

# BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

Dear Best In The Desert Riders! **GMZ UTV WINTER NATIONALS CASEY FOLKS  
PARKER "250" Presented by Polaris**

First, let me say, what a way to start the 2018 ~ "The American Off-Road Racing Series" by racing the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Casey Folks Memorial race, the **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Casey Folks Parker "250" presented by Polaris**. Best In The Desert founder, Casey Folks held the Parker 250 near and dear to his heart. He loved racing and promoting races in the Parker area. Casey's roots came from racing motorcycles for a span of more than 30 years!!! Best In The Desert wanted to honor Casey by creating a memorial race that captured his roots and an event that he loved dearly. What better way to kick off the 2018 season than honoring Best In The Desert Founder, Casey Folks with an event dedicated to his legacy, the 2018 **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Casey Folks Parker "250" presented by Polaris**.

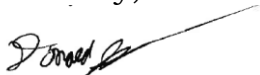
For the past fifteen years we have had very successful events in Parker and for 2018 there will be no exception!!! **Best In The Desert** is very excited to announce the return of **Title Sponsor, GMZ Race Products**, a company that makes wheels and tires for UTV's. The event is now the **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Casey Folks Parker "250" presented by Polaris!** I think it is very important that all of you racers realize just how important it is to our sport to have industry support like **GMZ and Polaris**. I believe if we want the sport of Motorcycle/Quad/UTV off-road racing to continue and grow we must have the quality sponsorship involvement with companies like **GMZ Race Products and Polaris** who are industry driven. Not only is this an exciting race in the State of Arizona, but the **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Casey Folks Parker "250" presented by Polaris** will be the kick-off for an **EXCITING 2018 RACING SEASON!** The event will be held in Parker, Arizona, on approximately an 80-mile loop with some of the best spectating areas available in off-road racing today. Again, the **PARKER PYTHON** will be a big part of the event. The Parker **Python** will be a rough section of jumps in front of hundreds of cheering spectators, it is a GREAT section that you will race to get back to! Once again, we have opened up Shea Road, an area considered to be a "Spectators Paradise!" Friends, family and off-road enthusiasts will be able to watch you race with all of the fierceness you can muster! Your friends, family and fans can camp and watch the **BEST OF THE BEST all day long!** You will be able to watch the **BEST Motorcycle, Quad and UTV racers** in the country. Definitely a **"Showdown In The Desert!"**

The Parker events have a thirty year history of being a **ROUGH** and **TOUGH** long distance course, *and this year is no different!* The **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Casey Folks Parker "250" presented by Polaris** will hold true to its reputation, it is one of the toughest off-road race courses in our 2018 line up! But remember, that's why you're racing, you're racing for the **CHALLENGE** of beating the tough desert terrain, you're racing to feel the satisfaction of completing a course that has a history like the one in Parker, AZ!

**Here are a few things to think about!** How many long distance team races are there in the United States? Answer: Three! Next question, what organization puts them on? Easy Answer: Best In The Desert! Next question, why does Best In The Desert promote **LONG DISTANCE TEAM DESERT RACES?** Answer: Because Best In The Desert has a passion for the sport, and we feel you, the racer, should have the opportunity to participate in the sport you love too! Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of long distance off-road races!

Registration and Technical Inspection for the **GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Casey Folks Parker "250" presented by Polaris** will be held at the beautiful Blue Water Resort & Casino in Parker, Arizona, on Friday, January 5, 2018, from 11 am to 6pm. The Race will be held on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Awards Presentation will be held on Saturday Evening, at the BlueWater Resort & Casino! Don't miss this great day of racing! See you at the races in Parker, AZ!

