

WINSTON SCHOOL SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE NEWS

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THE 2009 SOLAR CHALLENGE DRAWS RECORD NUMBER OF COMPETITORS. 19 High School Teams from across the country filed an “Intent-to-Race” in the 14th Annual Solar Car Race.

FORT WORTH, Texas, July 17, 2009 - The blazing Texas sun replaced high-priced gas as solar car teams launched their last big day of racing in the nation’s largest international high school solar car race.

Retaining their National Title, the Houston Solar Race Team (Mississippi) won the Open Division of the Solar Challenge driving a record 554 laps at the world famous Texas Motor Speedway. The South Plantation High School Solar Knights (Florida) won the Classic Division chalking up 395 laps over the four days of racing. Full Race Results can be found at

<http://www.winstonsolar.org/challenge/results2009.shtml>

The Winston School Solar Race Team (Dallas) hosted the 19 high school race teams that hand-built their road-ready solar cars to compete in the 14th annual Dell-Winston School Solar Car Challenge. The 10- to 12-student teams competing in the four-day competition came from the following cities:

- Choctaw, Mississippi. (two teams)
- Houston, Mississippi (two teams)
- Newburgh, New York
- Round Rock, Texas
- Ridgway, Colorado
- Walnut, California
- Dallas, Texas (two teams)
- Coppell, Texas
- Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Bend, Oregon

- Argyle, Texas
- Hawthorne, Nevada
- Plantation Florida
- Newton County, Mississippi
- New Britain, Connecticut

New teams observing the event came from San Diego, CA, Arlington, VA, San Antonio, TX, and Houston, TX.

The Solar Challenge is the product of the Winston School Solar Education Program. Since its inception in 1993, more than 18,000 students have been involved in a program that *Technology & Learning* Magazine labeled one of the top ten technology programs in the country.

Each year, the Dell-Winston Solar Car Challenge rotates between the Texas Motor Speedway and a cross-country route. The 2010 Solar Challenge will be an event that will challenge teams to drive from Dallas, Texas to Golden, Colorado

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