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Raise Your Plungers to Bathrooms Past, Present and... Mobile **Virginia City Cleans Up at the 34th annual World Championship Outhouse Races** *Presented by Dolan Auto Group, Oct. 7 and 8, 2023*

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (DRAFT) – In honor of National Kitchen and Bath Month this October, a review of toilet trends through the years may be in order. Smart toilets, bidets and motion-detection lids top the list of water-closet innovations — unless, a pit stop in Virginia City, Nevada pops up.

Each October in this historic Nevada town, residents and visitors alike create bathroom trend that’s nothing short of spectacular: watching people sit in their mobile toilets on three wheels as racers push toward a toilet paper finish line all in the hopes of claiming the title of World Champion Outhouse Racer.

The [World Championship Outhouse Races](#), presented by Dolan Auto Group, takes place Oct. 7 and 8, 2023, in Virginia City, Nevada, a town equally notable as being the location of the discovery of the Comstock Lode. But it’s a different kind of load that takes center stage during this hilarious event as teams of three push their portable potties down the town’s main drag toward the toilet paper finish line. Number one and number two are both celebrated — first and second place, that is — as thousands line the streets to watch the free event.



The event is as timely as it is nostalgic, as this is the only outhouse race in the U.S. rooted in political protest. Thanks to the city's then-explosive population boom, Virginia City banned outdoor plumbing decades ago in favor of a modern sewer system and newfangled indoor toilets. Rage against the modern machines ensued, inspiring residents to drag their outhouses to block the entrance of the courthouse as a visual symbol of their consternation.

Thus, the outhouse races were born, which has since transformed into a raucous weekend-long celebration and an unforgettable way to explore Virginia City — complete with epic loads of potty humor. A pot-rod parade on historic C Street kicks off the races on Saturday at noon; then throughout the weekend, visitors are encouraged to stroll the boardwalk-planked town, dine and imbibe in the town's nostalgic Old West saloons, and step through the swinging doors of history to claim a front row seat to the modern-day event.

Racing starts at noon each day, with a double elimination crapshoot bracket used to flush out winners. [Registration is open](#) to become a racer. Outhouses that race must be functional, human-powered and meet specification requirements. All decorations and imagery, which typically range from potty puns to loony loo accessories, are purely optional and totally encouraged — as are costumes.

Be sure to “wipe right” on this signature Virginia City event sponsored by Dolan Auto Group, Bucket of Blood Saloon and Coors Light. For hotel reservations and racing details, [Visit Virginia City's website.](#)

About Virginia City, Nevada:

A short 45-minute drive from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport takes visitors to one of the largest historic districts in the United States - [Virginia City, Nevada](#). Come experience this mining “boomtown” as it was in the 1800s. Step back in time while visiting the numerous historic buildings, saloons, churches and museums or take a mine tour or even ride a real steam train. The Comstock Adventure Passes offer the best value with discounted attraction packages. For lodging, event calendar, or Comstock Adventure Passes, [visit online](#) or call 775-847-7500. The Visitor Information Center is located at 86 South C Street, Virginia City.

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