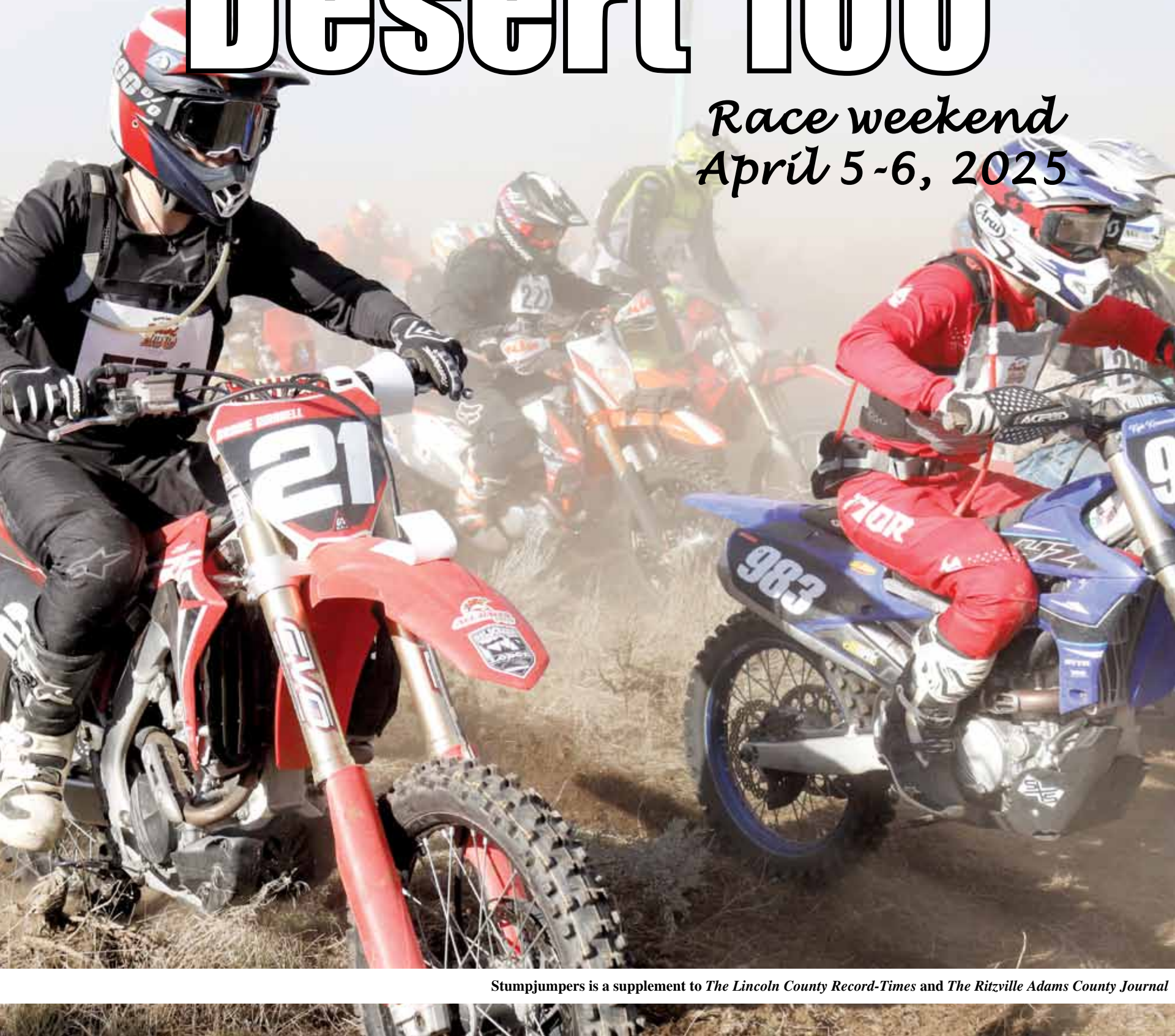


Stumpjumpers

DESERT 100

*Race weekend
April 5-6, 2025*



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Stumpjumpers Desert 100 returns to Irby

IRBY — The Stumpjumpers Desert 100 is set to roar back into Irby on April 5 and 6, bringing thousands of off-road riders and racing enthusiasts to the rugged terrain of Eastern Washington.

Known as one of the most challenging off-road races in the Pacific Northwest, the event draws competitors and spectators from across the region.

