

# BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

## VT Construction Silver State "300"

presented by Method Race Wheels

*"The American Adventure Continues"*

Final Information for all Race Participants



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Dear VT Construction Silver State "300" Entry,

Welcome to the best and most prestigious off-road race in the world, the **VT Construction Silver State "300" presented by Method Race Wheels**. You are about to embark on an American Off-Road Adventure. 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. Only Driver/Rider #1 on the entry blank will receive a Pit Support Book, Racecourse Map, race vehicle number, and balance of your fees. Sorry, but only one pit support book per entry form, you may download a pit book on our web site [www.bitd.com](http://www.bitd.com).

For those of you who will be staying at the The Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel I remind you to be on your best behavior. We are privileged to be invited guests of the The Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel, 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!

### Time Trial Information for Class 1400, 1500 & 6100 only

The TIME TRIAL registration will be on Thursday, May 3, from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, Gold Strike Hotel, in Jean, NV. Use group Code **DESERT8** to get a discount on rooms. This will be your only opportunity to register for the Time Trials; you will receive your special Time Trial arm-band, decal and directions to the off-load area. A detailed Time Trial instruction sheet is enclosed in this packet for the Class 1400/1500/6100 entries.

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Please read every word!!! Don't say "I did not know!!!" Don't say "Nobody told me!!!"

#### #1

The **FIRST** thing you do on Friday, May 4, 2018, is check in at final **Drivers/Riders registration** at the Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel (see Schedule of Events and Texas Vicinity Map). At least one (1) arm-banded person listed on your official VT Construction Silver State "300" entry form must go through Driver/Rider Registration to be able to take your race vehicle through technical inspection. If you have 2-3-4 driver/rider changes **PLEASE** try to email them to the office by Friday, April 27, it saves so much time. The remaining balance of your fees must be paid on Friday, May 4, 2018, by the first person through registration. As soon as your team members arrive they must go through registration to receive their armbands. Please bring **CASH ONLY!!!** No checks or Credit Cards will be accepted, please don't ask! **Cash only!** The Drivers/Riders final registration will be open from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM** only on Friday, May 4, 2018.

#### #2

The **SECOND** thing you do on Friday, May 4, 2018, is **Contingency**, from **9:00 AM to 5:30 PM** at the Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel Parking Lot (See Texas Vicinity Map). **SPECIAL NOTE:** 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! Thank You!! **Contingency forms will be handed out at Contingency, they no longer come in your race packets!**

#### #3

The **THIRD** thing you do on Friday, May 4, 2018, is **Technical Inspection**, from **9:00 AM to 5:30 PM** at the Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel Parking Lot (See Texas Vicinity Map.) At least one participant listed on the official VT Construction Silver State "300" entry form, with their armbands on, must be with their race vehicle through technical inspection. You must off-load in the **BACK of the Texas Station** and stage on the side of the building on the access road that parallels Lake Mead Blvd (See TEXAS STATION Vicinity Map). Do **NOT** Stage on Lake Mead Blvd or Road in front of Casino. Please stick to the access road behind Casino **DO NOT** Drive Your Race vehicles in Front of the Casino! **DO NOT BLOCK any of the driveways**. Refer to your vicinity map, this is **VERY IMPORTANT!!! Please Pay Attention to Security Guards and refer to your MAP!!!**

#### #4

The **FOURTH** thing you do on Friday, May 4, 2018, is attend the **MANDATORY Drivers/Riders meeting**. This **MANDATORY MEETING** will be in the Dallas Ballroom, Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel at **6:00 PM**. Be sure and check your Pit Closing Time Sheet, enclosed in this packet. **"THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING" ~ "NO EXCEPTIONS."** **There will be a RANDOM DRAW of 25 race vehicle numbers at the end of the 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 an arm banded team member stay for this meeting.

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## Special Rules for the VT Construction Silver State “300” presented by Method Race Wheels

