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JIM & AVENGER NOW 2 TIME WORLD CHAMPIONS!!

Jim did it again! On March 26th, in Las Vegas, NV, Jim drove the red Avenger on the track at the Sam Boyd Stadium with only one thing in mind: Giving everything he has! And that's exactly what he did!

That's how he took his second Monster Jam World Freestyle Championship!

"I drank 4 Mountain Dew's, and ate a bag of cotton candy. I was ready." - Jim



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JIM'S RECAP

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Wow the road to Vegas! Well it started a little early. We had to load and be on our way Friday March 18th, because we had to stop at Garner's Towing in Indy. That's where the Vegas 57 chevy body and the Vegas Brutus body were painted. I had not even seen the body yet, so I was excited! Well in good old Garner fashion, Jamie, Tim, Mike and the crew over there did awesome! I knew it would be cool since they did such a great job on our trailers.



We got there Saturday morning and LOVED the 57 candy apple red with metal flakes, all the 57 trim, like stock! We spent the day mounting the bodies and having fun with the crew at Garners. We left there around 1am. Chris and I drove for about 4 or 5 hours and had to stop to sleep. Once we got going again, we had minor problems on the road... My semi ran out of fuel, and Chris' semi broke the turbo tube. After all that, we made it to Vegas sometime on Monday. We waited till Tuesday to pull the trucks out.

Everyone came around to check out the paint job: It was a big hit! When they placed the trucks for the picture, I got back into the front row, that was pretty awesome! While we were prepping the trucks, I was asked to help set the jumps on the track. I thought it turned out perfect!



Lomas Family

Both pit parties went awesome. Everyone was as cool as can be! The fans were as excited as I was!

Practice night was O.K. I wasn't very happy with my passes, but I learned a little. In qualifying, I ended up rolling over, still in good spirit though! I had a lot of fun running the passes, and I matched up with Norm Miller in Batman 1st round.

Well on race day, Norm got me. He did a great job for his 1st time in Vegas. I screwed up the final turn, but other than that, it was a good run.

Pic: Leanne McArthur



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I changed my front tires for freestyle. I was lined up to go 14th. I got to watch 13 trucks before me: Cam's AWESOME Backflip run, Chris Bergeron's crazy crash, Madusa's backflip, and a lot of other motivating runs. I was excited. but I knew I had to use my head! I drank 4 Mountain Dew's, and ate a bag of cotton candy: I was ready.

I had Tom Meents giving me a hard time in thunder alley, trying to pump me up; it worked! I started hitting things and just kept going, trying to hit stuff hard for big air and thrills.

I ended up tying Cam... It was unbearable waiting for the rest of the trucks to go, dodging each bullet till the end.



But I won the tie breaker.

I WON! WOHOHO OH YEAH. AWESOME!

The best part about winning was that my family was there to see it and celebrate with me! I also won Sportsman of the year at the Banquet, what an honor!



I almost forgot about the water! Brian Welsh had the great idea for the hot tub limo! Again: awesome!



Well that wraps it up. We had stuff to fix after Vegas so we could do a show the next weekend in Tucson, and we made it!

Thanks to everyone that made it happen this year. Let's get ready for next year!

FANS' PAGE

Labby Family SAN JOSE, CA



We have been coming to World Finals since 2008, and we have only missed one. The idea for the fire suit started when I was looking for something to do to make Oliver stand out as a Super Fan. I had thought about making his stroller in to a model of the Avenger. I decided that it would become prohibitive to ship all of the components from California to Las Vegas...



I happened to be watching Monster Jam on Speed and I saw one of the trucks that has seats behind the driver. I commented to my wife, I wonder if we could bolt Oliver in and get him a ride.

I thought.... well.... if he is going for a ride he needs to have a fire suit for safety. From there it wasn't a question of if I would do it, it was how I would do it. I started by getting a picture of Jim (supplied by the fabulous Stephanie at Team Scream). From there, the stage was set and nearly 50 hours of work later I had a suit for Oliver. The only part that was outsourced was embroidering his name on it. Everything else was made by me, by hand, with no templates, and late into many nights.



Las Vegas was AWESOME. For me the highlight (other than celebrating our wedding anniversary) was seeing Jim's face when he saw the fire suit.

The only thing that came close to that was getting to watch Jim win Freestyle.

-Thorin Labby



Labby Family with Jim:
Megan, Oliver and Thorin

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Baldwin Family

MACKAY, QUEENSLAND. AUSTRALIA

We were present when Jim won Freestyle at the South Pacific Finals in Brisbane Australia 2009 & 2010 and to be present in Vegas to witness his awesom performance was an honour! Our family as a whole was excited to attend the World Finals but none more than Regan, my 12 years old son who has autism.



We Luv Monster Jam! Jim Koehler Rocks Down Under! We travelled 9,000 miles each way to attend this event, including 35 hours in transit on the return journey.

A huge congratulations to Jim on his most recent success. Getting to meet Jim again in person and Regan being able to talk to Jim was the highlight of his journey to the USA.



Peter, Brady, Fiona & Regan, Jim's Biggest Aussie Fan!

Jim's Swim Team: Bigger than Ever!!!

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Jim's Swim Team was super excited about the World Finals this year. Hearing about Jim being on the track design committee, and rumors that there was not going to be a water feature had everyone pumped!

We brought a new family this year and everyone loved it. So we thought why not open The Swim Team to everyone! Look for information next year before the World Finals on how to join The Swim Team!

Congratulations to Team Scream and especially Avenger on a spectacular Monster Jam World Finals!

Brian Edwards

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Q & A with the Fans!

PART 2

Photo: Damian Hall



We asked you fans to ask questions for drivers and crew members. Here are some of them!

Q- What is your favorite truck besides the Team Scream trucks?

Steve- Lil Miss Dangerous, since I like the old school body.

Q- I would ask Jim what is it like to drive the Australian Avenger truck compared to the US Avenger truck. And what's the best part about going to Australia?

A- It's a lot different than the American Avenger. They are not set up the same, but it is still a really good truck. The coolest thing about driving over there: the fans really appreciate what we do because they don't see it as often. And the pink ladies are cool too!

Q- What's the hardest place you've had to get the semi into?

Steve- I let Jim & Chris do that... haha!
Jim- Virginia Beach... and Cleveland is pretty tight too!

Q- Would you ever consider driving on the beach at Wildwood?

A- I WOULD LOVE TO. Each show that we do are awesome. Driving on sand would be different!



Q- Jeff, do you have any grooming tips on growing a mustach?

A- You must keep it clean and trimmed or you will have it in everything you eat. Other than that just let it grow!

Q- Favorite place to eat on tour?

Steve- Texas Road House; cause it's always good, no matter which state you're in!
Jim- TGI Fridays - great appetizers.
Jeff- Quaker Steak and Lube
Brad- Applebees

Q- What size was the wrench Stephanie held when winning the Miss Jamboree contest in Bloomsburg?

A- 1 1/2!!! and you should have seen Tim Hall's face when I went up to him and asked for a "big wrench"... He asked "what size", so I said: "doesn't matter, as long as it's big. I want to bring it for the bikini contest..." he looked at me and said "you're joking right?" and I was like "NO!" and all of our wrenches are dirty and I don't have time to clean them" HAHAH Anyway it was funny.



Photo: Jeff Luckey

