TARTAN RACING OPEN HOUSE: Carnegie Mellon’s Tartan Racing team will unveil Boss, the modified Chevy Tahoe that will be its entry in this fall’s DARPA Urban Challenge, during an open house from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 23.

Team members will demonstrate Boss’ autonomous driving capabilities and will be happy to answer questions and discuss their plans for the Urban Challenge.

The Urban Challenge, set for Nov. 3, 2007, at an as-yet-undisclosed site in the western U.S., will pit self-driving vehicles against each other on a course that simulates an urban environment. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) will award $2 million to the first team to complete the challenge, encompassing about 60 miles of driving, in six hours or less.

WHEN: 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007.

WHERE: The Roundhouse at Robot City, located on the former LTV site in Hazelwood. Tartan Racing is headquartered in the roundhouse and tests its vehicles on a portion of the LTV site.

Directions: (or Google: 4170 2nd Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15207)

From Downtown, head south on Second Avenue or, from Oakland, take Bates Street to Second Avenue and turn left. Follow Second Avenue past Hot Metal Bridge and, before taking a sharp left to follow the street through an underpass, continue straight to enter the former LTV site. At the first building, which has a sign for “Damian Hantz, locomotive repair,” turn through the gate to the left of the building and continue towards the left. Follow the road down the hill, and take the second right turn at the bottom of the hill. Park on this section of road and walk along road toward the city skyline to roundhouse; entrance to Tartan Racing is on the right side of the roundhouse.

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