







Innovators Educational Foundation

Innovators Educational Foundation (IEF) is a non-profit 501c3 organization that organizes the collegiate solar car events. IEF is made up of a core group of dedicated volunteers, mostly former competitors, that know firsthand the value of a hands-on, linary, innovative project to the education experience. In addition to experiential learning, these solar car events promote energy efficiency and raise public awareness of the capabilities of solar power.

If you are interested in forming a team to participate in future events or providing support to the program as an event partner, sponsor, or volunteer, please contact us!

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- #3 University of Kentucky
- #4 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **#5 University of Florida**
- #6 University of California Berkeley (CalSol)
- #9 Iowa State University (Team PrISUm)
- #15 Western Sydney University
- #17 Illinois State University
- **#22** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- #24 University of Waterloo (Midnight Sun)
- #35 University of Minnesota
- #42 Missouri S&T
- **#49 Georgia Institute of Technology**
- **#55** Polytechnique Montréal (Esteban)
- **#57 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**
- **#86 New Jersey Institute of Technology**
- #89 St. Petersburg Polytechnic University
- #99 North Carolina State University
- #101 École de Technologie Supérieure (Eclipse)
- #116 McMaster University
- #559 University of Bologna (Onda Solare)
- #786 Western Michigan University (Sunseeker)
- #828 Appalachian State (Team Sunergy) **#966 Alfaisal University**





BLAZING A TRAIL WEST

OMAHA, NEBRASKA - BEND, OREGON JULY 14-22, 2018 1700+ MILES



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

JULY 6-9: SCRUTINEERING

Motorsport Park Hastings (Hastings, NE)

JULY 10-12: FORMULA SUN GRAND PRIX Motorsport Park Hastings (Hastings, NE)

JULY 10: on track 10:00 AM-6:00 PM JULY 11: on track 9:00 AM-5:00 PM JULY 12: on track 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

JULY 13: PUBLIC DISPLAY DAY Lewis & Clark Landing (Omaha, NE) 3:00-7:00 PM Public Display & MOV Practicality Judging

JULY 14-22: AMERICAN SOLAR CHALLENGE

OMAHA, NE • SAT, JULY 14 Start Line at 8:00 AM Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters

GRAND ISLAND, NE • SAT, JULY 14 Checkpoint 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer

GERING, NE • SUN-MON, JULY 15-16 Stage Finish July 15, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Legacy of the Plains Museum Stage Start July 16 at 9:00 AM Scotts Bluff National Monument

CASPER, WY • MON, JULY 16 Checkpoint 12:30 PM - 6:00 PM Possible arrivals Tue, July 17, 9:00AM – 10:30AM National Historic Trails Interpretive Center

LANDER, WY • TUE-WED, JULY 17-18 Stage Finish July 17, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Stage Start July 18 at 9:00 AM Fremont County Pioneer Museum

FARSON, WY • WED, JULY 18 Checkpoint 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Eden Valley Community Center

ARCO, ID • THU, JULY 19 Stage Finish 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM **Butte County High School**

CRATERS OF THE MOON • FRI. JULY 20 Stage Start at 9:00 AM Devil's Orchard Trailhead

MOUNTAIN HOME, ID • FRI, JULY 20 Checkpoint 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM Walmart

BURNS, OR • SAT-SUN, JULY 21-22 Stage Finish July 21, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Stage Start July 22 at 9:00 AM **Business District at Arrowhead Plaza**

BEND, OR • SUN, JULY 22 Finish Line 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM High Desert Museum

Times are local time. Arrival of solar cars may be impacted due to weather, traffic, and maintenance issues, and energy management decisions

WELCOME

Promoting educational excellence and engineering creativity, the American Solar Challenge (ASC) and Formula Sun Grand Prix (FSGP) are collegiate student design competitions. Teams from the US, Canada, and around the world design and build solarpowered vehicles within a set of regulations. Once at the event, these vehicles are put through a series of inspections, a process known as scrutineering, prior to being allowed to participate in the FSGP track event to gualify for the ASC road event.

Teams that successfully pass scrutineering and the qualifier will then take on the 1700+ mile journey West from Omaha, NE to Bend, OR. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System, the route features portions of the Oregon Trail and other trails as the solar cars exhibit the pioneering spirit.

SCRUTINEERING JULY 6-9

The solar cars undergo a series of inspections covering all aspects of the car, including electrical, mechanical, body and sizing, dynamic testing, and more. Inspectors check that the solar cars are built in alignment with the regulations and have all required safety features. Passing scrutineering is a big accomplishment and required to participate in the track and road events.







