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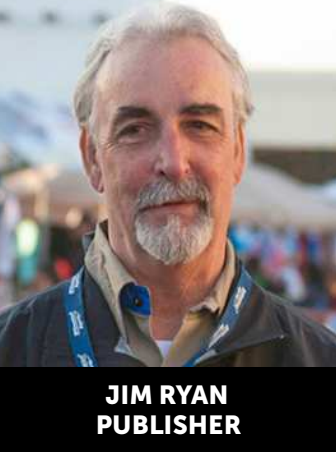
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# 2024 A SEASON OF GROWTH

In this issue we celebrate another history making season for the SCORE World Desert Championship series. A total of 998 competitors challenged and overcame the grueling 2,057.75 race miles of the 2024 season.

At the beginning of the season, The SCORE World Desert Championship was coming off the amazing 2023 SCORE 50th Anniversary celebration season's amazing growth, reach, and impact. This included the first time ever, a reverse course SCORE Baja 1000 La Paz to Ensenada Peninsula race.

The great news is that the 2024 Race season's momentum actually grew across all measurable areas gaining even more market share in our strength as an operating race series. In addition, there was also dramatic growth in exposure for the SCORE World Desert Championship series, its sponsors, participating teams and from the outside media entities who covered the race series.

## Major Impact Programs That Made The 2024 Season So Successful, Were The Following:

- **New Qualifying Live Streaming Production** added an entirely new racer and fan favorite content program that now has a huge following per race.
- **New Timing System Introduced** fans to greater detailed information for SCORE race operations, team information, and for the viewing experience.
- **The addition of Nelson Ranch location** as part of SCORE race activities, provided a great location for SCORE race operations, Live Stream production, and an amazing location for fans to experience some great race action.
- **SCORE-International.com website** expanded content programs and delivered a record audience and impressions along with new analytics to provide to the sponsor base and web ad programs.
- **SCORE Social Media** – Continued amazing growth with the SCORE social media team now operating with great direction. The team put in the time and effort to grow not only the SCORE race coverage audience, but the non-stop day to day SCORE activities. **A major threshold was also attained during the SCORE Baja 1000 with a single social media post exceeding 1 million LIKES!**
- **Live Stream Production** hit its stride in 2024 with a seasoned team directing this valuable asset for SCORE races. The ability to integrate up to 100 live stream feeds from race teams, in the field video, social media feeds and drones. This all culminated in another tremendous audience growth this pasts season, which will continew for the 2025 season.
- **Surviving Baja Docuseries Launch** – New SCORE audience growth program was launched across fast channels, TUBI, Apple TV and Roku in September 2024. This docuseries focused behind-the-scenes during the historic 2023 SCORE 50th anniversary season. The initial four episodes, each onehour in length program, has moved into coverage of the 2024 season, with four new additional episodes covering all the action and stories that will be available this Spring.

See you at the races.  
Jim



**DAN SANCHEZ**  
EDITOR

# MEXICO CONQUERERS!

**a**s the sport and the talent in SCORE Baja racing continues to grow, it was the first time that three of the major class category champions were all won by Mexican

racers. In the SCORE Trophy Truck Class, Alan Ampudia became the 2024 Champion, and Gus Vildosola Sr. once again retained his Championship Crown as the 2024 Trophy Truck Legend Champion. Francisco Vera became the Overall SCORE Open Wheel Champion, as well as earning his second Class 10 Championship. In the SCORE Pro Moto Unlimited Class, Arturo Salas Jr. earned a well-deserved Championship.

But it's no surprise that these 2024 Champions are at the top of their sport. They just all happen to be from Mexico. Most importantly, however, they've demonstrated their championship levels of racing from their hard work, talent, dedicated team, and supporters who helped them achieve their goals and gain the consistency needed to become a SCORE Champion.

Here's something else to think about for the bigger picture of the future of SCORE Baja racing. At age 25, Thor Herbst has worked to become the 2024 Overall Points Champion as well as the SCORE Trophy Truck Spec Champion, a class where the competition is one of the highest in this sport. At age 22, Arturo Salas Jr. has risen to the top of the SCORE Pro Moto Unlimited class, and at age 24, Brock Heger has risen to the top of the SCORE Pro UTV Class as the two-time Champion.

These young racers, and the many others also competing in SCORE, continue to carry on what off-road motorsports is all about. These young champions, however, are raising the bar for their perspective classes, showcasing the level of talent needed to win. For us as SCORE Fans, all this means that the sport continues to attract new racers and will keep the sport going strong well into the future.

In this issue, we honor all of the 2024 Champions, as well as SCORE's Person Of The Year, Andy Kirker. I have had the pleasure of working with Andy on many projects and know first-hand, the effort he has made to "Make Motos Great Again!" Congratulations to Andy and his contributions to a sport I know he loves and will continue to work on.

We also celebrate SCORE Journal Magazine's 10th Anniversary with a new look, refreshed logo and much more which we hope you will enjoy.



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The “Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act” (EXPLORE Act), [HR 6492](#), was recently signed into law by President Biden. The new law which was supported by the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), establishes an important, comprehensive public lands law that will improve the permitting process for motorized recreation events on federal lands and bolster the economic impact of outdoor recreation businesses, including manufacturers, retailers, guides and local businesses nationwide.

The EXPLORE Act, which had strong bipartisan support throughout Congress, will increase access to outdoor recreation opportunities to help grow the outdoor recreation industry’s \$1.2 trillion annual economic impact.

“The opportunity of outdoor recreation is one of our nation’s treasures, an asset that unites us across state and party lines,” said SEMA President and CEO Mike Spagnola. “The people whose passion is to traverse the outdoors is matched only by those who innovate and develop the products that help them do so, and that’s why this law is so important. It’s about our economy, our quality of life and our ability to share with more people all of our nation’s natural wonders.”

The EXPLORE Act directs the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to create more motorized opportunities on public lands, addresses special recreation permits and fees that have been expensive and cumbersome for off-road groups to navigate on federal lands, attempts to improve visitor experiences, addresses the lack of affordable housing causing staffing shortages on public lands and transforms outdoor recreation experiences for active-duty military members, veterans and Gold Star families.

You can find more information about the major provisions of the legislation by reviewing the [section-by-section](#) outline. For additional information on the EXPLORE Act, contact Eric Snyder, SEMA’s senior director of federal government affairs, at [erics@sema.org](mailto:erics@sema.org).





# A GREENER BAJA

## SCORE And Environmental Groups Work To ReForest Areas of Baja

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s a result of a survey done after the 2023 SCORE Baja 1000 SCORE International carried out a reforestation program in coordination with representatives of the Mexican Federal Environmental Secretary.

In alignment with an Environmental Impact Manifest (MIA), a legal and ecological requirement that is met in every SCORE race, federal authorities and SCORE determined that for every impacted area, trees be planted in order to reinforce a reforestation program in Baja California.

After the historical first-time La Paz to Ensenada Peninsula run in 2023, and following environmental guidelines, 200 Mesquite and Palo Verde trees were planted in the community of Punta Prieta in the new municipality of San Quintin.

Along with a wide ecological prevention campaign on various fronts racers and fans are encouraged to protect the environment. After analysis of the past SCORE BAJA 1000, another similar reforestation program will take place in the following weeks in coordination between the Mexican Federal Environmental Secretary and SCORE International.



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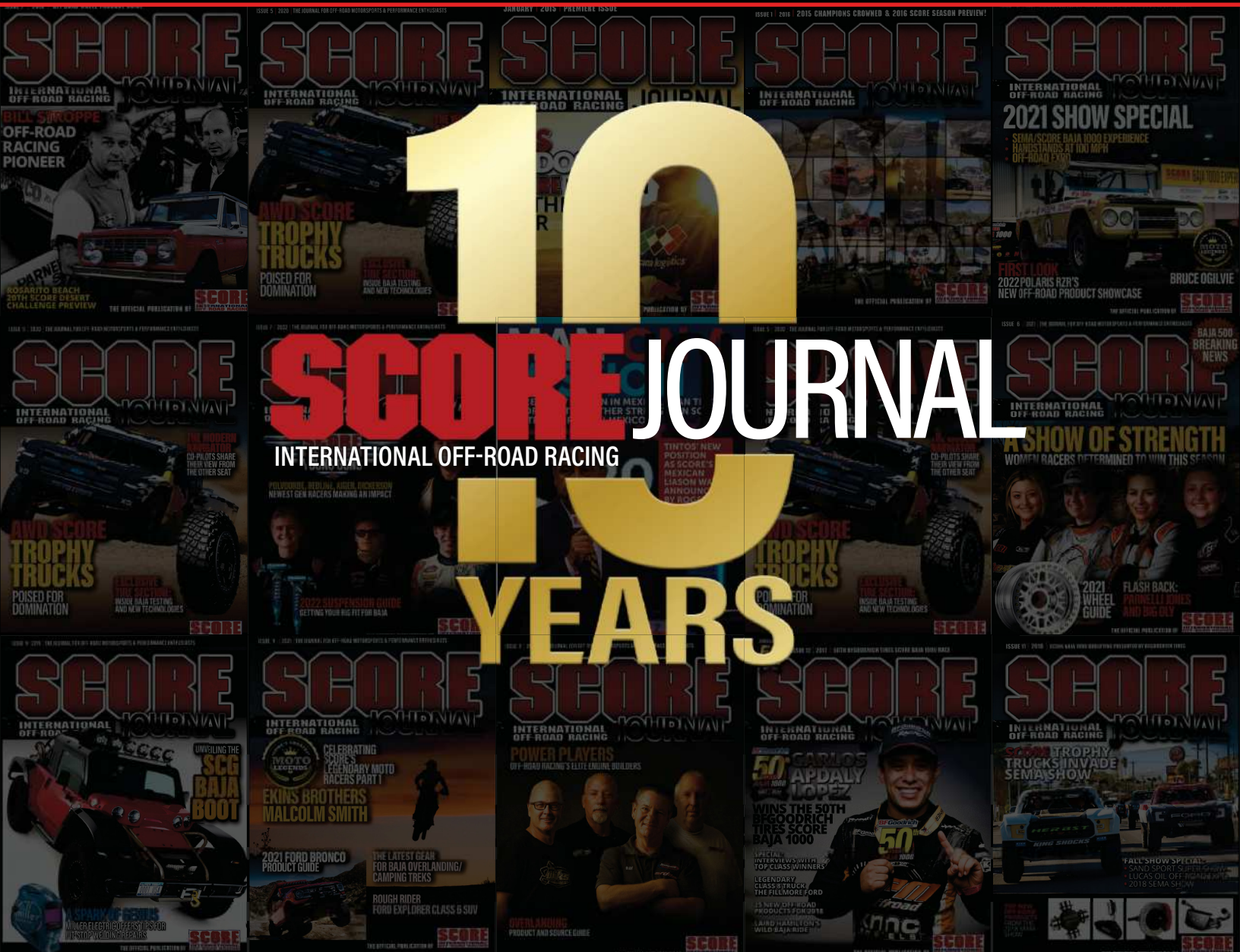
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CORE Journal Magazine’s premiere issue was in January of 2015 where it focused on celebrating the SCORE 2014 season and Gus Vildosola Sr. as SCORE Person Of The Year. Since then, the official publication of SCORE International has placed SCORE races, participants, and the beauty of Baja Mexico into more than 1.8 million unique readers through a growing digital format.

