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## ***Prairie City Race Series***



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FOLSOM, CA – On this 20<sup>th</sup> year of providing competitive, innovative and fun grassroots mountain bike racing for the greater Sacramento cycling community, the Prairie City Race Series (PCRS) announces a new, electrified twist for the final four weeks of this season's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Series.

For the first time in the history of the PCRS, as well as in the history of mountain bike racing in the United States for that matter, we are offering an Electric Bike category (open class). It will be e-biker vs. e-biker for the final four races of our ten race series, beginning with the May 20<sup>th</sup> race.

E-mountain bikes, within the traditional mountain biking community while controversial for having low power, pedal-assist motors may find a niche within the OHV park system. Because our races take place at the Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area, e-mountain bikes are perfectly suitable for this race series, as its own category. California State Parks has approved this additional category for our event.

"We know e-MTB's are coming to America and Sacramento," said Bicycling Events' Competition Committee Manager, Jeff Barker. "While we don't think they are suitable for our area's non-motorized trail systems, it made sense to give early adopters of e-MTB's a place to compete with one another, while letting others see what these e-bikes are all about."

The Prairie City Race Series has always prided itself on innovation and customer satisfaction, beginning back in 1995 with one of the first mid-week MTB race series in the country, and followed with everything from team competition and costume racing, to chip timing, drone video coverage, and instant results. Today, PCRS remains California's largest mid-week MTB race series, with upwards of 500 racers showing up for 10 weeks of competition.

"Someone has to be the first to offer an e-bike category," said Barker. "It might as well be PCRS. Prairie City SVRA is a perfect venue for e-bikes. They wouldn't be suitable for any other NorCal venue I can think of. Hopefully some people who can't ride a bike as fast as they'd like will take advantage of it!"

The E-Bike Open Class is available to all ages. E-bikes must have fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750W (1hp) and a top motor powered speed of 20 m.p.h. when operated by a rider weighing 170 lbs.

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