

Seems like the XRV class of vehicles is taking off. There are officially three schools in the process of building their XRV's.

What is the process of getting the XRV's as an official class of Electrathon in Wisconsin?

The XRV vehicles should **NOT** be allowed to run with Class 1 and Class 2.

What is the reasoning for not allowing XRV's to race with Class 1 and 2?

The track officials determine which vehicles are allowed to race together. IF there is a question in regards to too many vehicles on the track at the same time, the track officials make that call.

XRV's have to follow the same safety rules that Class 1 & 2 follow. They also fall within the same size limitations. IF an XRV was running 24 volts, it technically is a Class 2 vehicle.

It was never an intent to replace either Class 1 or 2, just a way to expand the Electrathon competition and make more students want to get involved.

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Jeremy, my take on it is that the XRV just kinda gets in the way and based on its weight could be a potential hazard. I like the idea of a separate heat for XRV's, they could competitively race then.

Where's the dang spell check on this forum?

Just something to think about....

At this time there is no weight limit for Electrathons. If a team built ANY vehicle that meets the rules, it could be classified as a class 1 or 2.

I'd have no problem running a separate heat myself. Actually, it would be easier for the judges and I think easier for the sponsors to step up to the plate.

But, like I said, a team **could** build an XRV styled car and still meet the rules of the competition. How do I, as an official, say they can't run?

Last year my team made comments indicating the XRVs should not be out on the track. It is my understanding a XRV last year had four batteries. Even though the vehicle was not eligible for awards the students felt it diminished the race. The students work hard all year meeting guidelines, engineering their car under these constraints. What would we think of a Nascar vehicle running in the Indy 500?

I fully support getting more students involved but not at the expense of the other students. Perception is reality for these students.

Officials are looking at your concerns. IF the XRV type vehicle will continue in Wisconsin Electrathon, obviously the teams will have to agree to how it will be raced. Logical sense would be a separate heat.

The XRV was NEVER meant to compete against the class 1 & 2 vehicles. There is no way it could with the rolling resistance of the DOT rubber.

Obviously, my team has ruffled the feathers of some of the participants from last year. We apologize if our vehicle was a source of distraction for your team. It was never meant to compete head-to-head with your class 1 and 2 vehicles, just show where we could take Wisconsin Electrathon.

A decision will be made by the end of the month of the future of the XRV's in Wisconsin Electrathon. Whatever happens, we wish all teams good luck in this competition year.

There will not be an XRV class. Having said that we are exploring options to class three that would allow for vehicles with DOT tires to run a comparable challenge. Exhibition runs at FVTC are very likely a thing of the past. Cannot speak for Road America or other venues as this should a venue specific decision.

Perception is reality, but reality is not always the real thing. The XRV met every design specification that is laid out in the WI Electrathon rules. It was allowed to run 4 batteries because of a logical disadvantage in weight. It was allowed to run in general because it is more closely related to on-road vehicles than any other electric or Supermileage car out there. besides that, the amount of effort in design and construction of the vehicle was more intense than I have seen in any other vehicle. If nothing else, it surely got everyone talking, venting, and

This train of thought, for what it is worth, comes from a person that has not built a vehicle for this challenge and very likely doesn't understand ALL that goes in to it, but I feel I can grasp most of it. My perspective has always been from an event coordinator standpoint, probably always will be.

I do appreciate the passion that many of these posts exhibit. Keep up the good work and positive energy. Venting is okay, on occasion.

Mike