The digital format allows SCORE Journal magazine to integrate a video format within its pages, and be distributed for free to millions of readers, making it the largest off-road and off-road racing publication. It is also a unique marketing tool for promoting the SCORE World Desert Championship Series, sponsors, and the participating teams and racers. “Reaching people digitally through mobile devices and computer desktops is the key to SCORE Journal’s success and growth,” said SCORE’s VP of Marketing, Jim Ryan. “SCORE Journal has reached far beyond SCORE racers and the fan base. It is now read by millions of off-road enthusiasts who are into trucks, UTVs, and motorcycles, and are avid adventure seekers.”



# SCORE JOURNAL MAGAZINE MILESTONES



2015 SCORE International published its first issue of SCORE Journal featuring Gus Vildosola Sr. on the cover as [SCORE Person Of The Year in January](#).



In October 2016, SCORE International published [SCORE Journal in Spanish](#) for its Mexican and Spanish-speaking audience, which has now reached more than 282K readers.



The first "Champions" issue began with the [January 2016 issue](#), showcasing all the race season's SCORE Champions.

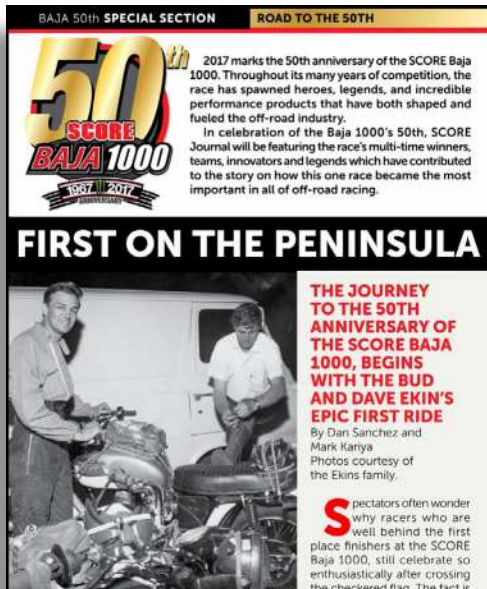
Safety became a major topic of focus, starting with the [March 2016 issue](#). SCORE Journal continues to focus heavily on safety components, medical knowledge, and the push toward improving safety in off-road motorsports.



In the [April 2016 issue](#), SCORE Journal detailed the history of BFGoodrich Tires' forty years of involvement in SCORE Baja racing that continues today.

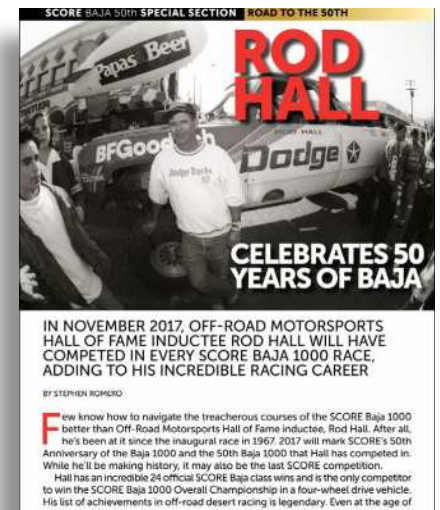


SCORE Official Photographer, Art Eugenio, took an iconic photo of Apdaly Lopez that became one of the most popular SCORE images and magazine cover.



Preparing for the 50th Anniversary of the SCORE Baja 1000 in 2017, SCORE Journal dedicates a section in every issue on some of the race's winners and legendary racers, including [Bud and Dave Ekins](#), [Sal Fish](#), [Walker Evans](#), [Malcolm Smith](#) and [Bud Feldkamp](#), [Mickey Thompson](#) (by his son [Danny Thompson](#)), [Ivan Stewart](#), [Rob MacCachren](#), [Johnny Campbell](#), [Jerry Penhall](#), the [Herbst family](#), [Steve Hengeveld](#), [BJ Baldwin](#), [Jack Johnson](#), [Bobby Ferro](#), [Mark Stahl](#), [Rod Hall](#), and the [PPI Race Team](#).

In the [July 2017 issue](#), SCORE Journal highlighted the career of Legendary Racer Rod Hall with one of his final interviews.



Every year since 2017, during the SCORE Baja 1000 race week, SCORE Journal issues surpassed 2.4 million readers. The Spanish editions attract another 500K readers during the Baja 1000 race week.



The final [SEMA SCORE Baja Experience](#) in SCORE Journal captured SCORE Baja 1000 racers cruising down the Las Vegas Strip. The publication continually highlighted the SCORE Baja 1000 Experience at the SEMA Show, a special outdoor feature area and main attractions for the globally attended SEMA show from 2014-2018. This included highlighting the 2017 SCORE Baja 1000 50th Anniversary and 2018 SCORE Baja 500 50th Anniversary global race events.





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SCORE Journal featured the original Vic Hickey Baja Boot in the [June 2019 issue](#). (SCGBoot) The [September 2019](#) issue gets an exclusive on the Glickenhous Baja Boot II.



The launch of the 2021 Ford Bronco was featured in the [November 2019](#) issue as part of Ford's official launch of this newly designed SUV based on the original vehicle's and Ford Motor Company's long Baja racing history.



The February 2020 issue highlighted studio shots for the annual [Safety Equipment Guide](#). This issue featured a photoshoot with SCORE racer Ramon Bio "volunteering" to model,

while former JIMCO owner Robbie Pierce offered safety expertise.



SCORE Journal has always had videos integrated into it, and the [May 2020](#) issue had a record-setting twenty-four videos.



The magazine wanted to highlight more legendary women racers, and for the season's top women racers were featured in the [June issue](#), including Shelby Reid, Kristen Matlock, Katie Vernola, and several others.



Continuing with highlighting racing legends, the [Sept 2021 issue](#) began showcasing SCORE's Greatest Moto Racers of All Time, starting with the Ekins Brothers and Malcolm Smith.



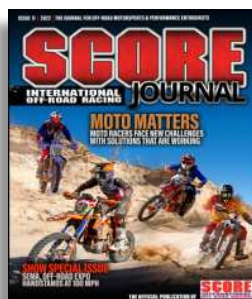
The famous Big Oly Bronco was on the cover of the [Nov 2021 SEMA Show issue](#), showcasing SCORE's commitment to the off-road aftermarket.



In 2022 a new generation of young racers became a part of SCORE and the youngest of the 2022 Season were featured in the [July 2022 issue](#), including Chris Polvoorde, Broc Dickerson, Jax Redline, and Elijah Kiger.



For the first time, SCORE Journal gathered some of the top engine builders to feature for the [September 2022 Power Players Issue](#).



The [November 2022 issue](#) offered a platform for SCORE Moto Racers to air out changes and solutions to improve moto racer safety and competition.

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SCORE Journal publishes its 100th Issue in May 2023 hitting a major milestone for the publication, culminating in hundreds of articles, thousands of photos and millions of readers.

The celebration of the end of the 50th Anniversary of SCORE was covered in the [December 2023 issue](#) with the 56th SCORE Baja 1000 Peninsula run that made history by starting in La Paz and ending in Ensenada, Mexico.

One of SCORE Journals most popular issue of the 2024 season was the [September issue](#) highlighting the Navigators of the top teams that season. **SJ**



# SCORE PERSON OF THE YEAR ANDY KIRKER

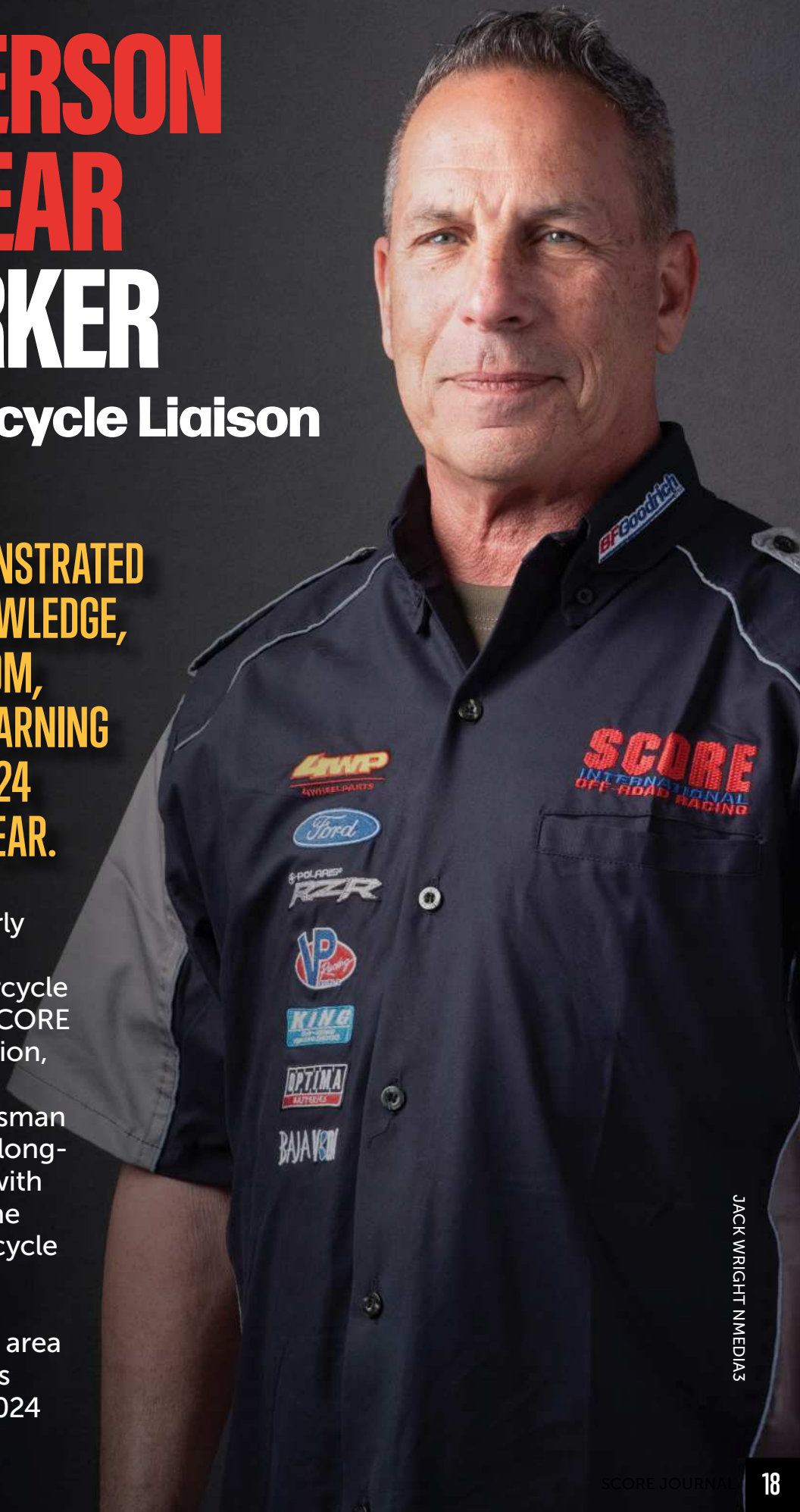
## SCORE Motorcycle Liaison

BY DOMINIC CLARK, SCORE HISTORIAN

**ANDY KIRKER HAS DEMONSTRATED EXTREME PASSION, KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING, WISDOM, AND EXPERTISE, TRULY EARNING THE HONOR TO BE THE 2024 SCORE PERSON OF THE YEAR.**

**V**eteran of nearly 50 years as a SCORE motorcycle competitor, SCORE racing champion, and motorcycle advocate, Southern California businessman Andy Kirker has evolved his long-time advisory involvement with SCORE to the place where he has been the SCORE Motorcycle liaison since 2020.

