



DESERT RACING CATEGORY



Johnny Angal has made an impact in desert racing by showing his ability in the UTV class and quickly moving through the ranks from 6100 to Trick Truck. He won the 2014 Score Baja 1000 in the UTV class, the 2015 BITD UTV Overall series championship, and was 2nd in points overall for the 2016 6100 class. He just picked up his first win in Truck Truck at Vegas to Reno. Johnny believes that you can be a driving force in the sport with a small privateer-esque budget and move through the ranks if you bring passion and drive to your program. His impact on the sport has been increased with his win in Trick Truck, but he continues to shine a light on the UTV class and racers as a spot to launch their careers.



Ryan Arciero had a great race at this year's SCORE Baja 500, finishing third in one of the most competitive Trophy Truck races in recent memory behind the wheel of his new Herbst-Smith Levi's backed Ford, but it's his win in the Vintage Open Buggies class and second overall at the 2018 NORRA Mexican 1000 that landed him on this list. Ryan and his father, Frank 'Butch' Arciero Jr raced 'Betsy', the family's Toyota-powered Chenoweth. "Here we are doing battle for the overall victory in a car built in 1988. It has a junkyard Camry motor that puts out maybe 200 horsepower. That's the beauty of this whole NORRA deal. Vintage can still rule," Ryan told ORMHOF inductee and journalist Marty Fiolka. Whether in a high-tech SCORE Trophy Truck or in old 'Betsy', racing is in Ryan's blood.



Carlos 'Apdaly' Lopez drives the No. 1 RPM Racing Chevy Rally Truck. Apdaly had some unfinished business last year as we went to press, and finish business he did, winning the 2017 SCORE Baja 1000 and capturing the SCORE Overall season point title, Overall Truck title and his third consecutive SCORE Trophy Truck season point championship during the 2017 SCORE World Desert Championship. This was his second SCORE Overall point championship in the last three years. A remarkable achievement at any age, the fete is even more impressive, considering Apdaly accomplished it all at just 22 years of age. He joins a short list of six racers who have won the SCORE Overall season point title more than once in SCORE history.



Justin Matney is a Team Owner and Driver for one of off-road's most successful race teams, RPM Offroad. As we go to press, Justin sits at the top of the 2018 Best in the Desert Trick Truck points standings, his win at the Silver State 300 helping his rise to the top. Justin also races the SCORE series and is a five-time SCORE champion. He is also a three-time recipient of the prestigious Toyota Milestone Award, presented to competitors who complete every required mile in every race in the SCORE series. In 2017, this totaled a remarkable 2,057.97 grueling desert racing miles. Long time friend Ronny Mathis says of Justin, "He is a really good guy, very humble, and really takes care of his people. He does whatever he can to help you out and is just a great guy to be around."



Shelby Reid finished first both days and earned the combined overall Class 1 victory at the 2017 SCORE Tijuana Desert Challenge. She also earned the SCORE Class 1 Points Championship in 2015. Shelby has been racing since 2006. Off-Road racing runs in the Reid family; Shelby's son Cody is also a successful racer, winning Class 10 at the 50th Baja 1000. This family team also runs a family business and credits their crew of family and friends with much of their success. "We're all about the team. Our family's very tight with racing," Shelby said in an interview for SCORE International, "For all the kids out there that are excited when I take my helmet off and they see that a woman finished the race...I would say follow your dreams. You can do anything you put your mind to."

The ORMHOF 2018 Desert Racing Impact Award will be announced at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, October 29 at the South Point in Las Vegas. For tickets and information visit www.ormhof.org