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completed in the allotted 24 hours of drive time wins. With no lunch break, teams strategize their pit stops for driver and tire changes all while carefully monitoring the weather and managing the car's energy. Solar cars (and drivers) that complete a minimum number of laps qualify to participate in the American Solar Challenge.





The goal of the American Solar Challenge is to complete the predetermined route in the lowest overal elapsed time. Teams drive during the nominal day from 9am-6pm. Each solar car is escorted by leac and chase vehicles that carry the other team members and equipment for roadside repairs. For two hours in the morning and evening, teams are able to charge their batteries using the car's solar array, angling the array toward the sun for maximum exposure. During these non-driving hours, teams can perform maintenance on the car, check the weather, and determine their strategy for the next day.







Eden Valley **Community Center**

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PUBLIC DISPLAY DAY JULY 13

As a transition between the track and road events, this day includes meetings, training, and other preparations while providing the public another opportunity to come see the solar cars.

This day also includes practicality iudging of the multi-occupant vehicles, which is a factor in their final scoring.

AMERICAN SOLAR CHALLENGE ROAD EVENT JULY 14-22

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National Historic Trails Center ION



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HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

MEET THE TEAMS

For many of these teams, the American Solar Challenge (ASC) is a goal they have been working towards for 2 years. Many hours have gone into the design and construction of these solar cars to ready them for competition.





NEW IN 2018: 2 CLASSES OF SOLAR VEHICLES

This year's event features 2 classes: the traditional single-occupant vehicles and the new multi-occupant vehicles. The single seaters seek to optimize energy efficiency for one person whereas the multi-occupant vehicles are also concerned about passengers and practicality. While both types of solar vehicles are similar in many ways, some key differences are taken into account in the scoring of the classes for the event.

Multi-Occupant Vehicle (MOV) Single-Occupant Vehicle (SOV)

- Seats 1 person
- supplemental array
- sources

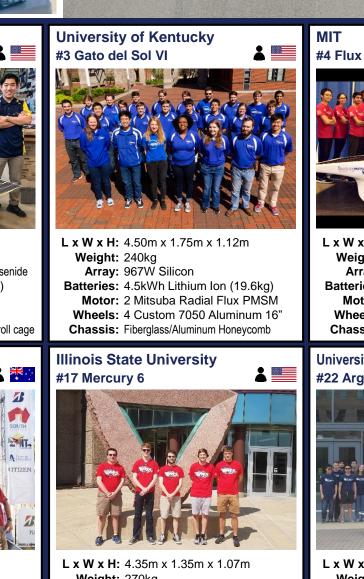




L x W x H: 5.00m x 1.00m x 1.00m Weight: 185kg Array: 800W Multi-junction Gallium Arsenide Batteries: 5.0kWh Lithium Ion (30kg) Motor: MARAND Steel-back Wheels: 4 Custom 16" Chassis: Composite monocoque, metal roll cage



L x W x H: 4.60m x 1.55m x 0.90m Weight: 158kg Array: 960W Silicon Batteries: 5kWh Lithium Ion (20kg) Motor: Marand Axial Flux Surface Mount Wheels: 4 Carbon Fiber 16" Chassis: Monocoque Carbon Fiber



Weight: 270kg Array: 760W Silicon Batteries: 5.14kWh Lithium ion (20kg) Motor: Mitsuba BLDC Wheels: 4 Carbon Fiber 16" Chassis: Carbon Fiber Composite



L x W x H: 4.50m x 1.91m x 1.05m Weight: 182kg Array: 950W Silicon Batteries: 5.0kWh Lithium Ion (19.7kg) Motor: Mitsuba Hub Wheels: 4 Composite 17" Chassis: Semi-monocoque

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign #22 Argo



L x W x H: 4.50m x 1.80m x 1.00m Weight: 230kg Array: 650W Silicon Batteries: 5.1kWh Lithium Ion (19.95kg) Motor: 2 Mitsuba Brushless DC Direct Drive Wheels: 4 GH Craft Carbon Fiber Chassis: Carbon Fiber Panel Semi-Monocoque

