

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

Dear Off-Road Enthusiasts:

In the world we live in there are *good off-road desert races*, there are *great off-road desert races* and then there are **LEGENDS**. Well, the **BlueWater Resort & Casino Parker "425" presented by IMPACT** is just that, a legend in off-road desert racing ~ **"THE LEGEND LIVES ON!"** The Parker Legend started in 1972, known as the Norra Dam "500", then in 1974 as the Parker "400" and grew to become *a legend in off-road desert racing*. The Best In The Desert is keeping this great event alive, there's no question about it, it's better today and it's a race you don't want to miss. There's no better way to start your 2017 racing season then with the **BlueWater Resort & Casino Parker "425" presented by IMPACT**, **"The Legend Lives On!"**



The **BlueWater Resort & Casino Parker "425" presented by IMPACT** no doubt stands alone as one of everyone's favorite races of "The American Off-Road Racing Series!" All year long this is what we hear from racers, "Parker is my favorite race" "Parker is the best race going." "I love going to Parker." The lure of the challenge, as well as the excitement of this great legend in off-road races is attracting interest from all over the United States, it is attracting those who are looking for a true "American Off-Road Adventure!" If you like off-road adventure, if you would like to race on an exciting off-road racecourse, if you like long distance off-road racing, then you **MUST** come and participate in the **BlueWater Resort & Casino Parker "425" presented by IMPACT**. Even the unprecedented rain we had for the 2009 Parker "425" was an adventure; not many of us had been caught in a downpour like that before, it was unbelievable! Ok, maybe some more rain in 2010 and 2011 but that didn't last as long. You have a 50/50 shot of a wet course, the good news maybe "no dust!"

The **BlueWater Resort & Casino Parker "425" presented by IMPACT** will be a high caliber gathering of off-road racing's best, to test their off-road racing skills against the many unforeseen challenges the beautiful Arizona terrain has to offer. If you like **exciting off-road races**, and you want to be a part of a legend, then enter the BlueWater Resort & Casino Parker "425" presented by IMPACT. Make no mistakes about it, the BlueWater Resort & Casino Parker "425" is not your typical garden-variety weekend race! It begins on Thursday, February 2, with an exciting "Time Trial" event, which determines Top starting positions for Trick Trucks, Class 1500 & Class 6100 only. After the Time Trials we will have a **SHOW & SHINE** at the **Downtown Parker Experience**. The Time Trial vehicles will be on display downtown and then escorted back to the Main Pit Area.

You will again run the exciting **PARKER PYTHON!** The **Python** will be a rough section of jumps in front of thousands of cheering spectators. The **Python** will be modified a bit this year and you have two chances to test your skills against the **Parker Python!** The BlueWater Resort & Casino Parker "425" has something for everyone; The beautiful backdrop of the Colorado River, Time Trials, Race Legends, the Parker Python, the beautiful BlueWater Resort & Casino, Shea Road Spectating Area, and the exciting long distance, off-road race challenge, the BlueWater Resort Parker "425"! **The 2018 BlueWater Parker "425" presented by IMPACT is a Who's Who in off-road racing! Don't miss it!**

I leave you with this thought! Life is too short! Take advantage of this opportunity and start making your plans now to be a part of the BlueWater Resort & Casino Parker "425" presented by IMPACT! This is my personal invitation to come join me for the start of the most awesome 2018 year in racing! I look forward to seeing you in Parker, Arizona for the start of the **BlueWater Resort Parker "425" presented by IMPACT!**

Sincerely,

Donald Jackson, Operations Manager
Best In The Desert



Don't forget the

BlueWater Parker "425" Pre-Fun Run!!!

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Send your entry form by December 29th for the Pre-Fun Run!!!

For More Information Contact

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BlueWater Resort Parker "425" Presented by IMPACT Updates~

- 1) **BREAKING NEWS** – The BlueWater Resort Parker "425" presented by Impact **RACE FORMAT** will be the same as in 2017. There will be two (2) starts, the early morning start will be for open wheel class vehicles and smaller cars/trucks, and the 2nd early afternoon start will be for the heavier weight class vehicles. **We are making this change for SAFETY and feel this is the right change to make.**

1st Start Staging 5 AM – Start 6 AM – First start will be a Gran Prix Finish for both 2 lap & 3 Lap
The Main Pit exit will close at 2:30 PM for first start. Staging & Start will be at Parker Python. To be considered a finisher you must get the checkered flag after the overall leader gets the checkered flag, regardless of # of laps.

