



## March Brings the Season's First XC Mountain Bike Race

The TBRA Mountain Bike series commenced in January with the first of three monthly winter time trials at Montgomery Bell and the first race in the Trail Builder Time Trial series. Trail conditions were perfect for the new Chickasaw TT and the first cross country race at the Chickasaw Trace Classic.

Check out current series standings [here](#).

Early season races continue with a new time trial on a new trail in KY: [Drop the Hammer at Bo Beckett](#).

May brings another cross country race; [Aivana](#) is in its second year in Kingsport. Be sure to check this one out--they say you can hear the wolves from the trail at dusk. Another Trail Builder TT event will also be held in May.

Don't forget to invite junior racers to attend these events. Most races give a discount to juniors--some are even free. A one-day license is required and runs \$10, or a junior annual license is only \$35. For more information about licenses, visit [USA Cycling](#).



Stay tuned for the rescheduled date for the Trail Builder TT at Cedar Hill. Check out the TBRA mountain bike race schedule [here!](#)

## Tennessee's First Omnium of the Season Kicks off in Oak Ridge; Leads out Another Exciting Season

A small last minute course change and some additional climbing did not thwart racers from gearing up for 2019's first Omnium in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on March 23rd & 24th. With an early start consisting of The Sumatanga Road Race series beginning in January and The Alabama Wheelmen Time Trial in February, the 2019 road season is well underway!



Bring the entire family to Nashville on May 4th & 5th for a weekend of crit races, food trucks, artisans, and music. [The Max Gander Memorial Criterium](#) in Sevier Park coincides with [Sevier Park Fest](#)—a free event including concerts, food, and of course, bike racing. The following day, make your way to Cedar Hill Park for [The Cedar Hill Criterium](#). The Promoter, Hattie B's Racing always promises a great time, including food trucks, great payouts, a competitive field, and live commentating.

On the state championship front, The [Rockabilly Grand Prix](#) is once again hosting the state championship criterium on June 9th in Jackson, TN. It boasts a fast, fun course with a small, uphill sprint finish! The state TT is once again in Dover, TN. This year's state road race takes off in Sparta, TN at the [Aaron Shafer Memorial Road Race](#). The course includes plenty of rollers and opportunities to make that break!

Click on the [TBRA race schedule](#) and results page to see the full 2019 race line-up!

## TBRA Adds Women's Masters Road BAR Series

Women, who are 40+, will have multiple opportunities to race with their age-group peers in 2019, and will have a chance to earn one of the coveted red jerseys, thanks to a new category added to the TBRA Best Area Rider (BAR) Series.

TBRA points earned in the women's masters events will count toward the BAR series and will also count toward the Team of the Year team points.

Races will be offered in a variety of formats, from a separate women's masters field to being combined with another field. As the masters field grows, promoters could be encouraged to provide a separate field at all events.

The series is made possible by participating promoters, along with the Title Sponsor, Empower Electric; Gold Sponsors: MOAB Masters Racing, Southern Velo, and Tennessee Women's Cycling Project; and Silver Sponsor Alabama Wheelmen Women's Racing.

[5/4 Max Gander Memorial Criterium Crit](#)

[6/1 and 6/2 Johnson City Omnium Road Race, Time Trial, Crit, and Omnium](#)

[6/9 Rockabilly Gran Prix Jackson TN State Championship Crit](#)

[6/23 Alabama Wheelmen Criterium](#)

[7/6 Tennessee State Championship Time Trial](#)

[7/7 Espinazo del Diablo aka Devil's Backbone Road Race](#)

[7/20 Three River Rumble Time Trial and Criterium](#)

[7/27 Aaron Shafer Memorial Road Race Road Race and Time Trial](#)

[7/28 Cookeville Criterium Crit](#)

[8/24 and 8/25 Village VW of Chattanooga River Gorge Omnium Time Trial, Crit, Road Race, and Omnium](#)

Check individual race flyers for more information.

## Tennessee's Steven Bassett Showing Strong Wins in Pro Field.

Knoxville native Steven Bassett (First Internet Bank Cycling) started off the season strong with a big win at the coveted Stage 3 climb to Oak Glen at the Redlands Cycling Classic. Following his win at Oak Ridge, Bassett took the Stage 1 win on Thursday in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the Joe Martin Stage Race. Ultimately, he was able to hold his lead for the entire weekend, taking the overall GC in the Pro field.



Bassett is one of a number of Tennessee racers who represented last week at the Joe Martin Stage Race.

[Click here](#) to view full results.