

# Demolition Derby comes to county fair once again

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The Demolition Derby returns to the Thomas County Free Fair this year on Saturday, July 28, with events for full-size and compact cars and figure-eight races for a second year.

Bruce Plumisto, promoter for the derby, said they added the full-size and compact car races as well as the figure-eight races last year because fewer cars have been participating in the demo derby.

"Everything is working against it right now," Plumisto said, noting the poor economy and heat.

He said a promotion company out of Dodge City does the figure-eight race and asked Plumisto if he wanted to do it.

He said the new events went over well last year; event organizers wished they had twice the number of cars.

"I like to promote a show that has action," he said, "and we want people to get their money's worth."

The entry fee for a car and driver in the full-size class is \$40 and pit passes are \$20. The entry fee for the compact class is \$25 and pit passes are \$20. The figure-eight race is included in the cost for both classes.

Plumisto said compact and full-size cars may participate in the figure-eight race. Winners of the heats will go into a main event. Prize money will be awarded to the top three finishers.

Plumisto said the cars will be from the 1980s up.

The demo derby, which is a no-weld derby, will follow the figure-eight, he said, noting that some racers will show up for the figure-eight but won't participate in the derby events.

There will be a demo derby held for each class, full-size and compact, after the cars compete in their respective races.

The pit gate will open at 4 p.m. and the events will start at 8 p.m. Heats will be determined by a "pill draw", Plumisto said, where a driver will draw a number and that determines where he starts.

Plumisto said he had fun at the event last year and thinks it will be just as much fun this year.

"I enjoyed it and I think the people in the stands enjoyed it, too," he said. "Let's hope guys are able to build cars and come out for it (this year)."

For information or to enter the derby, call Audrey Hines at (785) 443-0544. For info about technical requirements or rules, call Plumisto at (785) 443-3372.



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The idea of the demolition derby is to be the last car left running, and this driver in the 2009 even looked like he was on his last tire. You never know, though; sometimes it only takes one last move to win.

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