



NFPA Education and Technology Foundation FINAL PRESENTATION The University of Akron Dr. Scott Sawyer April 16th, 2020





### **Presentation Overview**



- Team Introduction
- Problem Statement & Objectives
- Summary of Midway Presentation
- Vehicle Construction
- Progress Towards Final Vehicle
- Lessons Learned & Conclusion



## The University of Akron Team





- Team Members:
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  - Ross Kohar
  - Bailey Codispoti
  - Jonathon Giaquinto
  - Brady Speicher



- Advisor: Dr. Scott Sawyer
- Mentor: Steve Gluck



## Problem Statement and Objectives



- Design a custom vehicle utilizing hydraulic components to compete in The Fluid Power Vehicle Challenge
  - Sprint Race: 600 feet time trial.
  - Efficiency Race: Travel maximum distance using pressurized accumulator from a stop.
  - Endurance Race: A 1 mile time trial.





# Summary of Midway Presentation



- Design Objectives
- Vehicle Design
- Circuit Design
- Selection of Hardware
- Calculations and Results



## **Design Objectives**



- 1. Frame Selection
- 2. Minimize Components
- 3. Consider Future Team's Success





#### Vehicle Design





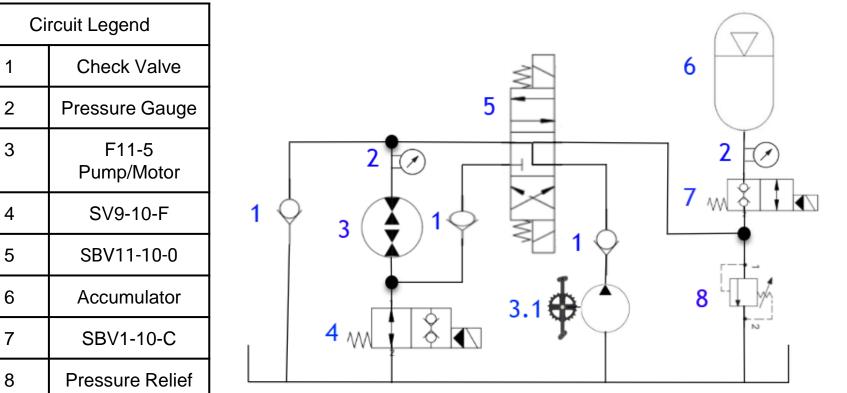
#### Initial Bike Design ----- Final Bike Design



#### **Circuit Design**

Valve





Reservoir



#### **Drive Circuits**

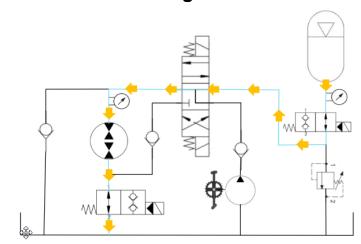
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**Pedal Circuit** 

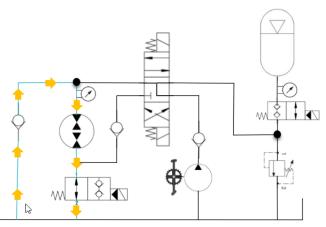


Discharge Circuit



**Coasting Circuit** 

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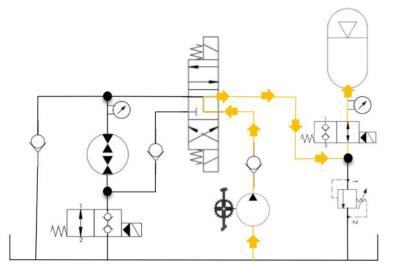


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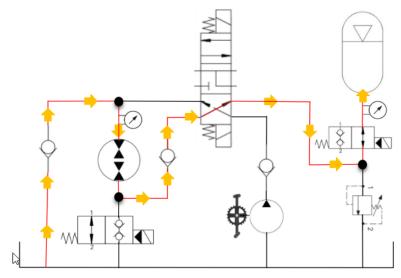
## Regeneration/Charging Circuits



Pedal Charge Circuit



**Regenerative Braking Circuit** 





#### **Controls System**





Arduino UNO



**Core 40V Battery** 



**Solid State Relay** 



**Switches** 



### **Hardware Selection**



Planned Hardware:

