

# Winter 2018



## Be Prepared for an Early Start to a Lively 2019 Road Season

The 2019 road season is going to begin early, as TBRA returns to Huntsville for the [Alabama Wheelman TT](#) on February 9th. This event is the first points race on the 2019 TBRA road calendar. Be sure to bring your whole crew with you because there will be a team time trial as well!



New on the calendar is the [Sumatanga Road Race Series](#), beginning January 26th. This three-race series in Gallant, AL is a non-points race, ranging from 30-60 miles depending on race category and is great way to get those race legs ready early in the season!

On the State Championship front, the 2019 road race state championship will be heading to Sparta, TN for the first time. [The Aaron Shafer Memorial Road Race](#), traditionally a spring race, will host the State Championship on July 27, 2019. The state championship criterium will return to [Rockabilly Gran Prix](#) on Sunday June 9, 2019. Stay tuned to the TBRA webpage for some exciting final additions to the calendar coming soon.

## Renew your Racing License Soon—MTB Seasons Begins in Just a Few Weeks!

The mountain discipline isn't for the fair weathered rider. The season will kick off with [The Montgomery Bell TT Series](#), beginning Sunday, January 13th. This year's mountain calendar boasts some new events and new venues; Some of which are the new courses featured in the [Trail Builder TT series](#). Cedar Hill in Madison and Barfield Park in Murfreesboro will be promising additions to this middle Tennessee series beginning March 17th.

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## An Epic 2018 CX Season Comes to a Close

The 2018 TBRA cyclocross season wrapped up with the state championships at CX The Farm in Whites Creek. Sloppy conditions, combined with abundant sunshine, made for a perfect end to the year. Free food and adult beverages made for a proper celebration of another year of great cyclocross racing in Tennessee.

Fifteen races were on the slate, stretching from Johnson City to Chattanooga to Memphis and, of course, Middle Tennessee. This included the new night race in Fayetteville, called Gears and Fears, the first "after dark" race in many years.

Congratulations to those who represented Tennessee at the National CX Championships in Louisville, KY, December 11th-16th. Joe Creason Park, just southeast of downtown Louisville, proved to have some of the muddiest conditions some southerners have ever experienced.



TBRA would like to thank all of the race promoters for their hard work and dedication to the sport. We'd also like to thank all of the racers who toe the line week after week. We're already working on 2019, so recruit a friend or two and introduce them to the cycling discipline that knows how to wear you out, but leave you with a smile on your face every time.

**Happy New Year! Wishing you health, watts, and happiness in 2019.**