1. Do not drive or ride your race vehicle around the parking lots of the Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel for fun. However, at the off-load area of the Texas you may drive your Car/Truck/UTV/MC/Quad from off-load to Tech Inspection and Contingency and back. Please drive slow through the parking lots, extreme danger. Please Follow the Route from the Back of the Casino, Do Not Drive in Front of the Casino!
2. The VT Construction Silver State “300” race is a No Pre-Run course. The only Pre-running allowed is during the designated Pre-Run, April 21-22. If you are caught on the VT Construction Silver State “300” course by any BEST IN THE DESERT official or BLM staff you will be disqualified from the VT Construction Silver State “300” Please!! Everyone stay away from the course!! No Pre-Running!!!
3. Starting order will be announced to everyone at the mandatory Drivers/Riders meeting at the Texas on Friday. Also, we will read the **25 random** race vehicle numbers at the end of the meeting, there will be a 1-hour TIME PENALTY if one arm banded member does not attend this meeting.
4. All Pit Support Vehicles as well as Race Vehicles must stay off the BEST IN THE DESERT radio frequency of 151.490 MHz, unless you are reporting an emergency. Please!!
5. BEST IN THE DESERT IS USING **RUGGED RELAY** FOR SUPPORT CREW COMMUNICATIONS! If you need race information, go to any of the (7) Pit Stops and look for the BEST IN THE DESERT communications location. (See the Pit Support book for location.) Also, there will be radio communications locations at the Start Area and the Finish Line. **Use frequency 152.960 to contact the great guys at RUGGED RELAY!**
6. There will be five (6) paved road crossings for CT/UTV’s and three (4) for MC/Q entries in the VT Construction Silver State “300” Race. It will be **MANDATORY** for **EVERY RACE VEHICLE** to come to a **COMPLETE STOP!** You must **WAIT FOR THE GREEN LIGHT** before you cross the paved road! Because of the new NDOT regulations, it is imperative that you stop and do not accelerate until you pass the green signs that say “Resume Race Speed”. **DO NOT** throw rocks on the highway with your race vehicle; **AUTOMATIC PENALTY IF YOU DO!**
7. At each of the five (6) CT/UTV and three (4) MC/Q paved road crossings there will be a 25 MPH controlled section, **WATCH FOR SIGNS!!!** MC/Q will go under two (2) underpass.
8. **YOUR SUPPORT TRUCKS WILL NOT BEAT THE RACE VEHICLE FROM PIT # 5 TO PIT # 6.**
9. Your pit crews **DO NOT** need a 4WD vehicle to get in or out of any of the seven (7) Pit Stops.
10. Tell your crews not to speed on the highways or in any towns. NV Hwy-Patrol and local Sheriffs will be out in force! Please be safe! Obey the **SPEED LIMITS!!!** 35 MPH on Dirt Roads!!!
11. There are **COURSE MAPS** in this packet and the maps will be handed out at the Driver/Rider Final Registration, one (1) per team. The course map is for the Driver/Rider to carry, in or on the race vehicle, so you will have a map to refer to in case you get lost or have a problem.
12. The BEST IN THE DESERT will supply each MC/Q rider with a bright yellow Stuck Stub to carry with you during the race. Please use the card if you are broken down or out of the race. Tech inspection will check for your Stuck Stub and pencil/pen, be sure to bring them with you.
13. You must park at the Pit Stops like the diagram shows for each Pit Stop. Please read your support book!
14. Absolutely no pitting anywhere else on the course except at the (7) Pit Stops in the pit support book. No outside assistance is allowed on the race course.
15. Please clean your pit area before you leave each Pit Stop. Also, tell you Support Crew to clean their Pit Areas **PLEASE!!!**
16. The rule for VT Construction Silver State “300” is **STAY** on the marked racecourse.
17. All check points in the VT Construction Silver State “300” race are hidden checks.
18. Do not short course!! Please stay on the course except to pass another vehicle! Please do not take short cuts!!
19. Support Crews!! If you hear your race vehicle is broken down **DO NOT JUMP** in your truck – motorcycle - ATV and try to go out on the course to help them. Go to the BEST IN THE DESERT radio location at each of the (7) Pit Stops, or finish line, and they will tell you what to do.
20. **NO SUPPORT TRUCKS OR CHASE VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RACE COURSE DURING THE RACE.**
21. If your race vehicle is broken down and you cannot fix it yourself, then **MC/Q USE YOUR STUCK STUB, Cars/Trucks/UTV’s** use the Racing Trax push the mechanical button. Best In The Desert will try to help you. **Don’t give up, we have retrievable vehicles out there to help you, finishing is your goal!**
22. Read your Pit Support Books! Only the Driver/Rider of Record have received the Pit Support book.
23. **NO AIR SUPPORT** allowed during the VT Construction Silver State “300” race. Helicopters must pre-register with Best In The Desert. Please fill out our Helicopter registration form that is on our site. Please refer to the CT Rule Book, page 7, Rule SEC8. You may request the helicopter registration form from [bitd@bitd.com](mailto:bitd@bitd.com). **Helicopter Meeting 3:00 pm** in the registration room at the Texas Station on Friday! **The pilot from the team must attend, this meeting is Mandatory!**
24. Special Note: All MC/Q Entries - You may switch riders at any of the (7) Pit Stops! Only at the Pit Stops!!
25. Only the official entries entered on the VT Construction Silver State “300” entry blank for that race may be either on or in a race vehicle!! No Exceptions!!! If a racer does not come to registration and pick up their armband they will be deleted from the entry form. Every racer must have an armband and we will do an armband check at the start line.
26. Tell your Support Vehicle **NOT TO STOP** at any racecourse Paved Road Crossing to spectate. **NO PARKING!!!**

