

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

Final Information Packet

BFGoodrich
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BFGoodrich Tires MINT 400

“The Great American Off-Road Race”



Dear Racer ~

Welcome to the **MOST EXCITING ADVENTURE IN OFF-ROAD RACING** in Southern Nevada, the **BFGoodrich Tires Mint 400**. You are about to **EMBARK ON “THE GREAT AMERICAN OFF-ROAD RACE**. This information packet is very important to you, your team, your support crew, and all others who will be joining you. Please read it all the way through. Enclosed you will find a schedule of events, your course map, vehicle number, and the **balance of your fees**. Only the Driver of Record will receive the information enclosed in this packet, please make copies and share with your team mates and support crews.

PLEASE STAY AT THE PRIMM HOTELS or GOLDEN NUGGET, IT’S IMPORTANT TO OUR SPONSORS. We are privileged to be invited guests of Primm Valley and the City of Las Vegas/Downtown and we want to be invited back next year. Please treat the facilities and your rooms with the utmost respect. **Please don’t throw trash, paper, or set bottles and cans down in the parking lots. Please!!!** Also, keep in mind that you must be **21 years old to drink alcohol or gamble in Nevada**. Please think about what you are doing at all times! Please don’t ruin it for everyone by doing something dumb! **Think! Think! Think!**

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Please read every word!!! Don’t say, “I didn’t know!!!” Don’t say, “Nobody told me!!!”

If you are going to participate in the **TIME TRIAL** event the **FIRST** thing you do on **Wednesday, March 7, 2018**, is check in at the **Drivers registration** (see Time Trial schedule for location.) You will fill out the insurance release forms and be given an arm-band that permits you to participate in the Time Trial. **Registration is open from 3 PM – 6 PM**, everyone that participates in the Time Trials must come to this registration and **must be paid in full**; the Time Trials is considered a part of the event. Time Trials is for Trick Trucks & Class 1500 and Class 6100 only! **Method Race Wheels** will present \$5000 and an awesome trophy to the Overall Fastest Qualifier of Tricks Trucks or Class 1500 on Thursday Night, 10th & Fremont. You must be paid in full to participate in the Time Trials. Time Trials is not mandatory! **Actual Time Trials event will be held Thursday, March 8, 2018**

The FIRST thing you do on **Thursday March 8 or Friday, March 9**, is check in at the **Drivers registration** at the **Golden Nugget, The Grand Event Center**, Main Floor. Please check Tech & Cont. Schedule for you specific Day! We appreciate it if all names are listed on your official **Mint 400** entry form, please send us updates prior to 3/2/18. All drivers do not have to go through **Drivers/Riders registration** at the **same time**. If you have changes to your entry form **PLEASE** make them before you get to registration (adding people, any changes) this makes it easier on you and our staff. The balance of your fees must be paid on **Thursday and Friday, March 8 & 9, 2018** by the first person taking the packet, you will not receive your packet without making final payment (NO exceptions, please don’t ask!) You can pay by check up to Friday, February 23, if you pay at registration it is **CASH ONLY**. The **Drivers final registration** will be open from **8:00 AM to 4:00 PM ONLY** both **Thursday March 8 & Friday, March 9**. At least one of your team’s names listed on your official entry form must go through registration on **Thursday, March 8 or Friday, March 9**.

The SECOND thing you do on **Thursday March 8, 2018 or Friday, March 9, 2018**, is pick up your **Racing TraX Unit**, they will be set up at the **Golden Nugget, The Grand Event Center**, Main Floor, same location as Registration.

The THIRD thing you do on **Thursday March 8 or Friday, March 9**, from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM** on Fremont Street, West to East (6th St to 10th St.) Downtown Las Vegas. **Please check Tech & Cont. Schedule for you specific Day!** The **BEST IN THE DESERT** contingency inspectors will be checking very closely to make sure the contingency sponsor’s products are being used by your race vehicle! Please don’t say you are using a product if you are not! **Write very clearly or they may not pay you if they cannot read your form.**

The FOURTH thing you do on **Thursday March 8 or Friday, March 9** is **Race Vehicle Technical Inspection**, from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM** on Fremont Street, West to East (6th St to 10th St.) (See Vicinity Map). **Please check Tech & Cont. Schedule for you specific Day!** At least one (1) of the entries listed on the official **Mint 400** entry form that has their armband on must be with the race vehicle through technical inspection. NOTE: All race vehicles must go through Technical Inspection!!!

