



Press Release - Event Announcement

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The 24th annual World Human Powered Speed Challenge (WHPSC) will be held on Sept 7-13, 2025. The course is on State Route 305, south of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

The fastest humans from around the world - including a variety of professional athletes, collegiate teams, and amateur racers - will compete across several speed record categories. Of particular note, François Pervis of Team Altair from IUT Annecy in France - the world's second fastest rider at 138.22 km/h (86.39 mph) - will once more attempt to break the current land speed record of 144.17 km/h (89.59 mph) set in 2016 by Todd Reichert of team Aerovelo, from Toronto, Canada.

SR 305 just south of town possesses the unique features necessary for these highly engineered pedaled vehicles to achieve top speeds. The 1408 m (4,619-ft) altitude road allows riders an acceleration zone of 8 km (5 miles), enabling them to reach their maximum velocity before being timed over a 200 meter distance. This high-altitude section of pavement has drawn athletes worldwide to test their speedbike designs and athletic abilities since the first WHPSC in 2000.

The longstanding partnership between Lander County Tourism and the IHPVA has motivated both to create a permanent facility in Battle Mountain specially created for human power events, record attempts and other like-minded endeavors. With a suitable plot of land already allocated for the project, the IHPVA and Lander County are currently seeking partnerships to make this dream facility into reality.

Spectators are welcome to this free event each morning from 7:00-10:00 and each evening from 5:30-7:00. Please come at least 1/2 hour early to make sure you don't get caught in the road block. Spectator seating is located at the timing trap for maximum speed thrills or, for those curious about the riders and vehicles, you can wait in the "catch" area at the end of the course to see the racers assisted from their fully enclosed speedbikes.

A Show and Shine will be held Tuesday at the Battle Mountain Civic Center, 12:00-2:00. Come meet and greet the teams and riders and see the bikes up close.

All records set are sanctioned by the IHPVA. Don't miss this opportunity to attend what could be world record setting history!

The WHPSC is open to all riders. All vehicles and riders must pass a safety inspection and reach a minimum speed during qualification runs. Entries may be limited due to road-closure time constraints.

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