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GENERAL INFORMATION

RACE DATE: September 19-21, 2015.

ROUTE: The Official Route for the Silver State 508 is included in the Race Magazine and on the website. Held in the great state of Nevada, the 508 mile course covers 20,000 feet of cumulative elevation gain from Reno, through Virginia City, Silver Springs, Fallon, Austin, Eureka, and back.

START / FINISH LOCATION: Atlantis Casino Resort 3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502.

RACER CHECK-IN: 1:00PM to 4:00PM, Friday, Paradise Terrace, Atlantis Casino Resort. This is upstairs in front of the Paradise C/D/E ballrooms. Check-in must be done before the Pre-Race Meeting. All athletes (not just crew) must check in, preferably altogether as we shoot "mug shots" of all racers.

VEHICLE AND BICYCLE INSPECTION: 1:00PM to 4:00PM, Friday at the Atlantic Casino Resort Parking Lot (please park on the east side of the hotel so that we can find you). All support vehicles must be checked for maximum width, as well as totem signage, caution signs, triangle, roof lights, and comprehensive first aid kits.

PRE-RACE MEETING: 4:30 to 6:00PM, Friday at the Atlantis Casino Resort, in the Paradise C/D/E ballrooms. The

meeting is a fun and exciting event for everyone. Solo entrants must be represented by the racer and at least one crew. 2X Team entrants must be represented by at least one racer and one crew. 4X Team entrants must be represented by at least two racers and one crew or 3 racers. (ALL crew members and ALL racers are strongly encouraged, and generally expected, to attend.)

BIKE SHOP SUPPORT AT THE START: Great Basin Bicycles of Reno, owned by 508 veteran Rich Staley, will serve as the Official Bike Shop of the Silver State 508. If you want to pre-order anything special or extra for the race, or you need to ship a bike out in advance, then we recommend Great Basic Bicycles for all your 508 needs! Contact them by phone (775) 825-8258, at 8048 S Virginia St Reno, NV 89511, or at www.greatbasinbicycles.com

START TIMES: 4:30AM, Saturday for Solo Randonneurs, 6:30AM, Saturday for Solos, and 8:00AM, Saturday for Teams. We will begin the race on the north side of the Atlantis Casino Resort, under the large overhang (NOT at the front, main entrance, which is on the west side, facing Virginia Street). All racers must be present at the start 20 minutes prior to their start time for pre-race instructions and photos.

TIME CUT-OFF: Barring any unforeseen serious circumstances, the event is officially over for ALL entrants at 6:30AM on Monday.

• 508



Chris Kostman, your Silver State 508 race director, racing across Nevada's Hwy 50 during the 1987 Race Across America, with support vehicle and his mascot Gumby in tow. Photo by David Nelson.

Welcome to the 32nd anniversary, and 41st edition, of the spiritual odyssey known as “The 508,” the world’s premier 48-hour ultramarathon bicycle race. Our 508-mile course serves as a dramatic forum for bicycle racing, personal achievement, and self-discovery. The race has a remarkable history, one that we are celebrating in particular this year with the return of the race’s newest route and incarnation, “Silver State 508,” first introduced last year.

This race was founded in 1983 by the godfather of ultracycling, John Marino, who also created the Great American Bicycle Race and the Race Across America (RAAM). It was then known as the John Marino Open (JMO).

Originally created primarily as the qualifier for the Race Across America, the John Marino Open was first staged in May of 1983. The 762-mile course made seven and a half laps around the 100-mile loop formerly used in the second half of the Hemet Double Century in Southern California. The winners of the inaugural race were Michael Secrest and Kitty Goursole. The race was held again in May of 1984 and May of 1985, then it was moved to Arizona so that the race could be run in a format with support vehicles and time stations, like RAAM.

The first Arizona race was 750 miles from Tucson to the Grand Canyon and back, where its first champion was Scott Fortner. Subsequent editions of the AZ races went from Tucson to Flagstaff and back, a distance of 542 miles. The race was run seven times in Arizona and changed its name to RAAM Open West to foster a more evident affiliation between RAAM and all its Qualifiers.

The race moved back to California with the April 1989 version of the event covering 508 miles from Santa Clarita to Death Valley to Twentynine Palms, a route suggested by the 1987 Race Across America winner, Casey Patterson. The first champion on that Santa Clarita-based course was John Hughes.

In the fall of 1990, John Marino asked me to take over the event, which I did, then operating as “Kostman Sport Group.” I was a finisher of the May 1985 race in Hemet and the October 1986 race in Arizona, as well as the 1987 Race Across America. I had also worked on the JMO staff in 1984 through 1989 and the Race Across America staff in 1985, 1986, and 1989. To say I was enthralled with the sport would be a massive understatement: I looked up to Marino as my mentor and I loved everything about ultra cycling, so I jumped at the chance to produce and promote the race. As such, I have proudly produced and directed The 508 since October 1990. Yes, that’s 25 years of directing this epic race, and hands-on involvement with it for 31 years! Operating under the AdventureCORPS banner since 1997, I get a ton of help from an incredible race staff every year.

In 1991 I changed the name of the race from RAAM Open West to Furnace Creek 508, or more simply as “The 508,” to aid in promoting the event worldwide and enhancing its distinct identity as something much bigger than just a RAAM qualifier. The totem system was begun in 1993, giving a new outlet for racers to identify themselves both during the 508 as well as in other races and in “real life.”

The race was successfully held 28 times on the Death Valley-centered route between 1989 and 2012.

In 2013, the race was abbreviated to a 353-mile route from Santa Clarita to Trona and back, due to the Federal Government shutdown which prevented the race from passing through Death Valley National Park and the Mojave National Preserve.

In 2014, squeezed out of Death Valley National Park by bureaucrats, I moved the race to the great state of Nevada, providing racers and crews with a breathtaking and challenging new route on which to continue the 31-year legacy of the event, now organized under the moniker “Silver State 508.”

I am particularly excited about hosting this race in Nevada, based in Reno. First, the route is fabulous and photogenic and I have personal experience with it from my 1987 Race Across America which traversed Highway 50 across Nevada. (See photo at left: that’s me on Hwy 50!) I loved that stretch of America and had wanted to come back ever since. Second, the locals, bureaucrats included, have welcomed us here with open arms! Third, and most importantly, the 2014 race went exceedingly well and met with favorable reviews from the competitors!

Whichever route is featured, this classic ultra cycling race is revered the world over for its epic mountain climbs, stark desert scenery, desolate roads, and its reputation as one of the toughest but most gratifying endurance challenges available, bar none.

This year adventurers from AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, MN, NV, OH, OK, OR, VA, WA, WI, plus Puerto Rico, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Mexico, Philippines, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom will compete. We thank and salute every one of them!

Whether cycling legends or wide-eyed first-timers, all who compete this year will contribute to the race’s rich history and pageantry. I thank YOU for being here!

Yours in sport,

Chris Kostman

Race Director and Chief Adventure Officer

THE OFFICIAL CHARITIES

THE OFFICIAL CHARITIES OF ADVENTURECORPS ARE THE CHALLENGED ATHLETES FOUNDATION, MAJOR TAYLOR ASSOCIATION, CARING HOUSE PROJECT FOUNDATION, AND BALD HEAD ISLAND CONSERVANCY. THE GOAL AND PURPOSE OF OUR EVENTS IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR, AND AWARENESS OF, THESE WONDERFUL AND IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS.



The Challenged Athletes Foundation was created on the belief that people of all abilities should have the opportunity to pursue a life full of physical activity and of sports. Be they recreational or in pursuit of a gold medal at the Paralympic Games, people with a physical disability are limited only by their access to funding. Since 1994, CAF has raised more than \$47 million—allowing the Foundation to satisfy thousands of funding requests from challenged athletes in all 50 states and across the globe.

Over eighty cents of every dollar raised by CAF provides funding and programs that get challenged athletes into the game. Whether it's a \$2,000 handcycle, helping underwrite a \$15,000 running prosthetic or arranging enthusiastic encouragement from a mentor who has triumphed over a similar injury, CAF's mission is clear: give those with the desire to live active, competitive lifestyles every opportunity to compete in the sports they love.

Since 2002, AdventureCORPS has raised over \$350,000 for CAF, and AdventureCORPS athletes have raised equally impressive sums!

Website: www.challengedathletes.org



The Bald Head Island Conservancy was founded on Bald Head Island, NC in 1983 with a focus on barrier island conservation, preservation, and education. The Conservancy sponsors and facilitates scientific research that benefits coastal communities and provides numerous recreational and educational activities to the public. In coordination with various organizations, partnerships, and collaborations, the Conservancy has led the nation in conservation and research efforts and is uniquely poised to become a leader in Barrier Island Conservation world-wide.

Badwater fans and race participants will appreciate that BHIC cares for the pristine setting for the Badwater Cape Fear race route and its role as a sea turtle nesting site and sanctuary. The Conservancy also serves as the host and finish line for our event. As such, our goal is to raise \$10,000 to purchase one of the special UTV vehicles which BHIC uses to patrol the beach and care for sea turtle nesting sites.

Website: www.bhic.org



Since 2014, AdventureCORPS is proud to recognize **Caring House Project Foundation** as an Official Charity and support their efforts. Founded by eight-time Badwater 135 veteran Frank McKinney, and based on the principal that “stability begins at home,” CHPF provides shelter to the world's most desperately poor and homeless by building entirely self-sufficient villages in the poorest county in the world, Haiti.

As of today, over 10,000 people will have been sheltered because of CHPF, and thousands more are alive because of the foundation's efforts. In 2015, Caring House Project completed its 22nd self-sufficient village outside of St. Marc, Haiti. That's right, 22nd self-sufficient village! Thanks for all you do, Frank & Nilsa!

Website: www.chpf.org

ENVIRONMENT

AdventureCORPS events happen not in a man-made stadium, but in the real world “out there.” We care deeply about the natural world for we are intrinsically linked with it and because we want to enjoy these events in their awesome natural settings for a long, long time.

As such, we joined **One Percent For The Planet** on July 1, 2008, a growing global movement of more than 1200 companies that donate at least 1% of their sales to a network of more than 3600 approved environmental organizations worldwide. Therefore we donate at least 1% of total revenues (in other words, “off the top,” not just 1% of profit) to environmental causes. This is in addition to all the work we do on behalf of, and donations we make



to, Challenged Athletes Foundation, Major Taylor Association, and Caring House Project Foundation, which are wonderful causes but not environmental in their focus. In the past ten years, we and our fellow One Percent For The Planet members have invested over \$100 million in positive environmental change.

In association with our membership in One Percent for the Planet, we have supported **The Conservation Alliance** since September, 2008. The Conservation Alliance is an organization of outdoor businesses whose collective contributions support grassroots environmental organizations and their efforts to protect wild places where outdoor enthusiasts recreate. Alliance funds have played a key role in protecting rivers, trails, wildlands and climbing areas throughout North America.



Membership in the Alliance is open to companies representing all aspects of the outdoor industry, including manufacturers, retailers, publishers, mills and sales representatives. The result is a diverse group of businesses whose livelihood depends on protecting our natural environment. Since its inception in 1989, the Alliance has contributed close to \$13 million to grassroots conservation groups throughout North America. The results of our funding have been remarkable. Alliance funding has helped to save more than 44 million acres, protect 2,945 miles of rivers, stop or remove 26 dams, and purchase 10 climbing areas. There are now more than 190 member companies, and plans to disburse \$1.65 million in 2015.

In 2014, we began supporting the **Bald Head Island Conservancy** with the inaugural BADWATER Cape Fear race by focusing attention on the race route’s pristine setting as a sea turtle nesting area and BHIC’s role as a leader in barrier island conservation, preservation and education.

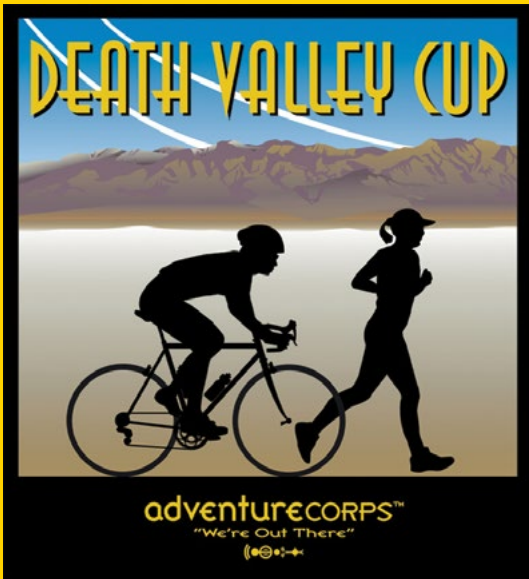


Additionally, we have championed other environmental causes including the **Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition**, a nonprofit organization with over 1,000 members that engages cyclists through advocacy, education and outreach across the county. Founded in 1998, LACBC brings together the diverse bicycling community in a united mission to improve the bicycling environment and quality of life for the entire region. In 2011, we donated \$10,000 to LACBC to initiate and sponsor the Jim Swarzman Memorial Membership Drive, an effort that brought \$23,000 into LACBC.

AdventureCORPS joined the **Death Valley Natural History Association** as Life Members and recognized DVNHA as an Official Charity of AdventureCORPS from 2009 through 2013. DVNHA is a non-profit organization supporting education, research, and preservation in Death Valley National Park and Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Some of their efforts include DeathValley R.O.C.K.S. (bringing inner city kids to experience one of the largest outdoor classrooms in the world), Devil’s Hole Pupfish Recovery, Death Valley All Taxa Biological Inventory, plus they run the wonderful gift shops in the Park.



According to DVNHA, AdventureCORPS has paid for, at the minimum, “every need (sleeping bags, cooking fuel, transportation) for one Death Valley ROCKS school group (50-60 students, chaperones, and teachers) every year since 2009.” AdventureCORPS athletes have also supported this and other DVNHA causes! Additionally, through DVNHA, AdventureCORPS and our athletes have donated \$5000 to support the recently renovated Death Valley National Park Visitors Center, as evidenced by five “donor tiles” are in the Visitors Center (one per \$1000 donation.)



The Death Valley Cup recognizes those athletes who complete both Badwater 135 running race and the Furnace Creek 508 / Silver State 508 bicycle race in the same calendar year. To earn this recognition is a very significant achievement in endurance sports and especially for those athletes who have come to know and love Death Valley and its environs.

For more information about Badwater 135, visit: www.badwater.com

CURRENT DEATH VALLEY CUP RECORD HOLDERS

Charlie Engle, “Water Dragon” Greensboro, NC, 47, 2009 (2nd DV Cup)



Badwater
25:45:11, 4th place
Furnace Creek
33:19:25, 4th place
=59:04:36 total time*

Shanna Armstrong “Dik Dik” Lubbock, TX, 34, 2008



Badwater
31:16:10, 3rd female, 7th overall
Furnace Creek
34:30:58, 5th female, 24th overall
=65:47:08 total time*

(*To receive the Death Valley Cup plaque, these combined record times must be broken.)

DEATH VALLEY CUP FINISHERS

* Note: The 2013 edition of Furnace Creek 508, also known as "Trona 353," was held on an abbreviated 353-mile course due to the federal government shutdown.