Race day kicks off Sunday morning as more than 1,500 racers line up on the longest start line in North America, waiting for the iconic cannon blast to signal the start. Riders will make a mad dash to their bikes, firing them up for the grueling 100-mile course that winds through relentless channeled scablands.

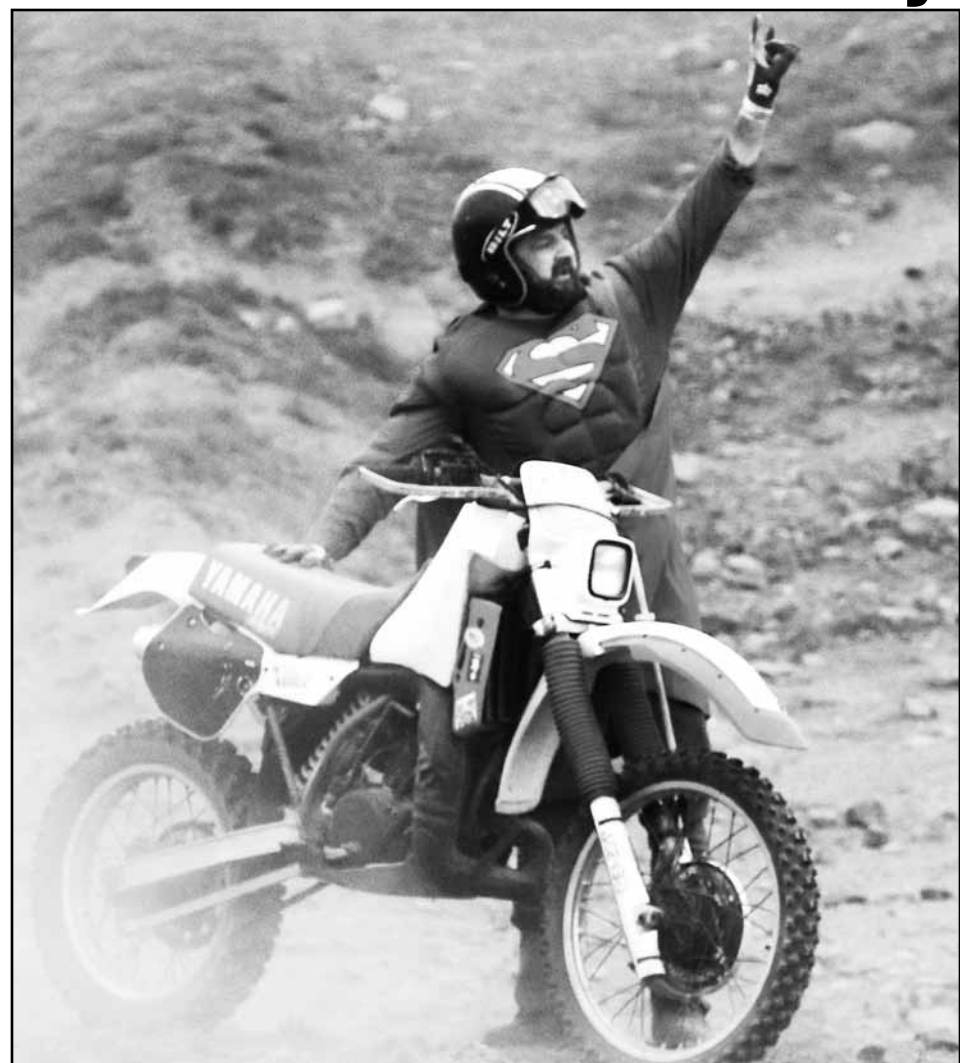
“This year, if Jaden Dahners wins, it will be his third consecutive victory, tying his dad’s record of three race wins,” said Brett Desembaugh, chairman of the

Stumpjumpers. “It’s a story about legacy and what it’s like to race in such an unforgiving environment.”

The event also includes a one-lap, 50-mile class for those looking for a shorter but equally challenging ride. The race classes are further organized by bike size and age.

The weekend kicks off with the gate opening at noon on Thursday, April 3. Friday features event shirt and registration sales, food vendors, limited riding, and live music in the beer tent. Saturday offers a full lineup of activities, including poker runs, kids’ mini races, the Beginner Ladies Ride, and another live band performance.

Three variations of poker runs will take place Sunday: the family loop, an easier 17-mile course; the Iron Man loop for advanced riders; and the Adventure/Dual Sport Poker Run designed for street-legal bikes.



