

2024-2025

Project Description

Design, Fabricate, and Race a 4WD, off-road Vehicle

- 3 Subteams (Chassis, Drivetrain, Suspension, Steering, and Brakes)
	- Everything is standardized in correspondence with the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)
- Outreach: Continue getting sponsorships
	- Race and compete against other universities at the end of the year

Brennan *NAU SAE Baja Number 57*

Budget

Potential Sponsors:

Gore, Copper State, Mother Road, NAPA HAAS, Harsh Co., Poba Medical, Discount Tire, H&S Field Services, Dylan and Ryan's Dad, **Novakinetics**

Sponsor Methodology:

Reach out to all of the team's personal connections, and any local businesses to raise money.

Team Finance

Income:

Expenses:

Drivetrain

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Black Box Model - Drivetrain

Functional Flow Diagram - Drivetrain

Concept Generation

Engineering Calculations - Axles

Shaft Diameter

Minimum Diameter of a 4130 steel tube that can withstand 20 hp (Safety of factor of 2) at post reduction box 300 rpm:

> $P = (T[*]w)/5252$ P=Power in (HP) T= Torque in (Ft-Lb) w=Rotational Speed in (RPM) 5252 is a unit conversion factor Solve for T T=(π/16)*τ*d^3 Solve for d

> > **d=0.73 inches**

CV Cup Thickness

Minimum wall thickness for 4140 HT Steel CV cup with assumed OD of 2.5" that experiences 20 hp (Safety factor of 2) at post reduction box 300 rpm

P=(T*w)/5252 $P = (T[*]w)/5252$ P=Power in (HP) T= Torque in (Ft-Lb) w=Rotational Speed in (RPM) Solve for T T=(π/16)*τ*((d(outer)^4-d(inner)^4)/d(outer)) τ=allowable shear stress in (Psi); 54150 for 4140 HT steel Solve for d(inner) t=(d(outer)-d(inner))/2

t=0.125 inches

Engineering Calculations - Hub

Ansys Static Structural Analysis

- **• 6061 T6 Aluminum**
- **• Fixed at center hole**
- **• Max impact force = 1348 N**
- **• Max braking force = 312 lb-ft**
- **• Stress and deformation results shown**

With thickness of 1.5 inches from initial calculation, much of the part is experiencing minimal stress.

Part can be made smaller to reduce weight while still being strong enough for competition.

A: Static Structural **Equivalent Stress** Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress Linit: Pa. Time: 1 s 10/8/2024 1:34 PM 7.2513e6 Max 6.4501e6 5.6488e6 4.8476e6 4.0464e6 3.2451e6 2.4439e6 1.6427e6 8.4144e5 40208 Min

Engineering Calculations - Rear Gear Bearings

Desired Life (ld) = 1000 hours Desired Speed (nd) = 1300 rpm Application factor (af) = 1 Reliability (Rd) = .9

Rating life (revelations L10) = 10^6

Bearing 1: Radial load = T/dist = 600/6 = 100 lbf Bearing 1: Axial Load = 50 lbf (from secondary on CVT) Bearing 2: Axial Load = 600/8 = 75 lbf Xd = Ld/L10 = (60*1000*1300)/(10^6) = 78 (Rating Life Multiple) Weibull Parameters for L10 = 10^6: X0 = 0.02 Theta = 4.459 b = 1.483 a = 3 (for roller bearings)

Input torque = 600 in*lbf F = T/dist. Input shaft dist. ~= 8in Bearing 1: takes both axial and radial load (6in from torque application) Bearing 2 takes on radial load (8 in from torque application)

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C_{10} = a_f F_D \left[\frac{x_D}{x_0 + (\theta - x_0) [\ln(1/R_D)]^{1/b}} \right]^{1/a}
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(1)(8.33)\left(\frac{78}{(.02) + (4.459 - .02)\left(\ln\left(\frac{1}{.9}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{1.483}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \times \left|\frac{1}{0.02 + (4.459 - .02)\left(\ln\left(\frac{1}{.9}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{1.483}}}\right|
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= 35.6705143769
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C10 = 35.67 lbf = .1587 kN -> For size of bearing we need this catalog rating is ~= 80 times underrated Dylan

Engineering Calculations - Shift RPM

After iterating in MATLab, potential cam curve reveals: Engagement is at peak torque rpm of ~2400 RPM Shift out is at peak HP rpm of ~3000 to ~3300 RPM *May continue iterating to find more ideal cam curve

