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39TH ANNUAL TRAM ROAD CHALLENGE RESULTS

PALM SPRINGS, CA (October 17, 2026) The winner of today's **39th Annual Palm Springs Aerial Tram Road Challenge** was **Amelio Chio** of Cathedral City who ran the **"World's Toughest 6K"** in **28 minutes, 8 seconds**. The second-place male finisher was J.J. Santana of Henderson, NV, and third place was Alberto Martinez of Coachella. The first-place female finisher was **Jade Belzberg** of Fort Langley, BC with a time of **30 minutes, 42 seconds**. The second-place female finisher was Camille Shiflett of Quilcene, WA, and third place was Paulina Ansley of Palm Desert.

This year's Male and Female Challenge Division Winners are:

Age Groups	Name	City	Time
19 and under M	Nathan Casimiro	Cathedral City, CA	00:34:51
19 and under F	Gwen Rouse	Delano, CA	00:45:35
20-24 M	Kyle Samida	East Meadow, NY	00:37:10
20-24 F	Mia Limon	Rancho Mirage, CA	00:50:03
25-29 M	Dominick Servin	La Quinta, CA	00:40:22
25-29 F	Jasmine Owings	Palm Springs, CA	00:47:21
30-34 M	Jose Vieyra	Cathedral City, CA	00:37:40
30-34 F	Betania Rizo	Indio, CA	00:43:28
35-39 M	Nickademus De La Rosa	Langley, VA	00:33:21
35-39 F	Zarabeth Hurtado	Cathedral City, CA	00:44:04
40-44 M	Leonel Casimiro	Cathedral City, CA	00:36:24
40-44 F	Jennifer Irvine	Morongo Valley, CA	00:41:36
45-49 M	Perry Scanlon	Cathedral City, CA	00:40:53
45-49 F	Letiwe Patton	Indio, CA	00:42:57
50-54 M	Alex Greaney	Riverside, CA	00:41:23
50-54 F	Jennifer Reinhardt	Encinitas, CA	00:56:29
55-59 M	Tim Jacobson	Avon, CO	00:41:37
55-59 F	Mamiko Berger	Sedona, AZ	00:42:49
60-64 M	Richard Suddock	Anchorage, AK	00:39:33
60-64 F	Maria Himelman	Cathedral City, CA	00:47:13
65-69 M	Bill Carlson	La Quinta, CA	00:40:51
65-69 F	Susan Nelson	Palm Springs, CA	00:58:37
70-74 M	Charles Springer	Whittier, CA	00:52:51
70-74 F	Jamie Riedell	Bloomington, IL	00:57:08
75-79 M	Paul Beer	Palm Springs, CA	00:51:58
75-79 F	Sandy Robbins-Sydner	Apple Valley, CA	01:00:05
80-99 M	Jim Sydner	Apple Valley, CA	01:06:40

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.

1,066 runners and walkers registered for the 2026 Tram Road Challenge.

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About Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

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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