

Randy Merritt and Mongo Racing return to the Podium at the BITD Blue Water Desert Challenge

The 2014 Best In The Desert - Blue Water Resort and Casino - “Blue Water Desert Challenge” in Parker AZ hosted Randy Merritt and Mongo Racing’s best finish of the year. In the weeks of September Merritt was looking forward to this year’s Desert Challenge with a hunger to return to the podium at the event that took place on October 9-12, 2014. Since the start of the 2014 Best In The Desert Racing Association season Merritt has had the worst of Racing Luck and his worst season start since 2007, but that’s all changed now.



Merritt started the weekend by placing 4th in his class at qualifying on Thursday’s 3.5 mile loop through the desert in his Class 7200 KC Hilites General Tire truck. Merritt was excited about the race and how his truck was performing with the upgrades from CURRIE Enterprises and Hughes Transmission.

Saturday morning brought the first of 2 days of racing, 3 laps around the course for a total of 76 miles each day, and in this format this was a desert sprint race. The course was laid out over terrain that would challenge some of the best built machines in the desert and break many.

Before Saturday’s race Merritt said, “The guys and I have been putting in the extra time and effort to change our luck and put our truck in a position to challenge for the win. We know we have the truck and team to be competitive.”

Merritt started 4th in class, but 9th on the grid of 38 as the race combined vehicles from Class 1000, 7200 and 8000 in order of their qualifying time. After the first day Merritt finished 4th in class and only 1 minute and 40 seconds out of the lead in Class 7200.



On Day 2 of the event Merritt started from the 7th position in the combined race format. Merritt battled through the dust, sand and rocks that made up this desert style short course to take the lead on corrected, but at the end of the second day finished in second place only 34 seconds out of 1st place.

On the podium Merritt said he was glad to be near the front and competing for the win. Merritt thanked his crew and sponsors for the help and dedication as he and his team fought back to a very respectable 2nd place finish.

Mongo Racing's next event will be the BITD Henderson 250 near Las Vegas NV, December 5-7, 2014.

The Mongo Racing Class 7200 Unlimited Ford number 7281 is sponsored by KC HiLiTes, General Tires, CURRIE Enterprises, TNC Machine, ICON Vehicle Dynamics, Trail Ready Bead Lock Wheels, Kincaid Racing Engines, Yukon, JAMAR Brakes, The Converter Shop, Hughes Performance Transmissions, FK Rodends, Maxima Oils, K&N Filters, F&L Racing Fuels, All Coat, and MSD Ignition.

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