After visualising in CAD:

- **- Cam length satisfies required sheave travel**
- **- Confirms direction of forces throughout engagement. Provides basis for beam deflection calculations of cam spider**

Engineering Calculations - Beam Deflection of Spider Legs

Assumptions:

- **- Flyweight force is split evenly between all 6 spider legs**
- **- Uniform cross section and no fillets**
- **- Cam exerts force only between 0 and 90 degrees**

Results

- **- MATLab iterates beam deflection through different angles of cam contact**
- **- Confirms that deflection in x direction is negligible**
- **- Max deflection occurs when cam force is at 90 degrees**
- **- Will perform future iterative FEA with the assumption that cam contact will always be 90 degrees as worst case scenario**
- **- Will use code to optimize geometry and reduce weight**

Secondary Max Clamping Force = 380 lbf With Design Factor of 1.2 = 450 lbf Acting on ⅓ Roller Mounts = 150 lbf With 40o Helix Angle = (96, 115) lbf 6061 Al UTS = 45 kpsi

Results:

Max Deformation = 0.015 in Safety Factor = 2.6 Life Cycle = 10^8

Engineering Calculations - Front Gear Bearings

The front gear box is connected to the chain drive which allows power transmission from the rear gearbox to the front. The front will be slightly underdriven (about a 1:1.1 ratio) to allow for better handling and maneuverability of the vehicle.

Input Torque ~ 6000 lbs-in = 500 lbs-ft

Bearing Reactions

Axial: 600 lbs-ft (from gear reduction)

Radial: 100 lbs-ft

Using Weibull Parameters:

 $X0 = 0.02$; theta = 4.459; b = 1.483;

 $a = 3$; af = 1; Rd = 0.9; Lr = 10^6; Ld = 1000*300*60

 $XD = Ld/Lr = 18$; FD = \sim 600 lbf

 $C10 = 2000$ ft-lbs

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C_{10} \approx a_f F_D \left[\frac{x_D}{x_0 + (\theta - x_0)(1 - R_D)^{1/b}} \right]^{1/a} \qquad R \ge 0.90
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For the SAE BAJA vehicle, the needed life out of these bearings will be low due to the length of the competition, so the bearing selection will be based majoritively on the load experienced by the adjoining shafts. The bearings that will be selected and purchased will be satisfactory for this use-case. See BoM for specific bearings.

Bore Diameters (subject to change): Input Gear = 0.75in Output Gear = 2.75in

Engineering Calculations- Dog Clutch

3-tooth Curvic Teeth

 $d_{0} = 2$ in. $d_i = 1$ in. Δ d= d_o-d_i = 1 in. $F = T/(r/12)$ =125 lbf*ft/(0.5/12)= 3000 lbf σ=F/A= 3000 lbf/0.20 in2= **15000 psi**

4130 Annealed Steel

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 $F = T/(r/12)$

=125 lbf*ft/(0.5/12)= 3000 lbf

σ=F/A= 3000 lbf/0.26 in2= **11538.46 psi**

Concept Evaluation

Bill of Materials - Drivetrain

Rowan J.

Schedule

Chassis & Frame

Ryan Carley - Front End, Team Lead Wyatt Walker - Cockpit, CAD Manager Charles Anderson- Rear End, Fabrication & Web Design

Black Box Model - Chassis

Charles

Functional Model

Concept Generation

Rear Braced VS Front Braced Frame

Per SAE Rule Book-2 Choices

Front Braced- Better Weight **Distribution**

Rear Braced- Ease of **Benchmarking**

Rear Braced- More Opened **Cockpit**

Concept Generations

Inboard vs Outboard Brake.

Inboard Brake- Creates crowding in the front toe box.

Outboard brakes-Creates a lower center of gravity

Concept Generation

Hanging Floor Pedals VS Floor Mounted Pedals

Hanging- Requires additional member, Allows for ease of full depression of pedal

Floor- Requires more space in the front end, Harder for the driver to fully depress pedal

Concept Generation

SIM Supports: Inward Vs Outward

Outward facing- allows larger clearances for suspension mounting.