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Stumpjumpers Desert 100 schedule of events

Weekend packed with racing

IRBY — The 54th annual Stumpjumpers Desert 100 is set to take place April 5-6 in Irby, drawing riders and fans from across the region for a weekend of racing, camaraderie and community spirit.

The event will kick off with a series of poker runs and mini-races on Saturday, followed by the highly anticipated Desert 100 race on Sunday. Participants can tune into 95.5 FM radio for race announcements and updates throughout the event.

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 4- Event shirt sales, registration & food vendors open

- Limited riding throughout the day
- Live band in beer tent in the evening

Saturday, April 5 - Poker Runs & Mini Race

- Riders Meeting: 7 a.m.
- Access Gate Closes: 1:30 p.m.



- T-Shirts: All entrants receive a free T-shirt (while supplies last).
- Sales & food vendors open in the morning
- Live band in the beer tent in the evening
- Family Poker Run
 - All ages and abilities
 - 20-25 miles
 - Start Time: 8 a.m.

Adventure/Dual Sport Poker Run

- Street-legal vehicles only
- Start Time: 7 a.m.

Ironman Poker Run

- 70-80 miles
- Start Time: 7 a.m.

Ladies Beginner Ride

- Beginner riders only
- 45-60 minutes on a mini

race course

- Riders Meeting: 11:15 a.m.

at the stage

Mini Race

• Mandatory Riders Meeting: 8 a.m. at the stage

• Riders should be prepared with bikes and ready to ride.

- Race Start: Immediately

after the meeting

• Classes:

- Ages 8 and under
- Ages 9-10
- Ages 11-12

Sunday, April 6 - Stumpjumpers Desert 100

• Sign-Up Times:

- Friday: 10 a.m. to noon, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday: Beginning at 7

a.m.

- Riders Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

• Race Start: Immediately after riders meeting

- Race Format:

- Two-wave start
- Lap event (two laps for 100 miles, one lap for 50 miles)

○ Spark arrestor required

○ T-shirts provided to all finishers

100-Mile Classes:

- 200cc and under (no 250F)
- 250cc
- Open
- Ages 30-39
- Ages 40-49
- Team (two riders, one bike)
- Women 100

50-Mile Classes:

- Vintage (pre-1986)
- 15 and under
- Women 50
- Ages 50-59
- Ages 60+
- Ages 70+ (free entry)
- Ages 80+ (free entry)
- Adventure Class (652cc minimum factory displacement)

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What to know before visiting the Desert 100

Safety and fun are a priority

IRBY — As thousands of off-road racing enthusiasts gear up for the 53rd annual Stumpjumpers Desert 100 on April 5 and 6, organizers are sharing important information for visitors to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

The event will take place on private property west of Odessa, at the intersection of Highway 28 and Irby Road. Gates open for camping at noon on Thursday, April 3, and attendees should be prepared for long lines.

“Last year, by 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, the line to get in was seven miles long,” said Brett Desembaugh, chairman of the Stumpjumpers Motorcycle Club. “We have to keep Irby Road clear and can’t block the highway, so campers line up on the side of the road.”

Once inside, visitors will find a bustling community of campers,

food vendors, and race enthusiasts.

Last year, more than 6,000 people camped at the site, and this year is expected to be just as busy. Food options include a hot dog truck that will serve racers on Saturday.

Visitors should prepare for dusty conditions, as winds typically blow from the south to the north. “It’s very common for it to be pretty dusty,” Desembaugh said. “The wind can be a real thing out here.”

Drones are strictly prohibited at the event to ensure safety, especially during medical emergencies. The site often hosts airlift life flight helicopters, and drone interference in the past has delayed critical medivac situations.

“When seconds matter, that’s unacceptable,” Desembaugh said.

Due to fire safety regulations, open flames are also prohibited. Only propane and natural gas appliances with an off switch are allowed. Wood, briquettes, pellets, or liquid fuel fires are not permitted.

While motorcycles are welcome, ATVs, UTVs, and golf carts are not allowed, even if they are plated. The property is not a legal roadway, and only designated event operation UTVs will be allowed on site.

Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead and bring their own drinking water, as there is no running or potable water available on site.

Additionally, there will be no riding allowed on Thursday or Monday, as these are designated setup and cleanup days.

Emergency medical services are coordinated with local hospitals, including Odessa Memorial Healthcare Center, and the club has contracted with an outside EMS company to ensure safety throughout the weekend.

The Desert 100 will appear on Google Maps, and the event area is well-marked with orange placards to guide visitors. To avoid delays, travelers should follow detour signs and be patient during peak

entry times.

