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SOLAR RACING NEWS

2,300-mile Solar Car Race Coming to Sayre, OK

What: The American Solar Challenge (ASC), a 2,300-mile solar car race from Chicago to the Los Angeles area along historic Route 66 July 15-25. The American Solar Challenge is an educational event in which university teams, companies and clubs compete to build and race solar-powered cars across the country. Twenty-eight solar-powered cars are participating in the race. The car with the fastest cumulative time will win the challenge, the longest solar car race in the world.

When: Solar cars are expected to pass through a checkpoint in Sayre between July 18 and 19. The fastest cars could reach the checkpoint as early as 1:00 p.m. July 18. Cars are required to stop for 30 minutes. The checkpoint will be open until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and again from 8a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday.

Where: The checkpoint is located at the Southwest Oklahoma State University at Sayre, 409 E. Mississippi.

How: Daily race results will be posted on the Internet www.formulasun.org/asc. Solar cars can be tracked online at www.formulasun.org/asc/tracking/index.html.

The Race: The American Solar Challenge News Center will be operational July 16-25. Call Gary Schmitz at 909-869-4863 for information, or email at gary_schmitz@nrel.gov.

Participants: The following teams are in the race. Each car must pass safety, electrical and mechanical inspections, and complete 125 miles at an average speed of 25 miles per hour or better to qualify.

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AMERICAN SOLAR CHALLENGE

Qualified Teams To Date:

Association FUTURA, Pescara, Italy
Ecole de technologie superieure, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan.
Los Altos High School/La Puente Valley ROP, Hacienda Heights, Calif.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
Messiah College, Grantham, Pa.
Minnesota State University, Mankato &
Winona State University, Mankato, Minn.
North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D.
Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.
Principia College, Elsau, Ill.
Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind.
South Bank University, London, United Kingdom
Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. (2 teams)
Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Mo.
University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla, Mo.
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N.D.
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

The race is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and its National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Golden, Colo.; EDS, Plano, Texas; and Terion, Melbourne, Fla.

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