

TEAM NEWSLETTER

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LAS VEGAS WAS SWEET!



Team Screen had a lot of fun this year in Las Vegas. Jim performed really well during the show, and Chris did an insane cyclone during the encore.

We also received several emails about the "Hot Rod" Avenger. Indeed, it seems like it would be one of the fans favorites! We are really happy that you guys liked the new design for this year's World Finals! Steve worked hard the new body to make it different, but cool! We really appreciate your feedback!

AVENGER

It took about a week to paint the body. To see the different steps, check out the page on the website called "Preparation for Vegas - Work in the paint shop".



Photo: Cindy Munds



"We were going for an old school hot rod tough looking paint job." - Steve

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FANS' PAGE

McArthur Family

**Cold Lake,
Alberta (Canada)**

You are from Alberta, and we don't really do shows up there, so how did you become Team Scream fans?

Devin & Colby loved to imitate Jim while watching monster jam videos because he was always so crazy! Leanne & Dave liked the body style and especially that Team Scream is independent. Best of all, the Team's driving style is **ALL OUT ALL THE TIME** so if the run lasts, or it doesn't, you **ALWAYS** are in for a great show!!

It's not your first time here, so I would like to know why did you decide to do the trip to Vegas?

We have attended for 3 years now. The first time was because we were looking for tickets to the Edmonton show and couldn't find which day had the pit party. Looking for the info on that on the MJ

website, we came across the double down package, and for kicks decided to see how much it was. We **COULDN'T BELIEVE** how affordable it was, so we decided to **GO FOR IT!!** We wanted to be able to give the boys the chance to meet all their heroes! Being in Las Vegas was a double bonus, it's such an exciting city!

What do you like the most about The whole weekend?

Devin & Colby love the show itself. The whole weekend is awesome but I think the pit party, **ESPECIALLY** Team Scream!

Every year since 2004, Jim changes the color of Avenger. What is your favorite Avenger's paint job?

Devin liked the Orange; The Blue Avenger was Colby and Dave's favorite, because it represented Jim's annual swim and the tiny Jim on the surfboard! Leanne: Tough Choice! This year was **AMAZING** but the Blue was so **BEAUTIFUL!**

"There are too many reasons to list as why we love TEAM SCREAM. [...] First is their "run it on the ragged edge" driving style as highlighted in the amazing runs in Detroit and Minneapolis back in January. [...] And you can't talk about Team Scream without mentioning Mr. Excitement. When we watch the videos on the weekends the boys love to imitate Jim when he is doing his post run interviews." - Dave

"There's just SOMETHING about Team Scream that I adore!! Probably because you always DRIVE IT ...like you STOLE IT!" - Leanne

THANK YOU TO THE MCARTHUR FAMILY FOR TAKING TIME TO TALK TO US!



Leanne, Colby, Devin & Dave McArthur



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How was it to pick Jim's Qualifying number in Vegas?

When we told Adam we were really going [to Las Vegas], he could hardly believe it, even though Jim sent him a video clip wishing him Happy Birthday & telling him he really gets to go. It wasn't until he watched it twice that he believed he was going. Adam told Santa he didn't want anything for Christmas because "All I ever wanted was to go to world finals and I am going."

Adam says that going to Las Vegas was like "a dream come true and he didn't think we would ever go" since he has wanted to go to world finals since he was 2. And picking Jim's chip was "the best day of his life-ever!"



Thanks again to the entire Team Scream crew for being apart of our son's dream come true~!

Cindy, Rob & Adam Munds

JIM'S SWIM TEAM Where did the idea come from?



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Our first Monster Jam World Finals was 2007. We had just really discovered Monster Jam in January when we went to a Dallas show at the old, small Reunion Arena show for our son Noah's 3rd birthday. We bought double down tickets for that first World Finals show and we have ever since. We had such a blast that we got double down tickets for 2008 as soon as they went on sale. [...] Of course it was so much fun we knew we would get tickets for the next year.

While flying home from the 2008 World Finals we started making plans for the next year. So there we are on the plane talking about banners people make and the kids you see in Grave Digger driver suits. We knew we didn't want to do the same old thing, that just isn't us. The conversation shifted to picking a driver that everyone likes, and build a theme around that. Well, of course the first one we thought of was Jim "Mr. Excitement" Koehler. Everyone can agree on cheering for Jim and Avenger, he has that contagious energy. [...] Well, what is something Jim is now famous for at the World Finals? Jumping in the water!

So that's how we came to form "Jim's Swim Team." In 2009 it was just our family; Brian, Rachel, Isabella, and Noah. [...] This year, 2010, it grew to include some friends; Nick, Nicole, Zack, and Derek. At the Pit Party this year we gave Jim his own T Shirt, which he wore while taking his swim after a great Freestyle run this year.

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INTERVIEW

Steve Koehler



Even though you're now driving the Wrecking Crew, you are still wrenching on the trucks and doing all the painting and a lot of body work at the shop. Describe what needs to be done in a typical week of work.

The first thing to do when we come back from a show is to unload the trucks out of the trailer and wash them. Afterwards, we have to change the motor oil and check the filter. Next is to assess the damages of the weekend and figure out a plan of attack on fixing them. Once this is done, I will unbolt any broken parts and let Jim know what we need to fix it.

If there was a rollover that weekend, the body needs to be unbolted. The spots that were damaged need to be cleaned and ground. Then, more fiberglass is added to repair the damages.

Depending on how bad it was, sometimes bondo and paint work need to be done.

On April 17, in Montreal, you drove Brutus. Are you going to drive it regularly this summer?

I drove Brutus couple of times this year so far, filling in for Chris. After having a rough beginning of the year (our fabrication shop burned down, and his dad passed away), he decided that he would spend more time with his family, so I will be driving Brutus for him this summer at some shows.

I would rather be driving the Wrecking Crew, but if Chris or Jim ever need me to fill in, I'm there.



Photos: Stephanie Cotnoir

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