The FIFTH thing you must do on **Friday, March 9, 2018** is to attend the **MANDATORY Drivers/Riders Meeting!** This **MANDATORY** meeting will be at **Golden Nugget, The Grand Event Center**, Main Floor at **6:00 PM**, immediately following Tech & Contingency (see Vicinity Map).

There will be a **RANDOM DRAW** of **25** race vehicle numbers at the end of the **Mandatory Drivers Meeting**. You must come up and have your team member checked off the list. There will be a **1-hour TIME PENALTY** for your team if you do not have (1) one arm banded team member that is racing stay for this meeting.

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Special Rules For The BFGoodrich Tires Mint “400”

1. There will be a **Time Trial** event for **Start Positions for Trick Trucks & Class 1500 and Class 6100**, see enclosed notice. **The TIME TRIALS IS NOT MANDATORY.**
2. Please **DO NOT DRIVE ACROSS BERMS**, berms are road closures, follow diagram provided, use the correct in & out!
3. There **will not** be a **testing or jetting area**. **Come prepared to race!** Race Elevation is 1800 to 3500 ft.
4. There is **NO Pre-Fun Run** for the **Mint 400** this year due to the desert tortoise habitat.
5. The **Mint 400** race is a **No Pre-Run** course. **THE JEAN AREA IS CLOSED FROM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018 TO SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018. STAY OUT OF THE AREA!**
6. **Starting order** will be announced to everyone at the **mandatory Drivers/Riders meeting** on **Friday, March 9, 2018.**
7. **Camping WILL be allowed** at the **Main Pit Area/Start Finish** and **unlimited camping at PIT B**. **The Main Pit and Pit B will be open beginning Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 8am. NO overnight camping in Pit A.**
8. **SPECIAL Pit Passes are required** at **Main Pit Start/Finish, Pit A (MM 29.4) and Pit B (MM 71.4)**. You will receive these at registration. The Main Pit/Start/Finish will be watered on race day.
9. The **MAIN PIT** will have numbered pits, 30 ft. x 75 ft. The pit spots **WILL BE** numbered but we **WILL NOT** be making pit assignments. It is first come, first serve, however, you may only take **ONE (1) pit per team**.
10. Your pit crews **do not need a 4-WD** vehicle to **get in or out** of the Main Pit, Pit A or Pit B. **Absolutely no pitting** anywhere else on the marked course **except at the designated Main Pit, Start/Finish Area and Pits A-B.**
11. **TELL YOUR PIT CREWS NOT TO SPEED ON THE ROAD DRIVING TO ANY OF THE PIT AREAS!** 25 MPH Speed Limit!
12. All **Pit Support Vehicles** as well as **Race Vehicles** must **stay off** the **BEST IN THE DESERT** radio frequency, unless you are reporting an emergency. **Please!! BITD frequency IS NOT OPEN** for questions.
13. For the 2018 Mint 400 race crews and race vehicles go to **RUGGED RELAY # 152.960** for ALL race related information.
14. If you need special race information, go to the Finish Line / **BEST IN THE DESERT BOX VAN** communications location. There will be BITD radio communications at the Stop Signs of both Pit A and Pit B.
15. Your Support Vehicle must park in an orderly manner at the Main Pit, Pit A & Pit B. **Please pay attention to the Pit Captain!**
16. **Support Crews!** If you hear your **race vehicle is broken down!** **DO NOT JUMP** in your Truck – MC – ATV - UTV and try to **go out on the course** to help them. Go to the **BEST IN THE DESERT** radio location at the **Finish Line/Main Pit or Pit A-B** and we will tell you **what to do**. We have official **Best In The Desert** retrievable vehicles that will help you if they can.
17. If your **race vehicle is broken down** and you **cannot fix it yourself**, or a **Best In The Desert** official vehicle is unable to help you, then you will have to **WAIT UNTIL THE RACE COURSE CLOSES** and BITD will help you if we can!
18. **NO CHASE TRUCKS OR CHASE VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RACE COURSE DURING THE RACE.** **No outside assistance permitted on the course during the event with the exception of the designated pit areas ONLY.**
19. **TELL YOUR PIT CREWS TO STAY OUT OF THE FOUR (4) SPECTATOR AREAS.** The race vehicle will receive a **1-hour time penalty** if any pit crews are caught in the spectator areas. These areas are designated by the BLM for spectating only!
20. All **Pit Areas** must have a **carpet or a gas mat under vehicle while fueling**. (The black carpets with a rubber back from Home Depot work well.) Also, you must have at least **(1) 20 lb. fire extinguisher with your pit, read fuel rule in rule book.**
21. You will receive **one (1) racecourse map** in this Final Information Packet, if you need additional maps please make copies.
22. **The rule for Mint 400 race course will be passing in UNVEGATATIVE AREAS only. Do not short course!! Stay on the marked course except to pass another vehicle in UNVEGATATIVE AREAS only!**
23. Please tell your Support Crews to please **CLEAN THEIR PIT AREA** before they leave the Main Pit/Start/Finish and Pits A-B.
24. **ALL PIT AREAS** in the **Mint 400** are a mandatory stop at the beginning of each pit. No Stop Checks out on the course.
25. **HELICOPTERS** during the **Mint 400** race **MUST** be registered with Best In The Desert (see rule book. Pg 13, SEC 8.) Email us at bitd@bitd.com and request our form letter to fill out to register your helicopter. There will be a Helicopter meeting on Friday, March 9, at **3:00 pm**, in the registration room of the Golden Nugget Hotel. **The HELICOPTER PILOT must attend this meeting, this is MANDATORY! Not a member of the team, the HELICOPTER PILOT!**
26. **Only the official entries** entered on the **Mint 400 entry form** for that race vehicle **may be in** the race vehicle! You can get in another race vehicle but you must notify a BITD Official in the pit to get in a vehicle you are not entered on.
27. There will be **(2) radar guns at (2) random pits, manned by a BITD Official checking your speed.** **Anyone speeding will have an automatic time penalty. 25 MPH speed limit in all pits! 1 minute penalty for every mile over 25 mph.**
28. **Drive Safe!! DO NOT GO BACKWARDS ON THE COURSE!!** No matter what happens!! Think at all times!
29. There will be mile markers every mile on the course, starting at Mile 1.
30. The course will be marked with **Pink Ribbon - Pink Arrows - Orange Danger Signs - Bright Yellow Turn Ahead Signs & Arrows - Bright Orange Danger Ahead Signs – White Wrong Way Signs.** The **Orange Danger Marks** will be on the danger.