Athletes	Yr	Badwater	FC508	Time
Shanna Armstrong "Dik Dik" Lubbock, TX, 34	2008	Badwater, 31:16:10, 3rd female, 7th overall	Furnace Creek, 34:30:58, 5th female, 24th overall	=65:47:08*
Patrick Candé, "Golden Eagle" Tahiti, French Polynesia, 48	2005	Badwater, 34:13:21, 7th place	Furnace Creek, 36:52:12 37th place	=71:05:33
Angelika Castaneda, "Cat" San Diego, CA, 56 (1st Ever female DV Cup)	1999	Badwater, 36:58, 1st female, 8th overall	Furnace Creek, 43:46:40, 3rd female, 18th overall	=80:44:40*
Meredith Dolhare, "RedAssd Monkey" Charlotte, NC, 40	2013	Badwater, 30:52:40 3rd female, 20th overall	"Trona 353*," 30:42:00 8th female, 54th overall	=60:34:40
Charlie Engle, "Water Dragon" Greensboro, NC, 45	2007	Badwater, 27:42:32, 5th place	Furnace Creek, 34:31:12, 13th place	=62:13:44
Charlie Engle, "Water Dragon" Greensboro, NC, 47 (2nd DV Cup)	2009	Badwater, 25:45:11, 4th place	Furnace Creek, 33:19:25, 4th place	=59:04:36*
Charlie Engle, "Water Dragon" Greensboro, NC, 51 (3rd DV Cup)	2013	Badwater, 26:15:35, 5th place	"Trona 353*," 26:52:00, 12th place	=53:07:35*
Monica Fernandez, "Quetzal" Casablanca, Morocco, 40, Guatemala	2008	Badwater, 35:17:59, 7th female, 12th overall	Furnace Creek, 32:58:12 2nd female, 12th overall	=68:16:11
Paul Grimm, "Wile E Coyote" Littleton, CO, 44	2012	Badwater, 46:13:12, 87th place	Furnace Creek, 45:10:28, 41st place	=91:23:40
Tim Hewitt, "Muskox" Greensburg, PA, 56	2010	Badwater, 36:30:52 26th place	Furnace Creek, 42:11:07 32nd place	=78:41:59
Nickademus Hollon, "Horned Lizard" San Diego, CA, 19	2009	Badwater, 33:21:29, 18th place	Furnace Creek, 44:06:44, 24th place	=77:28:13
Nickademus Hollon, "Horned Lizard" San Diego, CA, 20 (2nd DV Cup)	2010	Badwater, 31:53:00, 13th place	Furnace Creek, 39:53:28 21st place	=71:46:28
David Jackson, "Jackass" Lexington, KY, 43	2002	Badwater, 47:12:30, 25th place	Furnace Creek, 38:56:12 15th place	=86:08:42
James Kern, "Shrike" Sunnyvale, CA, 55	2013	Badwater, 33:57:30, 22nd place	"Trona 353*," 22:31:00, 11th place	=56:28:30
Charlie Liskey, "Lizard" Somis, CA, 40	1996	Badwater, 58:26, 14th place	Furnace Creek, 39:32:08 17th place	=97:58:08
Eric Meech, "Cattle Dog" San Diego, CA, 44	2013	Badwater, 41:17:32 47th place	"Trona 353*," 26:45:00 33rd place	=68:02:32
Jean Michel Monot, "Manta Ray" Tahiti, French Polynesia, 45	2005	Badwater, 36:51:12, 11th place	Furnace Creek, 35:53:48 31st place	=72:45:00
Ted Philip, "Mountain Gorilla" Wayland, ME, 47	2012	Badwater, 32:30:48, 24th place	Furnace Creek, 38:52:59, 17th place	=71:23:47
Greg Pressler, "Pheasant" Portland, OR, 43	2011	Badwater, 38:36:46 43rd place	Furnace Creek, 42:18:56 39th place	=80:55:42
Vito Rubino, "Crazy Ibex" Pasadena, CA, 36	2014	Badwater, 35:23:51 27th place	Silver State 508, 37:19:00 14th place	=72:42:51
Kaname Sakurai, "Sea Lion" Nagoya, Japan, 36	2000	Badwater, 27:52:14, 3rd place	Furnace Creek, 32:31:56, 2nd place	=60:24:10*
Michele Santilhano, "Shongololo" Menlo Park, CA, 38, South Africa	2008	Badwater, 39:42:23, 11th female, 29th overall	Furnace Creek, 38:01:42, 7th female, 42nd overall	=77:44:05
Del Scharffenberg, "Spider" Portland, OR, 52	1997	Badwater, 48:16, 13th place	Furnace Creek, 42:15:26, 10th place	=90:31:26
Monica Scholz, "Scarlett Fairy Cup" Jerseyville, ON, Canada, 37	2004	Badwater, 29:22:29, 1st female, 3rd overall	Furnace Creek, 44:29:15, 1st female, 25th overall	=73:51:44
Monica Scholz, "Scarlett Fairy Cup" Jerseyville, ON, Canada, 39 (2nd DV Cup)	2006	Badwater, 32:07:01, 1st female, 8th overall	Furnace Creek, 40:00:02, 2nd female, 27th overall	=72:07:01
Steve Teal, "Desert Duck" Phelan, CA, 40	2005	Badwater, 43:56:20, 34th place	Furnace Creek, 35:39:52 29th place	=79:46:12
Steve Teal, "Desert Duck" Phelan, CA, 41 (2nd DV Cup)	2006	Badwater, 42:29:16, 32nd place	Furnace Creek, 41:24:06 29th place	=83:53:22
Steve Teal, "Desert Duck" Phelan, CA, 42 (3rd DV Cup)	2007	Badwater, 44:16:27, 50th place	Furnace Creek, 34:16:04, 11th place	=78:32:31
Steve Teal, "Desert Duck" Phelan, CA, 43 (4th DV Cup)	2008	Badwater, 45:24:20, 56th place	Furnace Creek, 35:12:55, 26th place	=80:37:15
Steve Teal, "Desert Duck" Phelan, CA, 45 (5th DV Cup)	2010	Badwater, 42:15:49 47th place	Furnace Creek, 37:15:00, 16th place	=79:30:49
Marshall Ulrich, "Unicorn" Ft. Morgan, CO, 43 (1st Ever DV Cup)	1996	Badwater, 33:01, 1st place	Furnace Creek, 38:32:45 16th place	=71:33:45
Danny Westergaard, "Wiener Dog" Rolling Hills, CA, 48	2007	Badwater, 32:22:58, 12th place	Furnace Creek, 35:51:38, 19th place	=68:14:36
Danny Westergaard, "Wiener Dog" Rolling Hills, CA, 49 (2nd DV Cup)	2008	Badwater, 36:31:46, 17th place	Furnace Creek, 34:38:34, 23rd place	=71:10:20
Danny Westergaard, "Wiener Dog" Rolling Hills, CA, 50 (3rd DV Cup)	2009	Badwater, 35:51:24, 28th place	Furnace Creek, 39:54:25, 14th place	=75:45:49
Danny Westergaard, "Wiener Dog" Rolling Hills, CA, 51 (4th DV Cup)	2010	Badwater, 37:13:19 30th place	Furnace Creek, 40:32:17 23rd place	=77:45:36
Danny Westergaard, "Wiener Dog" Rolling Hills, CA, 52 (5th DV Cup)	2011	Badwater, 38:29:58 42nd place	Furnace Creek, 37:40:22 23rd place	=76:10:20
Danny Westergaard, "Wiener Dog" Rolling Hills, CA, 53 (6th DV Cup)	2012	Badwater, 39:52:42, 26th place	Furnace Creek, 33:22:00, 20th place	=73:14:42
Danny Westergaard, "Wiener Dog" Rolling Hills, CA, 54 (7th DV Cup)	2013	Badwater, 42:41:28, 59th place	"Trona 353", 28:54:00, 45th place	=71:35:28
Danny Westergaard, "Wiener Dog" Palos Verdes Estates, CA, 55 (8th DV Cup)	2014	Badwater, 38:25:08 46th place	Silver State 508, 41:23:00 17th place	=81:48:08
Thomas Zaide, "Speedy Turtle" Long Beach, CA, 37	2014	Badwater, 46:33:40 78th place	Silver State 508, 47:35:00, 25th place	=94:08:40



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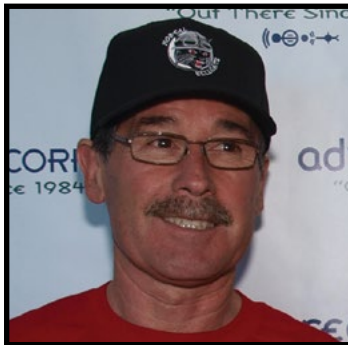
Adam Bickett

Totem	Year	Age	Category	Finish Time
Rock Rabbit	2009	26	Solo	38:16:34
Rock Rabbit	2010	27	Solo Fixed Gear	42:43:16
Rock Rabbit	2011	28	Solo	30:20:28
Rock Rabbit	2012	29	Solo	33:52:35
Rock Rabbit	2014	31	Solo	28:15:00



Anthony Boyd

Totem	Year	Age	Category	Finish Time
Red Bull	2010	47	Two Man	37:16:44
Red Bull	2011	48	Two Man	31:57:43
Red Bull	2012	49	Two Man	31:36:48
Red Bull	2013	50	Two Man	21:59:00
Red Bull	2014	51	Two Man	30:09:00



Gil Hopkins

Totem	Year	Age	Category	Finish Time
Magical Leopleurodon	2010	54	Four Man	36:27:09
Barking Spiders	2011	55	Four Tandem Mixed	35:31:42
Nor-Cal Hellcats	2012	56	Four Man	34:04:56
Nor-Cal Hellcats	2013	57	Four Man	24:18:00
Nor-Cal Hellcats	2014	58	Four Man	33:03:00



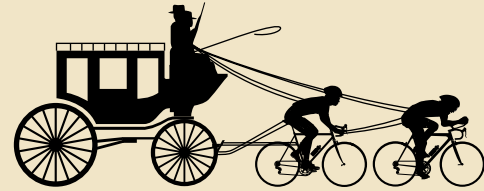
Paul Kingsbury

Totem	Year	Age	Category	Finish Time
Falcons	2001	40	Four Man	26:46:00
Falcons	2002	41	Four Man	26:24:37
Northern Spring Peepers	2012	51	Two Tandem Mixed	33:15:44
Northern Spring Peepers	2013	52	Two Tandem Mixed	23:29:00
Falcons	2014	53	Four Man	32:26:00

The 508 Hall of Fame honors those athletes who have shown a long-term commitment to pursuing their personal and athletic goals on the famed and fabled 508 race course. Inductees into the Hall of Fame have completed a minimum of Five 508 events, in any division or combination of divisions.

Congratulations!

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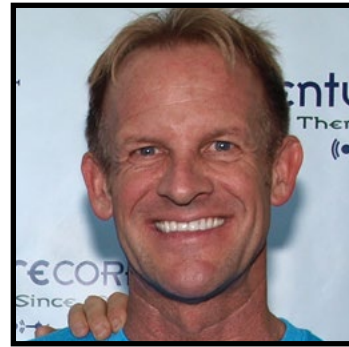


"The Toughest 48 Hours in Sport!"



Rodney Boyd

Totem	Year	Age	Category	Finish Time
Red Bull	2010	44	Two Man	37:16:44
Red Bull	2011	45	Two Man	31:57:43
Red Bull	2012	46	Two Man	31:36:48
Red Bull	2013	47	Two Man	21:59:00
Red Bull	2014	48	Two Man	30:09:00



Paul Harris

Totem	Year	Age	Category	Finish Time
Prairie Falcon	2008	41	Four Man	28:36:06
Bloodhound	2009	42	Four Man	28:59:29
Bloodhound	2010	43	Four Man	28:39:44
Bloodhound	2011	44	Four Man	27:08:33
Bloodhound	2014	47	Four Man	27:55:00



Tim Marks

Totem	Year	Age	Category	Finish Time
Pileated Woodpecker	2010	51	Solo	44:09:38
Pileated Woodpecker	2011	52	Solo	42:07:42
Pileated Woodpecker	2012	53	Solo	40:16:39
Pileated Woodpecker	2013	54	Solo	26:26:00
Pileated Woodpecker	2014	55	Solo	40:14:00



Paul McKenzie

Totem	Year	Age	Category	Finish Time
Muddy Mudskipper	2005	51	Solo	32:00:07
Bumble Skipper	2006	52	Two Mixed	28:49:39
Muddy Mudskipper	2007	53	Solo	33:42:33
Twice Sambar	2013	59	Two Tandem Mixed	19:38:00
Mute Swan	2014	60	Tandem Mixed	31:57:00

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Jon Shellenbarger

Totem	Year	Age	Category	Finish Time
Sunfish	2008	36	Two Man	32:42:40
Snoopy	2009	37	Solo	42:16:25
Onager	2010	38	Two Man	38:45:11
Snoopy	2013	41	Solo	26:55:00
Sunfish	2014	42	Two Man	31:59:00



David Shinsky

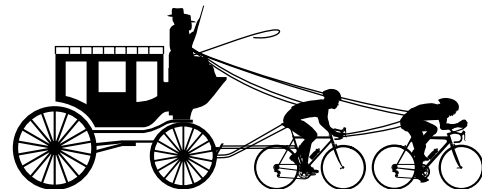
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Totem	Year	Age	Category	Finish Time
Siafu	2008	44	Two Mixed	40:00:08
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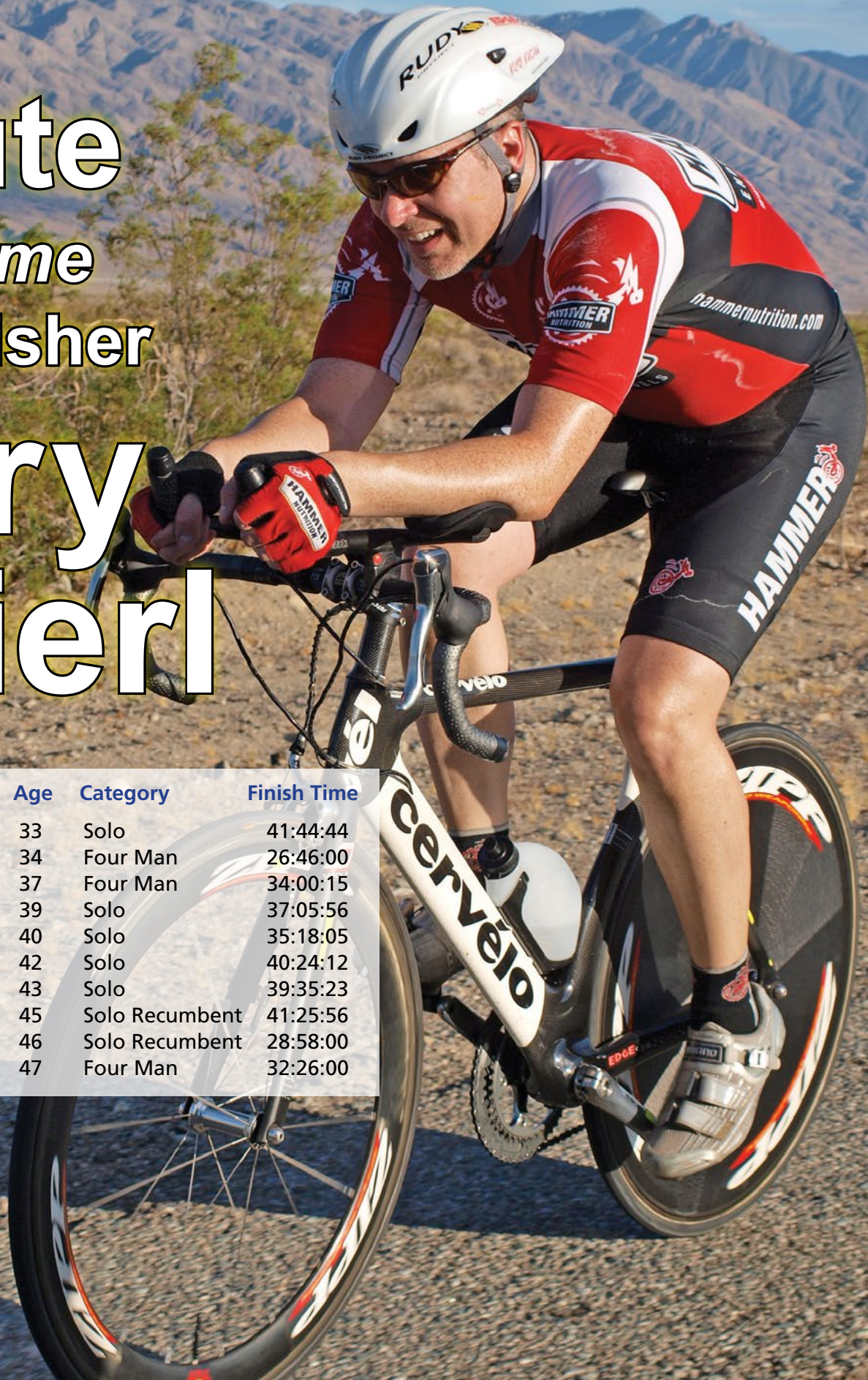


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Totem	Year	Age	Category	Finish Time
Bear	2000	33	Solo	41:44:44
Falcons	2001	34	Four Man	26:46:00
Falcons	2004	37	Four Man	34:00:15
Bear	2006	39	Solo	37:05:56
Bear	2007	40	Solo	35:18:05
Bear	2009	42	Solo	40:24:12
Bear	2010	43	Solo	39:35:23
Bear	2012	45	Solo Recumbent	41:25:56
Bear	2013 Trona	46	Solo Recumbent	28:58:00
Falcons	2014	47	Four Man	32:26:00



HINTS ON SUPPORTING A CYCLIST

By John “Hawk” Marino

A pace vehicle and crew is primarily responsible for providing a cyclist with food and drink, change of clothes, navigation, light source at night, and protection from motorists in certain situations. In order to avoid being a hazard on the roads, all pace vehicle crews should have an understanding of how to support a rider. Read and learn the information discussed below.

There are two ways to support a rider:

- 1) By playing “leap frog” with the rider, e.g. driving ahead, stopping and offering support as a pedestrian, then repeating the process.
- 2) By following directly behind the cyclist, at the speed of the rider, and giving support from a moving vehicle.

HOW TO PLAY LEAP FROG

- 1) Use this method when there are many cyclists in close vicinity, for example at the start of any ride or race, or when two or more riders are within a close proximity where following becomes a hazard to traffic and to the pace vehicle itself.
- 2) Use this method in heavy day-time traffic when following directly behind creates a bigger danger for motorists trying to pass, e.g. narrow two-lane winding roads where passing is difficult, or when three or more vehicles are stacking up behind and there doesn't look like the road ahead will provide an opportunity for passing.
- 3) When driving on the roadway, always travel the speed of traffic, not the speed of the rider. Use turn indicators and arm signals at least 200 FEET prior to stopping or turning. Signaling your intent with your left arm is useful in addition to signaling with your lights.
- 4) When parked or stopped, always display your emergency flashers.
- 5) When parking or stopping, do so completely OFF the roadway, and make sure the rider has enough room to pass without having to ease out into traffic.
- 6) Always park or stop on the right side of the roadway. Select a safe spot that will allow enough room for the vehicle.
- 7) Avoid stopping on downgrades because the cyclist is moving too fast for a hand-off.
- 8) Stopping at the crest of a hill before the cyclist gains speed is good in case the rider wants to change into warmer clothes for descents, and for feeding purposes.
- 9) All hand-offs should be done as a pedestrian and not out of the window of the vehicle.

10) Select a spot with enough room for a hand-off.

11) The rider should throw empty bike water bottles, etc. on the side of the roadway next to the vehicle before the hand-off is made. Pick up all litter.

12) When passing your rider prior to a hand-off, drive far enough up the road to give yourself time to park the vehicle, get out of the vehicle, open the trunk, find the food/drink/jacket/etc. and get in position for a hand-off before the rider passes. This will take practice.

13) Any goof-ups with traffic reflect badly on the rider ahead. For example, if you zoom out into traffic in front of another motorist, that motorist could possibly take anger out on the rider ahead by a nasty remark, horns, throwing debris, spitting, or even easing a rider toward the shoulder. Show the motorists that we know what we're doing!

14) Give trucks all the room they need. Most are on strict time schedules and some feel as though bikes should be ridden on a sidewalk. Rather than try fighting, just accommodate them as best you can. They are bigger. Creating hostility does not make cycling safer. Use a CB radio to explain to truckers what's going on. They almost always take interest.

15) Drive with your lights on during the day also. This will help alert opposing traffic that something is going on.

16) Post a sign on the back of the pace vehicle that CAUTION BICYCLE AHEAD.

HOW TO FOLLOW DIRECTLY BEHIND A RIDER

- 1) Follow at a distance that will allow you to stop if the rider falls.
- 2) Post a sign on the back of the pace vehicle with a white background and red reflective lettering that reads CAUTION BICYCLE AHEAD. Also, use the required Slow Moving Triangle and the roof-mounted flashing amber lights.
- 3) Always check your rear view mirrors on a continual basis for traffic to the rear. Be able to identify a motorist that is not responding to your flashing lights.
- 4) The rider should ride as far to the right as is reasonable, given the road conditions when being followed.
- 5) Prior to a hand-off, make sure traffic to the rear is clear. Carry out the hand-off as quickly as possible. If traffic comes during the hand-off, carry out the hand-off, but make sure traffic responds to your presence.
- 6) If the rider flats, pull off to the right as far as possible. The cyclist should get off the roadway and stay far enough from the vehicle as not to be hit by the pace vehicle should the pace vehicle be hit from the rear. If there is no place for the pace vehicle to safely stop, then drive ahead to the first possible stopping place.