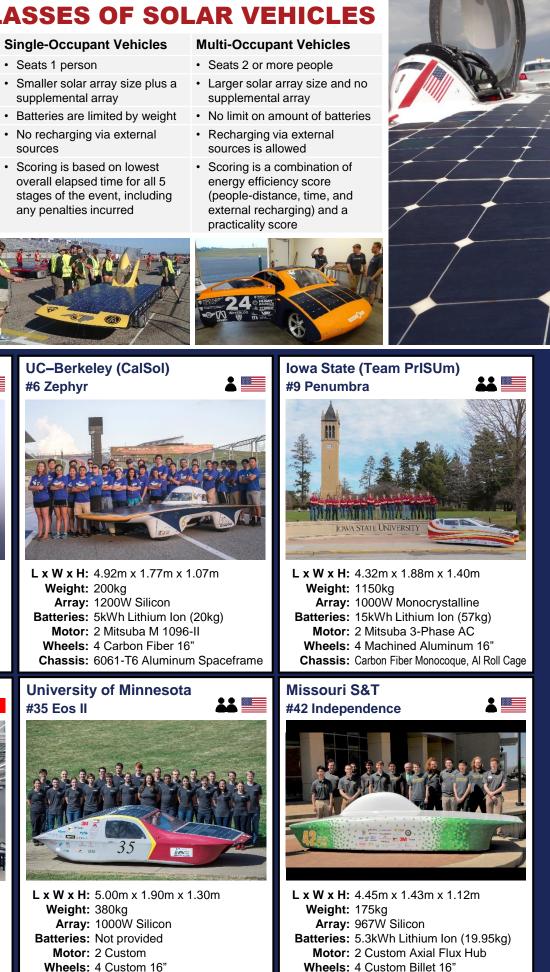


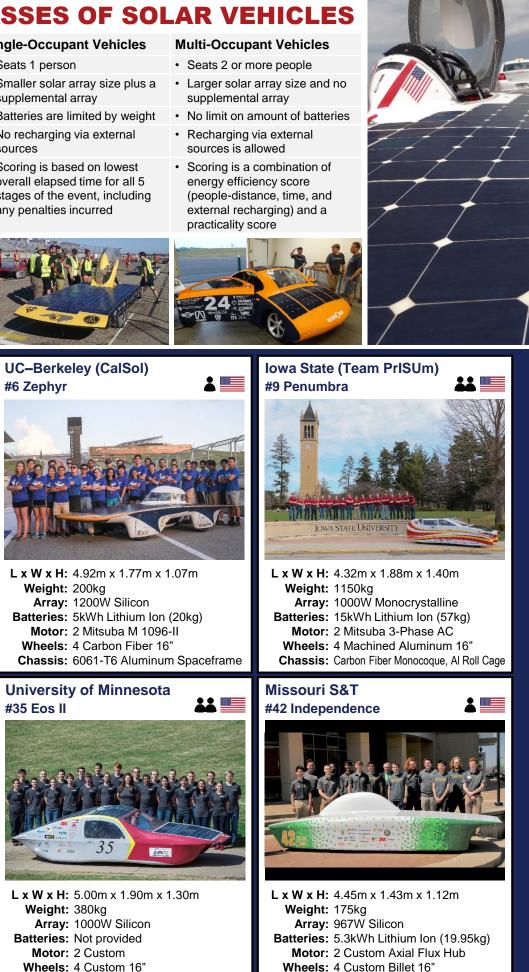
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L x W x H: 4.68m x 2.02m x 1.23m Weight: 475kg Array: 1200W Silicon Batteries: 14kWh Lithium Ion (60kg) Motor: 2 NGM SCM-150 hub Wheels: 4 Custom 20" Chassis: Welded Steel Tube





Chassis: Carbon Fiber Monocoque

Chassis: Carbon Fiber Monocoque Team Profiles continued on page 8



again to Fort Hall on

the Snake River in

Idaho.

50th Anniversary of the National Trails System

Home, Idaho.

the Snake River

Plain.

More than 2.000 miles of trail ruts and traces can still be seen along the Oregon National Historic Trail, reminders of the sacrifices, struggles, and triumphs of early American settlers.

The 2018 American Solar **Challenge** will follow portions of the Oregon Trail and other national historic trails from Nebraska to Oregon!



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issortment of animals, like the Prairie dog, as they de their way west across the open prairie.



Omaha, Nebraska was one of many Missouri River crossings where emigrants of the mid-1800s "jumped off" onto the overland wagon trails.



landmark for emigrants on the Oregon, California and Mormon Trails.

so gentle that most

did not even realize

they had entered the

Pacific watershed —

the Oregon Country!

