

I am currently trying to get some student interest into the high mileage and Electrathon competitions, but am having very little luck. The problem is, we do not currently have room within our class time to devote a lot of time to this, so the after school commitment is huge. Coming from a smaller school, lots of students are involved in sports and working, and do not want to commit to another after school activity. Does anyone have any ideas as to how I can spike more interest, or go about getting more students involved with the idea. Let me know what you have done.

Find a school that has an Electrathon vehicle that they're not using and borrow that vehicle. Put that vehicle in the hallway outside your class door. Hang an information sheet on what the competition is about.

Now you just need to find a school that has an extra Electrathon vehicle laying around....

Not that I would know of anyone...

Jeremie's concept is DEAD ON! We (Watertown) borrowed a vehicle of theirs (Preble) 3 years ago to start our program. Had the car in the commons, out at lunch, in the HS Office, in my classroom for 2 weeks showing it off! Students took pictures, measurements, specifications and so on to get started.

So we had 2 informational meetings while the car was here to get going, and when the car left, we started designing our first car at Watertown. Worked GREAT!

I have heard of a few other schools taking advantage of this and more and more schools would be willing now days to borrow you a car for a week or two for this purpose (no batteries of course).

Jeremie is usually one to help (even though he likes to be anonymous), I would (and have) lend one out if one is available, and others also in the gas side would help if wanted.

YOU JUST NEED TO ASK SOMEONE NEAR YOU and be willing to make the arrangements.

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All the replies are great ideas. If you don't have time to borrow a car (call Jeremie!) at least get some pics printed off the web site and post them. Have students who are interested check out the WEEVA (Challenge Wisconsin) website and go from there. But the car for show is probably the biggest bang for the buck you can get in reality.