The rider should tend to the flat or wait for the crew to come back.

7) All hand-offs should be carried out through the right passenger window and never from the driver's side.

8) At least two people should be in the pace vehicle, a driver and a feeder/passenger. Three is best.

9) A system of horn signals should be worked out between the rider and pace vehicle in case of an emergency situation to the rear, e.g. many quick honks means get over to the right, a wide load is coming up the rear, etc.

10) A PA system is useful to speak to the rider and give directions, e.g. turn right at the next street by the Mobil Station, etc.

11) A CB radio is useful to speak to your other support vehicles or to truckers.

12) On a narrow, two-lane road with traffic backing up to the rear, the pace vehicle should try to ease over to the right to let traffic pass. Stopping is sometimes advised, but signal the rider that you are stopping momentarily. If stopping won't solve the congestion problem, signal the rider and drive up ahead to the first stopping place. Traffic can then pass.

13) If the police stop the pace vehicle, for whatever reason, deal in any manner you see fit and reasonable. Pace vehicles will generally be permitted providing a greater hazard isn't being created. Police departments interpret direct following differently. The bottom line is safety to all traffic.

14) All additional support vehicles must drive at the speed of traffic. Caravanning is ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED, under all road conditions, day or night. Caravanning is when two or more vehicles follow directly behind a rider. This makes passing difficult. Additional vehicles should play "leap frog," or just drive up the road 5 to 10 miles and wait.

NIGHT FOLLOWING

1) The rider must be equipped with a front and rear light, plus reflectors just as if there were no pace vehicle. Moving reflectors or lights are advised, e.g. pedal/crank reflectors; leg lights; spoke reflectors; reflective vest; reflective tape on helmet, gloves, and shoes.

2) Always stay behind the rider at a safe following distance, unless a greater hazard is created. If traffic cannot safely pass, e.g. winding road with poor visibility to oncoming traffic, both the rider and pace vehicle should pull over and stop at the first possible place to allow traffic to pass.

3) If the pace vehicle has to stop for gas or food, the rider must wait. It is important to do all shopping during daylight hours.

4) Use low beam lights when traffic is approaching from the front. Any additional headlights should be shut off. They can be blinding to approaching motorists.

5) Plan rest, clothes, or food breaks around when the vehicle needs to stop during the night for fuel.

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Penalty for violation of these rules is Disqualification (DQ), unless Time Penalty (TP) is noted.

Premise: All persons associated with the Silver State 508 are ambassadors of the event and shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the race and on AdventureCORPS at all times. The public should be impressed, not annoyed. The race has been held since 1983 and we want it to continue long into the future. Hosting a safe, fair, and legal event every year, without fail, is our best opportunity for perpetuating The 508.

The SILVER STATE 508 uses public roads, requiring the observance of all event rules, traffic laws and the motor vehicle code. This includes, but is not limited to, stopping appropriately for traffic lights, stop signs, and trains across the road, riding as far to the right as is practicable, and the like. Racers disregarding stop signs, traffic lights, and traffic laws have a very damaging effect on the race in general, significantly more than “running” a light during a training ride. These violations are considered cheating, unsportsmanlike, unsafe, and can be the reason for authorities not granting permission for races.

I. GENERAL RULES

A. Administrative Rules

1. All racers and all crew must sign and submit the Release of Liability / Agreement to Terms and Conditions prior to the race.
2. Attendance at the Pre-Race Meeting is mandatory. Solo entrants must be represented by the racer and at least one crew. 2X Team entrants must be represented by at least one racer and one crew. 4X Team entrants must be represented by at least two racers and one crew or 3 racers. ALL crew members and ALL racers are strongly encouraged, and generally expected, to attend.
3. The Race Director has the authority, at any time, to overrule any rule or invent a new rule based on extenuating, unforeseen, and/or unusual circumstances and/or to maintain the integrity and fair play necessary for the successful completion, and continuation, of the race. The Race Director has ultimate authority in regards to all rules, their interpretation, and their enforcement. There is no “appeals committee,” nor an “appeals process.” All entrants in the race, and their support crews, willingly acknowledge this fact, as well as all other race rules, by attending the race in any capacity.

B. Safety and Emergencies

1. Safety must be the single most important concern of everyone connected with the race. Safety prevails above all other rules and competition. In an emergency condition where human life is in jeopardy, all concern should be directed to the injured. If a rule is violated in an emergency situation, or should there be a delay (e.g., stopping to give CPR to another racer), the Race Director will make necessary allowances.
2. All Emergency Evacuation costs for participants or crews will be borne by that person or their heirs. The race organizers are in no way liable or responsible for emergency evacuation.
3. Since SILVER STATE 508 uses public roads, it is impossible to control traffic or get road closures. Never risk human safety. Racers and crews must “size up” every road situation and decide how best to proceed or not to proceed. Use common sense and think safety first!
4. It is the racer’s responsibility to make sure that his or her crew members are receiving enough sleep necessary for the safe operation of a motor vehicle. If a racer does not have the necessary manpower to safely drive the vehicle, the racer will be detained until the crew can safely support the racer. If a driver has become too sleepy, he or she must relinquish the driving responsibility. If no one is awake enough to drive, the racer must stop until a crew member has obtained adequate sleep. TP or DQ
5. If you see another racer or crew behaving in an unsafe or unsporting manner, please say something to that crew and to a race official.
6. A Race Official may prohibit a racer from continuing for safety reasons, e.g., a racer being too sleepy to ride.
7. All support vehicles must carry a comprehensive First Aid Kit. Additionally, entrants may choose to bring an AED and/or satellite phone. It is highly recommended that each support team include at least one member who has current CPR and First Aid training and certification, or a higher level of medical training.

C. Compliance with Laws

1. It is the responsibility of all drivers and all racers to be familiar with all laws and all laws must be followed by all racers and all crew members at all times. TP or DQ
2. A FULL, legal stop is always required at all stop signs, at all red traffic lights, and activated railroad crossing signals. TP or DQ
3. Railroad Crossings: Racers and crew vehicles must stop and remain stopped at all activated railroad crossing signals, until the activated signal terminates. During night hours, the racer and crew must remain together as a unit at activated crossings. TP or DQ.

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4. All racers, crew and staff must display courtesy, good taste, decorum, and sportsmanship at all times. Nudity is specifically not allowed. TP or DQ

II. RACER CONDUCT

A. Racing Rules

1. To be declared an OFFICIAL FINISHER in the race, all entrants must complete the course within the following limits: 50 hours for solo randonneurs; 48 hours for solo entrants; 46.5 hours for relay teams.
2. The clock will not stop for any reason.
3. A racer may not receive any type of push-off or propulsion from a person or vehicle. TP
4. All racers may walk or run if they so desire, providing they keep the bicycle with them. TP

B. Drafting/Riding

1. Drafting and/or riding together are never allowed, except for the first few miles during the neutral zone.
2. The following space between racers must be maintained, except while passing one another: a) when riding with no crew vehicle: 12 meter split (three car lengths) from another cyclist or vehicle; b) when riding with a crew vehicle: 100 meter split (a football field). There must be enough room between racers for rear traffic to comfortably pass one racer and his/her crew vehicle at a time. TP
3. No racer or crew vehicle will attempt to block or impede the progress of another racer or crew vehicle.

C. Routing

Every inch of the prescribed course must be traveled by each racer or relay team. In the event of a routing error, e.g., wrong turn, the racer may be driven back to the exact original spot where he/she left the course and continue riding from that location. There will be no allowance made for lost time or miles ridden in the wrong direction.

D. Banned Substances

1. IVs (intravenous fluids) are not permitted during the race.
2. As a condition of competing in this event, all racers must be willing to submit to a drug urine test before, during, or after the race.
3. If any USOC-banned substances are detected, the racer will be disqualified from competition and the final standings of the race itself.
4. If a racer has used any banned substances within six months of the race, written notification must be submitted to the race office. This information will remain confidential. Our medical advisors will review the type of substance used and the reasons involved and a written response will be sent to the racer.

III. BICYCLE AND EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

A. Bicycles

1. Bicycles must be propelled solely by human force, and by legs only in the standard division.
2. The Race Director or a Race Official may disallow any unusual bicycle, component, equipment, or apparatus before or during the race. Conventional bicycle components which are aerodynamically or otherwise designed in some unique and unusual manner are subject to approval by the Race Director before the race.
3. Devices attached to the bicycle or racer designed solely to reduce wind resistance or increase speed, e.g., air foils or sails, are prohibited.
4. All bicycles must be equipped with at least one functioning brake system; a fixed gear drivetrain alone is not considered a brake system.

B. Divisions


1. **Standard:** All bicycles, except those described specifically below, shall be entered in what is known as the "Standard" Division.
2. **Recumbent:** Recumbents and HPVs compete in their own divisions and must enter in one of the categories outlined on the race website.
3. **Fixed Gear:** Fixed Gear bikes must use the same fixed gearing (ring/cog/wheel) for the entire event. Bike frames shall be steel, traditional double diamond design (forks are unrestricted) and aluminum rims (maximum 25 mm rim depth) with 32 spokes minimum. Aero-bar attachments and aero-designed parts are prohibited. Wheel switches are permitted only for wheel failures, and must be essentially identical to the failed wheel. Bike switches are not permitted. Racers may not coast with feet off the pedals. Racers must declare their gear (ring/cog/wheel size) choice at check in, which may not be changed thereafter. Fixed gear division racers may abandon that division and switch to a multispeed bike in the "standard" division, then complete the race on the multispeed bike, provided that they or their crew notifies a race official as soon as possible; they will then be treated as having ridden the entire event on the multispeed bike.
4. **Tandem:** Tandems are bicycles that seat two racers. Tandems must at all times be ridden by the same two racers, and may never proceed with only one racer. For tandem teams, the same two racers shall remain together in sequence for each respective stage of the course.
5. **Classic Bike.** The requirements to enter this division - which will be a sub-category of ANY 508 division, whether solo, tandem, or 2x / 4x relay - will be to race on technology from 1983 or older. Specifically, this means: the frame and fork

must be lugged steel (but built in ANY year, including brand new); no more than six cogs on the rear wheel; 32 spokes per wheel minimum; friction shifting on the down-tube or bar-ends (must be true friction shifters; not clickables set in friction mode); toe clips and straps; standard drop bars required (no aero bars). Just to be clear, the frame and parts don't have to actually be 30 or more years old: just the technology has to be 1983 or older.

C. Bicycle Lighting

While riding at night (**defined as between 6:00 PM and 7:00 AM**), each bicycle must be equipped with a properly functioning and legal front and rear lighting system and this system must be ON at all times. (Note: small LED lights are not sufficient and will not be allowed, except when used in addition to more substantial bicycle lights.) The front light (which may be helmet-mounted, rather than bike-mounted) must be constant on, not flashing, and visible from 300 feet, and the rear light, which may be flashing, from 500 feet. Additionally, while riding at night, racers must have significant amounts of reflective material on their bike and/or body, facing in all four directions. At minimum, it is required to have reflective tape around both crank arms, forks, seat stays, and helmet. (First, place electrical tape on any surface from which you may want to remove the highly adhesive reflective tape after the race.) We highly recommend the taillights and reflective gear (and the identity products) offered by www.RoadID.com, as well as the reflective gear and lighting offered by www.ZombierRunner.com. TP

D. Clothing

1. ANSI, CPSC, ASTM or Snell approved helmets must be properly worn and fastened by racers at all times when on the bike.
2. For your safety and the safety of other riders and road users, headphones / ear buds / earpieces in or on both ears may not be used at any time while cycling. Listening to music is particularly discouraged. Riders must at all times comply with applicable laws and ride safely given the existing circumstances. 
3. No racer or crew member may wear clothing that displays poor taste or which promotes tobacco products.
4. Neither racers nor crew may publicly expose themselves during the process of changing clothes or relieving themselves.

IV. SOLO RANDONNEUR DIVISION

The Solo Randonneur Division is intended to allow riders to complete the course without crew or crew vehicle. All rules not inconsistent with the following Randonneur rules apply.

A. Drafting is allowed, but solely among riders within the Randonneur Division. Riders may not draft other 508 riders, any other cyclists not participating in the 508, or any motor vehicles.

Riders are never allowed to ride two or more abreast, except for the minimal time it takes to pass.

B. Riders may not accept assistance from anyone other than 508 officials, 508 checkpoints, other 508 riders or support crews, or commercial establishments (e.g., purchasing water or snacks at a convenience store) along the route. Riders may not “plant” any items along the route prior to the event, nor pre-plan support from other support teams of other entrants.

C. Riders may provide items in “drop bags”—during Racer Check-In—to be delivered out onto the course to designated locations. These should be the size of a small duffel bag or smaller and clearly labeled with the rider’s totem and each bag’s intended destination. Riders should plan on being self-supporting in every respect. Drop bags will be delivered to the following locations: Silver Springs, Fallon, Middlegate, Austin, and Eureka.

D. Riders should be “lit up like a Christmas tree,” particularly at night, and use extensive reflective clothing and reflective tape on their bikes. Riders must have available at all times at least two functional and adequate head lights and taillights with a generator or ample batteries. Examples of adequate lights may be found at <http://dinottelighting.com/>. Riders may not proceed at night without both head and taillights functioning. It is also recommended riders use a mirror, such as the “Take a Look” mirror by Bike Peddler.

F. Riders must be prepared for any kind of weather condition, from 100-degree heat to sub-freezing temperatures, strong winds, rain, or snow, all of which may be experienced during the event. Riders should not be drop out because they failed to bring appropriate clothing.

G. Randonneur riders are expected to return to the finish line under their own power, or arrange for their own transport if they withdraw from the race. Limited SAG support may be available, however a rider sagging in likely will not be transported directly to the finish, but may be required to wait at a time station or other location for long periods or ride along in an official or other vehicle for the duration of the event before returning to the finish. In other words, there is no “taxi service” nor “bus delivery” provided by the race organizers.

H. Riders receiving any unauthorized support or committing other violations will not be listed as official finishers, but may - in some circumstances - be allowed to complete the course, without being listed as a finisher. In other cases, riders may be required to abandon the event and remove themselves from the course.

V. TEAM DIVISION

The SILVER STATE 508 Rules and Regulations for solo racers (those above and below) apply to team racers, where appropriate, plus:

A. Relay team members will ride one stage at a time, from time station to time station. Thus, two racer team members will race four stages each and four racer team members will race two stages each.

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B. Racers will switch off while stationary in the presence of the time station staff, passing a baton between them before resuming racing. New for 2015, the baton will be the GPS device loaned to each racer for tracking by TrackLeaders.com. The baton must be carried by the racing rider at all times and must be presented at the finish line (dropped batons must be picked up before the racing rider moves forward on the course; lost batons will result in disqualification).

C. Teams must complete the route in a fixed order which will be declared prior to the race: Two racer teams must switch off at each time station, rotating A-B-A-B-A-B-A-B. Four racer teams must rotate A-B-C-D-A-B-C-D, except as noted in the exception explained below. This “rotation sequence exception rule” may not be used for strategic purposes. It may only be used because of unexpected injury, broken down bicycle, or some other significant, unforeseen incident which occurs during the race and which precludes the racer in question from completing his or her assigned stage. Note: “Being tired” or entering the race with a pre-existing injury or other problem are not suitable reasons for utilizing this rotation exception. Proof of the necessity of using this exception must be given and documented.

1. Exception for either two or four racer teams: if a racer is physically unable to complete his or her designated leg, the team must return to the previous time station and restart with the next racer in sequence. Although the withdrawn racer may return to the rotation order later, the team must then remain out of sequence for the remainder of the race in terms of which stages are completed by which racer.
 2. Example for a four-racer team: racer C is physically unable to complete stage three. His or her team must return to Fallon and restart there with racer D, with no credit given for time lost or miles already completed. Thereafter A will complete stage four, B will complete stage five, C will complete stage six (if capable, otherwise D would complete stage six), etc.
 3. Example for two-racer team: Racer B is physically unable to complete stage four. His or her team must return to Austin and restart there with racer A, with no credit given for time lost or miles already completed. Racer B may return to the rotation on the next or any subsequent stage, or Racer A may complete the rest of the race route.
- D. Each team must enter with two or four racers (or eight if it is in the eight-racer tandem category). If one or more of the team members gets hurt or cannot ride once the race has begun, no substitutions or additions are allowed to their team roster.
- E. Only one racer per team may ride at any time except for the last two-tenths of a mile of the race (from Peckham Ln. at Ketzke Ln. to the finish line), at which point all members of a team may get on their bikes and ride into the finish together, provided a crew member or teammate is available to drive the crew vehicle if it is during night hours. However, this is not allowed if the team is intending, or likely, to attempt a sprint finish with another team:

sprints must be contested by one racer per team (the racer designated for the final stage).

- F. At least one racer, or two in the case of tandems, must finish for the team to be declared finishers. This means that the rest of the racers may drop out.