Casper before

North Platte and

separating from the

heading southwest.

Wyoming on the

Sandy River.

east bank of the Big

Grand Island, NE Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer Wagons moved along both sides of the gritty **Platte River, which** takes its name from a French word meaning "flat."



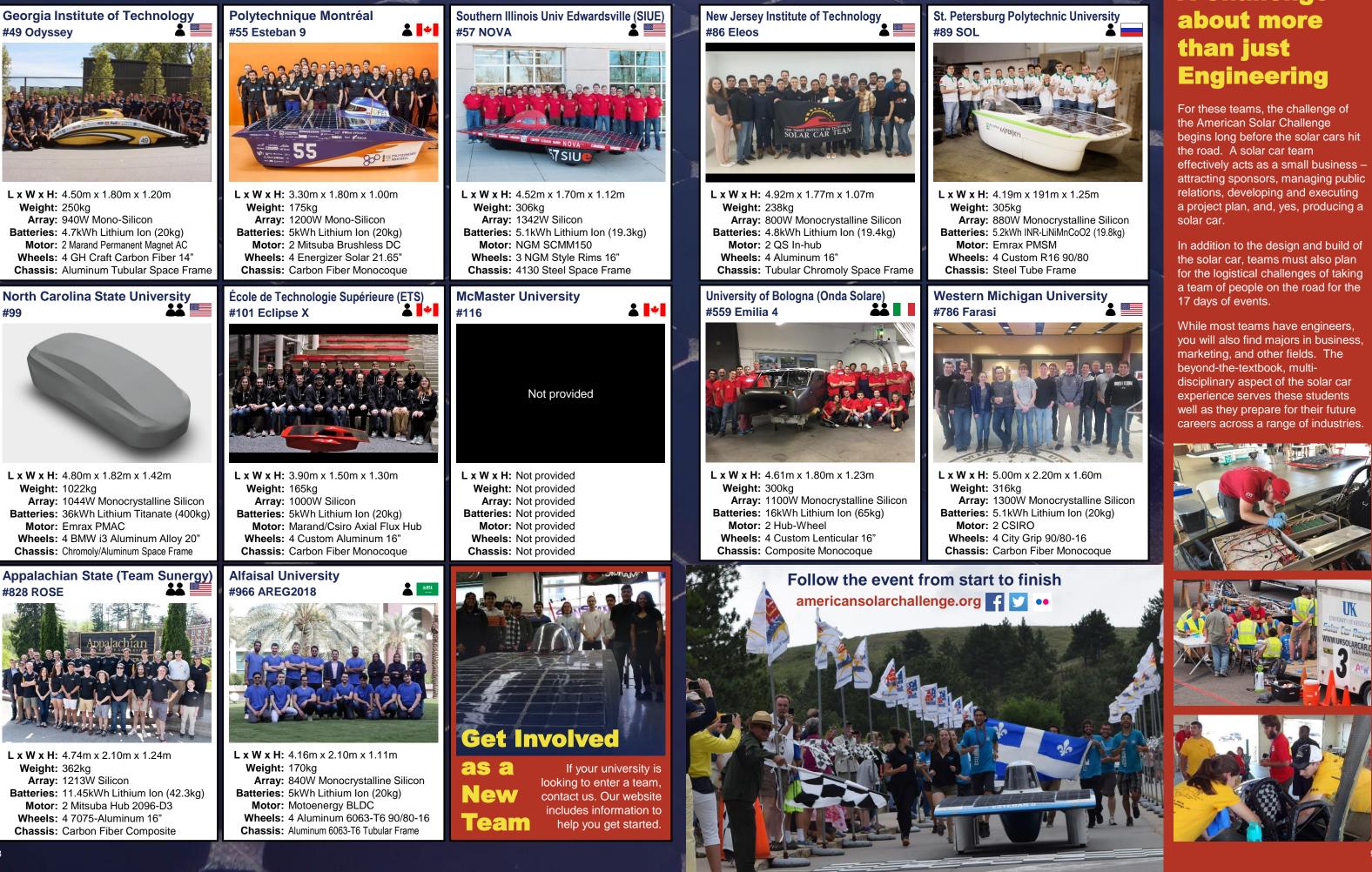
Omaha, NE **Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters** Located on the west bank of the Missouri River, the Omaha area has always been a good spot for westbound travelers.

American Solar Challenge Stage & Checkpoint Stops

Route of American Solar Challenae

Oregon National Historic Trail

MEET THE TEAMS CONTINUED...



