earn the award for Tribe of the Year.*

Gentlemen, Start your Beltsanders, Dragway 91 is Coming Soon!



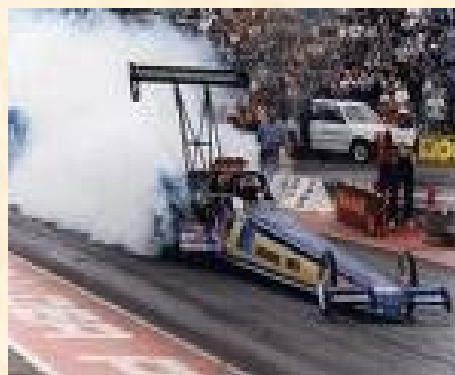
It's time once again to huddle in the basement with curtains drawn, to begin crafting your Dragway cars. The race will be held at the East Woods elementary school in Hudson on February, 22nd.

Time trials are right around the corner– February 8th at the Adell-Durbin park meeting lodge in Stow. Attendance at time trials is optional, but it's a great way to see how your "wheels" run on the track to spot any last minute adjustments.

The car kits are just as state-of-the-art as ever this year, and can be purchased for \$10.00 (or \$18 for 2 kits), which includes the patch. You can purchase the kits at the upcoming Longhouse events (eg, Banquet), or give the money to your Chief to buy them for you at future Longhouse meetings.

The ABSOLUTE cut-off to purchase the kits will be the February time trials event. If your kit is not purchased by then, you WILL NOT be permitted to race in the event.

So pick up your kits and start whittling, chopping, belt-sanding, sawing, procrastinating, or whatever method works best for you!





December 15, 2008

TO: All Dragway 91 Car Builders of the Rolling Plains Longhouse

SUBJECT: Car Design for Optimum Timer Performance

To All Guides,

In an effort to insure that everyone has an equal opportunity for success on race day, I would like to make everyone aware of certain limitations of our track's timing mechanism so that you can avoid some common "pitfalls" that we have seen in past years.

Your car's time is registered based on when it blocks the light beam at the end of the track. If the car does not completely block the beam, no time will be registered. We have seen issues with certain car designs that will not adequately trigger the timers to register the time. In talking with the manufacturer of the timer, these are inherent limitations that can only be avoided by paying close attention to certain aspects of the car's design.

There are two design attributes that typically cause this problem. The first is the paint. Light, shiny, or metallic paints tend to cause indirect light to be reflected back to the sensors resulting in the timer not being tripped. The second is the width of the vehicle. Thinner cars (like canoe shapes, for example), do not block the light beam adequately enough to consistently trip the timer.

Here's what you can do to overcome these limitations:

- 1.) If you plan to have a light, shiny, or metallic paint job, paint just the bottom of your car with a flat black paint.
- 2.) In shaping the front end of the vehicle, try to maintain as much width as possible. I don't have an actual dimension to maintain, but I know that a pointed front end is not good. At least an inch and a half wide at the front is probably a safe play. If you're going for the canoe, you may need to get a little creative in how you shape it.
- 3.) If in doubt, bring your car to the time trials on February 8th at Adell Durbin to verify that it will register times.

Thanks and Good Luck to All,
Gary Long
Longhouse Chief
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Dragway 91—February 22, 2009

1. Events & Classifications

- A. Dragway 91 includes a speed event classified by age group and using total time of 4 races to determine a winner in each age group.
- B. Dragway 91 includes a decoration event classified by age group only for those who did not place or win a speed event.
- C. Age groups are classified by the age of the young brave on the day of the race as follows:
 1. 5 and 6 year olds.
 2. 7 and 8 year olds.
 3. 9 and 10 year olds.
 4. 11 years and up.



Note: These are tentative brackets only, and may be slightly modified on race day to accommodate an extraordinarily large number of kids in any one age group.

2. General Rules

- A. Cars must be constructed from new car kits; parts from previous year(s) cars **cannot** be used. New car kits from previous years must be registered.
- B. Car kit shall consist of four wheels, two axles, four plastic "hats" to secure the wheels on the axles and the wood body. The rings attached to the hats can be removed.
- C. Cars shall be inspected on the day of the race to ensure that all rules are met.
- D. Time trials are held for the entrants' evaluations on speed and to ensure that car specifications are met; the cars do not have to be decorated until the day of the actual race. Participation at time trials is optional.
- E. The scales supplied by the Longhouse shall be the official weighting devices. The measurement box supplied by the Longhouse shall be the official device to determine dimensions.

