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## Superior racing club brings world championship home to Arizona

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Superior and success in the field of Soap Box Derby racing have been linked for a number of years now, with some notable young racers coming out of the Superior Soap Box Derby Club, headed up by Superiorite Jack Kube

So it may have come to no surprise to anyone when on Saturday, July 22, a member of that club blazed his way to the rally stock world championship in the 6th Annual All American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio.

In his third trip to the national race, Mike Bridges, 11, sped down the 989-foot hill at Akron in 29.2 seconds. He qualified for the national event in his category by earning points in a series of races during the year in a number of western states.

Among the prizes he won: a \$3000 scholarship.

Bridges, a 6th-grader at Pima Elementary School in Scottsdale, comes by his interest in the sport naturally, as his grandparents Jack and Yvonne Kube of Superior run the Superior club that Bridges belongs to. The young racer's father and stepmother are Layla and Shane Bridges of Scottsdale and other set of grandparents are George and Sidney

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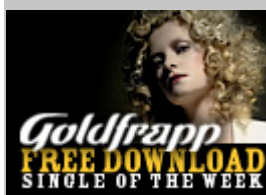
  
   
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Bridges of Fountain Hills. He has one sister.

He says he really enjoyed his trip to Akron. It was "cool," he says, and he got to do a lot of fun stuff. The week the racers spent there included meetings about what to expect during the event, and what changes there will be next year. One night there was a dance just for the youngsters where they could meet other racers and trade badges and other goodies from their home towns.

The track was closed for a whole day for calibrations and the racers received passes for the day to attend Cedar Point, a huge amusement park, with their families where they just have fun all day.

Yvonne Kube says that Cedar Point was one of the highlights of the trip for her grandson, along with getting a trophy that is nearly as tall as he is!

"He says it feels awesome to represent Superior and Arizona as the world champ," Kube said. "He will continue racing with the Superior Soap Box Derby Club and plans to race in the Super Stock division next year, hoping for another shot at going to Akron."

Anyone interested in getting started in racing can contact Jack Kube at 689-0100 in Superior. The next race is planned for Labor Day weekend in Payson. It will feature two days of racing and everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the weekend.

More information on the sport of Soap Box Derby racing can be found at [www.azsoapboxderby.com](http://www.azsoapboxderby.com) and [www.aasbd.com](http://www.aasbd.com) .

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