Through his significant contributions in that special area of SCORE racing, SCORE has named Andy Kirker as the 2024 SCORE Person of the Year.



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A native of Whittier, Calif., Kirker, 68, joins the honorable list of past recipients of the SCORE Person of the Year Award like Walt Lott, Ivan Stewart, Malcolm Smith, Walker Evans, Frank DeAngelo, Michael Gaughan, Cameron Steele, Rob MacCachren, and Nico Saad. "Andy has been a strong voice for the motorcycle competitors as well as the overall organization and safety of our events, so we are very pleased to be able to name him as the 2024 SCORE Person of the Year for everything he has done, is doing, and will continue to do to help SCORE advance even further into the world motorsports arena," commented Abelardo Grijalva, SCORE President and Race Director.

"Andy adds strong insight into our entire SCORE Racing operation, not only from the perspective of a racer, but also a SCORE administrator who communicates constantly with our Motorcycle community from racers, to teams, sponsors, and media. While he may have been on the SCORE staff officially for five years, his experience as a competitor and seriously invested friend of the sport has added immeasurably to exponential growth of motorcycle racing in SCORE events."

Before Kirker officially joined the SCORE administrative team in 2020, he helped several years starting in 2009 as a SCORE post-race official reviewing the tracking devices, anonymously, of finishing vehicles. Many of those races, he raced first, then came to SCORE Ops to assist with the reviewing process.

As the SCORE Motorcycle Liaison, Kirker continues to work tirelessly with SCORE to specifically bring focus and growth back to SCORE Motorcycle classes including safety programs, exposure programs, a SCORE Pro Moto Baja social media channel, as well as special race purse payout programs.

Under his supervision, SCORE has pre-race safety sweeps prior to the motorcycle starts, a Helicopter motorcycle chase program during each race that also serves as a first-response vehicle with an EMT on board as need arises. He has also developed educational video programs for both 4-Wheel and Motorcycle/Quad teams.

Kirker also works diligently on exposure programs targeting motorcycle competitors exclusively with live stream and video features for SCORE media assists as well as increased SCORE motorcycle news coverage in motorcycle-specific news outlets around the world.



In last year's SCORE Baja 1000, his efforts resulted in the largest number of motorcycle and quad entries in over a decade as 101 total vehicles left the start line in Ensenada.

He continues to work on the SCORE management team to specifically target and implement safety measures that specifically impact the motorcycle and quad classes. He works with the SCORE race regulations to add safety aspects for motorcycle and quad classes.

Kirker has added a fleet of UTV teams with EMT personnel around the race courses and helps identify course sections, where possible, only for the moto/quad classes.

Residing currently in Lake Forest, Calif. where he is a partner in the Inter-Sky, Inc. company, Kirker has long been a voice for two-wheel competitors since he first started competing in SCORE races in 1974 when he was the rider of record for the Class 20 motorcycle class championship team.

During his racing career, he was a co-rider on eight Pro Moto 50 and Pro Moto 60 age group season point championship teams for Riders of Record Jim O'Neal and Mark Winkelman. Among his class race wins were five in the SCORE Baja 1000, three in the SCORE Baja 500, and three in the SCORE San Felipe 250.

Andy Kirker has demonstrated extreme passion, knowledge, understanding, wisdom, and expertise, truly earning the honor to be the 2024 SCORE Person of the Year. And we know his much-appreciated work will continue to help SCORE be the World's Foremost Desert Racing Organization. **SJ**

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SCORE SAN FELIPE 250  
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ROUND 4: FIRST PLACE



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### SCORE OVERALL MOTORCYCLE, PRO MOTO IRONMAN

PATRICIO CABRERA, 33  
CHILE

PRO MOTO IRONMAN  
(NO. 745X, KAWASAKI KLX450R)

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# THOR HERBST 2024 SCORE TT SPEC, OVERALL, AND OVERALL TRUCK CHAMP

## A New Page In The Herbst Family Racing History Book

STORY BY STUART BOURDON  
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**t**he world of off-road racing is filled with families that have long histories of fierce competition and a legacy of winning. One of those is the Herbst family which is now in its third generation. The family's patriarch, Jerry Herbst started it all, followed by his three sons, Ed, Tim, and Troy, each making their mark in off-road racing.

Today, that heritage is being kept alive by Thor, Pierce, and Riley Herbst. Along with team members Trevor Ellingham and Jeremy Munyon, the Herbst boys have not only been winning races in their Monster Energy Terrible Herbst Motorsports truck built by 1 Nine Industries, but the team earned the 2024 SCORE World Desert Racing Trophy Truck Spec Class Championship.



JACK WRIGHT NMEDIAS



## THOR HERBST 2024 CHAMPION

This season, the driver-of-record, Thor Herbst, also won the SCORE Overall, Truck Overall, and SCORE Trophy Truck Spec Class Championship, adding to the family's legacy. "It means so much to us as a family, but also to all of the people who have been a part of the program since the beginning," said Herbst. "I look forward to the future of Terrible Herbst Motor Sports, 1 Nine Industries, and thank everyone on our team for all the hard work they put into helping us win the SCORE 2024 Championship in a very competitive class."

The work was hard and the Terrible Herbst team had some highs and some lows during the 2024 Season. "You have to be perfect to win even one of the races in this class because there are a lot of very competitive drivers in SCORE Trophy Truck Spec," adds Herbst. "But we won the SCORE San Felipe 250 and the SCORE Baja 1000. However, we received a penalty in the SCORE Baja 400 and had that win taken away. That's always disappointing, but everyone knows those things happen, and you must deal with and accept it."

### ■ Pierce Herbst at the finish of the 2024 SCORE Baja 1000





“My brother Pierce and I split driving duties for every race this year except for the SCORE San Felipe 250, and we had the chance to have my cousin Riley help us with some of the driving for the SCORE Baja 1000. During the year, there were plenty of crazy moments during qualifying or in the race, where I had to apologize to Jeremy or Trevor for scaring them ‘straight’. But to be successful in racing, you have to take a few chances. As to plans for next year, we will again compete in the SCORE Trophy Truck Spec Class, with hopefully fewer mistakes from me behind the wheel, but with the same cast and crew around us because ‘don’t fix what isn’t broken’ is my philosophy.” **SJ**





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# A MONUMENTAL FIRST

## Alan Ampudia Wins The 2024 SCORE Trophy Truck Championship

STORY BY STUART BOURDON  
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**a**lan Ampudia of Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico, is the 2024 SCORE Trophy Truck World

Desert Champion. The battle for the title was won by a razor's edge margin, beating fellow Trophy Truck class competitor Gustavo Vildósola Jr. of Mexicali, Baja California, by a single point over the entire four-race season. Ampudia attributed his hard-fought victory to consistency. "That's what gets you the championship," he said. "I'm the driver, but it takes a whole team for this to happen, from the guys having the truck in perfect shape for every race to my crew members and all the volunteers that come out to help in the pits. It's what went on behind the scenes that helped make this happen. I'm stoked for all of us."



JACK WRIGHT NMEEDIA3



Ampudia didn't win every SCORE race in 2024, but with the help of crew members, he did whatever it took to finish every race in a concerted effort to rack up points in the SCORE Trophy Truck class. Ampudia drove his #10 Papas Y Beer/Monster Energy/Toyo Tires AWD Mason Motorsports Ford Raptor to a first-place finish in the incredibly rough SCORE San Felipe 250. They had some steering system issues that led to a 10th-place finish in the 56th SCORE Baja 500. A nearly perfect race led to a second-place finish in the SCORE Baja 400. Those same steering issues popped up again, but it didn't keep Ampudia off the podium with a third-place finish in the SCORE Baja 1000.

This was Ampudia's seventh season competing in the SCORE Trophy Truck class. When asked what the 2024 Trophy Truck Championship meant to him, Ampudia told us, "It means a lot to me because only one other Mexican driver (Apdaly Lopez) has been a SCORE Trophy Truck champ, but he was under the RPM umbrella team, so it was a Mexican driver, but an American team. This is the first time a Mexican team has won. My family and the entire team were all proud of the fact that we were able to get that first one. We're still fairly new compared to many other teams and drivers competing for much longer in this class. Winning the 2024 SCORE Trophy Truck Championship was the cherry on top of a great year, and we plan on going after it again next year." **SJ**



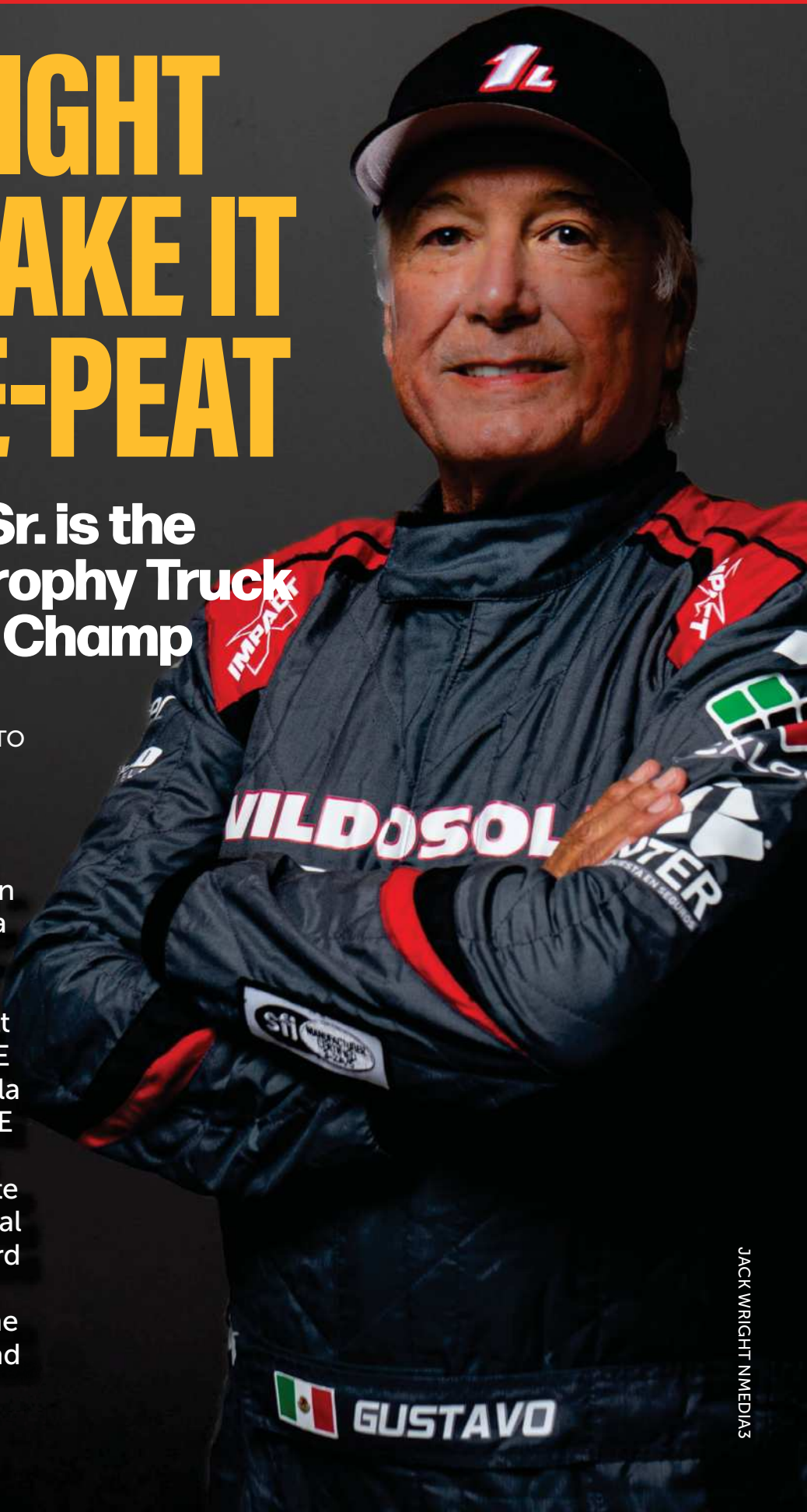


# 12 STRAIGHT WINS MAKE IT A THREE-PEAT

## Gus Vildosola Sr. is the 2024 SCORE Trophy Truck Legends Class Champ

STORY BY STUART BOURDON  
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**G**us Vildosola Sr. is a legend. His first off-road race was in 1968, driving a Baja bug. He has driven a Class 9 car, a 1/2 1600 car, a Class 1 car, a Pro Truck built by Ivan Stewart, and a SCORE Trophy Truck. Lately, Vildosola has been racing in the SCORE Trophy Truck Legends class with regular driving teammate Ricky Johnson and occasional driver Mike Coleman as a third driver for the SCORE Baja 1000 and winning races in the SCORE International Off-Road Racing series.