3. Car Specifications

- A. The car must fit within the measurement box. Dimensions are:
 - Length: 10.0 inches or less
 - Width: 4.5 inches or less
 - Height: **5.0 inches or less**
- B. **Car weight: (16 ounces or less)**
- C. **Front of car must be at least ½" or greater from track surface.**
- D. No washers are permitted on the outside of the wheels; they are allowed on the axles only between the wheels and the car body.
- E. The wheels supplied in the car kit **must** be used on the car. The only alteration of the wheels allowed is that burrs can be removed.
- F. Axles must be affixed to the body and **cannot** rotate. The only alteration of the axles allowed is that the burrs can be removed. Axles can be drilled to attach to the car body. Any kind of lubrication can be use between the wheel and axle.
- G. The body must be made out of wood provided.
- H. Weights can be added but must be solidly affixed to the car body. No moving or sliding weights are allowed. Washers can be use for weight.
- I. The big brave may build car and it is encouraged that the young brave assist.
- J. The young brave's full Christian (not Indian) name, age and tribe must appear on the under side of the car.

4. Car Decoration

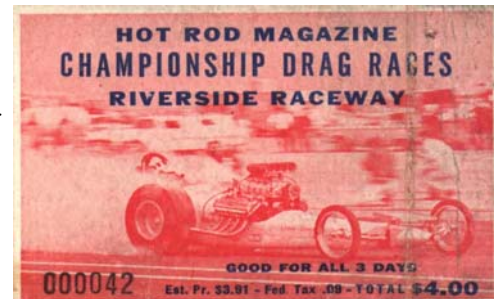
- A. The young brave must apply all decorations only. The big brave can serve only as an advisor.
- B. All decoration **must be freehand**; decals or other means of the transfer are **not** allowed.
- C. In order to be considered for a decoration award, the decoration must be of an Indian theme of design; the style of car shall **not** affect the decoration judging.

5. Awards

- A. Speed awards shall be given to the top four finishers in each of the four age groups (see rule 1C)
- B. The first place speed finisher in each of the four age groups shall race for first place through fourth place overall. Additional awards shall be given to the first place through fourth place speed finishers.
- C. Decoration awards shall be given for the top four cars in each age group (See rule 1C) as judged on an Indian theme, originality, and neatness, providing that the car has **not** won a speed award. Thus, there shall be eight separate awards per age group; four speed and four decoration, plus four awards for the overall speed finishers from each age group.

6. Race Procedure Rules

- A. Once the car is registered, it goes into impound until race time and **cannot** be handled by the big brave; only the young brave can handle the car and only just before and after his races.
 - B. Additional lubricants **cannot** be added once the car is registered.
 - C. The races shall be run with three or four cars at one time.
 - D. In case of a bye, that individual car shall be run down the track by itself to ensure that all cars have run an equal number of races.
 - E. In case of a dead heat, the cars shall be immediately rerun on different lanes of the tracks.
 - F. In all cases, the decision of the judges shall be final.
- ????? ANY QUESTIONS ??????????



2008-2009 School Year Activity Calendar

<i>Event</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Date or Likely Date</i>
<u>Winter Camp</u>	Overall	Iroquois	Jan 9-10, 2009
	Bonfire	Apache	
<u>Time Trials</u>		Wyandot	February 8 2009
<u>Dragway 91</u>			February 22, 2009
	Overall	Apache	
	Car Sales & Checkin	Apache	
	Impound	Pawnee	
	Security	Pawnee	
	Concessions	Dakota	
	Photo	Iroquois	
	Set-Up & Tear Down	Wyandot	
	Matrix	Wyandot	
<u>March event</u>		Cherokee	March, 2009
<u>Bowling</u>		Shawnee	April 5, 2009
<u>Lazer Tag</u>		Black Hawk	April 19, 2009 (tentative)
<u>Spring Camp</u>			
	Overall	Pawnee	May 8-10, 2009
	Bonfire	Dakota	
	Canoe Race	Dakota	
	Tug-O-War	Apache	
	Indian Attack	Blackfoot	
	Raffle	Cherokee	
<u>Akron Aeros games</u>		Apache	May/June, 2009
<u>Memorial Day Parade</u>			
	Hudson	Shawnee	May 2009
	Kent	Blackfoot	
<u>Stow Independence Day Parade</u>			July 4, 2009



Who needs a vest to put all of those patches you collect? Come on now, there's lots of you out there NOT sporting your Guides-wear at the camp ceremonies. You know who you are... so get moving and get to one of the following suppliers today:

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www.sbearstradingpost.com

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