2nd Start Staging 12:15 PM – Start 1:30 PM – escort to start line is at 1:10 PM, Start 1:30 PM.
Staging will be at the Parker Python and the Start will be on Calif. Ave. (Downtown Parker.) 2nd start is not a Gran Prix finish, Main Pit Exit will close at 10:30 PM, Finish Line will close at 1 AM.
You must complete all (3) laps to be considered a finisher.

COURSE DISTANCE ~ The course is 427-miles for (3) lap classes and 272-miles for (2) lap classes.

- 2) **MIDWAY PIT #3** – will have (2) pit passes, Start #1 & Start #2. The pit will open for 1 hour to let support crews out for start #1 and 1 hour to let start #2 support crews in. **Mineral Wash Pit #4** will be closed during the race no one will be allowed to leave, you must be thru the land closure by 5 AM.
- 3) **TIME TRIALS** ~ There will be “Time Trials” to determine start positions on Thursday, February 1, 2018. The Top fastest vehicles will start in the order in which they qualify in the Time Trials. Only three classes will be allowed to qualify for the Top starting positions, Trick Trucks, Class 1500 and Class 6100. **You must be a PRE-ENTRY** to participate in the Time Trial event. The Draw for Start Positions is Wednesday, January 17, send entry form!
- 4) **THE DOWNTOWN PARKER EXPERIENCE AND DOWN AND DIRTY RADIO SHOW** ~ Thursday, February 1, make sure to be downtown and for all the fun Jim Beaver and Race-Dezert have planned.
- 5) **DESIGNATED PITS** ~ There are four (4) pits out on the course, plus one (1) Main Pit in Parker.
Start to Pit 1 = 29 miles (MM 29), Pit 1 to Pit 2 = 23 miles (MM 52), Pit 2 to Pit 3 = 37 miles (MM 89), Pit 3 to Pit 4 = 13 miles (MM 102), Pit 4 to Main Pit in Parker = 46 miles (MM 142).
- 6) The **Parker "425" Pre-Fun Run** will be a **1-day only** pre-fun run on Sunday, January 7, 2018! This will be your only opportunity to see the Parker "425" course! You will be able to pre-run in any vehicle you want, but you **MUST** have a license plate on it; however, **NO Motorcycles, Quads** are allowed on the pre-fun run. **If you want to bring a UTV you must call first and get approval, only certain models will be allowed.** The pre-fun run will leave very early, we will cover the entire 142-mile loop in one day and we recommend that you make a reservation at the BlueWater Resort & Casino for Saturday night, January 7, they will accept a Saturday night, 1-night only reservation ~ (888) 243-3360 ~ Call today! We will be collecting a \$60 fee from everyone on the pre-run, this is a mandatory fee. We will be stopping and having lunch along the course; the fee includes the BLM fee, lunch and a t-shirt. You must be pre-entered to receive the t-shirt, so get your name and size logged in, no later than Dec 29th!
- 7) **2018 GRAND CHAMPION** ~ Best In The Desert will present a 2018 Grand Champion. This Grand Champion will be the OVERALL points winner for the entire 2018 “The American Off-Road Racing Series” in the Car/Truck Division. **Set your sights NOW on becoming the 2018 Best In The Desert “The American Off-Road Racing Series” Grand Champion!!!**
- 8) **CONTINUED FOR 2018!** The **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR** is always a prestigious award and a title all new racers should work towards. A ROOKIE must start and race **ALL SIX RACES** and the one who finishes with the most points earned will win the ROOKIE of the YEAR AWARD!! **You must register with us by email that you want to be considered for Rookie of the Year!** The Rookie Criteria is posted on www.bitd.com, click on races, click on the P425 file, it’s all there!
- 9) **The POINT SCHEDULE for 2018 for Cars/Trucks is as follows:** To win a Class Championship you must compete in ALL SIX (6) scheduled events. **THERE WILL BE ONE (1) THROW AWAY RACE. YOU MUST ENTER/START ALL OF THE DESIGNATED RACES FOR YOUR CLASS.** Your points will be your FIVE (5) best finishes out of the six (6). This gives you an opportunity to DNF a race, or have a bad finish and still be able to come back and be competitive for a class championship.
- 10) RacingTrax Satellite Tracking System is **MANDATORY** for ALL CT & UTV classes for all of 2018, including Class 8100, Open Sportsman. **TRANSPONDERS are for SCORING**, they are \$100 and if you send in your \$100 to the BITD office we will send you your transponder early.

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