JACK WRIGHT NMEEDIA3



Vildosola and his team have won the last dozen consecutive SCORE desert races, making the 2024 SCORE Trophy Truck Legends Class Championship their third in a row. He and his crew were first in the Legends Class at every race this year, finishing in the top 10 Overall at the first three races of the season, and third Overall at the end of the long and treacherous 2024 BFGoodrich Tires 57<sup>th</sup> SCORE Baja 1000.

When we spoke with Vildosola, he told us that the toughest of this season's four races was the SCORE Baja 400. "Our trucks are big, wide, and long. They are not designed for narrow and twisty up-and-down rocky terrain," he said. "Some of the trails were very difficult. You needed to be perfect because running just inches outside the trail would get you a flat."

Surprisingly, the least troublesome race of the year was the SCORE Baja 1000. "The truck was perfect when I got in for the last section of the race," said Vildosola. "The only problem for us was an intermittent fresh-air system. We had to lift our face shields, the water, and mud splashed in our faces, and sometimes we had trouble seeing what was ahead of us."

As always, Vildosola was generous and praised others. "Our regular crew members and the volunteers did so much to help us win this year, but our two navigators, Nico Ambriz (who rides with Gus) and Victor Valenzuela (who rides with Ricky), deserve special mention because these guys are the ones who made sure we were on the right track and kept us out of trouble during the races." **SJ**







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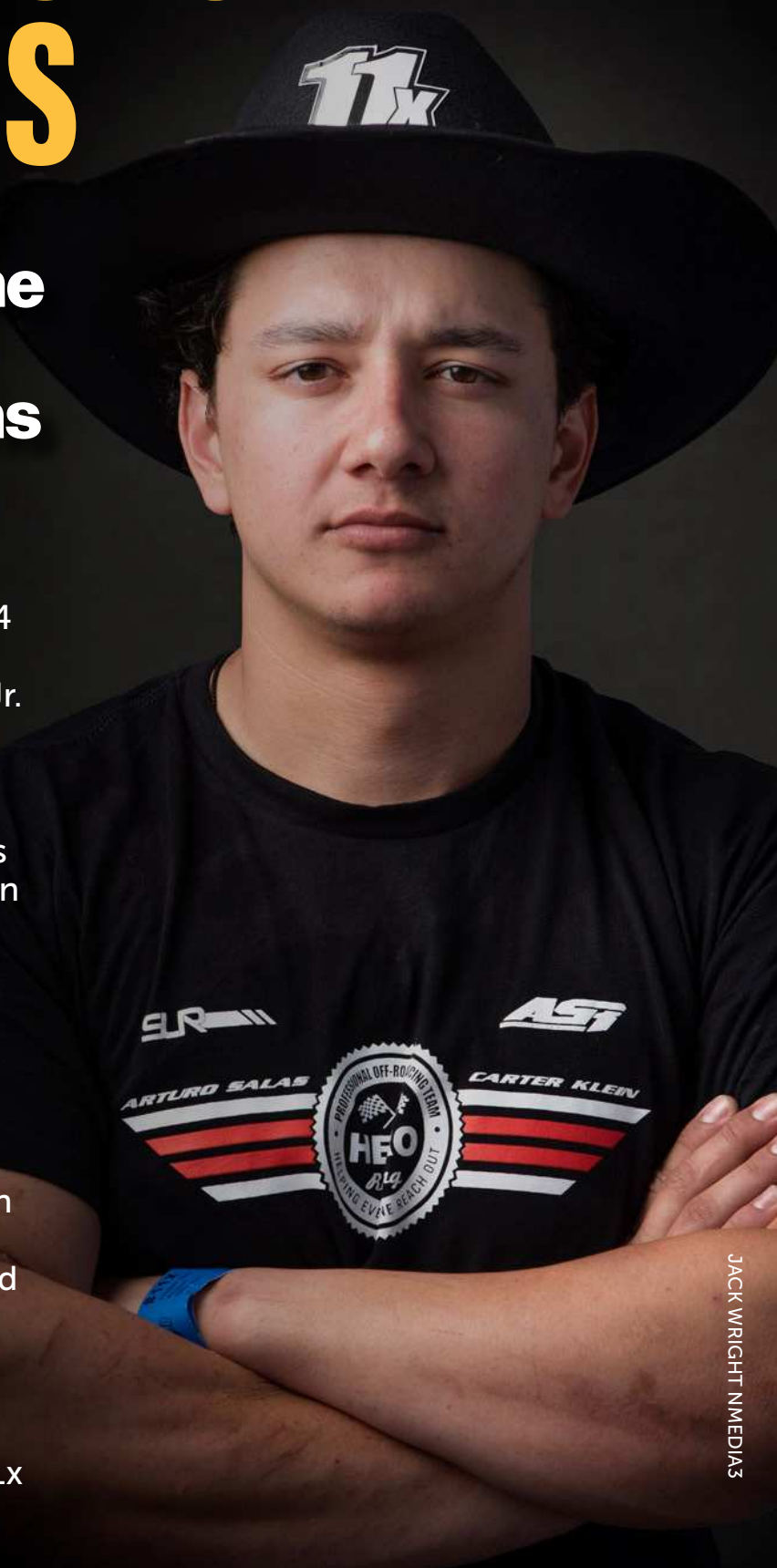
## Arturo Salas Jr. and The 11x Team Become 2024 Pro Moto Unlimited Champions

BY DAN SANCHEZ  
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**W**hen he started the 2024 SCORE Season, the dream of Arturo Salas Jr. was to win the SCORE Pro Moto Unlimited

Championship as the rider of record. Salas had won races and championships before when he was a co-rider with Juan Carlos Salvatierra, but Salas and the 11x team were new for 2024, and organized quickly for the first race of the season under the direction of former racer and Pro Moto Champion Giovanni Spin

"I grew up looking up to moto racer Ivan Ramirez," said Salas. "I saw his videos, and it was great to see a Mexican moto racer representing my country, and getting support from the people and fans. Once I started racing, I wanted to carry the SCORE Pro Moto 1x badge for Mexico. It still hasn't sunk in, and I don't think it will until I am at the starting line of the 2025 SCORE San Felipe with the 1x number on the bike."



JACK WRIGHT NMEEDIA3



Putting together the 11x H.E.R.O. team was a challenge for its leader Spinali. “When we first started the team, we didn’t even have a motorcycle,” he said. “We knew it wouldn’t be easy going against more experienced riders who set the bar for the level of riding that we see today. It was a decision that we all made, however, to work together and learn from the mistakes we would inevitably make.”

“Our confidence grew after each race,” said Salas. “Carter Klein and Cirian Naran had good riding experience, and we made mistakes throughout the season, but we didn’t let that hold us back. At each race, we proved we could ride at the top levels as the current championship riders we were competing against. Although we were the ‘underdogs’ this season, we felt we were in our zone. Knowing we were all capable riders it was simply up to us to ride smart and we felt confident in our efforts.”

Their confidence led to first-place finishes at the SCORE San Felipe 250 and the SCORE Baja 500. As the 7x team of Justin Morgan got into their own groove, winning the SCORE Baja 400 and Baja 1000 races, Salas and the 11x team finished second but secured their place as the 2024 SCORE Pro Moto Unlimited Champions.

Now that Salas and the H.E.R.O. team will have to work harder to retain the Championship, he knows what needs to be done to get them there for the 2025 Season. “Looking back, we know the mistakes we made, and we fixed those,” he said. “But last season I was working full-time and it made it hard for me to train properly and be in better shape. Injuries kept me from being able to recover fully. Now I am dedicated to training full-time and focusing on defending the championship.”

According to Spinali, The H.E.R.O. team will continue to gather and make charitable donations to orphanages in Mexico during SCORE races. In addition, the riders will include Salas Jr., Cirian Naran, and their newest member Shane Logan. **SJ**





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# FAMILY STRONG

## A Two-Time Championship For The Vera Brothers

BY GABRIEL GARCÍA

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**b**rothers Francisco and Alexis Vera became two-time Champions in SCORE International's in Class 10, an achievement they dedicated to the memory of their grandfather Francisco Arauz, who passed away before the 57th BFGoodrich Tires SCORE Baja 1000. In addition, the two Vera brothers also dedicated their achievement to the people of El Rosario, Baja California, the place where they were born and from which they feel very proud.





With a streak of eight consecutive wins, the Vera Bros team stayed at the top of SCORE Class Points Standings, thanks to a team effort. They attributed much of their success to their mechanic and team manager, Alejandro “Rugrats” Corona, of ASR Race Prep, who thoroughly prepared the Alumicraft Buggy throughout the 2024 SCORE World Desert Championship.

For Francisco Vera, Corona’s work is very important. “He always delivers a well-prepared, super-safe, and competitive car. Many thanks to him for his commitment to our team.”

The Vera brothers spent two years in Class 10, after winning everything in the SCORE Pro Quad class, with five podiums in eight races, including a pair of victories in the SCORE Baja 500 and another win in the SCORE Baja 400, all supported by their family and friends in the pits. “Whether things go well or badly, they always wear the shirt proudly and go all the way. Thank you for your passion,” said Vera.

Francisco Vera revealed that they will not be participating in the 2025 SCORE World Desert Championship to focus on other aspects of the sport after winning the Class 10 two-time championship for Mexico. “This is a small break from SCORE,” said Vera. “I was born in the town of El Rosario, and as a child, I watched the SCORE Baja 1000 pass by and asked the racers for stickers. I always dreamed of racing the Baja events, and now I’m living that dream. It’s something very special to me.” **SJ**

## ■ The Vera Bros team achieved the two-time championship in Class 10.





# CLASS 1 CHAMPION

## Cody Reid Back-To-Back Championships

BY DAN SANCHEZ  
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**a**t the beginning of the 2024 Season, Cody Reid was the reigning Class 1 champion and knew it would be difficult to hang on to the title for the entire 2024 season. At the first race of the 2024 season, Reid put the team's No. 168 AWD Buggy into service, upgrading the rear suspension by adding King 4.5 bypass shocks from the 4.0 shocks used previously. "This allowed us to push the car harder but simultaneously, improved the longevity of the car," said Reid.