“People come from all over to experience the Desert 100, and we want them to have a great time,” Desembaugh said. “We’ve put a lot of effort into making it a safe and enjoyable event for everyone.”





Stumpjumper Desert 100: A storied legacy

IRBY — For more than 50 years, the Stumpjumper Desert 100 has been one of the Pacific Northwest's most prestigious off-road races, drawing thousands of riders and spectators to the rugged desert terrain.

Organized by the Stumpjumper Motorcycle Club since 1969, the event began in 1970 as the Mat-tawa 100 and moved to its current location near Odessa in 2003 after connecting with local landowners.

“This is going to be the 53rd year — not consecutive, since we missed a few years during COVID,” said Brett Desembaugh, chairman of the Stumpjumper.

The race has earned a reputation for pushing riders and their machines to the limit, challenging them to complete a 100-mile trek through rough, unforgiving terrain.

The event has grown steadily over the decades, now attracting over 6,000 campers and 1,500 racers each year.

In recent years, the race has

been dominated by Jaden Dahners, who secured back-to-back victories in 2023 and 2024. If Dahners wins this year, he will tie his father's record of three race wins, further solidifying their family legacy

within the racing community.

Beyond the racing, the Stumpjumper are focused on fostering positive relationships with the local community and maintaining safety and sustainability

throughout the event.

Their efforts have helped ensure the continued success of one of the most enduring and celebrated off-road races in Washington state.



Local businesses fuel Stumpjumpers Desert 100

Odessa welcomes Irby tourists with food and more

IRBY — As the 53rd annual Stumpjumpers Desert 100 roars back to Irby on April 5 and 6, local businesses are stepping up to support the event and the thousands of visitors it draws each year.

The event relies on community support to keep the event running smoothly.

This year, several local sponsors are lending their backing to make the race a success.

One of the local sponsors is the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, which has been instrumental in promoting the race and other community events, including the town's signature Deutschesfest. The Chamber helps welcome thousands of visitors to the area, highlighting Odessa as a place to work, play and celebrate its German-Russian heritage.

Another supporter is Odessa Foods, a local grocery store located at 112 West 1st Avenue.

The store offers a full deli, bakery and produce section, making it a convenient stop for racers and spectators looking to stock up on supplies or grab a quick meal during the event.

For those needing auto parts or repairs, NAPA Auto Parts at 10 West First Avenue is another sponsor. With the rugged terrain taking a toll on vehicles, having a reliable source for parts and automotive needs is crucial for both competitors and visitors.

Beyond local sponsors, the event has drawn support from a wide range of businesses and organizations.

Companies that contribute to the success of the Desert 100 include 509 – Fueling Your Passion, 1902 Coffee House, Adventure Motorsports, AUTOHOME, Ben Binkley Foundation, Bent Lever.com, Brap Powersports, Burger Express, Central Welding, Central WA RV Rentals, Christian Motorcyclists Association, Clem's Enumclaw Powersports, Cowboy Cross, Cruz TOOLS, Cycle Barn, Cyclops, Dairyland Brewing, Deutschesfest Odessa,

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tures, Wenatchee Powersports, Wenatchee RV Rentals.

“Funding is through charging for tickets at the gate, and each of the events has a cost for signup,” said Brett Desembaugh, chairman of the Stumpjumpers Motorcycle Club. “Those help to cover the cost. Over time, we have had to increase prices. One reason is inflation, and as the event has grown, we’ve needed to cover expenses like sanitation, garbage removal and increased law enforcement presence. We also sell merchandise to help fund the event.”

Desembaugh said safety is a top priority, with emergency medical services coordinated through local hospitals and airlift capabilities. “We’ve contracted with an outside company for EMS, and we’re networked locally through the Odessa hospital, the county hospital and airlift services,” he said. “There’s a lot going on to make sure everyone stays safe.”



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Frostbite Grand Prix and White Knuckle Poker Run returns

Courses open early; open for all skill levels

ODESSA — The annual Frostbite Grand Prix and White Knuckle Poker Run are set to return to Odessa on March 29 and 30, promising a weekend of high-octane racing and community fun. Both events are part of the NMA racing series and are known for showcasing the rugged desert terrain of Eastern Washington.

The Frostbite Grand Prix kicks off Saturday with the long course race at 9:30 a.m., featuring a variety of classes including Senior, Women, and Open. The short course follows at 12:30 p.m., and the juniors race begins at 3 p.m. The event will wrap up with a trophy presentation at 5:30 p.m.

