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**37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRAM ROAD CHALLENGE RESULTS**

**PALM SPRINGS, CA** (October 19, 2024) The winner of today’s **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Palm Springs Aerial Tram Road Challenge** was **Conner Blalock**, who ran the **“World’s Toughest 6K”** in **29 minutes, 56 seconds**. The first female to cross the finish line was D’Arcy Hlavin in 39 minutes, 33 seconds. Demetrius Bribiesca finished first in the youngest category (19 and under) and Cherie Gruenfeld finished first in the oldest category (80-99).

This year’s Male and Female Challenge Division Winners are:

Age Groups	Name	City	Time
19 and under M	Demetrius Bribiesca	Joshua Tree, CA	00:35:15
19 and under F	Iona Hutton	Palm Desert, CA	00:52:28
20-24 M	Ricardo Franco	Cathedral City, CA	00:50:06
20-24 F	Biannca Guintu	Rancho Mirage, CA	00:42:11
25-29 M	Ethan Waters	Los Angeles, CA	00:34:41
25-29 F	Chanel Dupont	Cathedral City, CA	00:50:06
30-34 M	Dennis Roth	San Diego, CA	00:35:30
30-34 F	Adriana Marquez	Rancho Mirage, CA	00:45:00
35-39 M	Eric Ogle	Hemet, CA	00:38:55
35-39 F	Lacey Orson	Palm Desert, CA	00:48:31
40-44 M	Sean Long	South Pasadena, CA	00:35:02
40-44 F	Janice Ng	Honolulu, HI	00:42:12
45-49 M	Jose Soto	Palm Springs, CA	00:40:41
45-49 F	Kimberly Mileti	Palm Desert, CA	00:41:51
50-54 M	Troy Fritzel	Anchorage, AK	00:37:49
50-54 F	Catalina Stevenson	Phoenix, AZ	00:41:51
55-59 M	Ricardo Rodriguez	Palm Springs, CA	00:37:28
55-59 F	Tania McCormick	Rancho Mirage, CA	00:43:58
60-64 M	Rich Suddock	Anchorage, AK	00:38:20
60-64 F	Ellen Trecha	Charlevoix, MI	00:47:15
65-69 M	John Groeneveld	Canmore	00:43:09
65-69 F	Cynthia Marriott	Torrance, CA	00:47:54
70-74 M	James Maxwell	San Diego, CA	00:48:45
70-74 F	Sandy Robbins-Sydney	Apple Valley, CA	00:54:16
75-79 M	Paul Beer	Palm Springs, CA	00:52:55
75-79 F	Jeanne Maxwell	San Diego, CA	01:04:40
80-99 F	Cherie Gruenfeld	Cathedral City, CA	01:06:45

The first Tram Road Challenge was held in 1983, and was won by Rob Slick in 27 minutes, 35 seconds and Nancy Baird in 35 minutes, 25 seconds. The fastest men's time was set by Rubin Garcia of Mexico—26 minutes, 5 seconds—in 1987. Lubov Kremleva of Russia set the fastest women's time—28 minutes, 56 seconds in 1998.

**841** runners and walkers entered the 2024 Tram Road Challenge.

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**About Palm Springs Aerial Tramway**

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway is the world's largest rotating tram car. Opened in 1963, the Tram's 80-passenger cars travel along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon from the Valley Station (elevation 2,643 ft.) to the Mountain Station (elevation 8,516 ft.) in approximately 10 minutes. For more information, please call 888.515.TRAM or 760.325.1391, or visit us at. Also, download the free mobile tour now available in the App Store/Google Play.

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