

BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION

General Tire “Vegas To Reno” presented by 

“The Longest Off-Road Race In The United States”

Final Information for all Race Participants

Dear General Tire “Vegas To Reno” Entry,

Welcome to the best and most prestigious off-road race in the world, General Tire “Vegas To Reno”. You are about to embark on a true 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 support book per entry form. The Pit Book is available to download on our web site www.bitd.com.

For those of you who will be staying at the **TEXAS STATION GAMBLING HALL & HOTEL in Las Vegas** and **NUGGET CASINO RESORT in Reno**, I remind you to be on your best behavior. We are privileged to be invited guests of both the Texas Station and Nugget Casino Resort, and we want to be invited back next year. This is our 2nd year at both properties and we want to be on our BEST behavior! 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 Trick Truck, Class 1500 & Class 6100 only

The **TIME TRIAL** registration will be on Wednesday, August 15, from 8:30am-10:30am, at the Texas Station. This will be your only opportunity to register for the Time Trials. Trick Truck & 1500 participants must be at staging by 11:15 am and line up in the order of the draw for start positions, know your position! Class 6100 staging at 12:45pm A detailed Time Trial instruction sheet is enclosed in this packet for the Trick Truck/1500/6100 entries.

PLEASE READ • PLEASE READ • PLEASE READ

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

#1

The **FIRST** thing you do on **Thursday, August 16, 2018** is **check in at final Drivers/Riders registration** at the **TEXAS STATION**, in the **Dallas Ballroom**, (see Schedule of Events and **The TEXAS STATION Vicinity Map**). At least one (1) arm-banded person listed on your official General Tire “Vegas to Reno” entry form must go through Driver/Rider Registration to be able to take your race vehicle through technical inspection. However, please try to have everyone there at the same time as it makes things much easier for registration. If you have 2-3-4 driver/rider changes **PLEASE** try to email them to the office by Friday, August 10, it saves so much time. The remaining balance of your fees must be paid on **Thursday, August 16, 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 **8:00 AM to 4:30 PM** only on **Thursday, August 16, 2018**. There will be **NO LATE REGISTRATION**. Be sure to be on time to the Drivers/Riders registration at **The TEXAS STATION on Thursday, August 16, 2018**.

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The **SECOND** thing you do on **Thursday, August 16, 2018** is **Contingency**, from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM** at the **TEXAS STATION** Parking Lot (See **TEXAS STATION Vicinity Map**). **SPECIAL NOTE: YOUR CONTINGENCY FORM WILL BE OUTSIDE AT CONTINGENCY, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LOOK IT OVER WHILE YOU ARE STANDING IN LINE!** 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! **PLEASE PRINT!**

#3

The **THIRD** thing you do on **Thursday, August 16, 2018** is **Technical Inspection**, from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM** at the **TEXAS STATION** Parking Lot (See **TEXAS STATION Vicinity Map**.) At least one participant listed on the official **General Tire “Vegas To Reno”** 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!!!**

NOTE: ALL RACE VEHICLES MUST GO THROUGH TECHNICAL INSPECTION & THERE WILL BE NO RACE VEHICLE IMPOUND!!!!!!

#4

The **FOURTH** thing you do on **Thursday, August 18, 2018** is **attend the MANDATORY Drivers/Riders meeting**. This **MANDATORY MEETING** will be in the **Dallas Ballroom, Texas Station** at **5:30 PM**. Be sure and bring your Pit Closing Time Sheet, enclosed in this packet. **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.** We will announce the winner of the **Team Ford Pole Award** and Steve Olliges will present the winner with \$1000 cash prize! Winner must be present! **“THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING” ~ “NO EXCEPTIONS”**

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Special Rules for the General Tire “Vegas To Reno” Race