The White Knuckle Poker Run starts Sunday at 9 a.m., with the last rider out at 12:30 p.m. The course is designed for all ages and skill levels, allowing participants to complete one to four laps based on endurance and preference. Trophies will be awarded at 2 p.m.

Randy Niles, who now oversees the event, said the double-header weekend has become a staple of the local racing calendar since moving to its current location in 2007. The Frostbite race itself has roots on the coast, originally held at Reiter, and earned its name from the cold conditions. Niles said maintaining the

double race format has been a challenge for the land, prompting the club to introduce the poker run on Sunday as a way to mix things up and reduce impact.

“It has grown a little bit over the years, but the racing has maintained the same attendance,” Niles said. “It fluctuates with the weather. We’re hoping for a great year because there’s a lot of moisture in the ground. If you’re from Davenport, you know how well the ground holds water.”

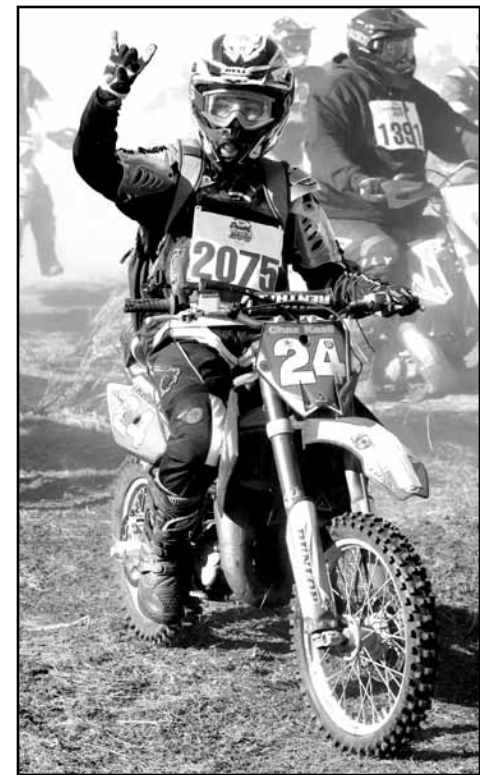
The Frostbite Grand Prix features a course between 12 and 13 miles long. The short course runs for an hour and a half, while the long course lasts two and a half hours. After both races, a

kids’ race will take place.

Odessa has long been supportive of the event, and Niles expressed gratitude to the community and local sponsors for their continued involvement. Food vendors are typically on-site throughout the weekend.

“Come ride for fun and be part of the NMA Poker Run Series,” the event website states. “It’s a great way to experience the desert of Eastern Washington.”

Sign-ups begin at 7 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.





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2025 Stumpjumpers Desert 100 champions

Who will take the
2025 title this year?

IRBY — The highly anticipated 54th annual Stumpjumpers Desert 100 will crown its 2025 overall champion after the race as riders from across the region converge on the rugged terrain of Irby.

The Desert 100 has a storied history of champions dating back to 1970.

Below is a list of past winners:

2024 – Jaden Dahners
2023 – Jaden Dahners
2022 – Paul Neff
2021 – Race Cancelled

2020 – Race Cancelled
2019 – Dante Oliveira
2018 – John Beal
2017 – Ricky Russell
2016 – Cory Graffunder
2015 – Jon Seehorn
2014 – Ricky Russell
2013 – Bobby Prochnau
2012 – Bobby Prochnau
2011 – Bobby Prochnau
2010 – David Kamo
2009 – Bobby Prochnau
2008 – Kevin Parks
2007 – Kevin Parks
2006 – Kevin Parks
2005 – Jonah Street
2004 – Ben Hale

2003 – Phil Stevens
2002 – Rick Bozarth
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1998 – Rick Bozarth
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1996 – Rick Bozarth
1995 – Rich Binkley
1994 – Nat Wilder
1993 – Dan Richardson
1992 – Jason Dahners
1991 – Nat Wilder
1990 – Jason Dahners
1989 – Jason Dahners
1988 – Brent Richardson
1987 – Rich Binkley

1986 – Ron Lemon
1985 – Rich Binkley
1984 – Race Cancelled
1983 – Ron Dillon
1982 – Rich Binkley
1981 – Blaine Elledge
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1977 – Ken Bailey
1976 – Rich Binkley
1975 – Greg Harwood
1974 – Ed Dolder
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