



Bilek Racing SILVER STATE "300" Won by Pole Sitter Sam Berri

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If you don't think it's better to start on the pole, ask Sam Berri. Having taken the first spot in the Time Trials Thursday prior to Saturday's race, top qualifier Sam Berri piloted his Class 1500 unlimited buggy to the overall win at the inaugural Best In The Desert's *Bilek Racing Silver State "300"* in the desert north of Mesquite, Nevada. Berri had a small lead most of the day, but drove hard through the scenic, and tough course to capture the overall and Class 1500 win. This was Sam Berri's first overall win; he finished a little less than 3 minutes ahead of second place Chuck Dempsey.

Top Ten Finishers:

| <u>Overall Position</u> | <u>Class Position</u> | <u>Vehicle Number</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Driver</u> | <u>Vehicle Make</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1549 | 1500 | Sam Berri | Jimco |
| 2 | 2 | 1528 | 1500 | Chuck Dempsey | HMS |
| 3 | 3 | 1546 | 1500 | Steve Raskett | Porter |
| 4 | 4 | 1588 | 1500 | Gary Weyhrich | Ford |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | 1400 | Steve Olliges | Ford |
| 6 | 2 | 40 | 1400 | Chet Huffman | Chevrolet |
| 7 | 5 | 1509 | 1500 | Chuck Sacks | Jimco |
| 8 | 6 | 1537 | 1500 | Mark McMillin | Jimco |
| 9 | 7 | 1567 | 1500 | Mike Bilek | HMS |
| 10 | 8 | 1585 | 1500 | Steve Croll | Porter |

More than 180 racers left the start line. Other notable finishes:

Mike Bilek's daughter Alexa, (her dad sponsored the new event) won her class 1100.

Steve Olliges, first in Class 1400, Trick Truck.

Curt LeDuc took home first in Class 8000.

Jason Horsely, Pro Truck winner.

First motorcycle across the line was a Honda, with riders Dylan Lane and Jeff Trulove, #N33.

Complete results will be posted on the official Best in the Desert website after final verification.

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