



## May Event Wrap Up

by Jesse Haines

The month of May brought the second event in the We-Rock season. We made the trip down to Tucson , AZ on the first weekend of the month and finally debuted my new buggy. The car was planned to be done in time for the season opener in Oroville, but last minute issues prevented that from happening. With just 5 hours of seat time in the buggy, I felt like it was dialed in, and I was feeling comfortable in the driver's seat. Throughout the weekend the new car worked great and looked good doing it! We almost held the lead in the pro-mod class for the entire weekend. The event came down to the wire, and in an unlikely turn of events we lost the lead on the final course. Pressure from 2nd place Brad Lovell forced us to take too much time resulting in a DNF in the shootout. For the first time in my rock crawling career I lost the lead in a shootout. All things considered, the debut of the new car was a success. A 2nd place finish in a brand new car was nothing to be ashamed of.

A few weeks later Cal-Rocs held their season opener on the 15th and 16th just outside of Reno , NV . The competition site known as the Giant's Throne is an amazing natural site with great potential. The site gives spectators one of the best viewing areas you could ask for as most of the courses can be seen from one location. The Cal-Rocs series has stepped things up a notch this year and teams have taken notice. 38 teams came out to compete including 10 in the pro-mod class. Again the buggy performed flawlessly, and much like the Tucson event we lead from start to finish. The only difference was this time we pulled out the win in another tight finish. We battled head to head with rock crawling veteran John Hall throughout the weekend, and finished just 2 points ahead of him after all 8 courses. It was definitely a points game, and we only did what we needed to bring home the win.

The month of June will be a busy one for my racing and rock crawling schedule. Round 2 of the Cal-Rocs series will be held this weekend near Reno, and We-Rock #3 will be held at the Donner, CA Ski Ranch on the 19th and 20th. I also plan to race my Ultra 4 buggy at this year's Octane Fest ([octanefest.com](http://octanefest.com)) in Fallon , NV . The Pro Arena Rock Race will be held Saturday June 12th in front of the grand stands at the Fallon Convention Center. A crowd of up to 10,000 is expected to be on hand to watch the festival's main event. The event also includes a Super Lite Invitational Race featuring many well known off-road racers and MX stars.

Thanks,  
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