



"I'd made models of airplanes, cars, boats, and any number of other structures and remembered the pleasure I got out of doing it," Murphy told *Scouting* magazine in November 1999. "I also wanted to devise a wholesome, constructive activity that would foster a closer father-son relationship and promote craftsmanship and good sportsmanship through competition."

He presented his idea for carving and racing miniature cars to Cub Scout Pack 280C of Manhattan Beach, California, which heartily endorsed the project. He then proceeded to design a gravity-propelled car that could be carved out of soft pine and wrote the rules for racing the miniature vehicles. Those rules stated, "The Derby is run in heats on a two- to four-lane track. Two to four cars starting from a standstill will run self-propelled down an inclined track to the finish line. Cars are guided by a raised spacer on the track between the wheels."



*The first racing kits were composed of a block of wood, a pair of axles, four nails, and four wheels packed in a paper bag. The finished car shown here belonged to Donn Murphy, son of Pinewood Derby founder Don Murphy.*

The following year, a local newspaper and the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department sponsored a citywide Pinewood Derby, and the national office of the Boy Scouts of America® adopted the program for Cub Scout packs nationwide.

When the Pinewood Derby observed its fiftieth birthday in 2003, Murphy, then 83 years old, was honored with a proclamation from the president of the United States. He also received commendations from the national director of Cub Scouting, the governor of California, both of California's U.S. senators, and the mayor of Los Angeles. In Manhattan Beach, the Derby's birthplace, Pack 713, a direct descendant of Pack 280C, hosted a commemoration for the city's Cub Scouts, staging several races with retro 1953 cars in the same Scout House that was the site of the first Derby.

Because of Don Murphy, father of the Pinewood Derby, generations of parents and children have built strong relationships as they developed valuable skills. His legacy lives on.



*Winners of the first Pinewood Derby in 1953, from left: Dennis Lowrie, Class C, age 8; Richard Hoffman, Class A, age 10; and Mike Thorne, Class B, age 9. Hoffman also won the grand prize trophy for classes B and C. Pack institutional representative Jack Swofford is pictured at right.*





**TIM TAYLOR DAY**



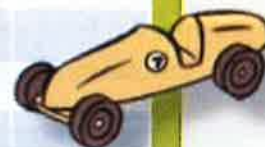




# Pinewood Derby 2018 Schedule



Time	AOL	Webelos	Bears	Wolves	Tigers	Lions	Siblings	Final
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