

# Boys Scouts of America go Racing



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

*Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey*

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The SCTA is honored to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the BSA-the nation's largest youth service organization, which now boasts 2.8 million youth members, 1.3 million adult volunteers and 50 million alumni. The SCTA and the BNI board have granted free entry to the all Boy Scouts and Scout Masters at Speed Week August 14-20, 2010. They will also be issued Pit passes. This will provide a cool way for the scouts to explore the science and engineering of Land Speed racing. For more information on the Boy Scouts of America, please visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) or [www.scouting.org/100years](http://www.scouting.org/100years)



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represented on one of our patches. Every single person we spoke with, without exception, was gracious and kind to these Scouts and receptive to our request.

Speed Week attendees are the friendliest people on the planet! What we did not anticipate was the amount of time each owner was willing to spend with us to talk about their cars, the condition of the salt, the perfect conditions, the lack of wind, the number of years they had been there chasing the dream and, oh yeah, how Scouting is needed more today than ever before! In fact, we ran out of time before we had enough cars to present to the Scouts for a selection vote. Enter Joann Carlson, Media Liaison SCTA/BNI. Joann went to work locating owners who were interested in allowing the Boy Scouts to put their cars on a collector patch. We received a wide variety of cars and the selection process went to the Scouts for the final decision. The decision as to which car was selected was strictly in the hands of the Scouts. Most knew nothing of speed records, design, or history of the sport. <http://www.gslc-bsa.org>

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One very interesting selection process happened with Troop 601. This is a Troop of special needs youth that will attend the Jamboree with us. When they were presented with their selection options, they were instantly attracted to the Poteet & Main "Speed Demon". Their eyes lit up and there was absolutely no question or further discussion about which car should appear on their patch! They had made their decision and it was final!

Scout Jamboree patches—these are the cars that were chosen for the Great Salt Lake Council patches:





**Troop 601 to attend the opening of Speed Week at the Bonneville Salt Flats.**



To make this year's 2010 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BSA even more special and exciting. The Speed Demon Team, George Poteet and Ron Main, will be taking the entire Troop 601 to attend the opening of Speed Week 2010 at the Bonneville Salt Flats on August 14, 2010.

Troop 601 is designated as the special needs troop of the 17 other troops from the Great Salt Lake Council that will attend the Jamboree. Troop 601 consists of 31 Scouts ranging in age from 13 to 48 year old assisted by Scoutmaster, Paul Aldous and 8 assistant Scoutmasters. Wait – you asked how do they have a 48 year old Scout and why so many assistant Scoutmasters? . Terry, who is our 48 year old, is excited as anyone could be to attend the Jamboree. He is diabetic and very hard to understand but that does not curtail his Scout spirit. There are nine Scouts who have special needs. The needs range from learning disorders, Down syndrome, autism, muscular disorders and the list goes on. When we discuss our needs the attitude focuses on ability rather the disability. Each Scout has a 'can do' mind-set. They want to do everything offered at the Jambo including shooting, fishing, scuba diving and run the marathon. The majority of the boys are Eagle Scouts including several who are special need Scouts. They each understand the values of living by the Scout Oath and Law. Helpfulness and Loyalty are especially important to each member of Troop 601 for they look out for their buddies. Leadership of Troop 601 is lead by the boys and the patrol method is how we take care of the needs of each member.

Our troop amulet is the Bonneville race car, Speed Demon. George Poteet and Ron Main have been so kind to allow us to wear their car on our Council Service Patch. The Scouts all love the Speed Demon and look forward to attending Speed Week 2010 at the Bonneville Speedway in August. We know the Speed Demon is an amazing car and Troop 601 has a high goal to achieve such a standard as this world class race car has but we promise to do our best, work hard and have lots of fun.



This tour begins with two luxury motor-coaches, equipped with luxury captain style seating, reclining seats, foot rests and courtesy drink service, taking Troop 601 to the Bonneville Salt Flats, where 300, 400, 500 and 600 mile per hour land speed records have been broken. They will see Speed Demon, the car they selected for their badge, along with many of the other cars selected by the troops for the badges for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BSA attempting to set new land speed records. After attending the driver's meeting the troop will drive on the actual race course where the records are set at Bonneville.

For more information and how to help sponsor this special event, contact the Speed Demon team at (818) 523-7005, Fax (818) 998-0906, or email [rmain@canogarebar.com](mailto:rmain@canogarebar.com) or [www.speeddemon.us](http://www.speeddemon.us)