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31. RacingTrax Satellite Tracking System **IS MANDATORY** for ALL car, truck and UTV vehicles. You can only order the system on **RacingTrax.com** web site, order right on line. You buy the bracket and rent the unit.
32. **TRANSPONDERS are for SCORING and they ARE MANDATORY** for all race vehicles, cars, trucks and utv's. Transponders are \$100 and if you send in the fee to the Best In The Desert office we will send you your transponder early so you can have it mounted on your race vehicle prior to tech inspection!
33. **NO PLAY ATV's, MC's, UTV's and bicycles are allowed in the Main Pit, Start/Finish area and Pit A & Pit B. Please do not bring them.**
34. **DO NOT leave any WHEELS and FLAT TIRES out in the desert.** If you leave any wheels and tires out on the racecourse you will receive a **MANDATORY ONE-HOUR TIME PENALTY** (see flyer for details.)
35. There will be three (3) Paved Road Xings, there are **NO MANDATORY STOPPED Paved Road Xings.**
36. There will be two (2) races on Saturday, March 10, 2018.
37. **1st Race – 6:00 AM Start** – (Staging 5:00 AM, 6:00 AM Start) First race will be a Gran Prix Finish for both 2 Lap & 3 Lap
2-Lap Classes: 1700, 2700, 2951, 3700, 4500 (Vintage), 5100 (VW Stock), 5500 (Zero), 7100 (Mini-Truck), 7300, 8100 (Spt)
3-Lap Classes: 1000, 1100, 3000, 5000, 6000, 2000, UTV's. A Gran Prix finish is when the overall leader takes the checkered flag, for 2-lap classes, leader races full 2-laps, for 3-lap classes, leader races full 3-laps. After the leader comes in, all racers come in. To be considered a finisher you must receive the checkered flag after the overall leader gets the checkered flag, regardless of laps. You receive a finish if you receive the checkered flag.
38. **2nd Race – 1:00 PM Start** – (Staging 12 Noon, 1:00 PM Start (approximately) – be ready to start early)
2nd Race includes: Trick Trucks, Class 1500, 4400, 6100, 6200, 7200, 8000.
 All classes in the 2nd race will be a **3-lap** race with the Main Pit cut-off time of **9:30 PM** and the finish line closes at **12:00 AM**. To be considered a finisher you must complete all 3-laps inside the time frame. (The 2nd race IS NOT a Gran Prix Finish)
39. The Mint 400 racecourse mileage is approximately **118-miles** including Main Pit.
40. **We will be holding Registration, Tech and Contingency on Two days for 2018.** It is **IMPORTANT** that you Follow the Schedule and go on the day assigned to you! Your Day will flow much smoother if you follow Directions!
Day 1 Thursday Classes – Trick Truck/Class 1500 Top 30 on Draw, 4401-4450, UTV Turbo 901-950, UTV Prod all 1800s, UTV UNL, UTV Sportsman, 1000, 1100, 2000, 3000, 5000, 5500, 6000, 7100, Vintage, Stock VW
Day 2 Friday Classes – Remaining Trick Truck/Class 1500, 4451-4499, UTV Turbo 951-999, UTV Prod all 1900s, 6100, 6200, 7300, 7200, 8000, All Jeepspeeds (1700, 2700, 3700, 4700)
 Security will not let you leave the lot if you go on the **WRONG** day! This is very important!!!!
41. If you see a Desert Tortoise **DO NOT TOUCH** it, call a Best In The Desert Official and they will take care of it.
42. **THE DRIVERS MEETING IS MANDATORY.** There will be a **RANDOM DRAW** of 25 race vehicle numbers after the meeting and if your number is called out, one arm banded racer from your team must come up to the front and check off that they are present. There will be a **1-hour TIME PENALTY** for your team if you do not have an arm banded team member that is racing stay for this meeting.