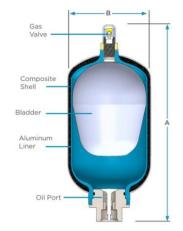
- Schlumpf Drive
- Rim Brakes
- Standard Tires
- Chain Drive
- Steelhead Bladder Accumulator
- Parker F11-5 Motor / Pump

Changes to Hardware Decisions:

Decided Against the Schlumpf Drive





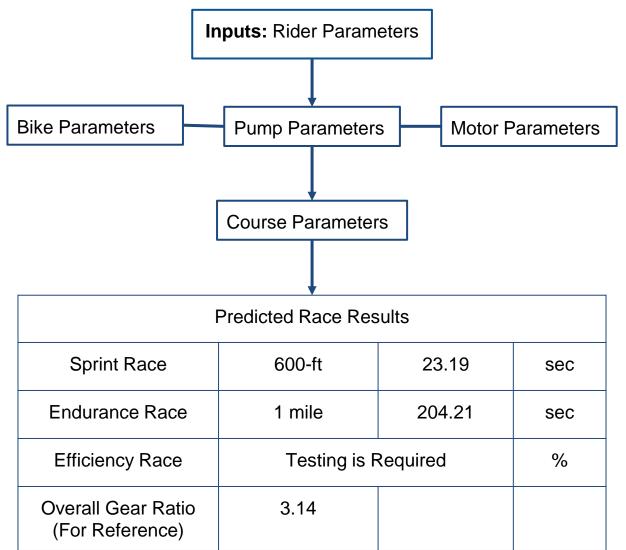






#### **Calculations & Results**







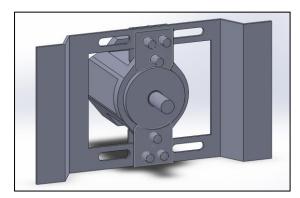


## **Vehicle Construction**

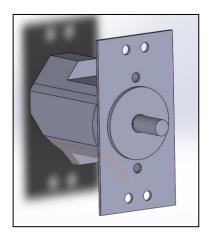


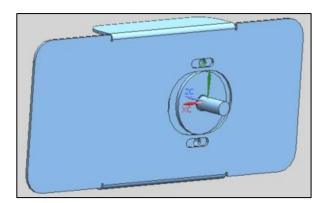
#### **Design Improvements**



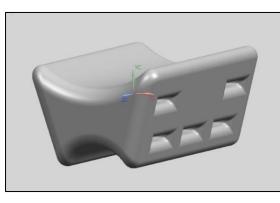


**Initial Weld on Motor Mount** 





**Final Bolt on Motor Mount** 



**Accumulator Mount Design** 





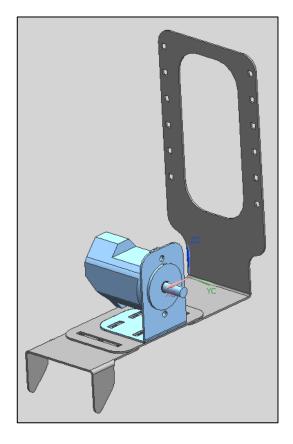
**Mounted Accumulator** 



#### **Mounting Plates**



#### **Rear Mounting Plate**



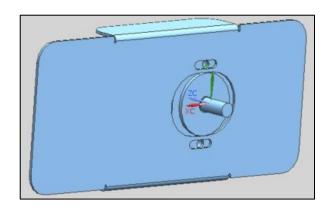




#### **Mounting Plates**

#### **Front Mounting Plate**











# Progress Towards Final Vehicle



### **Completed Tasks**



Our Final adjustments:

- Mounting plates manufactured and attached
- Components mounted to plates
- Valves hosed







#### Next Steps...



- 3D print chain guard
- Develop the physical electronic circuit
- Test current design
  - Comfort and practicality of component placement
  - Effectiveness of circuit design
- Make changes to vehicle based on testing
- Improve upon our calculation and prediction methods





#### **Lessons Learned**



- Fundamentals of hydraulics
- Iterative design process
- Meeting design requirements
- Time management
- Working with a team
- Financial considerations







#### Conclusion



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