VI. SUPPORT CREW RULES

- A. One person shall be assigned the title of crew captain, and will act as the spokesperson for the crew and racer.
- B. At least two crew members are required for the duration of the race for the solo and two racer relay divisions. Four racer relay teams are not required to have designated crew members as they can crew for themselves.
- C. All crew members must sign and turn in the Release of Liability / Agreement to Terms and Conditions prior to the race. (A support crew member is defined as anyone who actively assists a racer in any manner at any time during the race.)
- D. Crew members may never cycle at any time during the race.
- E. Each racer is responsible for the actions of that racer’s crew.
- F. In the spirit of sportsmanship, any support crew may offer assistance to any racer or crew at any time.
- G. Racers who drop out of competition may join another racer’s crew, however a Race Official or Race HQ must be notified.
- H. Vehicles may not follow racers during daylight (defined as 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM) at any time. Vehicle-to-racer and racer-to-vehicle handoffs – and even verbal communication - during daylight are also prohibited. Additionally, even at night, vehicles may not follow racers, nor conduct vehicle/racer handoffs or communication, while traveling eastbound on the route (from Reno until the turn-around time station at Eureka.) TP or DQ
- I. All racers must always be followed literally, directly, and as closely as safety permits, by the support vehicle at night, but ONLY during the return / westbound leg of the race (after the turn-around time station in Eureka). Racers may not ride at night without an appropriate crew vehicle directly behind them during nighttime hours, including the finish portion of the race, except as outlined below. NOTE: If any law enforcement agency disallows direct following vehicles, all entrants must comply with their directives.
- J. When following a racer, the crew vehicle shall be positioned as far right as conditions permit, allowing drivers approaching from the rear to see past the crew vehicle.
- K. When stopped, the crew vehicle shall be positioned completely off the traveled portion of the roadway, well beyond the white “fog” line, with 4-way flashers on.
- L. Crew vehicles shall not be allowed to travel in front of a racer, at or near his or her speed, within 50 meters except briefly - as traffic dictates - when leap-frogging during the day. TP or DQ

M. A crew vehicle may not create any advantages for a racer by means of breaking the force of the wind to the front or side; excessive leap-frogging for the purpose of creating a wind break for a racer is prohibited. TP or DQ

N. Crew vehicles shall not be allowed to travel alongside a racer, except when very briefly passing off food, beverage, or information and only when rules allow, it is safe to do so. and traffic will not be affected. TP or DQ

O. Communication with a racer may be done with the use of a public address system or other loudspeaker. However, in residential neighborhoods and QUIET ZONES designated in the route book, no sound amplification is allowed. TP or DQ

P. Under no circumstances may two or more crew vehicles follow behind a racer. Caravanning, or a procession of two or more crew vehicles behind a racer, is absolutely prohibited. TP or DQ

Q. Crews shall not in any way impede the progress of other crews or any racer. Actions that offer a disadvantage to another racer are prohibited. TP or DQ

R. While following the racer when rules allow, if traffic cannot pass the racer and crew vehicle safely, the crew vehicle and must pull over to the right, when possible, and allow traffic to pass. If there is nowhere for the crew vehicle to pull over and the crew vehicle is causing a significant traffic problem, the driver should drive on ahead of the racer and find a spot to pull over to let the traffic pass. Signal the racer of the situation because he/she might want to momentarily pull over also. In all circumstances, the crew vehicle must resume following the cyclist as soon as possible (as soon as the traffic from behind has passed). TP

S. Support crew members may not run or walk along with, next to, in front of, or behind their racers for any reason (except during water bottle hand-offs during the day). TP

T. Crew vehicles may not park or otherwise be on the race course in the vicinity of the cyclists for the first 29.5 miles of the race; thus they must leave the start line prior to the race start and drive directly to the 29.5 mile location, ahead of all racers. Racers should be prepared to make their own repairs during this 29.5 mile segment of the race; however, limited neutral support may be provided by a local bike shop or race staff. **Delay of Crew Vehicle and/or TP**

U. **Following Your Racer.** All racers and crew should also study “Hints On Supporting A Cyclist.” Hints during daylight support: (1) Use two way radio communication; (2) Use arm signals between racer and crew; (3) Plan nutritional regime before the race; (4) Drive ahead of racer, pull completely off the road and stop, get out of vehicle and listen for racer’s request. Obtain necessary items in vehicle, drive ahead of racer, pull completely off the road and get out, then pass off the requested supplies.

V. Crews must observe these safety requirements at all times:

- Stay calm and cool, no matter what happens.
- Trade off driving duties as often as possible.
- Always have two wide awake crew members at night.
- Watch for drunk and/or inattentive drivers.
- Obey all traffic laws.
- Watch for traffic approaching from the rear.
- Be extra cautious at all turns and stops.

W. **Night Driving.**

1. Crew vehicle headlights must be dimmed (not on “brights”) when any oncoming traffic approaches within 500 feet, when following within 300 feet of the rear of another vehicle, when another vehicle passes, and within 300 feet of a time station. (We encourage never using the brights except during emergency situations.) This rule will be strictly enforced with a NO WARNINGS/NO TOLERANCE approach to enforcement. TP
2. Additional spotlights may not be mounted higher than the standard built-in headlights of the crew vehicle, except for a pass-off light mounted on the right side of the crew vehicle which is used to temporarily light the road when driving next to a racer during a pass-off of supplies.
3. Hand-held spotlights may not be used while the vehicle is in motion.
4. If the crew is unavailable during night hours, for any reason except as provided herein, the racer may not continue riding and must remain with the crew vehicle.
5. Any support crew member who is outside of a support vehicle at night must be wearing a reflective vest with 360 degree reflectivity, such as a OSHA-certified Class 2 or Class 3 certified high-visibility garment.

VII. CREW VEHICLES

A. Vehicles wider than 78” may never be used to follow the racer. (As measured at the widest part of the back of the vehicle, not including protruding bumpers or fenders.) The ideal crew vehicle is a minivan, though small cars and small SUVs will work as well. Due to their height, camper vans, supersize SUV’s, supersize pickups with large shells, and the like are very strongly discouraged as crew vehicles, even if they are less than 78” in width. TP or DQ

B. Hummers (any model), Ford Excursions, large “SportsMobiles,” Sprinter Vans, and motorhomes are not allowed for any purpose by anyone involved with the race.

C. Solo racers, solo tandems, and two- or four-person relay teams bring only one crew vehicle for the duration of the race. Eight-person tandem relay teams may have no more than two crew vehicles. Note: Any vehicle associated in any way with any racer(s) is considered a “crew vehicle,” thus “unofficial” crew/

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support vehicles or family/friend cheering squads are not allowed anywhere on the race route except at the start and finish locations.

D. Crew vehicles may not pull a trailer of any kind.

E. All crew vehicles must meet the minimum requirements of property damage and personal injury liability automobile insurance for the state of Nevada.

F. Crew vehicles must be equipped with the following:

1. At least two amber (not red) flashing lights mounted on the far left and right rear of the roof visible only from the rear. The crew vehicle must use the flashing roof lights at all times when following its racer. These flashing lights must be very bright and of very high quality. Do not wait until the last minute to do so.
2. A sign that reads CAUTION BICYCLE AHEAD. Lettering must be 6 inches high, reflective red on a white background. This type of sign can be ordered through a sign shop or from *Banners and Signs Graphx* for pick-up at the race.
3. Rear reflective equilateral "slow moving vehicle" triangle having a minimum height of 12" with a red or orange reflective border not less than 1.75" in width. The triangle can be purchased at most auto parts or RV rental stores or from *Banners and Signs Graphx* for pick-up at the race. Attach this triangle to the back of the pace vehicle when following behind your racer, but not at other times, such as when leap-frogging the racer. Triangles may also be ordered online.
4. Team or racer totem must be visible and easily legible (in words, not only pictures) on all four sides of the crew vehicle. For the rear, the ideal placement may be the left side of the rear bumper. Lettering must be 6 inches high. Do not block windows. Solo signage should not use the word "TEAM." Signage for 2x teams must state "2X" and signage for 4X teams must state "4X." You may order custom totem signs from *Banners and Signs Graphx* for pick-up at the race.

VIII. STAFF AND TIME STATIONS

A. Race Officials have been instructed to only reveal racers' positions and arrival times at Time Stations, if known. Racer position information is subject to human error. The race organizers will not be held responsible for the reporting of inaccurate positions and times, regardless of the source.

B. All racers and crews are required to make their presence known at each Time Station, which are located in designated places along the race route, as noted in the Official Race Route. At night hours, neither the racer nor the vehicle has to stop, but the crew should have their windows down and sound systems / radios off in order to receive information from the Time Station as they pass. Relay teams must stop at each Time Station to facilitate racer switches. See relay rules section. TP

C. Racers and crew members are expected to treat race officials with respect, courtesy, and compliance. Disrespectful or undue argument or ignoring directives from Race Officials or law enforcement will not be tolerated. TP or DQ

IX. PENALTIES AND CHEATING

A. Penalty for violation of these rules is Disqualification, unless Time Penalty (TP) or other penalty is noted. The Race Director has the discretion to modify penalties if multiple violations occur at the same time.

B. Non-DQ rule violations will result in the following time penalties for solo and relay racers, which must be served at TS#7. Note that penalized teams which refuse to serve their penalty time at TS#7, or any participant who refuses to serve a penalty or willfully disobeys the direction from a race official, will be disqualified from the race and barred from entering again in the future.

1. 1st offense: 15 minutes total
2. 2nd offense: 45 minutes total
3. 3rd offense: DISQUALIFIED AND BARRED FROM FUTURE PARTICIPATION (AS A RACER OR CREW MEMBER)

C. Upon observing a racer's violation of a traffic law or race rule, a Race Official will issue a time penalty or a disqualification to the crew, whose responsibility it is to inform the racer. If any member of a team is penalized, the entire team must serve the penalty. An entire team can be penalized or disqualified because of the actions of any one team or crew member. If a racer is disqualified, the racer and crew must immediately leave the race course in the crew vehicle, with no further interaction between the racer/crew and other participants.

D. Racers or crew members who observe another racer or crew member breaking race rules or traffic laws are encouraged to immediately say something to that racer or crew member, as well as report their observations to the race officials at the earliest possible convenience. Race Officials may, but are not required to, impose penalties based solely upon credible reports of cheating from non-officials.

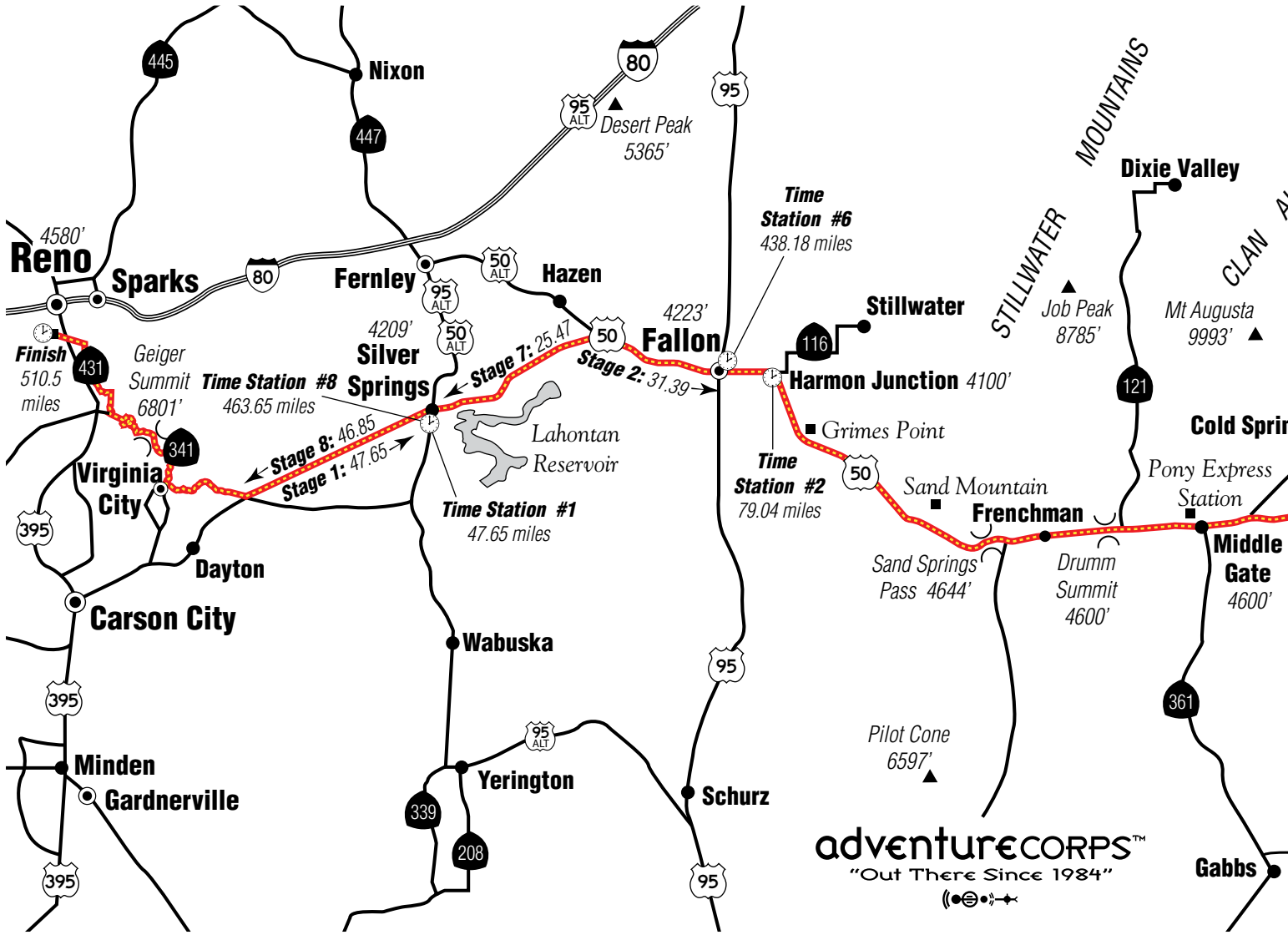
E. View violations of all the rules as cheating and as you would drafting, holding onto a vehicle, or being driven up the route. Cheating must not and will not be tolerated!

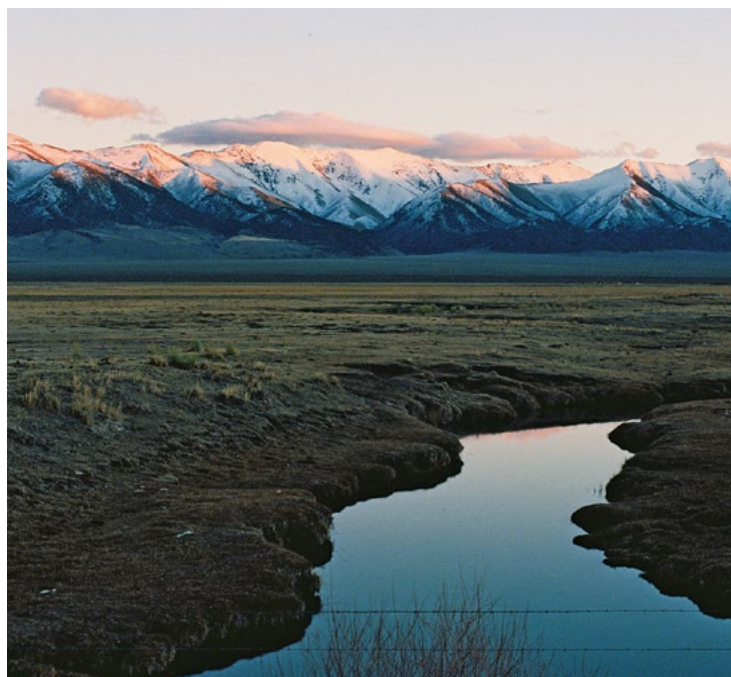
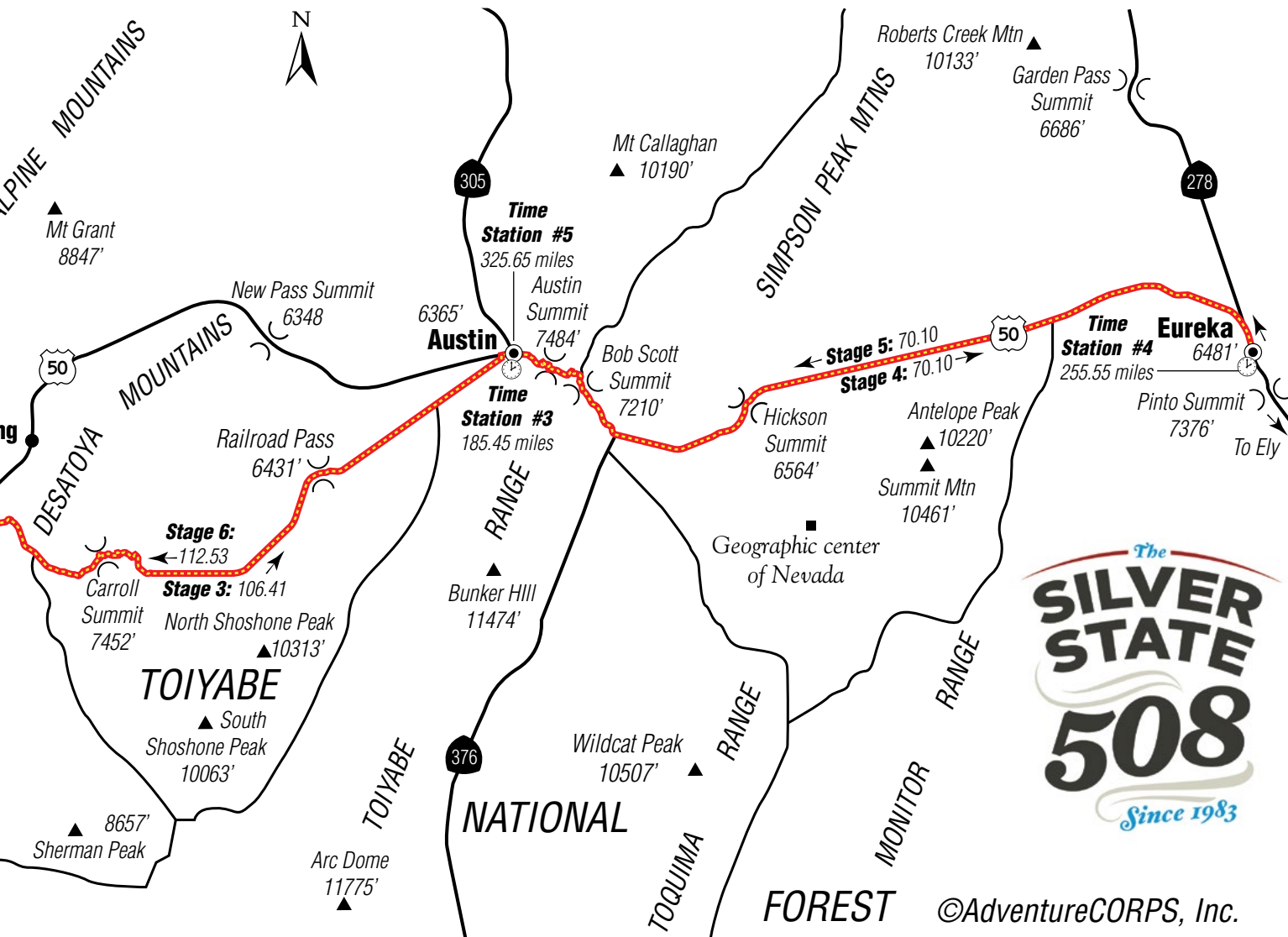
F. Each entrant must bring a one dollar bill (or more) in a sealed envelope, labeled with the totem, to Racer Check-In. It will not be returned (but will be donated to charity).