The result after the SCORE San Felipe 250, Reid in the No. 168 battled with Brad Wilson (No. 153) to finish second after leaking transmission fluid and losing the AWD system throughout much of the race.

After battling with Wilson again, Reid returned with the Class win during the SCORE Baja 500. This time, a flat tire pushed Reid into fourth on the course, but the big-block powered buggy rocketed back to finish first by two minutes for the win. "It was a technical course and we battled all day long. It was amazing and our third year in a row winning this race!"

A second-place finish at the SCORE Baja 400 kept Reid in contention for the Championship. Still, the finish was hard to swallow, especially after getting stuck behind some slower SCORE Trophy Trucks, and the dust prevented him from powering forward for the win.

At the SCORE Baja 1000, Reid had problems on the course which seemed like the Class Championship would slip away. The car suffered a rear brake rotor failure and a steering pump problem. Despite this, the other Class 1 competitors also suffered vehicle issues from the rough course, leaving Reid an open door to finish first and get a back-to-back Class 1 Championship. "This shows the growth of our team,"





said Reid. “We’ve had a couple of rough years with the car but we constantly keep improving. The crew is getting quicker, and everyone involved is trying to push forward. We always want to win the race, but everyone also wants to push to the Overall.”

“Class 1 seems to be reinvigorated and we are happy to keep pushing the boundaries of our vehicles and compete against the best. Us along with the Wilson and Parkhouse, Gaughan and others, are whipping up the pace and pushing all of us to move this class to the next level.” **SJ**







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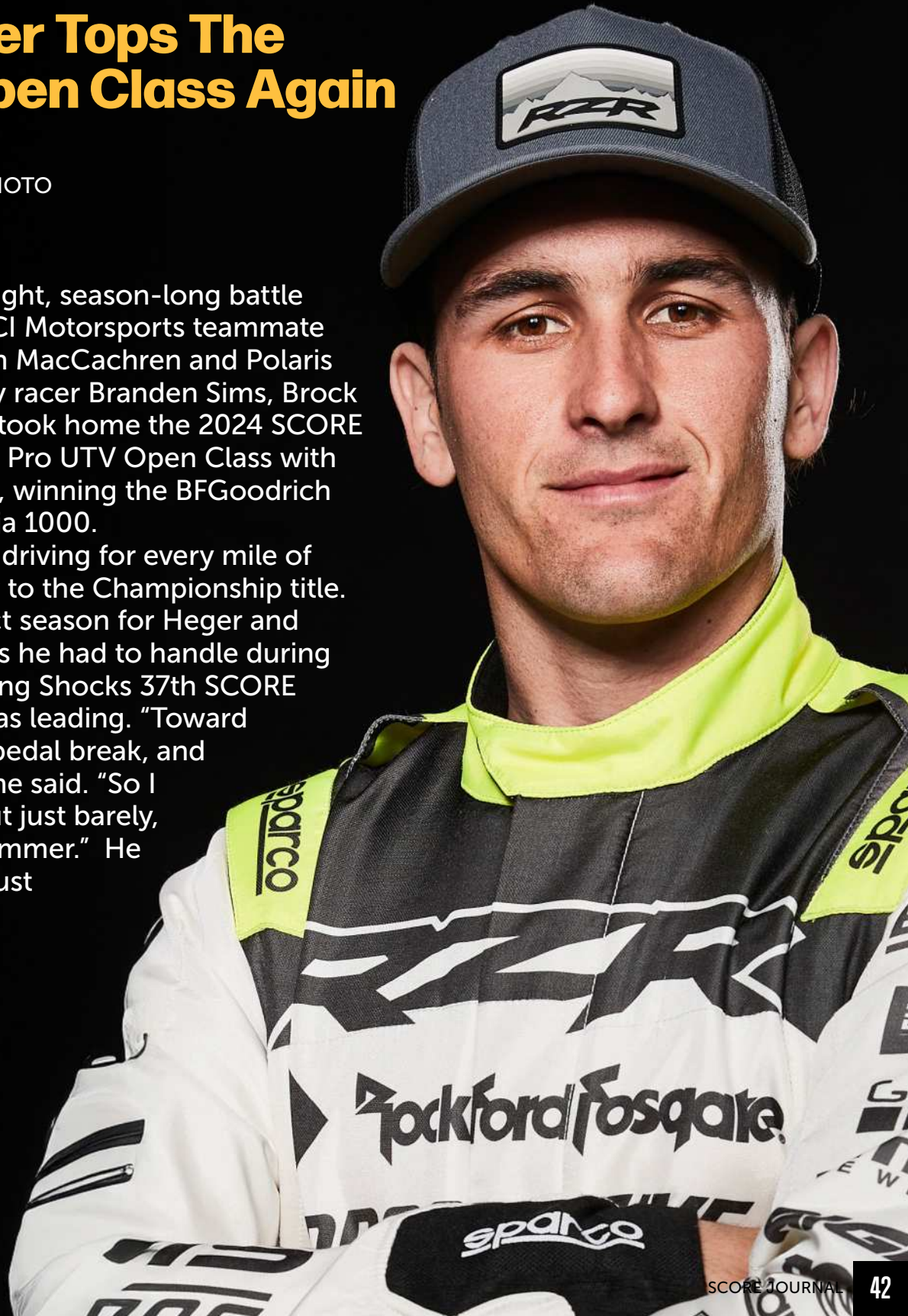
## Brock Heger Tops The Pro UTV Open Class Again

BY MIKE VIEIRA

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**a**fter a tight, season-long battle with SCI Motorsports teammate Cayden MacCachren and Polaris Factory racer Branden Sims, Brock Heger took home the 2024 SCORE Championship in the Pro UTV Open Class with his Polaris RZR Pro R, winning the BFGoodrich Tires 57th SCORE Baja 1000.

Heger handled the driving for every mile of each race on his way to the Championship title. But it wasn't a perfect season for Heger and there were difficulties he had to handle during the season. In the King Shocks 37th SCORE San Felipe 250, he was leading. "Toward the end, I had a gas pedal break, and we lost some time," he said. "So I ended up second, but just barely, so that one was a bummer." He wound up finishing just over two minutes behind MacCachren.





The BFGoodrich Tires 56th SCORE Baja 500 brought even worse luck for Heger. “Early on, I kind of missed a corner and broke the steering, and it put us hours behind super early,” he says. “So, that one obviously was a huge bummer, because I had won that race the year before. To come back and get last, essentially, was horrible.” He actually finished 12th in his class, with Cayden MacCachren again taking the win for the SCI Motorsports Factory Polaris team.

The SCORE Baja 400 went much better, but still not perfect,” says Heger. “It was a close battle for the win, and I ended up getting a little speeding penalty that took the win away from me, and I ended up second.” MacCachren bested him by about a minute and a half after the penalty was assessed.

For the BFGoodrich Tires 57th SCORE Baja 1000, Heger decided to remain behind the wheel for the entire race, with Justin Wilson doing the navigating. Cayden MacCachren had opted for a start at the back of the pack, leaving Heger to start at the front, and he was able to immediately start picking his way through the other





classes. This time, things went pretty close to perfect, or as close as they can racing in Baja. The team had no mechanical problems, or even flat tires, over the distance, and was nipping at the heels of the SCORE Trophy Trucks with a seventh place overall, and more than a 40 minute lead over his class. Teammate MacCachren was forced to drop out of the race with less than 80 miles to the finish, allowing Heger to take the championship.

“Overall the season was good, but it wasn’t perfect,” he said. “The SCORE Baja 500 result wasn’t the best, but overall it was a good season. It was good enough to get the championship by one point ahead of Branden Sims in the No. 1886 Polaris. At the end of the day, that’s all that matters. That’s all you need to win it.”

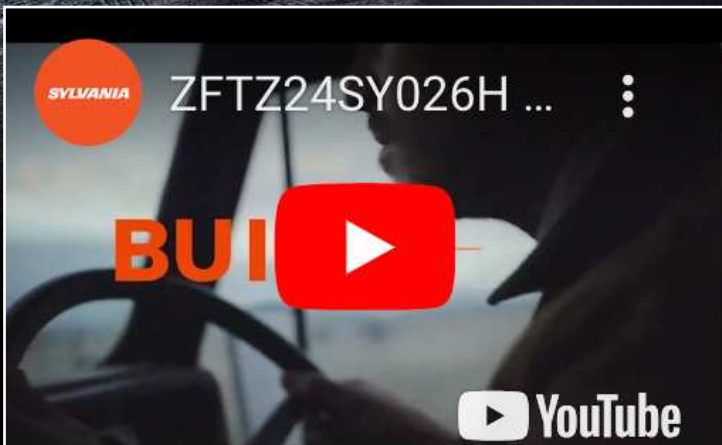
For the 2025 season, Heger plans to be looking for another SCORE championship, and pushing the limits of UTV performance. “People are enjoying the UTVs getting up to the front. Hopefully, we’ll keep on trying to put on a show for everyone.” No doubt, he will. **SJ**





# SYLVANIA

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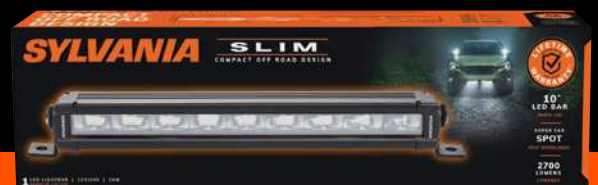


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# MR. PERFECT

## Kaden Wells Wins Every Race For The Pro Stock UTV Championship

BY MIKE VIEIRA

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**K**aden Wells' first season racing a Can-Am in SCORE events couldn't have gone much better for him, as he drove every mile of every race. The SCORE San Felipe 250 saw him have to deal with some axle problems, and he says, "There were quite a few cars that had issues, but it seemed like whoever got their car fixed first was going to be the one to win it." And, indeed Wells got his car going again in about 15 minutes, and other than stopping for fuel, he had a smooth cruise to finish first with nearly a 40-minute lead.



JACK WRIGHT/NMEDIAS



In the SCORE Baja 500, Wells tried to keep a steady pace, rather than outrun everyone else from the start. It paid off, as he was able to take the lead around the 200-mile mark. Another axle problem caused him to lose about 10 minutes while repairs were made, but his lead was large enough to that point it allowed him to easily earn another first-place finish. He believed the axle issues were caused by CV joints that were overextending and overheating, destroying the splines in the joints.

With the axle problem figured out, the SCORE Baja 400 went smoothly and was “all gas and go”, according to Wells. He took the lead about 85 miles into the race and maintained it to finish with a nearly 20-minute margin, despite having to make a stop for a quick flat fix.

Kaden’s first time driving the SCORE Baja 1000 solo saw the same kind of success he found in the earlier races. “This time it took us a little longer to get into the physical lead,” he said. “I think it was around mile 160 where we were able to pass and get into the lead.” The long race went smoothly for the team. “About 2:00 in





the morning, the long course was hard on the body, and with all the darkness, it was a little more exhausting,” said Wells. “Once the sun came up, everything was normal again. It was like I woke up again, but making it through the night was definitely the hardest part of that race.” Hard as it may have been, Wells managed to finish with more than a two-hour lead in the class.

His strategy of taking a rear start and spending the race passing everyone else in every race of the season obviously paid off as he rolled up the championship by accumulating the most overall UTV points for the year.