A Challenge



How do solar cars work?

Solar cars use photovoltaic cells to convert sunlight into energy. This energy powers an electric motor to make the car go or can be used to charge batteries to store energy for those not-so-sunny days.

Why do solar cars look so different?

Conventional passenger cars can spend more than 85% of their energy overcoming air resistance, known as aerodynamic drag. Solar cars are designed to minimize the energy lost due to drag, resulting in some unique shapes and designs.

Is the first team across the line the winner?

Not necessarily. The winner of the singleoccupant vehicle class is determined based on the total overall lowest elapsed time across all stages of the event. For the multioccupant vehicle class, additional considerations of energy efficiency and practicality factor into the overall score.



Do the cars have air conditioning?

No. Though teams are required to provide driver ventilation, these vehicles are designed to maximize energy efficiency. Air conditioning, power windows, and other creature comforts would only consume electricity without improving the car's performance.

How fast can the solar cars go?

Teams must obey posted speed limits, and regulations limit the cars to 65 mph for the event. During testing, some solar cars have been clocked at over 100 mph.

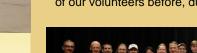
Can I buy a solar car?

These solar cars are built specifically for competition. However, there are a number of electric, hybrid, and alternative fuel vehicles on the market and in use today.

7:00 AM Battery release and morning charging Start with teams released in 1-minute 9:00 AM intervals The Next Drive. As needed, stop to charge, fix a 9 Hours... flat, or change drivers. There is no lunch break. Upon arrival at a Checkpoint (designated 45-minute stops), the team jumps out of the support vehicles and points the solar array towards the sun. Drivers of support vehicles go off to find the nearest fuel station. Observers are swapped, route updates are given, and the public gathers around to see the cars. After 45 minutes, the solar car can resume driving. 6:00 PM The driving day ends and evening charging time begins. Teams are given a 45-minute grace period to find a safe place to stop for the night. 8:00 PM Battery impound followed by time to

- work on the solar car (minus batteries), find lodging, check the weather forecast, and get ready for the next day.
- The Next Much the same schedule, except that Day... the solar cars reach an overnight stage stop where they will spend the night and depart on the next stage of the route the following morning.

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EVENT STAFF & INSPECTORS

From inspectors to stage/checkpoint crews to our route advance team and timing, the officials perform a variety of roles during the event. Many are also involved in the preparations prior to the event: reviewing the technical design reports submitted by the teams, developing the route, and coordinating all of the logistics to make the event happen.

John Broere	
Dan Bohachick	
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Brian Call	
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Paul Park Dale Reid **Dick Roberto** Adem Rudin Dan Saulsberry Johnnea Saulsberry Jordyn Saulsberry Stephanie Saulsberry Evan Stumpges Greg Thompson

OBSERVERS

The Observers spend a week on the road traveling with the teams. Riding in the chase vehicle, their role is to monitor the solar car's progress, impound the batteries at night, and release them back to the teams in the morning. Observers get to experience first-hand the ingenuity and hospitality of the solar cars teams.

Joshua Agby	Javier González Torres	Bill Stilwell
Spencer Berglund	Kila Henry	Donald Sutcliffe
Rita Crocker	Bill Lynch	Johannes Tax
Hannah Eberle	Ethan Reece	Louise Werner
Chloe Gibbons	Allen Rues	John Wyeth

PRACTICALITY JUDGES

The judges score the multi-occupant vehicles on practicality elements as part of determining their overall score for the event.

Pete Augenbergs	Goro Tamai
Scott McBroom	Dorian West

ADDITIONAL THANKS

Special thanks to Maria Xie and Paul Hirtz who assisted with preevent preparations but were unable to attend the event. Also, thanks to Chris Selwood and Nabih Bedewi for serving on the jury for the event.

A TYPICAL DAY ON THE ROAD

What about cloudy days?

Solar cars carry batteries that can be

charged using the solar cells. When

facing clouds or needing extra power,

the solar cars can continue to drive in

slower speed to conserve energy.

the clouds and rain, although likely at a

the car uses this stored energy. Hence,

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR



These events would not be possible without the time and dedication of our volunteers before, during, and after the event!

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When is the next event?

The Formula Sun Grand Prix is held annually and the American Solar Challenge is held every two years. Planning for future events is currently underway. Please follow us on Facebook and check our website for future announcements!

How can I get involved?

· Sponsor the event with your generous donation Participate as part of a university team Volunteer to help with the event

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