G. If you have any questions, please contact us. We will assume that the rules are clear and you will be held accountable in accordance with them.

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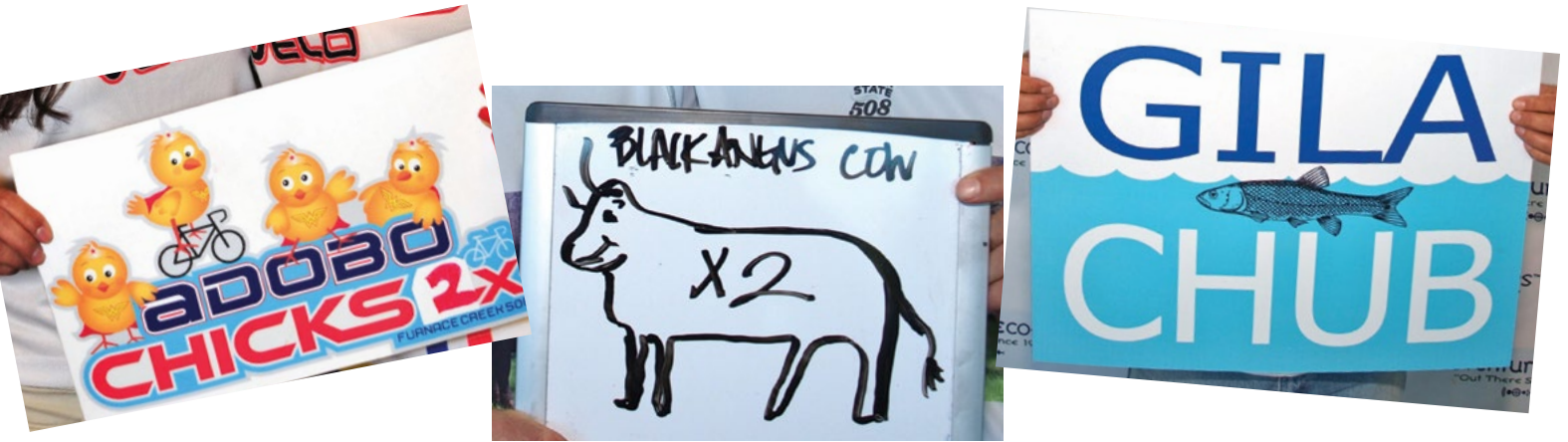
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<i>Division</i>	<i>Totem</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>M/F</i>	<i>AgGrp</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Nat</i>
SOLO									
Solo	Belgian Draft Horse	James Jason	Ingels	M	40-49	41	Orlando	FL	USA
Solo	British Bee	Jonathan	Spencer-Jones	M	50-59	52	Marlow		UK
Solo	Brown Rhino	Philip	Auriemma	M	40-49	48	Fremont	CA	USA
Solo	Chartreux	Jean-Marc	Velez	M	50-59	53	Le Chesnay		France
Solo	Chase-adon 1	Anthony	Boyd	M	50-59	52	Redlands	CA	USA
Solo	Chase-adon 2	Rodney	Boyd	M	40-49	49	Laguna Beach	CA	USA
Solo	Chase-adon 3	Glen	Plake	M	50-59	51	Silver Springs	NV	USA
Solo	Chase-adon 4	Zach	Thorp	M	40-49	41	Redlands	CA	USA
Solo Randonneur	Chocolate Lab	Kelsey	Regan	F	20-29	24	Ames	IA	USA
Solo	Crazy Legs Crane	Jaime Skylar	Watts	F	40-49	47	Claremore	OK	USA
Solo Randonneur Fixed Gear	Dharma Dog	Luis	Bernhardt	M	60-69	64	Burnaby	BC	Canada
Solo Randonneur	Escape Goat	Joshua	Talley	M	40-49	43	Santa Monica	CA	USA
Solo	Feisty Fox	Shangrila	Rendon	F	30-39	33	Pasadena	CA	Philippines
Solo Randonneur Fixed Gear	Frisky Camel	Shai	Shprung	M	40-49	48	Encino	CA	Israel
Solo	German Shepherd	Markus	Wiaderek	M	40-49	47	Ile Blizard	QC	Canada
Solo Recumbent	Gorilla	Joe	Pixley	M	50-59	52	Springfield	VA	USA
Solo Randonneur	Grasshopper (2)	David	Neff	M	60-69	67	Fair Oaks	CA	USA
Solo	Grey Kingbird	Maria del Pilar	Vazquez	F	40-49	43	Naples	FL	USA
Solo Randonneur	Holstein	David	Haase	M	40-49	47	Fond du Lac	WI	USA
Solo	Hoopoe	Seana	Hogan	F	50-59	56	Valley Springs	CA	USA
Solo Tandem	Hutton's Vireo	Lori	Hoechlin	F	50-59	53	Costa Mesa	CA	USA
Solo Tandem	Hutton's Vireo	George	Vargas	M	50-59	50	San Marcos	CA	USA
Solo	Irish Hare	Mick	Walsh	M	50-59	52	Seattle	WA	USA
Solo	Maned Wolf	Frederico	Santos	M	30-39	37	Rio De Janeiro		Brazil
Solo	Muskrat	Rob	Morlock	M	50-59	51	Danbury	CT	USA
Solo Randonneur	Pink Fairy Armadillo	Paul	Tourkin	M	50-59	52	San Diego	CA	USA
Solo	Pink Panther	Richard	Dones	M	40-49	42	Cerritos	CA	Philippines
Solo	Purple People Eater	Donna	Braswell	F	50-59	51	Boise	ID	USA
Solo	Red Kite	Reiner	Schubert	M	60-69	65	Ebersbach Fils		Germany
Solo Randonneur Fixed Gear	Rednecked Falcon	David	Farey	M	40-49	43	Riverside	CA	USA
Solo Randonneur	Roadkill	Matthew	Frederick	M	40-49	46	San Francisco	CA	USA
Solo	Sonora Roadrunner	Mark	Mandel	M	50-59	58	Green Valley	AZ	USA
Solo	Spotted Dog	Ray	Brown	M	50-59	58	Roswell	GA	USA
Solo	TasNEDian Devil	Neridah	Lock	F	40-49	41	Singapore		Australia
Solo Randonneur	Toro	Joaquin	Candel	M	40-49	45	Henderson	NV	Spain
Solo Randonneur	Whitetail Deer	David	Heckman	M	40-49	41	El Granada	CA	USA
Solo Randonneur	Wiener Dog	Danny	Westergaard	M	50-59	56	Palos Verdes Estates	CA	USA
Solo Randonneur	Wile-E-Coyote	Paul	Grimm	M	40-49	46	Fredonia	AZ	USA
TWO X									
Two Man	Blue Frog	Pascal	Chevrier	M	50-59	45	St-Lazare	QC	Canada
Two Man	Blue Frog	Patrice	Pellerin	M	50-59	56	Lachine	QC	Canada
Two Man	Cao De Agua	Ken	Shoemaker	M	50-59	57	Los Altos Hills	CA	US
Two Man	Cao de Agua	Paul	Vlasveld	M	50-59	56	San Jose	CA	US
Two Man	Capybara	Thomas	Barry	M	40-49	49	Earlysville	VA	USA
Two Man	Capybara	Tom	Culbertson	M	40-49	45	Earlysville	VA	USA
Two Man Recumbent	Chase-adon	David	Lee	M	40-49	46	Cardiff	CA	USA
Two Man Recumbent	Chase-adon	Lance	Weir	M	40-49	43	Carslbad	CA	USA
Two Man	Chimera Twins	Didier	Ryser	M	40-49	45	Irvine	CA	Switzerland
Two Man	Chimera Twins	Colin	Stokes	M	40-49	49	Irvine	CA	USA
Two Man	Clydesdale	John	Hopkins	M	60-69	63	Carlsbad	CA	USA
Two Man	Clydesdale	Larry	Nelson	M	60-69	62	Henderson	NV	USA
Two Mixed	Coconut Crab	Alexis	Berthillier	M	40-49	43	Mountain View	CA	USA
Two Mixed	Coconut Crab	Kirsten	McDaniel	F	40-49	46	Campbell	CA	USA
Two Mixed	Dog Salmon	Leonard	Fancher	M	50-59	51	Anchorage	AK	USA
Two Mixed	Dog Salmon	Janice	Sheufelt	F	50-59	49	Juneau	AK	USA
Two Mixed Recumbent	Dragon Bear	Gary	Baierl	M	40-49	47	Lake Forest	CA	USA
Two Mixed Recumbent	Dragon Bear	Dana	Lieberman	M	40-49	47	North Hollywood	CA	USA
Two Mixed	Eland	Jim	Pyatt	M	50-59	57	Modesto	CA	USA
Two Mixed	Eland	Karin	Weller	F	50-59	54	Turlock	CA	USA
Two Woman	Felinas	Carla L	de la Torre	F	40-49	34	San Juan	PR	USA
Two Woman	Felinas	Irene	Rial	F	40-49	53	San Juan	PR	USA
Two Man	Free Birds	Brian	Johnson	M	30-39	41	Beaumont	CA	USA
Two Man	Free Birds	Jose	Laureano	M	30-39	37	Chino	CA	USA
Two Mixed	Great Basin Ichthyosaur	Jami	Horner	F	40-49	37	Reno	NV	USA
Two Mixed	Great Basin Ichthyosaur	Rich	Staley	M	40-49	46	Reno	NV	USA
Two Mixed	Hellhound	Tim	Marks	M	50-59	56	Andover	MN	USA
Two Mixed	Hellhound	Pamela	Semanik	F	50-59	50	Walton Hills	OH	USA

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(Cont. TWO X)									
Two Man	Mad Cow	Bob	Corman	M	50-59	59	Mountain View	CA	USA
Two Man	Mad Cow	Jay	Kilby	M	50-59	52	Los Gatos	CA	USA
Two Mixed	Mosquitos	Megan	Brinkmeyer	F	40-49	31	West Sacramento	CA	USA
Two Mixed	Mosquitos	Bruce	Cole	M	40-49	51	Mariposa	CA	USA
Two Mixed	Sanguine Octopus	Rebecca	Eckland	F	30-39	33	Reno	NV	USA
Two Mixed	Sanguine Octopus	Brandon	Tinianov	M	30-39	46	Santa Clara	CA	USA
Two Man	Snoopy and the Red Baron	Joe	Frank	M	30-39	30	San Diego	CA	USA
Two Man	Snoopy and the Red Baron	Jon	Shellenbarger	M	30-39	43	Anaheim	CA	USA
Two Woman	Snowflies	Dusty	Dustyn	F	60-69	64	Valley Springs	CA	USA
Two Woman	Snowflies	Patty Jo	Struve	F	60-69	59	Pleasant Hill	CA	USA
Two Man	Stubborn Bulls	Dany	Bonneville	M	40-49	49	St-Hilaire	QC	Canada
Two Man	Stubborn Bulls	Bruno	Jean	M	40-49	47	St-Hilaire	QC	Canada
Two Mixed	Tenacious Turtle	Kitty	Davidson	F	40-49	45	Broomfield	CO	USA
Two Mixed	Tenacious Turtle	Andy	Tuthill	M	40-49	45	Broomfield	CO	USA
Two Mixed	Tiger Gecko	Teresa	Beck	F	50-59	51	Torrance	CA	USA
Two Mixed	Tiger Gecko	Victor	Cooper	M	50-59	58	Torrance	CA	USA
FOUR X									
Four Man	Nervous Tick	Brad	Bochart	M	40-49	46	Tempe	AZ	USA
Four Man	Nervous Tick	Jeff	Henley	M	40-49	45	Huntington Beach	CA	USA
Four Man	Nervous Tick	John	Hewitt	M	40-49	53	Alta Loma	CA	USA
Four Man	Nervous Tick	Rick	Reddell	M	40-49	47	Rancho Cucamonga	CA	USA
Four Man	Nor-Cal Hellcats	David	Everhart	M	40-49	54	Hayward	CA	USA
Four Man	Nor-Cal Hellcats	Christopher	Hopkins	M	40-49	35	Castro Valley	CA	USA
Four Man	Nor-Cal Hellcats	Gil	Hopkins	M	40-49	59	Castro Valley	CA	USA
Four Man	Nor-Cal Hellcats	Yvonne	Lopez	F	40-49	47	San Leandro	CA	USA
Four Man	Racing Roosters	Steve	Bursley	M	50-59	57	Pleasanton	CA	USA
Four Man	Racing Roosters	Dan	McDonogh	M	50-59	44	Portland	OR	Canada
Four Man	Racing Roosters	James	Ray	M	50-59	59	Poway	CA	USA
Four Man	Racing Roosters	Jay	Shockey	M	50-59	50	Calgary	AB	Canada
Four Man	Radioactive Cockroach	Geoffrey	Gonzales	M	30-39	37	Fresno	CA	USA
Four Man	Radioactive Cockroach	Javier	Moreno	M	30-39	36	Fresno	CA	Mexico
Four Man	Radioactive Cockroach	Humberto	Salas	M	30-39	35	Fresno	CA	Mexico
Four Man	Radioactive Cockroach	Vincent	Velasquez	M	30-39	36	Fresno	CA	USA
Four Mixed	Spike the Wonder Dog	Neal	Herman	M	50-59	59	Mountain View	CA	USA
Four Mixed	Spike The Wonder Dog	Laura	Hill	F	50-59	40	Campbell	CA	USA
Four Mixed	Spike The Wonder Dog	Susan	Horst	F	50-59	57	Kirkland	WA	USA
Four Mixed	Spike The Wonder Dog	Bob	Temmerman	M	50-59	62	Campbell	CA	USA
Four Man	Western Wood Pewee	Jeff	Lindenthal	M	40-49	56	Salinas	CA	USA
Four Man	Western Wood Pewee	Dennis	Spencer	M	40-49	55	Salinas	CA	USA
Four Man	Western Wood Pewee	Harrison	Spencer	M	40-49	19	San Francisco	CA	USA
Four Man	Western Wood Pewee	Bill	Zimmerman	M	40-49	64	Carmel Valley	CA	USA
Four Man Fixed Gear	Whistle Pig	Ken	Emerson	M	40-49	57	San Jose	CA	USA
Four Man Fixed Gear	Whistle Pig	Robert	Mardell	M	40-49	47	Santa Clara	CA	USA
Four Man Fixed Gear	Whistle Pig	Kaley	McCumber	F	40-49	35	San Jose	CA	USA
Four Man Fixed Gear	Whistle Pig	Jeremy	Shapiro	M	40-49	34	Walnut	CA	USA
Four Man	White Owl	John	Clare	M	50-59	52	Long Beach	CA	USA
Four Man	White Owl	Ira	Kuchek	M	50-59	59	Newport Beach	CA	USA
Four Man	White Owl	Humberto	Mancilla	M	50-59	34	Los Angeles	CA	USA
Four Man	White Owl	Steve	Meichtry	M	50-59	63	West Hills	CA	USA



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 Albatross Alberta Bison Algae Alligator Alpaca Alpine Ibx American Eagle American Greyhound American Kestrel Amoeba
 Amoeba / Abalone Andean Condor Angelfish Angler Fish Anteater Antelope Apopyllus now Arab Horse Archaeopteryx Arctic Wolf
 Aries Armadillo Arroyo Southwestern Toad Asiatic Wildcat Asp Asses Athenian Rottweiler Auk Avocet Aye-Aye Babbler Bird
 Baboons Bad Dogg Badger Bald Eagle Banana Slug Bandicoot Barking Spiders Barn Owl Barnacle Barracuda Basenji
 Basilisk Bat Batula Bear Bear Dog Beast Beaver Bees Beetle Belgian Draft Horse Beluga Bengal Tiger Betta Fish
 Big Mouth Frog Big Red Dog Bighorn Bilby Billy Goat Bison Black Angus Cow Black Bear Black Cat Black Foot Ferret
 Black Mamba Black Panther Black Scorpion Black Sheep Black Widows Black-Capped Chickadee Black-Tailed Jackrabbit Blackbird
 Blandy Dragons Bloodhound Blowfish Blue Cookie Monster Blue Dasher Blue Dog Blue Footed Booby Blue Fox Blue Frog
 Blue Morpho Butterfly Blue Racer Blue Whale Bluebird Bluejay Boar Bobcat Bobolink Bonedog Bonedog 2 Bongo Bonobo
 Border Collie Boreal Owl Borracho Burro Borzoi Boundless Beaver Bradan Brahma Bull-et Brindle Boxer British Bee
 British Bull Dogs British Red Squirrel Brittle Star Brontosaurus Brooklyn Beast Brown Bear Brown Rhino Bubba Shrimp Buffalo
 Bugs Bunny Bull Bull Shark Bulldog Bumble Bee Bumble Skipper Bunny Bush Baby Bush Hound Bush Plankton Bush Vipers
 Bushbuck Bushmaster Butterfly Buzzard Cactus Wren Caiman California Condor California Kingsnake California Regular Newt
 Camel Canadian Geese Canadian Lynx Canadian Turtle Candiru Cao De Agua Capybara Cardinal Caretta Caretta Caribou Carp
 Cat Caterpillar Cattle Dog CCI Pup Centaur Centi-speed Centipede Cerion Chameleon Chamois Suisse Charlotte the Spider
 Chartreux Chase-adon Chase-adon 1 Chase-adon 2 Chase-adon 3 Chase-adon 4 Cheetah Chesapeake Bay Retriever Chicago Bear
 Chickadee Chicken Chihuahua Chimera Twins Chimpanzee Chinchilla Chinook Chocolate Lab Chow Chow Chukar Chukwalla
 Chupacabra Cinnamon Bear Click Beetle Clownfish Clydesdale Coatimundi Cobra Cockatoo Cockroach Coconut Crab Coho
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 Foxhound Francolin Free Bird Free Birds French Frog Frigate Bird Frisky Camel Frog Frog Dog Froggy Frostbite SEAL
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 King Cobra Kingfisher Kingsnake Kinkajou Kites Kitten Kitty Kitty Bang Bang Kiwi Klondike Bear Koala Kodiak Bear
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 Lapp Dog Leafhopper Leapfrog Leatherback Turtles Lemmings Lemur Leopard Leprechaun Leviathan Lhasa Apso Liger

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 Pitsnake Platypus Polar Bear Polecat Poloka Lana Poodle Pooh Bear Porcupine Pork Fish Porpoise Portuguese Man-O-War
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SILVER STATE 508, A RACE THROUGH TIME

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Perhaps it is fitting that an ultra-endurance event governed by the constraints of time would call Nevada its home, a place that's well acquainted with that particular master. Nearly 1.67 million years ago, ore deposits would form in veins across Nevada as the snow melted from white-glacier-capped mountains—from which she got her name—would create large, inland lakes.