Wells is very happy running in the Stock Class, saying that it provides a level playing field for the competitors and that the race cars don't turn into “money pits”. Right now, he is waiting for the final 2025 rules to make sure his car will still fit the class, and if the parts from some of his new sponsors will be allowed. Depending on what happens, he may have to bump up a class for the new season but will plan to employ the same steady pace to chase another championship. As of now, he's not sure if he'll try to do the next SCORE Baja 1000 on his own, but he is planning to drive all the miles in the earlier races to hopefully duplicate his success. **SJ**







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# A CHAMPIONSHIP FOR CHILE

## Patricio Cabrera Wins The SCORE Pro Moto Ironman Championship

BY GABRIEL GARCÍA  
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**C**hile is a country with a rich history of great athletes, among which Patricio “Pato” Cabrera stands out. He previously conquered the Dakar Rally and now the deserts of Baja California’s peninsula, after winning the 2024 SCORE Desert World Championship in the Pro Moto Ironman Class.

Cabrera stated he was able to complete in all four rounds of the 2024 season thanks to a team effort, alongside people from “Fine Time” and Beto Verber. “It was a great experience, but it was very tough in Baja,” said Cabrera. “I was preparing for the SCORE Baja 1000, from the whoops in San Felipe to the rocky sections of the SCORE Baja 400 and Baja 500, gathering information to apply it to the Baja 1000.”

According to Cabrera, the formula for winning in the SCORE Pro Moto Ironman class involved extensive training on his motorcycle, but also beneath it, supported by an extraordinary team with great professionalism. “My team helped to avoid mistakes and bring the title home,” he said.





## FOR ALL OF CHILE

After winning the 2024 SCORE Desert World Championship, "Pato" states that this has never happened in Chile's off-road racing history. "It's the first time a Chilean has won this title, and for me, it's an honor to represent my country in every race," he said. "What better way than by giving them this important title. I hope it's the first of many."

Cabrera has not yet decided if he will defend his SCORE crown in 2025, but he would love to race all of SCORE's events again, thanking the support from the people in Mexico, as he has made new friends in the country during the season.

A very special factor for the official Kawasaki athlete is the support of his father, who accompanied him in all the races of the 2024 SCORE Desert World Championship, and always stood by him in his challenges. "Life goes by fast, and we must live it to the fullest." **SJ**





# A FAMILY TRADITION

## The Father And Son Team-Up To Win Another Class 5 Championship

BY GABRIEL GARCÍA  
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**e**li Yee is experiencing a special moment in SCORE International, having been crowned the Class 5 Champion for two back-to-back seasons. The most important aspect of this achievement, however, is that he accomplished it alongside his son, Eli Yee Junior.

Yee, born in Tijuana, Baja California, is one of the Mexican drivers with the most victories in recent years within SCORE. He revealed his "secret" for competing in every race for the checkered flag.





“The strategy is always to take care of the car and maintain a pace to stay in the lead, so that way, you can reach the finish line without issues, while also having a clean race,” said Yee.

He also highlighted the work of his teammates at Eli Yee Motorsports, who are very focused on each race. “Thanks to them, we don’t have any issues with the car, and we can achieve these wins.”

## PROUD OF HIS MEXICAN ROOTS

For Eli Yee, winning in SCORE as a Mexican driver is very important after a career filled with several championships and victories. “It’s just better now because I’m winning these titles with my son,” he said. “I enjoy it more this way.”

Regarding his plans for the 2025 SCORE World Desert Championship, Yee will fight to defend his crown in Class 5 alongside his son, Eli Junior, participating in the SCORE Baja 1000, Baja 500, San Felipe 250, and the Baja 400.

When asked about the time he shares behind the wheel of his race car with his son Yee mentioned that it is fun “but also a bit stressful, as each one of us has his driving style, although he always hands me the car in very good condition during a race. I hope to continue enjoying these special experiences with him throughout 2025.” **SJ**







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### Flemate Racing Wins Another SCORE Class 11 Championship

BY GABRIEL GARCÍA  
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**t**he Flemate Racing team from Maneadero, Baja California, Mexico has won multiple Class 11 races in SCORE International over the past two years with their driver Oliver Flemate. Although Flemate has stood out as a key figure in these victories, he says it has been a team effort to reach their latest back-to-back Class 11 Championship.





Flemate praised the work done in his team's workshop, as they always deliver a car in the best possible condition for race day. "This always makes it easier for us on the race course."

Another important factor in Flemate's success, along with his second driver, Antonio Espinoza, is the discipline they have achieved as a team, along with the efforts of every member of the No. 1100 car they call Trophy Vocho. This includes pre-running, pit stops, and even months of logistics for every SCORE race.

Flemate acknowledged that it was a childhood dream come true to win his first Class 11 Championship last year, and to repeat it is even more exciting. "A two-time Class Championship places us back at the top of SCORE in Class 11, which I believe is the toughest class in off-road racing. We are the true warriors of Baja," said Flemate.

When talking about Class 11, Flemate's eyes shine with a special glow, as this class is considered one of the most historic in the sport. "Racing a Class 11 requires being 100 percent physically and mentally prepared. It's always a challenge because each race is different, paired with vehicles that have 50-year-old technology. It's the true everyman's class of the Baja racing."

## TEAMING UP WITH CASTILLO

For the 2025 SCORE World Desert Championship, Oliver Flemate will race some events with his friend Ralph Castillo. "We're going to work to make it a SCORE champion, but we'll also race our car in the SCORE Baja 1000 and Baja 500, in addition to our Score Lite," he said.

On developing his skills driving a Class 11 through the deserts of Baja California's magical peninsula, Flemate believes he has improved from when he started. "You become faster and more consistent behind the wheel, now it's all about taking better care of the car while racing." **SJ**





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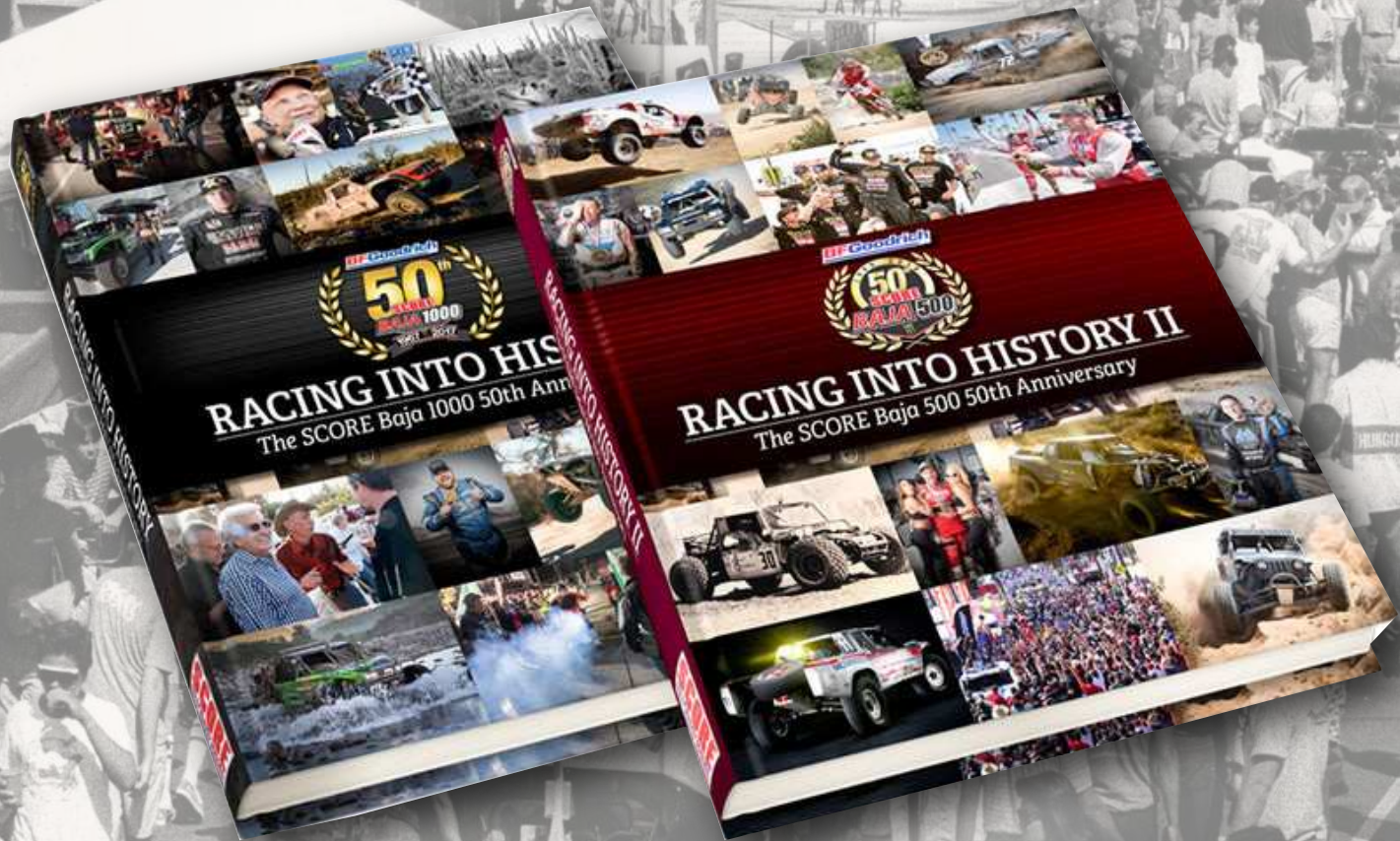




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# TOOLS OF THE TRADE

## Chase Trucks Are An Essential Tool For SCORE Race Teams

BY DAN SANCHEZ

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**S**ince the beginning of Baja racing, the ability to reach racers and their vehicles along stretches of the Baja desert has been a key element in achieving success. In the early days of Baja racing, small airplanes carried drums of fuel for teams and landed in designated areas to re-fuel race vehicles. After more development and infrastructure brought highways and additional roads to many areas of the Baja Peninsula, chase trucks became the way teams could reach their race vehicles throughout the desert.





Modern chase trucks are built to carry everything the team needs to make repairs on the fly. Over the years, teams have developed various strategies for their particular chase vehicles, including what to bring, practicing repairs and full parts swaps, and adopting an abundance of safety measures. The result is the ability to reach a race vehicle anywhere on the course, and have the spare parts and tools necessary to repair, rebuild, or replace any component of the race vehicle.

“When we build a chase truck, we think hard about it,” says Todd Gorsuch, Shop Manager for Terrible Herbst Motorsports. “When we’re racing, everything needs to be in that chase truck to keep our race vehicle going. We can carry a good portion of what goes in those race vehicles. When we start building our chase trucks, the first thing we do is mount the fuel tanks to carry auxiliary fuel for the chase truck itself and the vehicle we’re chasing.”

## PARTS FOR RACE VEHICLE TYPES

While teams need to pack everything they can think of in their chase vehicles, what they bring with them depends on the vehicle they are chasing. For example, a moto team will have different tools and spare parts than a chase team for a SCORE Trophy Truck. While wrenches, socket sizes, and suspension adjusters may differ from team to team most agree they like to use battery-powered impact wrenches for tires, external lighting when it gets dark, and lots of manual tools specific to the vehicle. “Battery impact and socket wrenches prevent us from having to have compressed air, which some trucks may not be able to carry in the volume and CFM needed,” said Gorsuch.

