



Dirt Pass

Volunteer of the Month Laurie Ream

Why did you join?

This is my second time back because I have a full blown, out of control passion for dirt racing!

Favorite volunteer position?

Safety along the course! I'm not afraid to get dirty. I like being there to help keep the drivers safe.

Favorite course?

Land's End, Grand Junction

Favorite class?

All of them! Each class has their own uniqueness, speed, style—I can't single one out.

Dream race car?

Rally Car, Brett Ream driving, me as co-driver.

Favorite memories?

At the end of practice on Saturdays, when a group of officials get together for dinner & silliness, great times, with great people. Hope to make new memories, with new friends in 2020.



Playin' In The Dirt by Malissa Burnell

Hill climb racing has always been a part of my life. As a child, summers meant packing up the truck once a month and going to the races. My brother and I always looked forward to them and getting to spend time with friends. The pits became our playground, racing back and forth, chasing each other, and grabbing snacks to prepare for the rest of the day's activities that only sometimes involved watching the race. In Victor, we climbed down into the little canyon to dig for silver clay, or clambered to the top of rock piles to get a view of the start line. At Land's End, we sprinted off into the red rocks to hunt for lizards, or hiked down the trail to the creek below. Eventually, we'd come back to bug mom, who was somehow always in the timing car and couldn't be interrupted, for something to eat, before running off again.

As we got older, we started to help out some more, and were ready to jump in the truck to go up the road and watch a run on a



moment's notice. Gone were the days of sleeping in the dirt, but we still couldn't figure out why it took so long for the adults to load things up and head back to the hotel—the racing was over, we had swimming to do. Then, we got our own cars, life got busy, and we didn't go as much. After not going for a few years, I started to miss it. I was excited to go back, wanting to see old friends and help out. When we introduced transponders for timing, I volunteered one race to read them at the finish line. After a few races, I began to enjoy the task—being able to move around more and having to work at a faster pace was fun. I also got to know the drivers better, and it was fun to watch them interact with each other, sharing their experiences, comparing times, and learning from one another. At certain times when I needed help, I knew I could ask any of them to grab a time for me, run down and ask a driver a question, or bring up a safety cone strapped in like a co-driver in the passenger seat (lunch for the ladies at the start line also conveniently fits in that seat). I learned about who they are as people, and got just as caught up in the competition as they did, grinning when the latest time was faster by just a few hundredths of a second and the question, "what did he get?!" was asked before the car even pulled away.

So here we are again, itching for the start of another race season. As secretary this year, I am excited to be able to help push the club forward, knowing the amount of kind, dedicated people that help make it up. We find ourselves in a hard spot right now, worried about the virus and its lasting effects on the year. But I am hopeful that should the season be different than usual, it will not dampen our drive to compete with friends and play in the dirt. We've got more good times ahead of us than bad, so buckle up, look to the next corner, keep pushing forward, and I'll see you at the top.



My grandfather, Jack Guynn



My uncle, Jack Guynn



My father, Mike, and my uncle Jack



Photo by Rebecca Condoluci

Driver of the Month Brad Ames

Looking forward to his fifth season with the hill climb, Brad Ames joined CHCA in 2016 driving Rally Turbo #720. Brad started in the local Colorado Rally Cross series in 2014 and 2015 and entered the hill climb to take the next step up and run in faster events. Racing in CHCA gave him a taste of what it was like to drive a Rally car like the series he had grown up watching, and a fun way to connect with his father and co-driver, Tom Ames. In the last few

years, Brad says he's learned a lot. The most important lessons have been realizing that there is always room for improvement, and that sometimes the fastest runs feel the slowest as you realize you have a better idea of the course. He's also learned that "the best friends are the ones that will crawl with you through the mud in the dark to fix the car for the next day and keep you laughing when you're close to giving up." Brad says his favorite roads have been C.O.R.E. and Rangely. He appreciated C.O.R.E. for the variety in surfaces, from hard-packed dirt to sand, and for the changing layout with tight sections, large, full throttle corners, hills, and straightaways. Rangely offers some of the same challenges, and as it's a new course to the club, it puts everyone on the same learning curve. Over the last five years, a few memories stick out, including the times he was on two wheels, close to the edge, double bouncing jumps at C.O.R.E. or when he tore off a front wheel there in 2016. For the 2020 season, he's anticipating a larger Rally Turbo class and looks forward to an exciting year. Brad has set his sights toward being a tough competitor, and is working hard to make the car and himself faster.

Club News

2020 Season Schedule Changes

Due to the health and safety concerns surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), we have made some changes to the 2020 schedule.

April 7th Meeting

-Canceled

Technical Inspections:

-April 18th: Postponed

-April 25th: Postponed

Temple Canyon, May 16-17

-Currently not canceled or postponed

-We are working on alternative options should anything change

**If we all work together
and take the proper
precautions, we'll be
racing again in no time!**

New Unlimited Class

- Takes the place of the Exhibition class
- Any vehicle entered in this class must follow the general car construction rules.
- If you would like to double enter your vehicle, this will be your second class. Open Comp is now Open Wheel and is restricted to that vehicle type
- If you have a vehicle that doesn't fit into any of the other class categories, ask the Technical Inspection Director if this is the class for you.
- For all details on the class construction rules, visit our website for the the 2020 Rulebook

2020 Season Pass

Temple Canyon: May 16-17 Continental Divide: July 11-12
Rangely I: June 6-7 Lands End: August 8-9
Rangely II: September 12-13

CHCA
COLORADO HILL CLIMB ASSOCIATION

Saturday Qualifying - Green Flag 7:30am
Sunday Finals - Green Flag 9:00am

We are excited to announce Season Passes for 2020! Each pass is \$60 and includes 5 tickets. They will be for sale at the ticket gate and driver check-in.

2020 Program

- We still need driver photos! You can email them to chcaracingsecretary@gmail.com or via text.
- **Deadline has been moved: April 15, 2020**

**Wash your hands and
stay inside, you've got
cars to build anyway!**

