

Grudge Race Planned in Thedford

The Sandhills Open Road Challenge in cooperation with the Thedford Economic Development Corporation will offer a new event to its 2008 participants. One third and one half mile “grudge match” drag races will be held at the Thedford Community Airport from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on August 7. Unlike the standard ¼ mile drag races the ½ mile event will be the first legal drag race of its kind held in the USA in more than 40 years. Drivers will compete against opponents of their choosing and will leave the starting line at the drop of a flag rather than using an electronic timing system. A judge at the finish line will declare the winner. No trophies or class winners are awarded as the event is designed purely for the fun of friendly competition between drivers. Spectators are welcome; however no public bleachers are available.

The non-profit Sandhills Open Road Challenge is celebrating its eighth year and averages 120 entries per event from more than 40 states. In addition to the ½ mile drags a one mile and half mile shoot out will be held on August 8 near Callaway, Nebraska. The four day event is capped with the 55 mile open road race on the winding county road between Arnold, Nebraska and US Highway 2 on August 9. Since 2001 the SORC has generated more than \$150,000.00 in public donations to worthy local community projects, and scholarship funds. Complete information can be found at www.sorcrace.com.