- **A typical chase truck has a custom bed with multiple compartments that are strategically placed for quick access to parts, tools, lighting, and more**

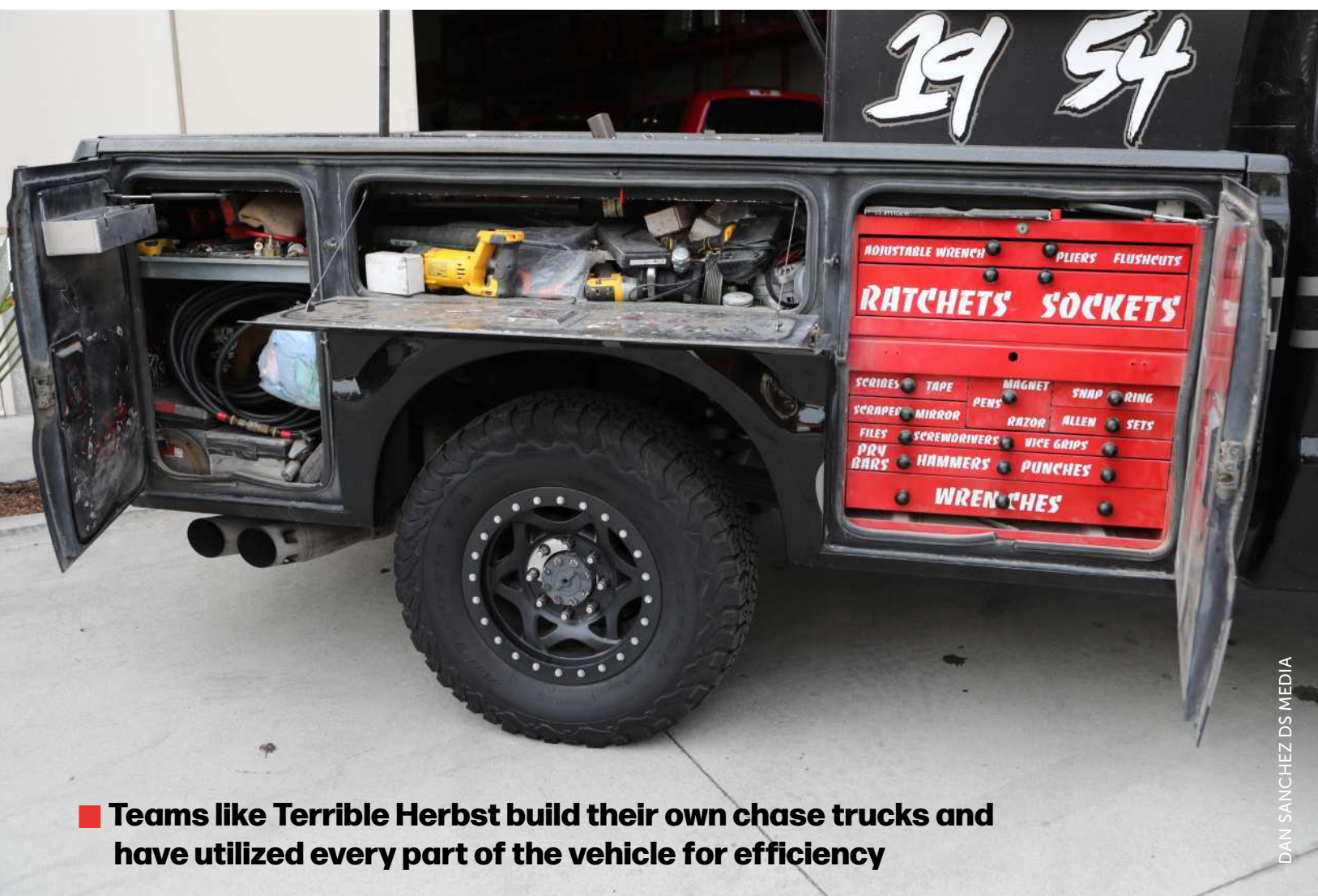




“Chase trucks for motorcycles have all the correct tools to replace everything on the bike,” says H.E.R.O. Racing team owner Giovanni Spinali. “The trucks have many parts bins with spare handlebars, grips, radiators, clutches, spare wheels, lubricants, and much more.” According to Spinali, the team had 15 chase vehicles made up of 4x4 trucks and vans, during the SCORE Baja 1000. “We also have specific chase trucks for the Pacific side of Baja or the Gulf side.”

Vildosola Motorsport’s Team Manager Steve Lewis says their team typically has six chase trucks to cover both Gustavo’s No. 1L Trophy Truck and Tavo’s No. 21 Trophy Truck in any given race. “Some of the trucks are used for pit stops while others chase the vehicles on or near the course,” says Lewis. “Our chase trucks carry everything from new 3rd members, spare trailing arms, alternators, starters, power steering box and pump, a complete transmission, differentials, fluids, and more.”

Many chase teams also have portable welders to make repairs to the frame or other chassis parts. If the chase truck is large enough, Moto and UTV teams can carry pre-runner cars and bikes that are replicas of the race units. “If there’s a crash that bends the frame, we can pull parts off the pre-runner to replace it,” says Spinali. “On races like a SCORE Baja 1000 Peninsula run, we make sure to have two spare bikes on each side of the peninsula chasing the race.”



■ Teams like Terrible Herbst build their own chase trucks and have utilized every part of the vehicle for efficiency



## LOGISTICS AND STRATEGY

Perhaps one of the hardest things about running a Chase Truck is proper coordination. Teams must gather their logistics such as the number of volunteers they have for a given race, the average fuel mileage of the vehicle they are chasing, getting competent mechanics, and a team captain who has greater knowledge of the vehicles to lead the chase team operation.

As an example, refueling the race vehicle is a coordinated aspect of a typical chase team and pit crew that is carefully planned for each race. "It's a huge team effort to get any of our racers to the finish line and win," says Spinali. "Motorcycles have a limited fuel supply and we have to plan to refuel our race bikes approximately every 45 miles. So it takes more people and chase vehicles to do that."

For SCORE Trophy Trucks, the fuel cells are larger and often take up most of the truck's rear chassis. "When we race, we have to set up fuel stops either at a pit which we carefully position on the course, or have one of the chase trucks run up ahead to be ready to re-fuel," says Lewis. "On average, a SCORE Trophy Truck can run for about 200 miles before needing a refuel."



■ One of Vildosola Racing's chase trucks with spares, fuel canisters, fire extinguishers, and more at the ready

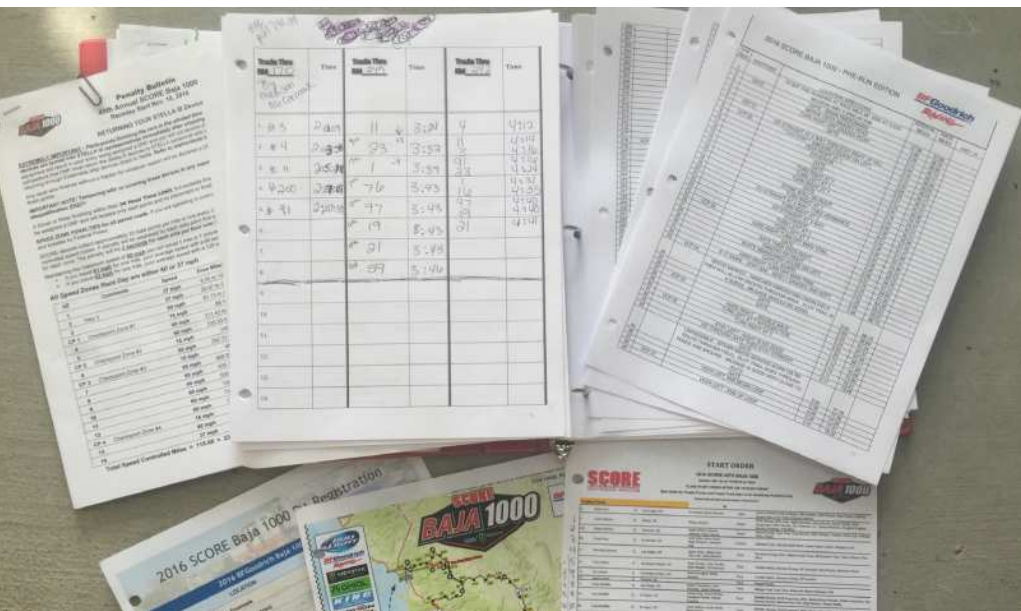
"Our chase trucks are built with larger fuel cells that carry enough fuel for both the race vehicles and the chase truck itself," adds Gorsuch. "Because we fabricate our own fuel cells, we also make sure the chase truck is properly grounded with straps that hang down from under the chassis. This properly grounds the truck to avoid any sparks. In addition, all team members in a pit also have full fire suits and helmets for safety."



## COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION

Coordinating all of this requires a structured game plan, one which all chase teams have. “We create a racebook that has all the info, safety precautions, and plans for a given race,” says Lewis. “We coordinate with our volunteers via email and they have the race book so they can study and familiarize themselves with before the race.”

“It’s very different on the course during pre-running and when the actual race is going on,” says Spinali. “Our chase teams must know where to set up the pits or where to get to designated areas beforehand. On race day, there may be hundreds of people lining the course and it may be hard to know where the rider is supposed to stop, so we also have to be out there with signage and wave them in.”



■ Chase teams use racebooks they create with all race information and contact information for each team and pit crew

In order for any coordination to happen, teams agree that communication is essential. Along with the pre-race game plan or book, a variety of the latest communication equipment is used to ensure their success. “Our racebook has everyone’s phone numbers and certain chase vehicles are assigned to an individual rider with a backup chase vehicle just in case,” adds Spinali. “Moto racers also have to exchange the tracking devices (SPICA units) at each rider change, so it’s important for us to have a team member who is in charge of taking the SPICA out of one rider’s backpack and adding it to the new rider’s pack, then communicating that this is done.”

“Despite all the tools, and spare parts that we can carry, the most important part of any chase truck is having good communication,” says Gorsuch. “We use everything from vehicle trackers, VHF radios, and MSAT radios to ensure communication with both the team and our drivers.”

“Like everything in off-road motorsports, it’s evolving and we can communicate much better with what is out there now like Starlink, Satellite phones, and more,” adds Lewis. “We’re also having a better time tracking the racing vehicles with new systems so we can know where they are going to be and determine how fast we can get there.”



## WHAT MAKES THE BEST CHASE TRUCK?

For the most part, a chase truck or vehicle can be anything that could carry parts and tools. Depending on the team many of the chase trucks can be the personal vehicles of one or more of the volunteers. Most of these are 4x4 pickups to carry as much as they can haul and have the ability to reach certain areas of the course in difficult terrain.



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- **Ford 3/4 and 1-ton 4x4 trucks are popular trucks used as chase vehicles, either with the factory bed or a custom built truck bed box**

Many teams have 3/4 or 1-ton trucks that have a custom box replacing the bed. Large teams like Terrible Herbst have fabricators to build their own specialty bed boxes and mounts for equipment. Others use custom bed box builders which have pre-made bed boxes that fit specific vehicles but can accommodate custom changes to how doors open, where tools are mounted, etc. There also has to be room for full-size spare tires and fuel canisters so the design of these bed boxes for chase trucks is critical.



Ford Raptors also seem to be a popular chase vehicle for many teams. The off-road capability of these vehicles allow teams to get into difficult terrain in order to reach race vehicles. "We have three of them on the chase team," says Lewis. "They can get onto the areas of the course when necessary, and also carry two full-size spares, fuel and fluids."

