

Mena, Arkansas' 2nd Annual

OUTHOUSE RACE

June 4, 2011

WHAT?

Homebuilt outhouse racer
— people powered —
1 driver, 2 pushers,
(optional) 3 pit crew

WHY?

Why Not!

WHEN?

June 4, 2011, during the
Lum N Abner festival
right after the firefighter
challenge

PURPOSE?

Fundraiser for the expenses of those going to
the North Dakota New York Says Thank You
build Labor Day weekend & Generate a Fun
Atmosphere for Everyone

WHO?

Anyone Between the
Ages of 8 & 99

COST?

\$30 per Team.
Register/check-in between
12 pm & 4 pm
Races start at 5 p.m.

WHERE?

At Janssen Park on 9th
St. between Maple and
Janssen

For more information and/or a race packet ("OFISHULL ROOLS," skeleton drawings of a racer, Registration Form & photos of last years race, contact Jim Corazzo, the "Outhouse Czar," at 479-216-0070 or David Terwilliger, "Master Outhouse Builder" at 479-234-5275 or send e-mail to Jim at almostaranch@windstream.net or David at terwilliger_david@yahoo.com



Frequently Asked (and sometimes answered!) Questions

- 1] Why? **Why not!**
- 2] Where? Mena, AR.
- 3] When? June 4, 2011 – Register at race site between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Races start at 5 p.m.
- 4] What? Homebuilt outhouse racer – people powered – 1 driver, 2 pushers and (optional) 3 pit crew members.
- 5] Who? Anyone between ages of 8 to 99 – Receive a copy of the “OFISHULL ROOLS” by calling David Terwilliger at 479-234-5275 or e-mail at terwilliger_david@yahoo.com or Jim Corazzo, at 479-216-0070 or e-mail at almostaranch@windstream.net.
- 6] Cost? Entry fee of \$30 per team – covers expense of putting on the event with all surplus monies going to offset costs of firefighters “paying it forward” in North Dakota.
- 7] Purpose? Generate a fun atmosphere for all the local residents and visitors and help promote Lum and Abner Days.
- 8] Need Info? A complete packet may be received by mail. The packet will contain a Registration Form which can be mailed in with a check for \$30 (please make check payable to WAFRA (Western Arkansas Fire and Rescue Association), a complete set of “OFISHULL ROOLS,” skeleton drawings to elaborate on the “ROOLS” and photos of last year’s 1st Annual Outhouse Race.

I don’t think Outhouse Racing will ever be considered for inclusion into the Olympic Games, BUT, if it ever comes to pass – MENA WILL BE READY! Outhouse racing goes back about 50 or so years when some ice fishermen in the frozen North started chasing an outhouse (which was occupied) on a frozen lake and which the wind caught up and blew from its normal location. The occupant immediately became the driver, even though he had no control. When the gust of wind subsided, the chasers then became pushers and fun was had by all except the driver who became trapped when, somehow, a loop of rope became fastened around the outhouse. Later, a second outhouse replete with captive “potty pilot” joined the first and even more fun was had by all (except, as in the first case, the driver). The sport took off and there are now more than 30 races held annually around the U.S. Some have taken it one step further by powering the racers with all types of propelling devices including sails, jet engines, and complete snowmobile drive trains. Maybe someday we will graduate to that illustrious position, but for now, ours will be people powered, as the purest form of OUTHOUSE RACING!



OFISHULL ROOLS

- 1) Outhouse Racing Machines (ORMs), also known as a Mobile Excrement Storage System (MESS) will be people-powered only; no sails, electric motors, magnets, fans, steam power, hot air, turbines, internal combustion engines, anti-gravity devices, used space shuttle rockets or thermonuclear piles will be allowed. MESS must be named and that name must be the same as the name used at registration time. Three person teams – one driver and two pushers (no pullers, no peddlers, no spirits – although praying is allowed, no carriers or levitation devices). An optional pit crew of three persons is allowed so that substitutions can be made with the drivers/pushers (once a heat has begun, no substitutions will be allowed, and only three members of each team will be allowed on the race course – the ones actually racing). Competitors must be between the ages of 8 and 99 yrs. old. Those between 8 and 16 yrs. old must have a family member who is a competitor. Those over 99 may compete with a parent as part of the team.
- 2) ORM/MESS specifications:
 - A) Must resemble an "OUTHOUSE," including the typical "moon" decoration somewhere on the structure.
 - B) Must weigh a minimum of 150 lbs.
 - C) Brakes are optional.
 - D) May have mechanical steering controlled by the driver –or– it may be constructed with 360-degree castering wheels on the front or on the rear, or on the front and rear.
 - E) At least three of any size wheel/caster may be used.
 - F) No ropes may be used for steering, pulling, or braking (this is inclusive of any type of non-rigid material, such as rope, cable, string, chain, spaghetti, etc.).
 - G) Pushers' bar must be rigidly attached to the MESS and may not extend more than 18 inches beyond the sides of the outhouse structure. The pushers must be able to see over or around the machine.
 - H) The "OUTHOUSE" portion must be constructed of wood, fiberglass or similar rigid material. No cardboard or foam may be used except for decorative effect. May be a "one holer" or a "two holer". If any sheet metal is used, it MUST have all edges covered or rolled so that no sharp edges are exposed that might harm a contestant or observer. It must have 3 walls, a roof, a base of 9 sq. ft. and, if utilized, a door that must be fastened open during the competition. It must be between 4 ft. and 6 ft. tall from the ground to the highest point (excluding any flags, banners, signs, etc.), nor can the MESS be more than 9 ft. long, with a wheelbase between 5 ft. & 8 ft. Wheels must not extend beyond the width of the push bar.
- 3) Driver must be COMPLETELY seated ON a firmly ATTACHED toilet seat (or reasonable facsimile thereof).

- 4) Driver must wear some type of head gear, must wear an attached seatbelt (may be rope, chain, cable, spaghetti, etc.) and have a roll of toilet paper (or a corn cob) readily available.
- 5) Any team or MESS that intentionally collides with, restricts, inhibits or in any way causes any other team to not be able to finish the competition will be eliminated from the competition. Any MESS that is changed in any way after the initial technical inspection MUST be re-inspected prior to competing. If any MESS fails to meet the requirements and the team refuses to bring it into compliance, that entry will be disqualified with no refund of entry fee. If a team cannot compete due to circumstances beyond their control, the entry fee may be refunded at the discretion of technical committee.

Registration, inspection, judging, and casting envious eyes will be held well in advance of the actual race start, so that those not initially coming into compliance with the rules will have ample time to make adjustments and corrections.

The People's Choice Award will be selected by voting; votes are 25 cents each and "STUFFING" the ballot box is ENCOURAGED, with all the proceeds to be used to offset the costs of a cadre of firefighters that will be traveling to North Dakota in concert with New York Says Thank You, on a "rebuild effort" to pay forward as so many did here in Mena after our devastating tornado of April 2009. Place your ballots in the OFISHULL ballot boxes – one for each team.