Special Mint 400 Pit Instructions

We have special permission to cross the NV Energy Bridge at Primm. You will cross the NV Energy Bridge two (2) times, the speed limit is 25 MPH and will be strictly enforced!!! DO NOT SPEED ON THIS BRIDGE!

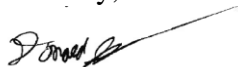
The Mint 400 Main Pit will have very limited parking space and each pit will be numbered. The pit sizes are approximately 30' x 75'. There will be camping allowed at the Main Pit but you must stay in your designated space. The Main Pit area will open to set up your pit beginning at **8 am** on Wednesday, March 7.

Special request, those of you in the 1st race please **MOVE** out of the pit when your race is over and allow the 2nd race participants to in for the 2nd race. Please be courteous to your fellow racer!

Mad Media will be producing another great show on this year's **BFGoodrich Tires Mint 400 presented** and **Race-Dezert.com** will be covering the event. Visit **themint400.com** and **facebook.com/themint400** for all the current information on this coverage!

The Mint 400 held a special place in Casey Folks heart; for him the Mint 400 was a dream come true. Casey raced the Mint on a motorcycle in 1969 and I know now he would be so happy that all of you get the opportunity to race **"The Great American Off-Road Race" the BFGoodrich Tires Mint 400.**
Have fun, enjoy every minute and be safe!

Sincerely,



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