It seems inevitable that as the technologies of the race vehicles improve, so must the chase trucks they use to service them. Faster vehicles on the course means having to get to them just as fast when they need assistance. While most chase truck technology and logistics happens behind the scenes, the chase truck and chase teams remain the backbone of any race effort. Those attention to details and logistics, often lead to a team winning a race and earning a class Championship. **SJ**



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**F**or more than 50 years, the Riviera de Ensenada Social, Civic and Cultural Center has been the site of the start of the SCORE-International off-road races with the SCORE Baja 1000, the SCORE Baja 500 and the SCORE Baja 400, where hundreds of competitors from more than nine countries participate.

Hence, the city of Ensenada has been named the World Off-Road Racing Capital, with the Riviera de Ensenada being the welcome site for participants, organizers and municipal authorities, who give the official starting signal in each edition.

The former Hotel Playa is a facility that has been part of the Artistic Heritage of the Nation since 2011 and Cultural Heritage of the State of Baja California since 2014. In its early days it was compared to hotels such as the famous Monte Carlo in Paris, France.

During its early years, the hotel was recovering from the economic crisis resulting from the changes in the capital of Baja California and the economic recession in the United States. It managed to recover thanks to the fishing and tourist industry that came in search of food, drink, and fun as it was the only casino in the port.

This attracted very well-known visitors of the time, from politicians and businessmen to Mexican and Hollywood movie stars, due to the proximity to the border. They arrived by sea aboard private yachts or by air on "The Maddox," an aircraft that landed on the beach during low tides.



Some of the celebrities who visited the Riviera were Charley Chaplin, Dolores del Río, Marion Davis, William Hearst, Merle Norman, Jonny Weismuller, Mirna Loy, Arthur Hornblow, Lucile Ball, Desi Arnal, Lana Turner, Ali Khan and Geni Tierne, among others.

During the first three years, the hotel and casino were successful due to the increase in visitors who came for fun and intoxicating drinks, since

Prohibition reigned in the United States, so it was a time of prosperity.

In 1933 the President of Mexico, General Lázaro Cárdenas, prohibited gambling in the country, and the hotel closed in 1938, as it couldn't sustain itself.

At this stage, the deterioration of the hotel, its facilities, its gardens began, and everything began to fall prey to the humidity and dust. Even the administration went through serious financial problems and numerous embargoes.

During those times, in 1948, Mr. Jerome A. Utlely, a septuagenarian bachelor, gave the building by public deed to Mrs. Marjorie King Plant, who inspired the traditional cocktail called "Margarita" and who, due to business interests, married Mr. Alfonso Rocha and reopened the building with the new name of Hotel Riviera del Pacífico.

It is said that this well-known international drink was created on August 21, 1948, and is attributed to a bartender who was in love with Marjorie, and to please her one day while she was sitting at the bar of the "Andaluz", he created it in her honor.

From 1949 to 1964, another administration and a good period of the hotel began, but without a casino. Instead, it opened up more to the Ensenada society, where they began to celebrate the famous "Blanco y Negro" dance, which was organized annually by the Rotarian Ladies, the first of these being on October 31.

In addition to this, it was the venue for the celebrations of the Emperador Club, weddings, Quincieneras, concerts, cultural events, conventions and parties of the society with the greatest economic resources in the town, mainly in the Cathedral and Casino halls.

It was not until 1978, after a long period of abandonment and looting, that it was decided to give life to the building, thanks to the architect Jorge Swain, then head of the Board of Material Improvements, who decided to clean part of the hotel to use it.

From that year on, on September 22, the Hotel Riviera del Pacífico was converted by Presidential Decree into the Riviera de Ensenada Social, Civic and Cultural Center. In 1979 it passed into the hands of the State Government under the mandate of Roberto de la Madrid Romandía, who in 1980 placed it under the custody of a board headed by Mr. Guillermo Corral who administered it until 1990.





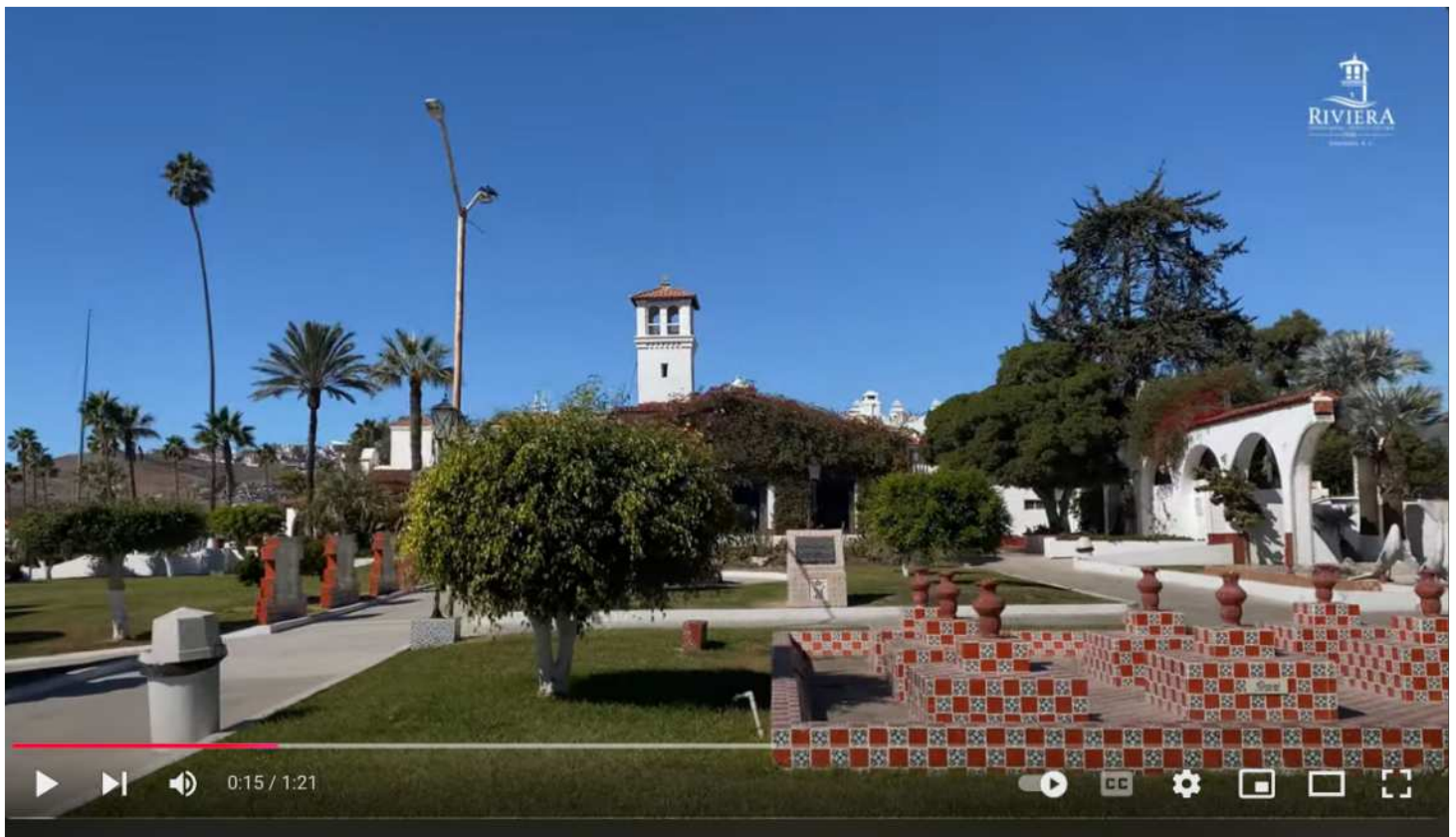
Once the Cathedral Hall was conditioned, on August 14, 1981, the 50th anniversary of its inauguration was belatedly celebrated; while in 1992, a state decree was signed in which the property was ceded to the Municipality of Ensenada.

Shortly after, José Luis Fernández Bandini was appointed as administrator, who for 14 years dedicated himself to improving and beautifying the building and its extensive gardens. Upon his death, his son José Luis Fernández Ruiz succeeded him, who in turn began maintenance tasks and the official procedures with the Federal Government so that the now INBAL would declare it an Artistic Monument of Mexico in the aforementioned year.

The Riviera is today admired by thousands of visitors, North American tourists who arrive by boat, who come to learn about part of the history since its creation, in its time of glamour and prosperity.

It is also the site of different cultural and social events that involve music, gastronomy and wine. The Andaluz Bar, one of the oldest in Baja California with 94 years of history, also receives local people, crowding on Wednesdays who come to the 2x1 promotion on margaritas, the most emblematic drink of this place.

The Riviera exudes beauty in its architecture, the detail in its works that are captured on walls and ceilings, murals, chandeliers, pieces of tiles; glamour from the era of Hollywood artists, a time of prosperity that continues to offer so many stories to tell that it is well worth visiting and discovering its most intimate secrets.





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# SAN QUINTÍN

**S**an Quintín, declared a municipality in 2023 with an extension of 32,953.25 square kilometers. It is one of the most gastronomically, culturally and geographically diverse places in Baja California.

A paradise where you will find the cold and wild coasts of the Pacific Ocean, passing through deserts, oasis and valleys where you will be accompanied by giant Cirios, a species of endemic fauna, until you reach the warm and crystalline waters of the Gulf of California, home of the whale shark.

## ECOTOURISM

Visitors have a variety of outdoor activities to do with amazing natural views such as volcano hiking, bird watching in nature reserves like Punta Mazo, visit virgin beaches and explore the wetlands by kayak.

South of the municipality is La Lobera, home to thousands of sea lions, following the road you can find archaeological sites such as Mesa del Carmen where our ancestors carved part of their life and customs in rocks arriving at Bahía de los Angeles you can take boat rides where you will swim and be in contact with the impressive whale shark and other marine species.





## **GASTRONOMY**

The diversity that exists in the municipality makes the cuisine have unmatched richness and authenticity.

The seas generate species unique to the region such as the Pismo clam, being the largest producer of oyster and other species of mollusks.

Vegetables, berries and legumes are harvested in the fields. This makes the freshness of the sea and the fertility of the fields merge to create unique flavors at the hands of chefs from restaurants such as Jardines Baja, Cueva del Pirata, Finca de Terra , Kuu Pauu, Posada Don Diego, Molino Viejo, among others. And places like Barra de Piedra, Mariscos el Ruso and Los Humedales, offer diners the flavor and freshness of the sea in each of their dishes.

San Quintin not only stands out and captivates for its gastronomy and landscapes, it is also a great producer of quality craft beer. Some of the Valley's brewers are Circulo Cerrado, Pocima, Contramar Brewery's , Sape Beer, Marea and Wiwis Cerveceria, which create beer flavors using regional products, such as Berry Breeze from Marea, a Fruit Beer style , refreshing to the palate with light notes of berries and, Nautilus from Wiwis Cerveceria, a dark Oyster Stout style beer, with flavors and notes of chocolate, coffee and oyster.

In addition to craft beers, visitors can enjoy wines made in the region. Among the main wineries is Vinicola Becerra, which has a wide variety of wines, tours and tastings in their vineyards, as well as Finca de Terra and Love Vino artesanal.





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JARDINES BAJA	<a href="#">616 165 1651</a>	<a href="#">12:00 PM - 23:00 PM</a>		SAN QUINTIN
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EL MESÓN CON SABOR A MÉXICO	616 126 5210			EL ROSARIO
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