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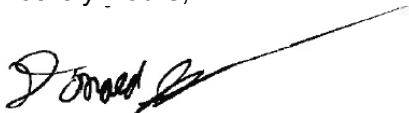
27. ALL Motorcycle / Quad riders **MUST** carry water on your person!! This is mandatory!!!
28. All Sportsman Motorcycles/Quads must have BLACK SIX (6) INCH numbers only! "No Exceptions"
29. All Professional class **Motorcycles/Quads** must have a white six (6) inch number and letter on a blue background. The class designation letter must appear before your race vehicle number.  
EXAMPLE: P1 Q12 X3 O15 415
30. The background color for your number plates will be as follows: All Professional Motorcycle/Quad classes: Blue. All Expert MC/Quad/UTV Classes: White. All Amateur MC/Quad/UTV Classes: Yellow. MCQ Class Champions have a Red Background and White Numbers, **6" min.** All **CT Classes** may have the color schemes of their choice, as long as the numbers are easy to read, **8" min.** Some are NOT easy to read, please consider a flagman trying to read your # at speed!
31. Special Note: All **Quads** must display their race number in two (2) places on their vehicle. Please make them as clear and easy to read as possible. ALL QUADS MUST HAVE A FRONT NUMBER PLATE AND A BACK NUMBER PLATE, THIS IS MANDATORY!!!
32. Special Note: All support vehicles must have the number of the race vehicle they are supporting on the right side of the windshield, as well as on the rear window. Please use SIX (6) INCH numbers.
33. Pit Passes WILL NOT be required for this race.
34. **Special Note CT/UTV Entries:** If you leave any wheels and tires out on the racecourse you will receive a mandatory one-hour time penalty. Wheels must be marked with your race vehicle number on them at Tech Inspection; you are not allowed to remove these markings. **Rule:** Each wheel on the vehicle including all spares must have the vehicle's number stamped in each wheel within 2 inches of the valve stem. The stamped number must be a minimum 1/4 inch tall.
35. Ride and Drive Safe!! Do not go backwards on the course!! No matter what happens!! Think at all times!!
36. There will be mile markers every mile on the course, starting at Mile 1, and ending at Mile 301. The mile markers are white/black.
37. The course will be marked with Pink Ribbons - Pink Arrows - Yellow Turn Ahead Arrows - Orange Danger Marks - Bright Orange Dangers Ahead Signs - Black & White Wrong Way Signs. The Danger Marks will be on the danger area.
38. The PIT Closing Times and fastest average estimated speed at each of the (7) Pit Stops enclosed in this packet - PLEASE READ IT !!! You MUST bring the Closing Time sheet to the mandatory Driver/Rider meeting to receive the pit closing times.
39. Special Note: All **MC/Q's** must have a red flashing light on your back, Baja Designs only. See the enclosed notice on what kind of light to have and where you can purchase it. This is for **YOUR** safety!
40. The approximate racecourse mileages between Pit Stops is as follows:

Start to Pit #1 - 28.2 miles	Pit #1 to Pit #2 - 44.6 miles	Pit #2 to Pit #3 - 30.4 miles
Pit #3 to Pit #4 - 46.6 miles	Pit #4 to Pit #5 - 26.2 miles	Pit #5 to Pit #6 - 41.2 miles
Pit #6 to Pit #7 - 51.3 miles	Pit #7 to Finish - 32.5 miles	Total Race Miles = 301.0
41. **Baja Pits** will provide pit service for a fee, call **619-921-8978** to order: Pits 2-3-4-5-6, BFG at Pit 4.
42. The **Racing Trax** is mandatory for all Car, Truck and UTV race vehicles. Bikes and quads may use the tracking system if they would like.  
The link to order is on our web site or visit [RacingTrax.com](http://RacingTrax.com). There will be a \$25 late fee charged for those that don't pre-register You will not be allowed to leave the start line if you do not have your unit mounted in your vehicle. Racing Trax is for tracking and safety.  
**Transponders are mandatory and they are for scoring.**
43. **Race elevation:** Starts at 3500 feet, and will go as high as 7400 feet. Average race elevation is 5500 ft.
44. Be prepared for warm weather in Las Vegas, and warm to cool weather at night at the finish line.
45. **Special Note: ALL race vehicles (CT/U/MC/Q) must be washed and clean prior to the start of the race by order of the BLM.**

I know this seems like a lot to remember, but it is very important that we all try very hard to follow the rules. I have said this before, but I think it needs to be repeated. The Best In The Desert does not care what your name is - Who your sponsor is - How much money you have, we treat everyone the same way!!! Fair and sincere the same rules apply to everyone. I know I can count on all of you, after all, the **VT Construction Silver State "300" presented by Method Race Wheels** race is for you. I want everyone to have fun and enjoy the off-road adventure of a lifetime, **VT Construction Silver State "300"!!!**

**See you at the Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel in Las Vegas!!!**

Sincerely Yours,



**Donald Jackson, Operations Manager**  
Best In The Desert Racing Association