Sincerely,



**Donald Jackson, Operations Manager**

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## FACT SHEET

1. The *GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Casey Folks Parker "250" presented by Polaris* racecourse will be an approximately 80-mile loop raced three times, with an additional 2 miles at the start, one time only, and adding 2 times around the Parker Python (3-miles) for a total of 254 miles. All Ironman classes will race two (2) 80-miles loops with the same additional miles. There will be NO pre-run for the Parker "250". UTV's will race around 3 times with a Gran Prix finish, when the leader comes in all get flagged in.
2. There will be an Alternate Pit for Motorcycles, Quads & UTV's at Mile Marker 30. You are allowed to fuel and switch riders at the Main Pit and Alternate Pit only. **YOU WILL NOT** be able to beat the race vehicle from the Alternate Pit to the Main Pit. We recommend two (2) pit support vehicles, One (1) at the Main Pit and one (1) at the Alternate Pit.
3. If you have a **two (2) man** team and you may want to divide the mileage up evenly, we recommend that the 2<sup>nd</sup> rider going directly to the Alternate Pit (Midway,) and switch riders there. If not, one rider will race 160 miles and one rider will race 80 miles. Again for 2018, all MC & Quad entries can have four (4) riders, if you choose to have more riders. Ironmen will race two (2) laps for 168 miles.
4. Again for this year there will be a **Youth 250cc & 170** race and Short Course UTV Race both on Friday January 5, 2017.
5. **The POINT SCHEDULE for 2018 for Motorcycles, Quads & UTV's is as follows:**  
To win a Class Championship you must compete in **ALL** scheduled events for your respective class. For Motorcycles & Quads there will be four (4) events. For UTV's there will be seven (7) events. **THERE WILL NOT BE A THROW OUT RACE FOR MC/Quads, but there will be ONE (1) THROW OUT RACE FOR UTV'S.** Example: Motorcycles race Four (4) total races for the year. **YOU MUST ENTER/START ALL OF THE DESIGNATED RACES FOR YOUR CLASS.** For MC/Q your points for all FOUR (4) races count. For UTV's with seven (7) races, this gives you an opportunity to DNF a race and still be able to come back and be competitive for a class championship.
6. **GREAT NEWS!!** Shea Road will be open for spectators. Also there **WILL BE** overnight camping allowed at Shea Road and at the Main Pit in Parker!!!
7. CRIT Camping Fee will apply for the Main Pit area; CRIT will be charging \$15 a night. Be prepared to pay cash at the Main Pit entrance. This is only for vehicles you are sleeping in.
8. The **GMZ AWARDS PRESENTATION** for the *GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Casey Folks Parker "250" presented by Polaris* race will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at 8:30 PM in the BlueWater Cantina! Don't miss an awesome day of racing and a fun night of celebrating!
9. The **PARKER PYTHON** and Spectating Areas will be in the MAIN PIT and you can camp there! The area will be a mile and a half of an all-new grand prix course with jumps and incredible excitement! The Main Pit area will be watered down so you'll have a clear frame for watching your favorite racers race the **PARKER PYTHON!!!**
10. The 2018 Schedule of Events is now out! We recommend you make your reservations for the awesome *GMZ UTV Winter Nationals Casey Folks Parker "250" presented by Polaris* now at the **BlueWater Resort & Casino!** Also, the 2018 hotel guide is posted! **Make your reservations now at all of the Best In The Desert Host Hotels for the entire 2018 Racing Year!!! See you at the Start Line!!!**

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HOST HOTEL - BlueWater Resort & Casino

**(888) 243-3360**

[www.bluewaterfun.com](http://www.bluewaterfun.com)

**(928) 669-7000**

The BlueWater Resort & Casino will not be offering a group block this year, it is first come first serve for their rooms. For More Information Regarding the Parker Area Contact the **Parker Area Chamber of Commerce** – (928) 669-2174 For Additional Lodging References please contact [www.parkerareatourism.com](http://www.parkerareatourism.com)

### **IN-TOWN ACCOMMODATIONS**

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| Best Western Parker Inn | (877) 297-6667 |
| Budget Inn Motel        | (928) 669-2566 |
| El Rancho Motel         | (928) 669-2231 |
| Hampton Inn (Brand New) | (928) 699-1000 |
| Kofa Inn                | (800) 742-6072 |
| Lazy D Mobile Home Park | (928) 669-8797 |
| Quality Inn             | (928) 669-2133 |
| Stardust Motel          | (928) 669-2278 |

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