Inward facing- Creates a tighter cockpit

Suspension Fully Compressed

Car is falling from 10 ft and suspension bottoms out on impact

F = 5000 N Max Deformation: .387in Max Stress: 2.7x10^2 MPa

Head on Collision

Car is moving 30 mph our car hits the rear of another competitor

F = 3350 N Max Deformation: .112 in Max Stress: 2.82x10^2 MPa

Wyatt

Side Impact

Car is T-Boned by another car which is moving at 30 mph, and hits our side impact member

F = 3350 N Max Deformation: 1.185 in Max Stress: 9.13x10^2 Mpa

Concept Evaluation

Deformation Evaluation

Concept Evaluation

Stress Evaluation Max: 5.93x10^3 MPa Max: 2.7x10^2 MPa

Without Upper Control Arm Support With Upper Control Arm Support

Bill of Materials/Budget

Schedule

Steering, Brakes, and Suspension

David Polkabla Jr. Taylor Hewitt Ryan Key Ryan Latulippe Oliver Husmann Steering, Brakes \succ Suspension

Black Box Model - Steering

Black Box Model - Brakes

Black Box Model - Suspension

Functional Model

David, Taylor, Ryan K.

Concept Generation - Steering

• Pro-Ackerman Provides a tighter turn radius with minimal tire scrub.

• Parallel steering allows for a even tire rotation, with the drawback of tire scrub.

• Anti-Ackerman maximizes tire scrub and minimizes turn radius.

Pro-Ackerman Parallel Parallel Anti-Ackerman

Concept Generation - Brakes

Master Cylinder Bore Diameter

- **● ⅞ in. Diameter**
	- Less effort to brake
	- Pushes more brake fluid to the calipers
- **● ⅝ in. Diameter**
	- Pushes less brake fluid to calipers
	- Requires more effort to Brake

Brake Pedal Ratio

- **● 5:1 Ratio**
	- Saves Space in packaging
	- Shorter pedal travel
- **● 6:1 Ratio**
	- Reduces brake pedal force
	- Longer pedal travel

Concept Generation - Shock Mounting on Control Arms

Upper Control Arm

- More optimized/greater suspension travel
- Not as traditional of a mounting location

Lower Control Arm

- More traditional mounting location
- Clearancing/packaging with axles and various other components

Concept Generation - Trailing Link Construction

Titanium vs. Steel for Rear Links Titanium

- **- Expensive**
- **- Less Dense (4.51 g/cm3)**
- **- Tensile strength 140 mPa**
- **- Welds can be compromised by heat/oxygen**

Steel

- **- Less expensive**
- **- More dense (7.88 g/cm3)**
- **- Tensile strength 350 mPa**
- **- Susceptible to corrosion**

Concept Generation- Scrub Radius

Positive Scrub Radius:

- Occurs when the intersection point of the steering axis is inside the tire contact patch.
- Provides more road feedback to the driver.
- Can increase steering effort
- Helps stabilize the vehicle when braking.

Zero Scrub Radius:

- The intersection point of the steering axis is aligned with the center of the tire contact patch.
- Neutral steering feel.
- Balances road feedback and steering effort.
- Often used for vehicles aiming for balanced handling.

Negative Scrub Radius:

- Occurs when the intersection point of the steering axis is outside the tire contact patch.
- Reduces steering effort, making it lighter.
- Improves stability in front-wheel-drive vehicles.
- Can reduce torque steer in powerful vehicles.

Engineering Calculations-Steering

Wheelbase $L = 60$ in Track Width = 62in Inner Steering Angle $\theta_{\text{in}} = 50^{\circ}$ Outer Steering Angle θ_{out} = 28.11^o Estimated Turn Radius $R = 81.3$ in or 6.78ft

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R_{in} = \frac{L}{\tan(\theta_{in})}
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R = R_{in} + \frac{Trackwidth}{2}
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R_{out} = R + \frac{Trackwidth}{2}
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\theta_{out} = \tan^{-1}(\frac{L}{R_{out}})
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Engineering Calculations-Brakes

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a = \frac{v - v_0}{t - t_0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{58.7}{3} = 19.6 \, \text{ft/s}^2
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d = vt - \frac{1}{2} \, \text{at}^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 58.7(3) - \frac{(19.6)(3^2)}{2} = 88 \, \text{ft}
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W = \frac{1}{2} \, \text{mv}^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{(17.1)(58.7)^2}{2} = 29460 \, \text{lb} \cdot \text{ft/s}^2
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F_{brake} = \frac{W}{d} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{29460}{88} = 335 \, \text{lb}
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F_{clamp} = \frac{F_{brake}}{2} \cdot \mu \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{335}{2} \cdot 0.7 = 117.25 \, \text{lb}
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 $BPR = Brake$ Pedal Ratio = 6:1 = 6

