

I know this is nothing new, but I have a group of kids this year that I was very excited about. They have turned out to be a huge group of slackers. Any suggestions on what I can do to get them a little kick in the can? How far is everyone else?

Thanks

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Easy way to fix this, bring in your sponsors. Have the students explain to the sponsors why their vehicle is in it's current finished/unfinished state.

Rule of thumb for my teams when we built Supermileage and Electrathon vehicles, **MUST BE ON RUBBER NO LATER THAN MARCH 1**. This would still give the teams enough time to pull their vehicles down for paint, get them painted, and then reinstall all the systems and body. This is, of course, if you have a team than isn't slacking.

If all else failed, my foot usually did the trick if strategically placed.

Maybe the other Electrathon teams could let you know at what stage their vehicles are completed right now?

Since students sometimes don't seem to be able to process long term goals, does anybody have a short term goal list that seems to work? At the workshop there was mentioned having a frame by Christmas, and in the previous post to be on rubber by March 1. Those of you who teach manufacturing, do you have a flow chart taking the product from concept through release?

I agree with Jeremie. A well placed blowup and an understanding that if the car is not ready, especially after sponsors have contributed, will cause problems for your future teams.

Also, just to let you know, our class doesn't even start until this week, and although we will have an existing vehicle, the challenge is to make it better, which takes time, and resources.