

HOBO RULES

1. Any American sedan or station wagon may compete... Lincolns are allowed in the HOBO class. Imperials are allowed in Outlaw Class only.
2. Body bolts may be replaced but must fit inside frame like factory bolts. They may not be used as a gusset and frame cannot be strengthened. Body Bolts may not be added.
3. Bumpers may be welded, trimmed or folded around. No metal may be added to bumper or brackets. Bumpers must be in stock location and cannot be raised or lowered. Bumpers may be chained or wired to radiator support.
4. Engine and transmission must be in stock location. Both may be chained, strapped or welded as long as it does not strengthen frame.
5. Fenders may be rolled or bolted with a maximum of 12 3/8 bolts with 1" washers.
6. Stock fuel tanks must be removed, lines blown out and replaced with a marine quality fuel cell mounted in back seat. 5 Gal. cans bungeed in will not pass. Maximum 6 gallons of fuel.
7. **EXTRA REINFORCEMENTS** No wire, sheet metal screws, chains, cables, bolts, added metal or welding unless specified in rules, before or during the race, unless approved by the officials, or risk disqualification.
8. **FENDERS** front and rear may be rolled and bolted with a **MAXIMUM** of 12, 3/8" bolts, with 1" washers per fender.
9. **FRAME** may be repaired if rusted or broken but not reinforced. Metal of 1/8" thickness or less must be used for repair with a 1/2" inspection hole cut to view repaired area. Leave rust or break in frame. Weld 2" past rust or broken area or just weld it back together, use only one method. Patches must only be on one side of frame not both. If patches are excessive in any way, they will be cut at judges discretion. A 1/2" wide seam may be welded from the control arm/A-frame, **TOP AND BOTTOM SEAM ONLY**, with no added metal. Behind the rear axle you may tie the rear frame rails together with 4 loops of wire or on 3/8 cable. This must go around the frame rails only, and no bolting.
10. **HOOD** must remain in factory position. The front two hood bolts must go through the front radiator support mount and frame with no spacer, all other hood bolts must be welded to body only. Hood may be welded solid with 3/8" filler rod, or **MUST** be bolted, or chained in a **MINIMUM** of 4 locations and a **MAXIMUM** of 8 locations. A 5"x 5" 1/2" thick washer must be used on top of hood bolts, to keep bolts from pulling through. The bolts must be **MINIMUM** of 5/8" or **MAXIMUM** of 1", (Bolts must not be directly in front of radiator), or **MINIMUM** 4 chains 3/8" thick. There must be one 12" hole cut into hood for fires and the tin maybe bolted or welded around each hole.

11. **RADIATOR** must remain in stock position. Radiator blow by tubes must be secured and remain pointing down at all times. No extra cooling allowed for radiators. Original or electric fans okay and ratchet straps may be used to secure radiator. Air conditioning condenser may be welded to front of radiator support. No added metal.
12. **REAR END** must be factory 5 lug. Use rear end of choice. Rear end housing may be reinforced, and hybrid rear ends allowed. No leaf springs on non leaf spring cars. Leaf springs must be stock, have a 2" stager and NO double main leafs. **MAXIMUM** of one extra leaf may be added. A total of 6-spring helper clamps per leaf spring. Clamps must be a **MAXIMUM** of 2" wide, 4" long and ¼" thick. The leaf spring mounts may be welded to the body front and rear. Coil spring cars may wire, chain, cable or weld springs in place and spacers may be added to get stock height. Rear control arms may be reinforced, lengthened, or shortened to achieve driveline angle. Rear end may be tied in 2 locations, chains or cables 3/8 thick or wire 4 loops only. This must be wrapped around frame and rear end only. Welded or posi-track rear end is highly recommended.
13. **STEERING** tie rod ends must be stock but center section can be reinforced. Steering columns may be welded in and altered to prevent steering loss. All other steering and suspension must remain stock with no reinforcements.
14. **TIRES** any ply **MAXIMUM** of 15" tire. Solid, tire inside a tire, tubes, valve stem protectors are all okay. No, split rims, paddle rims, reinforced rims, or studded tires. Tires may be screwed to rims. All wheel weights must be removed.
15. **TRUNK** 60% must be in factory position. The back 40% of trunk may be tucked down inside, No welding or bolting inside. Only two bolts may be installed through the top of trunk lids. Bolts 1" with 5"x 5" washer **MAXIMUM** top and bottom, they may go down through the frame in a body mount hole or wire in 2 locations with 4 loops from trunk lid and may go around the frame only, you cannot do both. No sliding the whole trunk inside of trunk. Trunk may be crushed, but must be able to see inside for inspection. The rear decking cover in station wagons must be removed. No tucking roof on leaf spring wagons. 80's wagons may tuck roof down with 4 bolts, body to body only, not to frame.
16. **WELDING** and bolting doors, trunk, and tailgate. When welding with metal, it may be No more than 3" wide **MAXIMUM** and 3/16" thick or may be secured with unlimited bolts wire and chain, choose one method. If doors, trunk, and tailgate are not welded, they must be bolted or chained in a **MINIMUM OF 2 LOCATIONS PER DOOR, TRUNK, OR TAILGATE** for safety. You are allowed to bolt all factory body seams together with unlimited 3/8" bolts and 1" washers only. No screws, No bolting trunk lid webbing seams, No bolting Mopar uni-body frame seams and No

homemade body seams. Tops of doors may be beat down and welded with No added metal. Rust holes or metal tears in body may be patched. **USE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MATERIAL, (NO NEW TIN)** patch 2" past rust or tear when patching one layer of metal. Use only enough metal to patch hole or tear, or just weld it back together, use one method. No interior welding except driver's seat, battery box, gas tank, transmission cooler, and brace bars/roll cage.

17. **WINDOW** .openings may have 4 loops of wire in 2 locations and may go around the frame. No welding washers on body. You may have 1 strap in each door window opening, and maybe 2" wide and ¼" thick. This strap maybe welded 5" door and 5" on roof. You may install one strap or bar in the center of the back window not to touch the decklid. You may not use wire if you use straps, use only on method.
18. **Battery** must be removed from stock location and fasted to passenger seat footwell. Terminals and battery must be covered with non flammable material.

Call with questions before you build! (308) 215-0241 or email gng38@yahoo.com

Events

- June 19th Broken Bow Chamber Derby – Custer County Fairgrounds, Broken Bow, NE