

2010 Furnace Creek 508, USA

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Perhaps you've heard of the term 'Ultra Cycling'? Ultra Cycling is the Grandfather of all modern day Endurance Cycling and originates from a time nearly 50 years before Mountain Bike 24 HOUR. Ultra Endurance cycling is an event that occurs on Road bikes, and is raced over very long distances, without stopping, night and day. In the world of Ultra Cycling Events, the Furnace Creek 508 that happens annually in California USA for the last 20 years, is one of the worlds Premiere events. Radical Lights were there with us in 2010.



Myself, Dallas Morris of Calgary Alberta Canada, and my crew of 3 others were at the Furnace Creek 508 this year contesting in the Solo category against more than 80 other racers from around the world. The 508 mile route that



traverses the entire distance of Death Valley National Park, is a one way race course with more than 35000 ft of climbing. Racing through the night with huge Mountain pass

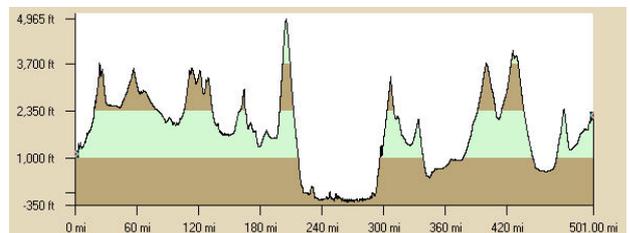
downhills meant one thing, I would need the best light in the World. This is why I chose the Radical Lights Podda MKII model.



During the moonless night we descended the largest downhill of the event, a 5000 ft elevation descent from the Summit of Townes Pass, and into the Death Valley. Our top recorded speed was 60 miles per hour, in the pitch dark of the desert night.

The confidence and safety I was afforded with my Podda MKII ensured I would not need my brakes on any of the downhills. And in the end, 30 hours and 40 minutes later, I would win 3rd Overall and 2nd in Category, as a first time entrant in the Furnace Creek 508.

My Radical Light made the difference for me, and was the defining factor of our success, as the desert nights are extremely long and dark. As scorpions, spiders and snakes would cross the desert roads in front of me, the



multiple settings of the Podda MKII provided every level of lighting required from slower climbing, to eye watering 80km/hr descents.

The Lithium battery life seemed endless, and gave us all the Power we needed to ride all night, on a single charge.

Thanks Radical Lights !

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