1. **Do not drive or ride your race vehicle** around the **parking lots** of the **TEXAS STATION** or the **NUGGET CASINO RESORT**. However, at the **TEXAS STATION** you **may drive** your race vehicle from off-load to Tech Inspection and Contingency and back, Use the Back access Road **ONLY**, do not drive in front of the Casino. Please drive slowly through the parking lots, extreme danger!!! (SEE ENLCOSSED DIAGRAM)
2. The **General Tire “Vegas to Reno”** race is a **No Pre-Run course**. If you are caught on the **General Tire “Vegas to Reno”** course by any **BEST IN THE DESERT** official or **BLM staff** you will be **disqualified** from the **General Tire “Vegas to Reno”**. **Please!!** Everyone **stay away** from the **General Tire “Vegas to Reno”** course!! **No Pre-Running!!**
3. **Starting order** will be **announced** to everyone at the mandatory **Drivers/Riders meeting** at the **TEXAS STATION** on Thursday at **5:30 PM!!!**
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 **Fourteen (14) Pit Stops** and look for the **BEST IN THE DESERT Pit Captain**, they are at the start of each pit. (See the Pit Support book for location.) Also, there will be Mountain Top 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 **Eight (8) paved road crossings for All entries** in the **General Tire “Vegas to Reno”** 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”.
7. At each of the **Eight (8) paved road crossings** there will be a **25 MPH** controlled section, **WATCH FOR SIGNS!!!**
8. There will be an additional **Two (2) County Paved Rd Xings**, **WATCH FOR FLAGMAN!** The flagman **WILL** let you roll the Xing.
9. Your pit crews **DO NOT** need a **4WD** vehicle to **get in or out** of any of the **Fourteen (14) Pit Stops**.
10. **Baja Pits** is offering **Pit Service** for **ALL** race vehicles, Motorcycles, Quads, UTV’s, Cars and Trucks. Call (619) 921-8978 or email Carlos@Bajapits.com !!!
11. Tell your crews **not to speed** on the **highways or in any towns**. **Please be safe! Obey the SPEED LIMITS!!!**
12. There is a **COURSE MAP** in this packet. 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. Please make copies for your team.
13. For the **General Tire “Vegas to Reno”** race **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.
14. You must **park at the Pit Stops** like the **diagram shows** for each Pit Stop. **Please read your support book!**
15. **Absolutely no pitting** anywhere else on the course **except at the Fourteen (14) Pit Stops** in the pit support book. **No outside assistance is allowed on the race course.**
16. Please **clean your pit area** before you leave each **Pit Stop**. Also, tell you **Support Crew to clean their Pit Areas PLEASE!!!**
17. The rule for **General Tire “Vegas to Reno”** is **STAY** on the marked racecourse. **All Check Points are Hidden Check Points!**
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 **Fourteen (14) Pit Stops** and they will tell you **what to do**. **Look for the Pit Captain!**
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**, **Best In The Desert** will try to help you. **DON’T GIVE UP, we have retrievable vehicles out there to help you, getting you to the finish line is both our goals!**
22. **NO AIR SUPPORT** allowed during the **General Tire “Vegas to Reno”** presented by **FOX** race. **HELICOPTERS** must pre-register with **Best In The Desert**. Send a letter stating the purpose of using a helicopter (i.e. observation only, ER medical service only) and your radio frequency. Please refer to the **CT Rule Book**, page 7, Rule **SEC8**. You may request the helicopter registration form on bitd@bitd.com. There will be a **MANDATORY Helicopter Meeting** at 3 pm on **Thur, Aug 16**, in the registration room at **TEXAS STATION**. It is **MANDATORY** that the **HELICOPTER PILOT** be a **COMMERCIAL PILOT** and the pilot must attend the meeting, **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
23. **Special Note: All MC/Q Entries** - You may switch riders at any of the **Fourteen (14) Pit Stops!** **Only at the Pit Stops!!**
24. **MANDATORY STOP** before each of the **Fourteen (14) Pit Stops – 25 MPH – NO PASSING ZONE!**
25. There will be **radar guns** in (3) random pits with a race official checking your speed. All (14) Pits have a mandatory stop, then a **25 mph** speed limit in each pit. If you are clocked going over the **25 mph** speed limit you will receive a **1-minute** time penalty for every mile over the speed limit, i.e. **27 mph = 2 minute** time penalty. Only the race official can call in the speed penalties. **Don’t speed in the pits ~ Go Slow!!!**

