

California Pair Take Mint 400

A Danish - born auto mechanic teamed with a 52-year - old dune buggy manufacturer to win the Mint 400 Del Webb Desert Rally overall; according to official results posted Tuesday night.

The new kings of desert racing are Fritz Kroyer, 27, of Santa Susana, Calif., and Bill Harkey, 52, of San Fernando, Calif. They teamed to drive their Hi - Jumper VW Dune buggy over the roughest 400 racing miles in North American in the elapsed time of 13 hours, 30 minutes, 42 seconds

A total of 28 cars out of the 264 - car starting field completed the full eight laps 50 mile course, based at the Mint Gun Club.