These are the places the Silver State 508 riders will traverse: up and over mountain ranges and across valleys nearly ten miles long, spaces where those glaciers melted and formed miniature oceans.

The journey from Reno to Geiger Grade - or any landmarks along the 508 route - may not seem like a foray back in time, but it is. In the case of Geiger Grade's old Toll Road, an 8.75 mile climb out of Reno, riders will climb into a place which, due to the luck of the geologic draw, would inherit gold, silver and copper which would help to make Nevada a state in 1864.

Long before that happened, though, traces of time can be read in the hills in the language of Cordelian Tectonics, the language of a now-absent ocean, the silence of petroglyphs, the language of the gold rush, the pony express, and, later, the roar of fighter jets in the sky above.

STAGE 1: Reno to Silver Springs

It is hard to believe Nevada was once an ocean, especially when riders are confronted with the dry, arid air, the high elevation, and the type of vegetation only found in high desert steppe regions.

The air will be crisp and dry at the starting line of the Silver State 508 in Reno, Nevada. Named after Major General Jesse Reno, a Union officer killed in the Civil War. Reno is the Old West: images of cowboys, ranches, casinos, brothels - these are the images of Nevada to those who have cursory knowledge of her. But as riders trace their way through the streets of South Reno en route to Geiger Grade (a 8.75 mile climb) and Virginia City, there are traces of other histories, some more recent and others more distant.

In the 1850s, settlers would call the "Truckee Meadows" (the meadow which hosts Reno and Sparks) home and by the 1860s, several of the towns which dot the Silver State 508 route would be bustling mining towns as gold and silver veins were discovered by eager prospectors.

The climb up Geiger Grade at dawn is spectacular, encapsulating old and new, past and present, all at once. As riders climb up the Virginia Range to the summit at Geiger Summit, riders will arrive at Virginia City, origin of the Comstock Lode, and an example of the "bust and boom" nature which characterized the era and

still characterizes the mining industry today. At 6200' elevation, Virginia City is nearly the same elevation as Lake Tahoe which rests to its west up in the Sierra Nevada range.

Quickly, though, they will turn down Six Mile Canyon and this, too, will be beautiful... but chilly. Cottonwood trees which line the trickle of the creek will have likely changed into autumn hues and flicker like golden sequins in the morning light. The narrow two-lane road will take riders down from the Virginia Range into a large valley. This is Dayton, one of two towns which continues to argue to be Nevada's oldest.

As riders turn left onto old Highway 50, they might feel a reprieve in their legs. The landscape looks flat. But they will soon find that Nevada is, actually, the most mountainous state in the U.S. with 150 named mountain ranges. Over thirty of Nevada's mountain peaks exceed 11,000 feet and, in years of heavy snow, remain white-capped even in summer. Perhaps this is how "Nevada" got her name - in Spanish, the word means snow-covered.

The final miles of leg one suggest sage and wild horse are the most prevalent here. Homes are scattered and low-lying; horizons and sky are big.

It's hard to believe this was an ocean once, but as stage two begins, that is where evidence of that past begins.

STAGE 2: Silver Springs to Fallon



Grimes Point, where people have left a mark on history for millennia.

Between 200 million and 1.67 million years ago, most of the Silver State 508 route was beneath a gigantic inland sea, named Lake Lahontan. If riders look over their right shoulder, they will see what remains (in a sense) of this ancient ocean.

This is a "flat and fast" leg of the race and the only leg where a TT bike might be a wise choice.

As you ride, if you happen to glance up at the mountains which frame the sky, you'll notice the faint traces of a shoreline, evidence of ancient Lake Lahontan. Here is where the landscape begins to "spread out", (although, arguably, the biggest distances are yet to come) revealing that Nevada is, indeed, the United State's 7th largest state with 110,540 square miles.

It is impressive that riders will cross such a large expanse on the “loneliest highway” with only the help of their teammate(s) (if not a solo racer) and the help of their crew. What will they see out there, in those ancient horizon lines which were once shorelines, long ago?

Stage 2 riders will pass through Fallon, Nevada, which is known for many things— one of which, its melons. Maybe it’s the rich soil left over from its days as an ocean floor, but Fallon melons are renown for their unique sweetness and bouquet. Because they do not ship well, very few have tasted the clay-colored flesh of the Fallon cantaloupe melon aside from lucky Nevada residents.

“Blink once and you’ll miss it,” a friend once told me when describing the size of Nevada towns along Highway 50 and maybe that’s true. Rolling into Fallon - by far the largest town along the 508 route - riders will pass ramshackle bars, hardware stores, gas stations, fast-food restaurants, brick courthouses, and casinos from another era advertising renovated restrooms on their marquees. The blinking lights fade too quickly, and the desert - the past - returns.

Flat and wide: Harmon Junction, location of Time Station 2, appears at a curve in the highway as riders draw close to a shoreline where hunters, gatherers, and shaman carved images into rock— mysterious messages of a time that this landscape has nearly erased.

STAGE 3: Fallon to Austin



Middlegate has long been a waypoint for long-distance travelers.

As riders pass into the third stage of the race, they might notice a shift in the landscape as they travel the loneliest highway deep into the heart of Nevada. There isn’t a line per se, but the sense of desolation becomes more present: the land empties of houses and even ranch and farm lands. There is a sense that one is alone in the middle of something vast and slightly unknowable.

This is the landscape of the Pony Express, where riders carried the mail across these expanses. The old trail nearly parallels

Highway 50 and is marked in several locations. An old windmill powers a water pump and cistern which still functions to this day that riders, long ago, would have used as a watering hole along their grueling trek.

The Pony Express riders had to contend with another part of Nevada’s past that is invisible today: wolves. Reportedly in 1860, Pony Express riders stationed at Cold Springs (a spot located along East Highway 50 just after riders turn onto Highway 722) were attacked by a tribe of Native Americans, killed and most of their remains eaten by wolves. There’s no need to pick up the pace as you pass by the Windmill or the old stone foundations where the Pony Express riders were slaughtered; wolves no longer reside in Nevada, however; as in many of the other “lower 48” states, they were hunted to (near) extinction.

Turning onto Highway 722, riders will notice an old ranch at the foot of the climb to Carroll Summit. This is one of the oldest ranches in the area, called “Eastgate,” one of three “gates” in Central Nevada. Eastgate (located beneath “Gibraltar Rock,”) the ranch sits in what was once a lush meadow, a green oasis of sorts. Riders will encounter the two remaining “gates” of Central Nevada on their trip back to Reno and the finish line.

Another detail that may catch a racer’s eye: the numerous signs pointing the way to Ione. You might even start to wonder if all roads lead to Ione... a small mining town which was founded in 1863 as a milling and trading outpost which serviced other nearby towns. In 1864 - when Nevada became a state - Ione was the Nye county seat until 1867 when another town took over the title.

What Ione is known for, however, is its local watering hole called the Ore House where “Buckaroo Bartender Fly” served cold beer to locals and those who happened through town. The “watering hole”: a true Nevada tradition if every there was one. A bar was never just a bar in the real “Old West” - it was a desert oasis, a community hall, a retirement home, a singles club, the “NPR” of local news, stories and gossip and the vibrant - if not vital - “hub” to everyone who dared call the Great Basin “home.”

STAGE 4: Austin to Eureka

When racers cross into the Reese River Valley, they will see a glimmer of light on the hills before them. Perched on a hill, the town of Austin is unusual in that it is not a mining town which struck it rich for silver or gold; instead, Austin’s claim to fame - and its sustenance to this day - was found in turquoise.

Native Americans believed turquoise (the “fallen sky stone”) was produced by a mixture of their own tears of joy and rain mixed with earth.

Interestingly, this belief about turquoise’s origin isn’t far from the literal truth: copper, aluminum and iron deposits oxidize and combine to form turquoise in the veins of rocks. Turquoise in its natural state is not a solid stone, but often

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a veneer which must be removed and shaped by careful work with hammer and chisel.

Austin's economy is a boom-and-bust, fixed to the price of turquoise. Austin residents - or the ones I've met - all seem to have a claim somewhere near town and are proud and guarded of their turquoise holdings.

As racers climb out of Austin, they will descend into Monitor Valley and then, after a quick climb up Bob Scott Summit, into Antelope Valley. And here's another Silver State 508 fact: in nearly every Nevada valley, you can find a hot or cold spring.

If you were wondering, the reason why many of Nevada's small towns dot the edges of mountain ranges are the propensity for springs (either hot or cold) to form where the Earth's crust becomes thin. Spenser Hot Springs (a popular destination just East of Austin) are a prime example of this. Interestingly, some of the cooler pools are home to goldfish (the kind you have in a bowl at home) which have survived here for years.

Although most racers will traverse stage four in the dark, this is the country of the wildest Nevada: it is the land of antelope, of elk, of wild burro and of pictographs left in caves by the region's first inhabitants, long ago.

STAGE 5: Eureka to Austin

On this stretch of the race, it's likely cyclists will only be able to judge their progress by the shifting position of lights in the distance - lights which illuminate the distant and solitary ranches.

Eureka, like Austin (and like Ione, in fact) was founded as a mining town. To counter the rough existence a miner must endure, Eureka built a solid town-center which featured an opera house. Built in 1880, the Eureka Opera house hosted balls, masquerades and, later, silent films for the residents of Eureka to enjoy.

After turning around in front of the Opera House in Eureka, racers again face the darkness. In some ways, the misconception of Nevada's particular landscape in the 19th century featured a similar "darkness." According to a Nevada "fable," in the mid-nineteen century, the Reese River Navigation Company (formed by businessmen who had never seen the Reese River or the Reese River Valley) wanted to fill the Reese River with barges to carry the mineral wealth found in area mines to the railroad depot to Battle Mountain (a town to the North of the race route.)

According to several newspapers published in the late 1940s and early 1950s, this company "fooled thousands of credulous souls" into purchasing stock in a venture that was, simply, not possible.

If it weren't dark in the fifth stage of the race, cyclists would recognize this: the Reese River, even at its fullest, is only a few inches deep. And, perhaps more importantly, the railroad depot did not exist in Battle Mountain until well after the mines in this area ceased production.

It's a nice image, though: the way you can't know a place until you're in it. And by this stage in the race, the participants certainly are.

STAGE 6: Austin to Fallon



The view of the 508 route from atop Sand Mountain.

This might be the stage where riders begin to see dawn's light crest the mountains lining the landscape around them. Although they've traveled these parts before (in stage 3) the return trip somehow offers a different perspective. Maybe it's the fact that they are moving west (and isn't West associated with progress, Americana, the sunset, and a grand finale?)

One remnant of an older time waits for racers when they reach the foot of the climb up Carroll Summit. On the left, they may take note of an old, abandoned building fading into the shade of the canyon.

According to Nevada lore, racers may hear the voices of "Fred and Rosie," the former proprietors of Carroll Summit Station when it was still in operation. Known to be their "own best customers," the married couple were also known for their "knock-down-drag-out-brawls" which could be heard within and without the establishment.

Interestingly (or maybe it's only lore?) the landmark which sits at the end of Highway 722 was begotten in the midst of marital strife, too (but not a knock-down-brawl) in which a newly married bride threatened to walk away from her husband after they had argued. "If you do, you'll have to walk barefoot," he said, throwing her shoes high into the branches of the tree. They returned several years later with their first child to throw his shoes into the tree which sparked - as racers will see from the numerous shoes present - something of a tradition until vandals chopped the tree down in 2010. The new tree, however, has faced no difficulty in accumulating new shoes in its five years of life.

This is evidence, though, that the landscape in Nevada changes quickly: at times due to natural forces, and at others due to human manipulation, the Silver State 508 route is not what it once was, or will be. As the fourth most seismically active state in the U.S., Nevada's land literally changes shape.

Nowhere is this more visible than Earthquake Faults, Nevada which rests slightly South of Highway 50 before racers crest

Drumm Summit and descend into Dixie Valley. Early in the 20th century, Nevada experienced an earthquake large enough that its natural springs shifted positions (drying up extant ranches and offering springs were none had existed before.) Earthquake Faults (near Drumm Summit) still displays the extreme shift in the earth's crust by radical drops of twenty feet or more.

This is why Dixie Valley - and, really, the territory remaining in Stage 6 to Fallon - continues to be of interest to the military. Dixie Valley still contains a bombing range that racers will see on their left as they ride to Fallon. However, there is another (invisible) history here.

In 1963, "Project Shoals" was announced to residents of the racers' destination (Fallon) that the area east of the town had been surveyed for an "important scientific experiment": an underground nuclear exposition. According to newsreels, the military wanted to know the effect of a nuclear explosion on a seismically active area. The plan was to detonate a nuclear bomb far beneath the earth's surface - and a town filled of empty buildings then called "Shoals" - in order to see the results of such a violent explosion.

"Perhaps we were all a little concerned or shocked when the explosion took place," said a rancher who looked east from his ranch in Fallon when the detonation was set to occur. Yet, no one in Fallon felt the detonation or any negative after-effects of it, either (according to period sources.) This was only the third nuclear experiment ever conducted in the country outside the Nevada test site.

The military presence is still clear: as racers arrive in Fallon, maybe they'll spot a jet launched from Nellis Airforce Base where much of the film Top Gun was filmed. Or maybe they will only see a trace of its flight in the sky, a white line across the deep blue.

STAGE 7: Fallon to Silver Springs

This flat-and-fast stage quickly moves racers from Fallon to Silver Springs. Fallon, a small grid-lined town, is also known for it's hay. Although several valleys produce alfalfa in Nevada, the alfalfa produced in Fallon is world-renown due to its incredible nutritional value. Unlike other "hay" products from other regions of the state, Fallon alfalfa is often sold abroad and always sold to the highest bidder.

After leaving the small town-center of grid-lined streets, old courthouses, hotels and gas stations, Fallon's landscape opens to fields with the stray gas station, bar or homestead. Racers will probably notice (or, feel) that they are no longer in the land of "desolation" quite - and they will be right.

Although the miles which remain to the finish line have their own unique charm, they are hardly ever desolate or solitary; racers will, at the very least, have Nevada's population of wild horses to guide them home.

STAGE 8: Silver Springs to Reno

Have you seen a wild burro? Have you ridden over an exposed fault? A nuclear test site? A ancient burial site?

Have you ridden on part of the Pony Express Trail? Have you navigated by star or moonlight?

As you reach the mouth of Six Mile Canyon Road, it's very possible you have done all of these things while riding the Silver State 508.

Six Mile Canyon Road (if the name didn't give it away, it is a six-mile road down—or at this point, up—a winding narrow canyon) is where the first gold of the Comstock Lode was discovered. In 1896 a fire in the Yellow Jacket Mine (near Six Mile Canyon Road) would burn, uninterrupted and under the ground, for over a year.

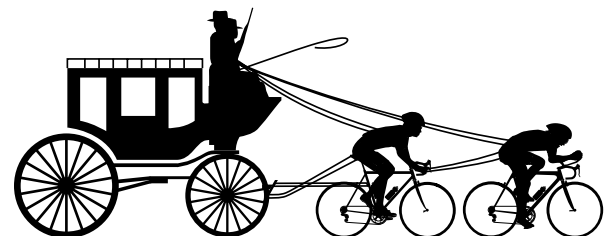
Six Mile Canyon leads stage 8 racers to Virginia City. This is the town where a young writer named Samuel Clemens - later known as Mark Twain - would get this start as a reporter for the local paper.

At the height of the mining boom in the 1860s, the population of Virginia City was over 25,000. However, today the population hovers around 1,000. Sometimes (at the height of tourist season) Virginia City may attempt to approximate what it once was in terms of population, but even given the annoyances of bad drivers, Harleys, and the other extremes of highway traffic, this is not the Virginia City of the mid-1860s. It will (probably) not be that place ever again.

Stage 8 racers will climb to Geiger Summit from where contemporary Reno (home to over 200,000 people) is a lighted and welcome vista. Reno: once an ocean floor, is now home to several international corporations, a university, an arboretum, a bike coalition, a co-op, a vibrant cycling community, and - the latest addition to the expansive history of the state of Nevada - the finish line for the Silver State 508.