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26. Tell your Support Vehicle **NOT TO STOP** at any racecourse Paved Road Crossing to spectate.
27. **ALL Motorcycle / Quad riders MUST carry water on your person! Bring water container to Tech! This is mandatory!!!**
28. All Sportsman Motorcycles/Quads must have **BLACK SIX (6) INCH numbers only!** “No Exceptions” will be made!!! The background color for your number plates will be as follows: All Professional Motorcycle/Quad classes: **Blue**. All Expert Motorcycle/Quad Classes: **White**. All Amateur Motorcycle/Quad Classes: **Yellow**. All Car/Truck Classes may have the color schemes of their choices, as long as the numbers are easy to read.
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. **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 & BACK NUMBER PLATE, THIS IS MANDATORY!!!**
31. **ALL MOTORCYCLES & QUADS MUST HAVE A REAR FACING, HIGH INTENSITY RED LIGHT!** A detailed letter describing all of the details regarding this light is posted on www.bitd.com and is being sent to every MC/Q entry once we receive the entry form. You may purchase this light from Baja Designs, call 800-422-5292 and it costs \$25. **You must have the red light to pass tech and you MUST HAVE a 3” square piece of REFLECTIVE TAPE on the back of your helmet. No Exceptions!!!** These both will make it MUCH safer for you if you are caught by a Car/Truck/UTV. **BE SMART, BE SAFE!!**
32. **NEW for 2018** – We are limiting the number of vehicles you can take to the start line. We will be limiting every team to two vehicles, you will be issued two passes at Registration. Please **DO NOT** bring in your motorhomes, unless you plan to camp overnight. If you do camp please try to leave early or stay till everyone leaves. Traffic backs up on Highway 95 and we are trying to reduce it as much as we can.
33. **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 FOUR (4) INCH numbers.** Thank you!!!
34. **Pit Passes WILL NOT be required for this race.**
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 530. The mile markers are white/black.
37. The course will be marked with **Pink Ribbon - 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 (14) Pit Stops** is enclosed in this packet - **PLEASE READ IT!!! You MUST bring the Closing Time sheet to the mandatory Driver/Rider meeting to receive updates.**
39. **Special Note: All Motorcycles and Quads, I suggest that you be prepared to mount a headlight on your race vehicle.** The “Vegas to Reno” is a long race and the sun sets at **7:49 PM in Fallon, NV, Pit # 13 Top Gun, on August 17, 2018.**
40. **The approximate racecourse mileages between Pit Stops is as follows - MOST CURRENT:**
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| Start to Pit #1 - 32.0 miles | Pit #7 to Pit #8 - 17.0 miles | Pit #14 to Finish – 46.0 miles |
| Pit #1 to Pit #2 - 25.0 miles | Pit #8 to Pit #9 - 26.0 miles | Total 530.0 miles |
| Pit #2 to Pit #3 - 41.0 miles | Pit #9 to Pit #10 - 27.0 miles | |
| Pit #3 to Pit #4 - 60.0 miles | Pit #10 to Pit #11 - 53.0 miles | Sunrise – 6:05 am Beatty, NV |
| Pit #4 to Pit #5 - 32.0 miles | Pit #11 to Pit #12 - 32.0 miles | Sunset – 7:52 pm Dayton, NV |
| Pit #5 to Pit #6 - 28.0 miles | Pit #12 to Pit #13 - 37.0 miles | |
| Pit #6 to Pit #7 - 43.0 miles | Pit #13 to Pit #14 - 31.0 miles | |
42. **Special Note: MC / Q - If your race vehicle will not go 60 miles without gas, then you must carry extra gas with you.**
43. The **Racing Trax system** is mandatory for all **Car, Truck, & UTV** race vehicles. The order form is on their site RacingTrax.com. You will not be allowed to leave the start line if you do not have your Racing Trax mounted in your vehicle. Racing Trax is for tracking and safety. Please order before you get to Tech on Thursday, August 16th to save you and the other racers time. A **\$25 late fee** will be charged to those who register on site.
44. **Transponders are different and are mandatory; they are for scoring.**
45. **MC’s & Quads** mount your transponder on your **FRONT FENDER.**
46. Race elevation: Starts at 3000 feet, and will go as high as 8000 feet. Average race course elevation is 5000 feet.
47. Be prepared for hot weather in Las Vegas, and warm to cool weather at night in Reno. Remember to drink lots of Water!

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 **General Tire “Vegas to Reno” presented by FOX** race is for you. I want everyone to have fun and enjoy the off-road adventure of a lifetime, **General Tire “Vegas to Reno” presented by FOX**. **Please be on time to all scheduled events.**

See you at **The TEXAS STATION GAMBLING HALL & HOTEL** in North Las Vegas!

Sincerely Yours,



Donald Jackson, Operations Manager
Best In The Desert Racing Association

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