



This driver's wide-eyed expression – excitement? fear? anticipation? or a combination? Since the Scouts took turns piloting their homemade Cubmobile, they each had a chance to be in the “hot seat” powered by very boisterously enthusiastic peers.

Blackbeard District Cub Scouts Participate in First Annual Cubmobile Race!

“I want to thank [Pack 99 Cubmaster] Robbie King for organizing and implementing our 1st Annual Cubmobile Race,” said Den Leader Kellie Wynn. “My Tigers — Vance Keel, Tyreek Carr, Bennett Reed and Lee Parker — won 1st place in the Wolf race. The trophies were great! I’ve only heard good things about the race. Everyone had a big time and we’re looking forward to the next one.”

That feeling was shared by parents, scouts and leaders who took part in the Blackbeard District Cubmobile Race held November 8 at the Riverside High School outdoor track in Williamston, NC.

Sixteen four-scout teams representing four district packs participated in divisions according to Scout rank. Safety was a prime concern and each Scout — whether a driver or part of the “pushing crew” — was required to wear a bicycle helmet along with knee pads, elbow pads and wrist pads.



The fire drill style race consisted of one lap around the track for Tigers, Wolves and Bears in which the team would switch drivers at each $\frac{1}{4}$ of the lap. However, the Webelos race required two laps around the track with each team switching after a $\frac{1}{2}$ lap. A judge would time and watch the team during the race to make sure the team followed all rules.

Scouts had the opportunity to vote on who had the best looking car. Each cub was given two tickets and adults representing each car held a cup while the scouts walked along and voted for which car they liked best. The "Police Car with Flashing Light" entered by Pack 218 of Bear Grass won the Scout's Choice Award.



A set of trophies were made for each division First, second and third place trophies were presented. Trophies were put together by Robbie King and Engraver's World of Washington, NC.

The final winners in each category included:

- Tigers: 1st place Pack 99, 2nd place Pack 218
- Wolves: 1st place Pack 302, 2nd Place Pack 99, 3rd place Pack 218
- Bears: 1st place Pack 218, 2nd place Pack 99, 3rd place Pack 341
- Webelos: 1st place Pack 99, 2nd Place Pack 218, 3rd place Pack 218

The idea of the Cubmobile race was first brought up in the District Planning meeting back in May, 2014 by Black Beard District Chairman Harry Sanders – an idea that came from other places he has participated in Scouts with his sons.

Robbie King, Cubmaster of Pack 99 who had previous experience with a Cubmobile race while he was in Virginia, took the lead. He had Harlan Janes, a grandparent of a Webelos scout, build a prototype in which Leaders of District Packs were able to critique and make changes before the final specifications were released to build the cars by.

Cars were constructed out of plywood and 2x4's with lawnmower wheels no higher than 10" and schematics from a set of drawings provided to each pack after the August District Roundtable.



The successful Cubmobile race was a group effort, but special thanks go out to:

- Patrick Sutton, Pack 218, who arranged use of the Riverside High School Track.
- Harlan Janes for all the prototype work
- Judges: Patrick Griffin, Romero Carter, Brad Miller and Travis Brown
- Support staff: Susan Asby for handling registration
- Volunteers/parents: Craig Pierce and Crew 218 for concession stand

At the end of the day Scouts were asked "What did you think of the Cubmobile Race?"
The reactions were as positive as they were heartfelt.

Pack 341 Scouts: "We had a great time!"

Eddie King: "I thought it was fun because we worked together as a team."

Alex Adams: "It was a good time!"

Jacob Woolard, in a word, "Good!"

Wolf Scout Deeson Swain, "I didn't expect to win; so I was really excited when we finished second in the Wolf division."



Pack 99 Cubmaster Robbie King along with a color guard of his Webelos 2 Scouts were part of the award presentation ceremony at the close of the Cubmobile Race.





With the help of dads going over the specifications and directions, young scouts were very hands-on when it came to creating their Cubmobile race car.



Willing hands and careful supervision made the construction process move right along.