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38TH ANNUAL TRAM ROAD CHALLENGE RESULTS

PALM SPRINGS, CA (October 18, 2025) The winner of today's **38th Annual Palm Springs Aerial Tram Road Challenge** was **Blake Dignes**, who ran the **"World's Toughest 6K"** in **31 minutes, 2 seconds**. The first female to cross the finish line was D'Arcy Hlavin in 38 minutes, 16 seconds. Nathan Casimiro 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	Nathan Casimiro	Cathedral City, CA	00:36:59
19 and under F	Emma Ayeni	Palm Desert, CA	00:52:10
20-24 M	Jaime Gonzalez	Rancho Mirage, CA	00:40:42
20-24 F	Airlen Franco	Cathedral City, CA	00:53:58
25-29 M	Sander K	Cathedral City, CA	00:35:01
25-29 F	Alice Rodriguez	Cathedral City, CA	00:53:23
30-34 M	Jose Vieyra	Cathedral City, CA	00:33:53
30-34 F	Norma Barbee	Indio, CA	00:49:21
35-39 M	Joshua Acosta	Prescott, AZ	00:34:13
35-39 F	Alexandria Silvestrin	Palm Springs, CA	00:50:04
40-44 M	Russell Baughman	Cathedral City, CA	00:34:31
40-44 F	Rebecca Vellios	Palm Desert, CA	00:52:30
45-49 M	James Graff-Radford	Indio, CA	00:39:56
45-49 F	Letiwe Patton	Indio, CA	00:46:15
50-54 M	Eric Jannon	Santa Monica, CA	00:41:22
50-54 F	Kristen Trubee	Palm Desert, CA	00:45:34
55-59 M	Anthony Tanner	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	00:35:46
55-59 F	Mamiko Berger	Sedona, AZ	00:43:13
60-64 M	Clifford Grant	Palm Springs, CA	00:43:34
60-64 F	Christina Christina	Portland, OR	00:53:13
65-69 M	Rob Erlich	Manteca, CA	00:48:05
65-69 F	Jelka Jonker	Palm Springs, CA	00:49:51
70-74 M	David Byrnes	Terrigal, AUS	00:49:48
70-74 F	Sandy Robbins-Sydney	Apple Valley, CA	00:58:33
75-79 M	Paul Beer	Palm Springs, CA	00:50:13
75-79 F	Jeanne Leslie	Idyllwild, CA	01:00:20
80-99 M	Patrick Bivona	Cypress, CA	01:21:14
80-99 F	Cherie Gruenfeld	Cathedral City, CA	01:01:03

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.

953 runners and walkers entered the 2025 Tram Road Challenge.

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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 www.pstramway.com. Also, download the Tramway's free mobile tour in the App Store or Google Play.

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