 $F_{BPF} = \frac{F_{brake}}{BPR}$ => $\frac{335}{6} = 55.8 lb$

Brake Pedal Ratio

 $A/B =$ Pedal Ratio

Engineering Calculations-Brakes

Front Brake Calcs Rear Brake Calcs

$r = 4.5$ in $\theta_1 = 36^\circ$ $\theta_2 = 144^\circ$ $\theta_2 - \theta_1 \implies (144 - 36) \frac{\pi}{180} = 1.885 \text{ rad}$ $d = 7/8$ in $A_p = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} = 0.601$ in² $r_0 = r - 0.0625 \implies 4.4375 \text{ in}$ $r_i = r_0 - 1.125 \implies 3.3125 \text{ in}$ $f_r = 0.37$ $r_e = \frac{r_o + r_i}{r_o} = \frac{4.4375 + 3.3125}{r_o} = 3.875$ in $\bar{r} = \frac{\cos{(\theta_1)} - \cos{(\theta_2)}(r_e)}{(\theta_2 - \theta_2)} = \frac{\cos(36) - \cos(144))(3.875)}{(1.885)} = 3.326 \text{ in}$ $T = \bar{r} * F_{Clamp} = \frac{(3.326)(117.3)}{12} = 32.5 ft - lb$ $p_a = \frac{2T}{(\theta_2 - \theta_1) f r_1 (r_2^2 - r_1^2)} = \frac{12(32.5)}{(1.885)(0.37)(3.3125)(4.4375^2 - 3.3125^2)} = 19 \text{ psi}$ $F_{Actualing} = (\theta_2 - \theta_1) p_a r_i (r_o - r_i)$ => 1.885(19)(3.3125)(4.4375 - 3.3125) = 136 lbf

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p_{hydraulic} = \frac{F_{Actualing}}{A_p} = 226 \text{ psi}
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Engineering Calculations-Brakes

Master Cylinder Bore Size (d_{mc})

Max caliper pressure p_c = 226 psi

Assume $p_m = p_c = 226$ psi

Master Cylinder Area $(A_{mc}) = \frac{F_{clamp}}{p_c}$ = > $\frac{117.25 \; lb}{226 \; psi}$ = 0.52 in²

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d_{mc} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{A_{mc}}{\pi}} \implies 2 \sqrt{\frac{0.52}{\pi}} = 0.813 \text{ in}
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Master Cylinder Bore Diameter = $\frac{7}{8}$ in

Engineering Calculations- Front Knuckle

Simulated impact from a 1-meter jump, with all force on one front wheel, causing max stress on the knuckle due to fully compressed suspension.

Material: 6061-T6 Aluminum

Factor of Safety (FOS): The minimum factor of safety is 1.2

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Engineering Calculations

Rear Suspension (Trailing Link) Bottoms Out

Car is dropped from 1 meter onto one rear wheel and the suspension bottoms out

Carbon Steel F:5400 N Max Deformation: 5.32x10^-2 inches Max Stress: 9.59x10^2 MPa

Engineering Calculations - Approx. Control Arm Member Length

Front most CA member = member A

Rear most CA member = member B

Track width = $62"$

Member ELC Length = $8"$

Member FLC Length = 13.5"

Tire width = $7"$

Approx. Knuckle Width = 4.5"

Approximate control arm length A

- = Track width (Tire width $*$ 2) (Knuckle width $*$ 2) Member ELC length
	- = Length/2 \rightarrow CA member A length per side
- $= 62" (7" * 2) (4.5" * 2) 8" = 31" / 2 = 15.5"$ per side (member A)

Approximate control arm length B

- = Track width (Tire width * 2) (Knuckle width * 2) Member FLC length
	- = Length/2 \rightarrow CA member B length per side
- $= 62" (7" * 2) (4.5" * 2) 13.5" = 25.5" / 2 = 12.75"$ per side (member B)

Concept Evaluation

Bill of Materials - Steering

Bill of Materials - Brakes

Bill of Materials - Suspension

Schedule

Thank You

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