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Pl	Totem	Name	Category	M/F	Time	Grp	Age	City	State	Country	Nal
1	Spotted Horse	Sarah Cooper	Solo	F	32:32:00	40+	43	Urbandale	Iowa	USA	USA
2	Albatross	Sheherezade Adams	Solo Classic	F	41:48:00	40+	41	Healdsburg	California	USA	USA
3	Blue Dasher	Lisa Johnson	Solo	F	43:48:00	50+	50	Citrus Heights	California	USA	USA
4	Grey Kingbird	Maria del Pilar Vazquez	Solo	F	45:37:00	40+	43	San Juan	Puerto Rico	USA	USA
	Echidna	Sandy Earl	Solo Recumbent	F	DNF	50+	51	Arcata	California	USA	USA
	Hoopoe	Seana Hogan	Solo	F	DNF	50+	55	Valley Springs	California	USA	USA
1	Tweety Bird	Marko Baloh	Solo	M	26:24:00	40+	47	Ljubljana		SVN	SVN
2	Crow	Sean Cuddihy	Solo	M	28:03:00	40+	46	Long Beach	California	USA	USA
3	Rock Rabbit	Adam Bickett	Solo	M	28:15:00	30+	31	Solana Beach	California	USA	USA
4	Gibbon	Gregg Geser	Solo	M	31:18:00	60+	61	Sisters	Oregon	USA	USA
5	Rednecked Falcon	David Farey	Solo	M	31:55:00	40+	42	Riverside	California	USA	USA
6	Thundercat	Damon Taaffe	Solo	M	32:15:00	30+	38	Washington	DC	USA	USA
7	Wild Turkey	Mike Wilson	Solo	M	32:32:00	40+	41	San Diego	California	USA	USA
8	Great Basin Ichthyosaur	Rich Staley	Solo	M	34:55:00	40+	45	Reno	Nevada	USA	US
9	Irish Hare	Mick Walsh	Solo	M	35:04:00	50+	54	Seattle	Washington	USA	USA
10	Spotted Dog	Ray Brown	Solo	M	35:19:00	50+	57	Roswell	Georgia	USA	USA
11	Zoo Monkey	Ryan Tetz	Solo	M	36:00:00	30+	30	Bishop	California	USA	USA
12	Lion of Judah	Bruce Jamieson Jr	Solo	M	36:06:00	30+	36	San Diego	California	USA	USA
13	Lulu Bird	David Shinsky	Solo	M	37:05:00	40+	44	Walnut Creek	California	USA	USA
14	Crazy Ibx	Vito Rubino	Solo	M	37:19:00	30+	36	Pasadena	California	USA	ITA
15	Tarpon	Laurence Kluck	Solo	M	38:49:00	60+	66	Eureka	California	USA	USA
16	Pileated Woodpecker	Tim Marks	Solo	M	40:14:00	50+	55	Andover	Minnesota	USA	USA
17	Wiener Dog	Danny Westergaard	Solo	M	41:23:00	50+	55	Palos Verdes Estates	California	USA	USA
18	Kookaburra	Steven Burns	Solo	M	43:21:00	50+	56	Redondo Beach	California	USA	USA
19	Pink Fairy Armadillo	Paul Tourkin	Solo	M	43:31:00	50+	51	San Diego	California	USA	USA
20	Coho	Leonard Fancher	Solo	M	43:44:00	50+	50	Anchorage	Alaska	USA	USA
21	Tepig	Roland von Kriegenberg	Solo	M	43:58:00	40+	45	Temecula	California	USA	CHE
22	Silver Hare	Jesse Santamaria	Solo	M	44:00:00	50+	54	Norwalk	California	USA	USA
23	Brown Rhino	Philip Auriemma	Solo	M	46:25:00	40+	47	Fremont	California	USA	USA
24	Flying Monkey	Dante Recio	Solo	M	46:44:00	40+	49	Rowland Heights	California	USA	PHL
25	Speedy Turtle	Thomas Zaide	Solo	M	47:35:00	30+	37	Long Beach	California	USA	USA
	Holstein	David Haase	Solo	M	DNF	40+	47	Fond du Lac	Wisconsin	USA	USA
	Whippoorwill	David Collum	Solo	M	DNF	60+	61	Stockton	California	USA	USA
	Gila Chub	Alan Johnson	Solo	M	DNF	50+	58	Phoenix	Arizona	USA	USA
	Wren	Wade Baker	Solo	M	DNF	60+	59	Atascadero	California	USA	USA
	Tenacious Tarsier	Alfredo Tadeo	Solo	M	DNF	50+	55	Newport Beach	California	USA	PHL
	Red Wolf	Mike DeNoma	Solo	M	DNF	50+	58	London		GBR	USA

TANDEM

Pl	Totem	Name	Category	Time	Grp	Age	City	State	Country	Nal
1	Mute Swan	Paul McKenzie	Tandem Mixed	31:57:00	50+	59	Richmond	California	USA	USA
2	Hutton's Vireo	Lori Hoechlin	Tandem Mixed	36:34:00	50+	51	Costa Mesa	California	USA	USA

TWO X

Pl	Totem	Category	Time	Grp
1	Little Bear	Two Man	26:51:00	30+
2	Desert Bighorn	Two Man	28:58:00	20+
3	Chimera Twins	Two Man	29:27:00	40+
4	Rock Scorpions	Two Man	29:27:01	20+
5	Snowshoe Hare	Two Mixed	30:06:00	40+
6	Red Bull	Two Man	30:09:00	40+
7	Two-Headed Dragon	Two Mixed	31:49:00	30+
8	Sunfish	Two Man	31:59:00	40+
9	Mantis Shrimp	Two Tandem	32:35:00	60+
10	Blue Frog	Two Man	33:31:00	50+
11	Black Angus Cow	Two Man	33:33:00	40+
12	Skink	Two Mixed	34:52:00	50+
13	Cao de Agua	Two Man	35:02:00	50+
14	Pine Martens	Two Woman	36:36:00	30+
15	Flat-Faced Wasp	Two Man	38:09:00	40+

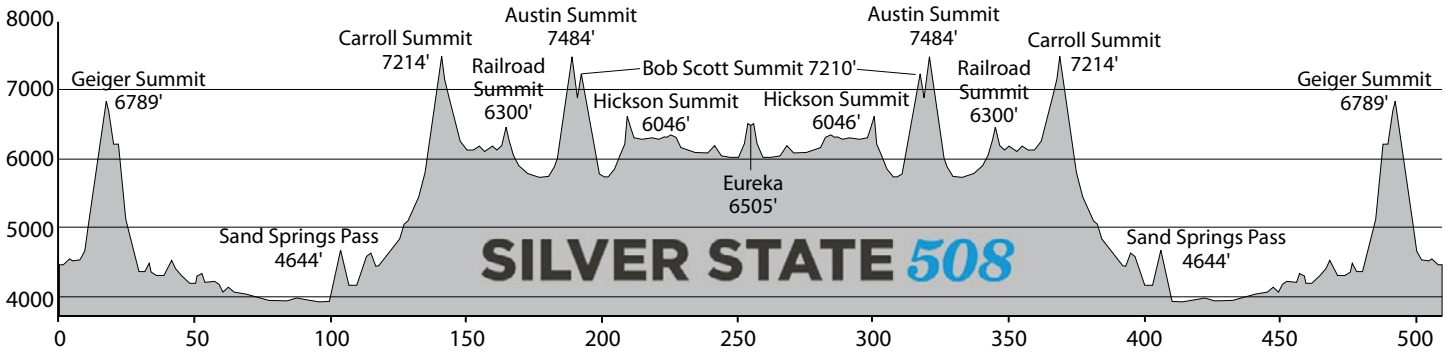
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Pl	Totem	Category	Time	Grp
1	Bloodhound	Four Man	27:55:00	40+
2	Diana Monkey	Four Mixed	30:17:00	40+
3	Mosquitos	Four Man	30:25:00	40+
4	Nervous Tick	Four Man	31:56:00	40+
5	Spike the Wonder Dog	Four Man	32:05:00	50+
6	Spinner Dolphin	Four Mixed	32:24:00	50+
7	Falcons	Four Man	32:26:00	50+
8	Western Wood Pewee	Four Man	32:33:00	60+
9	Prancing Unicorn	Four Man	32:34:00	30+
10	Super Tabby	Four Mixed	32:50:00	50+
11	Nor-Cal Hellcats	Four Man	33:03:00	50+
12	Rabid Rhinos	Four Man	33:29:00	50+
13	Chinook	Four Mixed	34:58:00	50+
14	Przewalski's Horses	Four Mixed	36:11:00	50+
15	Mahi Mahi	Four Man	39:05:00	60+
16	Def Leopards	Four Man	39:40:00	40+
	Whistle Pig	Four Man	DNF	40+

SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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Be sure to study the detailed route description, which precedes these pages, and the race map (magazine centerfold).



Stage	Distance	Elev. Gain	Elev. Loss	Min. Elev.	Max Elev.
1	47.65	2723	2959	4257	6710
2	31.39	266	489	4084	4462
3	106.41	5049	2661	3940	7245
4	70.1	2799	2792	5816	7470
5	70.09	2753	2733	5848	7456
6	112.53	2730	5036	4180	7446
7	25.47	499	292	4221	4560
8	46.72	2844	2654	4392	6779
Total	510.36	19663	19616		
2x Team Data A					
1	47.65	2723	2959	4257	6710
3	106.41	5049	2661	3940	7245
5	70.09	2753	2733	5848	7456
7	25.47	499	292	4221	4560
Total	249.62	11024	8645		
2x Team Data B					
2	31.39	266	489	4084	4462
4	70.1	2799	2792	5816	7470
6	112.53	2730	5036	4180	7446
8	46.72	2844	2654	4392	6779
Total	260.74	8639	10971		

Stage	Distance	Elev. Gain	Elev. Loss	Min. Elev.	Max Elev.
4x Team Data A					
1	47.65	2723	2959	4257	6710
5	70.09	2753	2733	5848	7456
Total	117.74	5476	5692		
4x Team Data B					
2	31.39	266	489	4084	4462
6	112.53	2730	5036	4180	7446
Total	143.92	2996	5525		
4x Team Data C					
3	106.41	5049	2661	3940	7245
7	25.47	499	292	4221	4560
Total	131.88	5548	2953		
4X Team Data D					
4	70.1	2799	2792	5816	7470
8	46.72	2844	2654	4392	6779
Total	116.82	5643	5446		

SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION: STAGE ONE

STAGE 1: RENO TO SILVER SPRINGS

Elevation Profile



Description

The first leg of the race is 47.65 miles long and has 2723 feet of elevation gain. The race begins at Reno's Atlantic Casino and heads south to state route 341, or Geiger Grade, which, beginning at mile 8.60, then ascends into the red hills of Virginia City. The climb is a winding two-lane highway with a constant 5-8% grade, a favorite of Reno area cyclists. This historic road began as a toll facility which connected the wealth of the Comstock Lode to Reno. Riders will reach Geiger Summit, which sits at 6,889 feet elevation, after 8.75 miles of climbing with 2100 feet of elevation gain, before a winding descent into Virginia City. Originally founded for gold, Virginia City forged its name in silver mines, a town nestled into the shaded alcove of tall, barren hills. The town itself rests at 6,200 feet elevation and so the air nearly always carries a chill.

After a short cruise through the western storefront downtown, riders will begin the descent down Six-Mile Canyon, a canyon of steep walls, mine relics and cottonwoods. The site where many of Nevada's first mineral claims were made, this is arguably where Nevada became a state. When riders exit the canyon, they will have descended 2000 feet as the canyon road gives way to Highway 50. This is a fast, flat stretch of state highway with wide shoulders, leading to the first time station in Silver Springs.

Route

Stage Odo	Do	Elevation
0.00	Start on north side of Atlantis Casino 3800 S Virginia St Reno, NV 89502 Notes: Reno	4580'
0.05	Exit Atlantis Casino parking lot left onto Peckham Ln. (east) NOTE: Crews take alternate route to meet riders at their Mile 29.7!	
0.45	X under I 580 freeway	
1.20	Right on Airway Drive (TL)	
1.50	X McCarran Blvd. (TL)	
2.25	X Longley Rd. (TL) Airway becomes Double R Blvd. END GROUP RIDE	
3.60	X Prototype Dr. / Double Diamond Blvd. (TL)	

Route Cont.

Stage Odo	Do	Elevation
4.50	X South Meadows Pkwy (TL)	
5.70	Left on Damonte Ranch Pkwy (TL, T-Int)	
6.15	Left on Steamboat Pkwy (TL)	
6.35	X Marketplace (TL) Starbucks on left	
6.60	Right on Veterans Pkwy (TL)	
7.95	Left on Curti Ranch Rd. (TL) (Barcello Rd. on right)	
8.30	Right on Equestrian Rd (SS, T-int)	
8.60	Left on SR 341 (TL) becomes Geiger Grade Road	
12.50	Scenic Overlook on right	5600'
14.20	Storey County Line	6000'
15.70	X Cartwright Rd. False Summit "Virginia Highlands"	6380'
17.20	Geiger Summit	6789'
20.80	Virginia City Limits	6200'
21.00	Public Bathrooms on Left SLOW	
21.40	Fire Department on left SLOW	
21.50	Left on Taylor Street (Flashing Yellow light) SLOW	
21.55	Immediate Left on D Street SLOW / NO SIGN!	
21.80	Right on Mill Street (SS) SLOW	6150'
22.30	X R Street; becomes Six Mile Canyon Rd. WATCH SPEED	
27.80	Leave Storey County; Enter Lyon County; Speed Limit 25MPH!	4640'
28.70	Stay straight / left to stay on Six Mile Canyon Rd. Notes: Dayton	
29.30	X Ring Road (SS)	
29.40	Fire Department on left / New Life Foursquare on right at 202 Six Mile Canyon Rd. 89403	
29.50	CREWS WAIT HERE BEFORE HWY 50: use gravel road on south side of paved road.	
	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO NOT STOP BETWEEN HERE AND Time Station One.	
	(Give your rider a 20-minute head start.)	
29.70	Left on Hwy 50 (SS) FAST-MOVING CROSS TRAFFIC! 60MPH ZONE	
46.80	Silver Springs City Limit Notes: Silver Spring	4209'
47.60	X Alt 95 (SS, Flashing Red)	
47.65	Shell Gas / Silver Saver Mart on Right at Truckee St. TIME STATION 1 1000 U.S. 50, Silver Springs, NV (775) 577-2180 Market is open 500am-900pm Weekdays, 600am-900pm Weekends.	

2723' elevation gain / 2959' elevation loss / 4257' min altitude / 6710' max altitude.

STAGE 1: RENO TO SILVER SPRINGS (CREW DRIVING ROUTE)

Stage Odo	Do
	NOTE: Crews take this alternate route to meet riders at their Mile 29.7!
0.00	Start on north side of Atlantis Casino 3800 S Virginia St Reno, NV 89502
0.05	Exit Atlantis Casino parking lot left onto Peckham Ln. (east)
0.20	Right on Kietzke Ln. (TL)
1.30	At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto Neil Rd
1.40	Enter onto I-580 / US-395 South
6.20	Take exit 57B for Old U.S. 395 S toward Virginia City/Carson City/So Lake Tahoe
6.70	Slight right onto S Virginia St
7.20	Left onto NV-341 E
7.40	At the traffic circle, continue straight onto NV-341
	You are now on the same route as the cyclists. Do not stop except in emergency!
20.40	Turn left onto Six-Mile Canyon (AKA State Rte 79) in Virginia City
27.50	Stay straight / left to stay on Six Mile Canyon Rd. in Dayton, NV
28.10	X Ring Road (SS)
28.20	Fire Department on left / New Life Foursquare on right at 202 Six Mile Canyon Rd. 89403 CREWS WAIT HERE JUST BEFORE HWY 50: use gravel road on south side of paved road. Now follow Stage 1 directions for cyclists, starting at their mile 39.70. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO NOT STOP BETWEEN HERE AND Time Station One. (Give your rider a 20-minute head start.)

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SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION: STAGE TWO

STAGE 2: Silver Springs to Fallon

Elevation Profile



Description

Heading north and then east, Highway 50 leads riders of the 508 in the basin of what was once an ancient alkaline lake, Lake Lahontan, underscoring the stark nature of contrasts. This prehistoric ocean is only visible in the cliff faces high above the road where the ancient shoreline weathered the constant lapping of waves. What was once a completely aqueous environment is now its opposite, dry rock and sand, covered in brush. During this second stage of the race, riders will cover 31.35 miles, gaining a mere 266' in elevation while descending 489'. Fallon is the largest city on the race route with myriad services available, while the time station, located about five miles east of town, has gas and the usual mini-mart fare.

Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Elevation
49.05	1.40	RR Tracks CAUTION	4320'
50.25	2.60	Wildlife Viewing Area pullout on right	
53.55	5.90	Leave Lyon County; enter Churchill County	4360'
55.15	7.50	Lake Lahontan on right	
64.65	17.00	Veer Right onto 50/95 (Leeteville Jct.) east towards Fallon	4180'
72.40	24.75	X Casey Rd. (TL) Walmart on right Notes: Fallon	4120'
		Fallon has all services: Gas, Ace Hardware, Starbucks, auto parts, Walmart, fast food, McDonald's, Round Table, Subway, CVS, Pizza Hut, hotels	
74.10	26.45	Fire Station at Maine St. in downtown Fallon (TL)	
79.00	31.35	NV 116 Jct. Harmon Junction Gas & Mini Mart TIME STATION 2 at Harmon Junction Gas 25 South Harmon Road Fallon, NV 89406 (775) 423-3888 Open 400am to 10pm, 7 days a week. NO PAY AT THE PUMP!	4100'

266' elevation gain / 489' elevation loss / 4084' min altitude / 4462' max altitude.
NOTE: On the return the Time Station is NOT located here; it will be further west in Fallon.



STAGE 3: Fallon to Austin

Elevation Profile



Description

Shortly after leaving Fallon, riders will see Grimes Point, an archeological point of interest which reveals the lifestyle of early human inhabitants in the area by the petroglyphs they left behind. This stage begins to gain elevation at approximately the 25-mile mark when riders will ascend Sand Springs Pass, followed by a quick descent.

After passing the “shoe tree” and Middlegate Station, the riders next veer off highway 50 onto highway 722, a road that is, amazingly enough, even quieter than Hwy 50. Here the riders pass Eastgate Ranch as they begin their ascent to Carroll Summit, a favorite with cyclists who know the Great Basin. A 14-mile climb, Carroll Summit is known for its physical challenge (a 2000 foot ascent to an elevation of 7,214 feet) as well as for its desolation: you’re lucky if you see a single car out there. The majority of the climbing in this stage ends by mile 100 when riders leave the Desatoya Range, pass by the Yomba Shoshone Indian Reservation and climb into the Shoshone Mountains, home of Berlin, originally a mining town. Miners here used “round rocks” for dinner tables which turned out to be the fossilized vertebrae of an Ichthyosaur, a dolphin-like creature which inhabited prehistoric Lake Lahotan. Today Berlin is home to Ichthyosaur State Park, and the Ichthyosaur is Nevada’s State Fossil.

Riders descend the Shoshone Mountains into the Reese River Valley, pulling into Austin, Nevada, ending the third stage of the race for a total distance of 106.41 miles and 5049 feet of elevation gain. If riders or crew want some good food, the International Café, just up the street on the left from the time station, is highly recommended.

Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Ele.
79.00	0.00	NOTE: You are in the "Top Gun" zone; expect loud, low-flying aircraft!	
81.80	2.80	"Eureka 174 Miles" sign WARNING: Soft shoulders next 20 miles. Use proper pullouts only to stop!	4000'
92.15	13.15	Pullout on Right	
94.00	15.00	Pullout on Right	
96.00	17.00	Hulk Salt Road on Right; pullout	
100.00	21.00	Sand Mountain Recreation Area on left	4000'
103.80	24.80	Sand Springs Pass	4644'
		Bombing Zone on right: Watch for Aircraft	
114.00	35.00	Jct. 121 Dixie Valley Rd.	4600'
114.90	35.90	Drumm Summit (It's really not a climb.)	4600'
119.90	40.90	Pony Express well and windmill on left	4520'
121.20	42.20	Jct. 361: Old Middlegate Station motel & restaurant just to the right BONUS SUPPORT CHECKPOINT HERE FOR RANDONNEUR RIDERS! All Solo Randonneurs Must Stop; other entrants do not need to stop.	4600'
123.50	44.50	Shoe Tree on left	4700'
124.40	45.40	Right on 722 towards "Eastgate Ione" DO NOT MISS	4730'
129.30	50.30	Pass Eastgate Ranch (not signed) Begin Ascent Watch for wild horses through here!	5030'
137.00	58.00	Picnic Table; start ascent CELL SERVICE ENDS	6100'
140.40	61.40	Awesome view; photo opp after 1st hairpin turn	
141.15	62.15	Carroll Summit; campground; Lander County FAST DOWNHILL; ROUGH ROAD Watch for Animals on Road!	7214'
146.90	67.90	Smith Creek Ranch on left	6190'
151.50	72.50	Flatland area; Cell service resumes. Watch for Animals on Road!	
165.00	86.00	Railroad Summit, Shoshone Mountains (cattle guard, no sign) Watch for animals near and possibly ON road!	6300'
176.15	97.15	Yomba Shoshone Indian Reservation	5700'
182.30	103.30	Road Veers Sharply Left SLOW	
182.50	103.50	Right on Hwy 50 (SS, T-int) NOTE: 70MPH ZONE	
184.70	105.70	Jct. 305 QUIET ZONE	6150'
185.30	106.30	Austin City Limits QUIET ZONE	6575'
185.40	106.40	Chevron Food Mart on right next to Pony Canyon Motel in Austin QUIET ZONE	6365'
		TIME STATION 3 at Chevron QUIET ZONE 16 Main Street, Austin, NV 89310 (775) 964-2579 Open 600am to 1000pm, 7 days a week International Café across the street is open 600am to 800pm, 7 days a week	

5049' elevation gain / 2661' elevation loss / 3940' min altitude / 7245' max altitude.

SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION: STAGE FOUR

STAGE 4: Austin to Eureka

Elevation Profile



Description

Originally founded for gold, Austin never quite panned out and is known, instead, for its abundance of turquoise. Mines riddle the Toiyabe Mountain range around Austin, reaching elevations over 10,000 feet. The town itself is two rows of “charming businesses” and a hotel originally built in Virginia City but moved here, board by board, in 1863.

Austin is left behind with a sharp 3-mile climb out of Austin and into the Big Smoky Valley: a 100-mile expanse which fills with dust and pollen of bloom flora, creating the illusion that the valley is filled with smoke. Riders will descend into this valley’s lowest point at about 15.5 miles into the stage. Then, they will gain a bit over 700 feet in 10 miles where the ride more or less settles into a consistent elevation through Antelope Valley for the remaining miles to the mining town of Eureka. This 70.10 mile stage will gain 2,822 feet—mostly in the first 35 miles.



Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Elevation
185.50	0.10	Pass International Café on left; open 600am-800pm NOTE: Austin	6550'
185.65	0.25	Fire Station + Sheriff's Office on right NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
185.75	0.35	Toiyabe Café on right NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
187.40	2.00	Toiyabe National Forest sign NOTE: QUIET ZONE	7080'
188.60	3.20	Austin Summit: begin FAST 6% downhill	7484'
191.00	5.60	X Grass Valley Rd. (low point; begin ascent)	6800'
192.40	7.00	Bob Scott Summit (no sign)	7210'
197.50	12.10	Jct. 376 / Round Mountain; end of descent	6100'
209.70	24.30	Hickson Summit	6546'
218.40	33.00	Leave Lander County; enter Eureka County	6330'
		This is truly "The Loneliest Highway"!	
223.10	37.70	Rest Area on north side of road with two entrances	6340'
223.10	37.70	Rest Area on north side of road with two entrances	6340'
240.50	55.10	Roberts Creek	6200'
252.10	66.70	Jct. 278	6200'
254.80	69.40	Enter Eureka NOTE: QUIET ZONE	6481'
255.20	69.80	County Sheriff on left NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
255.30	69.90	HUGE Fire Station on right NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
255.40	70.00	E-Z Stop Gas, then Eureka Gold Country Inn on left NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
		Other services in town: True Value Hardware, auto supply, café, market, steak house	
255.55	70.15	Chevron Gas & Mini Mart at Bateman St. TIME STATION 4 40 South Main Street, Eureka, NV 89316 Open 600am to 830pm, 7 days a week; 24/7 Pay at Pump Immediately east: Opera House + Jackson House Hotel across the street Owl Club Restaurant across street open 630am - 800pm Sunday; 630am - 900pm Monday	6505'

2799' elevation gain / 2729' elevation loss / 5816' min altitude / 7470' max altitude.

U-Turn here and head back to Reno!

NOTE: Begin direct follow now, if after dark.

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STAGE 5: Eureka to Austin

Elevation Profile



Description

Founded in 1864, Eureka was once Nevada’s second richest mineral producer in the state. It features a remarkable county courthouse, an opera house, and other historic buildings along its main street. For now, however, it serves as the 508’s turn around: riders reverse their trip and race back across the Great Basin which reveals itself to those who ride these miles in a race against time.

Here, riders may see Nevada’s unique species of fauna: riders have reported riding alongside wild stallions or seeing herds of antelope gazing in the distance.

Riders of this stage will cover 70.10 miles through the Antelope Valley and the big Smokey Valley, a stretch of road that is at a slight incline as the ride progresses. At about mile 46, riders will experience a slight descent from Hickson Summit before ending the stage with 14 miles of climbing into the Toyaibe Mountain Range. The first climb is to Bob Scott Summit (no sign) at 7210’, followed by a quick descent, then the continuing climb to Austin Summit (7474’) at mile 67. From here, watch speed carefully as it’s a very fast, twisty descent into Austin with a speed limit of 25 MPH. Besides not speeding, be sure to keep it quiet, too, as you pass through town. Watch for the time station at the far end of town at the gas station on the left.

Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Elevation
255.55	0.00	Head west from Eureka; watch for soft shoulders NOTE: QUIET ZONE	6481'
258.85	3.30	Stay left at Jct. 278 to continue west on Hwy 50	
287.65	32.10	Rest area on Right with two entrances	6340'
292.65	37.10	Leave Eureka County; enter Lander County	6330'
299.35	43.80	Chain Installation Area	6400'
301.25	45.70	Hickson Summit	6546'
313.55	58.00	Jct. 376 / Round Mountain; Begin Ascent	6100'
314.25	58.70	Toyabe National Forest	
318.55	63.00	Bob Scott Summit (no sign)	7210'
322.35	66.80	Austin Summit: WATCH SPEED: 7% GRADE DOWNHILL NOTE: QUIET ZONE	7484'
		SPEED LIMIT THROUGH AUSTIN is 25MPH! No Speeding! NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
324.75	69.20	Austin NOTE: QUIET ZONE	6575'
325.65	70.10	Chevron Food Mart on left next to Pony Canyon Motel NOTE: QUIET ZONE TIME STATION 5 at Chevron on left 16 Main Street, Austin, NV 89310 (775) 964-2579 Open 600am to 1000pm, 7 days a week International Café across the street is open 600am to 800pm, 7 days a week	

2753’ elevation gain / 2733’ elevation loss / 5848’ min altitude / 7556’ max altitude.

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SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION: STAGE SIX

STAGE 6: Austin to Fallon

Elevation Profile



Description

Leaving Austin, riders will continue briefly on Hwy 50, then make a left onto the even quieter state route 722. As on the outbound ride, it's important to keep an eye out here for wild, and domesticated, animals near, or even on, the roadway.

In stage 6 of the race, there are traces of past and present: a windmill on the north side of the highway which is an old Pony Express station. (In fact, riders will parallel the Pony Express Trail during most of the Silver State 508.) The windmill is not the original, but the well beneath is still used today. Then, riders will encounter an old Cottonwood tree filled with shoes. This is not the original shoe tree - that one was cut down a few years ago - but this neighbor tree has taken the burden of holding shoes of highway 50 travelers.

Nearly halfway through this stage, riders will continue over Carroll Summit, after which they will see the Dixie Valley Bombing Range which is still used by the Fallon Naval Air Station with targets that line both sides of Highway 50. On the right is Fairview Peak where the US Government built a small mock city. On October 26, 1963 "Project Shoal" happened: a 12.5 kiloton nuclear bomb was detonated beneath the mock city. There are still foundations that mark the location.

At mile 82, riders will begin their descent from Sand Springs Pass. 25 miles from Fallon. Thereafter, riders and crews will enjoy a view off to the right of Sand Mountain, a large dune of sand which is trapped by wind eddies in a valley. There is a rumor that in the 19th century, a Wells Fargo wagon loaded with gold stopped along its route through the state next to Sand Mountain. It remained too long, however, and the mountain moved, covering it. The wagon hasn't been seen since.

The route passes the outbound time station at Harmon Junction at mile 106.5, but it's another six miles now into town to the inbound time station in Fallon. Be sure to get all supplies you might need for the rest of the race as you pass through town; it's a quiet, remote shot back to Reno after this. By the end of this stage, riders will have covered 112.50 miles, gained 2,730 feet, and descended over 5000 feet. There are two stages, but only 72 miles, to go!

Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Ele.
325.65	0.00	Continue west on Hwy 50 from Austin QUIET ZONE	6576'
327.20	1.55	Big Creek Campground QUIET ZONE	6150'
DO NOT MISS NEXT TURN! QUIET ZONE			
328.50	2.85	Left on 722 towards Airport / State Park / Ione	5980'
Watch for animals on road!			
346.15	20.50	Railroad Summit, Shoshone Mountains (no sign; cattle guard) NOTE: No Cell Service	6465'
364.05	38.40	Smith Creek Ranch on right	6360'
Watch for animals on road!			
370.05	44.40	Carroll Summit; enter Churchill County	7214'
381.65	56.00	Eastgate Ranch on right (no sign) Verizon cell service resumes	5300'
384.65	59.00	AT&T cell service resumes	
386.65	61.00	Left on Hwy 50 (SS, T-int) west	4950'
387.65	62.00	Shoe Tree on right	
389.85	64.20	Jct. 361: Old Middlegate Station motel & restaurant just to the left BONUS SUPPORT CHECKPOINT HERE FOR RANDONNEUR RIDERS! All Solo Randonneurs Must Stop; other entrants do not need to stop.	
391.25	65.60	Pony Express well and windmill on right	4520'
396.25	70.60	Drumm Summit (It's really not a climb.)	4600'
WARNING: Soft shoulders next 20 miles. Use proper pullouts only to stop!			
397.15	71.50	Dixie Valley Rd. / Jct. 121	
401.65	76.00	Dry lakebed; low point before ascent	4000'
407.35	81.70	Sand Springs Pass	4644'
1177.65	852.00	Sand Mountain Recreation Area on right	
422.65	97.00	Historic Salt Wells Bordello location	
425.65	100.00	NOTE: You are in the "Top Gun" zone; expect loud, low-flying aircraft!	
432.15	106.50	Pass Harmon Junction mini-mart on left at Jct 116 NOTE: QUIET ZONE	4100'
Time Station WAS here on outbound, but not now! Keep riding!			
436.25	110.60	Fallon City Limits QUIET ZONE	3960'
436.45	110.80	Banner Churchill Hospital on right QUIET ZONE	
436.55	110.90	Fox Peak Sinclair Gas on right QUIET ZONE	
437.05	111.40	X Maine St. (TL) QUIET ZONE	
437.55	111.90	Maverick Gas & Market on right at Venturacci Ln. QUIET ZONE	
437.90	112.25	Hyatt Express on right QUIET ZONE	
438.15	112.50	Texaco and O'Reilly Auto Parts on right at N. Allen Rd. (TL) QUIET ZONE	4223'
TIME STATION 6 at O'Reilly's / Texaco 1960 W Williams Ave, Fallon, NV 89406 (775) 423-3231 Open 24 hours, 7 days a week			

2730' elevation gain / 5036' elevation loss / 4180' min altitude / 7446' max altitude.

STAGE 7: Fallon to Silver Springs

Elevation Profile



Description

This 25.50 mile stage begins in Fallon, home to a “Top Gun” Naval Air Station and the largest town in the region. However, Fallon’s other renown is unexpected: Fallon is known for its uniquely sweet cantaloupe and is one of the largest producers in the US of sweet potatoes as well as alfalfa which is shipped to horses worldwide.

Watch for fast-moving traffic along the first eight miles on Hwy 50 to Leeteville Junction, and be extra vigilant as you merge left across two lanes to make the left to stay on Hwy 50. (Most traffic will continue straight onto Alternate 50 towards Fernley and Reno.) Riders will gain barely 500 feet in elevation from Fallon’s “lush” valley to the next time station in Silver Springs, The time station will not be in its outbound location at the gas and mini-mart (your last for any kind of fuel before the finish line), but just beyond that intersection on the right at the Silver Strike Casino. The restaurant is closed from 900pm to 700am, but the casino is open 24/7!

Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Ele.
438.15	0.00	Continue west through on Hwy 50 in Fallon QUIET ZONE	4223'
438.25	0.10	Walgreens QUIET ZONE	
445.65	7.50	Leeteville Jct. 1/2 mile ahead: PREPARE TO CAREFULLY MERGE LEFT	
446.35	8.20	Left towards Carson DO NOT MISS; HIGH-SPEED TRAFFIC! 70 MPH Zone	4275'
457.55	19.40	Enter Lyon County	
462.05	23.90	RR Tracks CAUTION!	
462.85	24.70	Silver Springs QUIET ZONE	4209'
463.45	25.30	Shell / Silver Saver Mart on left at Jct. 95 Alt (Flashing Red) QUIET ZONE	
		LAST CHANCE FOR GAS! (AND PIZZA!) QUIET ZONE	
463.65	25.50	Silver Strike Casino & Restaurant on right QUIET ZONE	
		TIME STATION 7 at Silver Strike Casino 1190 U.S. 50, Silver Springs, NV 89429 (775) 577-1400 Restaurant open 700am to 900pm, Sunday - Thursday (until 1000pm on Fri, Sat). Casino open 24/7!	

499' elevation gain / 292' elevation loss / 4221' min altitude / 4560' max altitude.



SILVER STATE 508 ROUTE DESCRIPTION: STAGE EIGHT

STAGE 8: Silver Springs to Reno

Elevation Profile



Description

The final leg of the 508 is 46.75 miles that starts with a fast 17.7-mile time trial section, followed by technical ascents and descents to Reno. Riders will leave Silver Springs and follow highway 50 for about 20 miles before turning up the narrow two-lane Six-Mile Canyon. This climb increases its pitch exponentially over the six miles to Virginia City where riders are offered a brief respite from climbing when they reach town - a town where writer Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) got his start working for the local paper. He fabricated stories (fiction so close to fact many believed his tall tales) in a stone basement beneath the street where riders ride, high above Reno where the race will end.

This stage continues climbing from Virginia City up a windy two-lane highway to Geiger Summit (6,789 feet before beginning the final descent to Reno. This will be a technical descent of 8.75 miles with many turns as riders see the Truckee Meadows spread out before them in stunning panoramic vistas. Ride carefully and keep in mind that nobody wins a race like this on the final downhill.

The remaining miles of the 508 take riders through Reno's south meadow: wetlands laced with quiet neighborhoods and business districts to the Atlantis Casino on Virginia Street where the race began. Congratulations! You've put 508 miles beneath your wheels and ascended over 20,000 feet!

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Route

Total	Stage Odo	Do	Ele.
463.65	0.00	Continue south / west on Hwy 50	4209'
471.05	7.40	Stagecoach City Limits	4319'
472.65	9.00	Stagecoach Market & Gas on right	
479.25	15.60	X Bryce Street	
480.35	16.70	X Rainbow Drive; Carson Plains Market on right	
481.35	17.70	Right on Six Mile Canyon Rd. DO NOT MISS! QUIET ZONE	
483.00	19.35	Stay left towards Virginia City DO NOT MISS! LEAPFROG SUPPORT ONLY, even at night	
489.25	25.60	Right on D Street: Big Parking Lot LEAPFROG SUPPORT ONLY, even at night QUIET ZONE	
489.30	25.75	Right on 341 (SS, T-int.) LEAPFROG SUPPORT ONLY, even at night QUIET ZONE	6170'
493.30	29.65	Geiger Summit BE PREPARED FOR 8-Mile CURVY DESCENT QUIET ZONE	6789'
SUPPORT VEHICLES: Downshift to save your brakes! Do not hold up traffic. Pull over if traffic backs up!			
494.65	31.00	X Cartwright Rd. "Virginia Highlands"	
496.25	32.60	Enter Washoe County	
501.15	37.50	7-11 on right; (LANDMARK SO YOU DON'T MISS NEXT TURN)	
501.85	38.20	Right on Equestrian Rd. (TL) DO NOT MISS NOTE: QUIET ZONE	
502.20	38.55	Left on Curti Ranch Rd. DO NOT MISS (First Possible Left) QUIET ZONE	
502.55	38.90	Right on Veterans Pkwy (TL) QUIET ZONE	4600'
503.85	40.20	Left on Steamboat Pkwy (TL) QUIET ZONE	
504.35	40.70	Right on Damonte Ranch Pkwy (TL, T-Int) QUIET ZONE	
504.75	41.10	Right on Double R Blvd. (TL) before freeway QUIET ZONE	
508.15	44.50	X Longley Ln. (TL) becomes Airway Dr. QUIET ZONE	
508.95	45.30	X S. McCarran Blvd (TL) QUIET ZONE	
509.25	45.60	Left on E. Peckham Ln. (TL) QUIET ZONE	
509.95	46.30	X under I-580 QUIET ZONE	
510.20	46.55	X Ketzke Ln. (TL) RELAY TEAMS MAY PUT ALL RIDERS OUT HERE QUIET ZONE	
510.30	46.65	X Coliseum Way (TL) QUIET ZONE	
510.40	46.75	Finish on right just before Atlantis Casino Resort entrance drive. Riders: Pass carefully through poles into parking lot; vehicles: overshoot this and turn right into lot. 3800 S Virginia St Reno, NV 89502 CONGRATULATIONS! You have completed Silver State 508!	4580'

2844' elevation gain / 2654' elevation loss / 4392' min altitude / 6779' max altitude.



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