

TEAM Newsletter

SCREAM West Coast invasion!

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For the 1st time ever, Team Scream was in Anaheim and San Diego for Monster Jam shows! The team left Michigan on January 6th. With all four trucks, 4 drivers, 2 crew members, tons of spare parts and couple cases of Mountain Dew, Team Scream was ready to invade Texas, California and then Arizona! This was the first time that the Team was on tour for that long, since we usually come back to Michigan after every show!



Being on the road for so long was a great experience. With four trucks, there sure was a lot of work to do, but it was also really fun.

We would like to say THANK YOU to the Swanson Family for their hospitality!

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SPIKE
Unleashed

West Coast Tour Recap

We can say that Spike had some problems during the West Coast Tour. First, in Houston, the truck had some issues with its batteries during qualifying, and ended up not being able to race or freestyle.

In Anaheim, Rich and Spike had a great freestyle, but ended early due to a broken driveshaft.

In San Diego, Rich was all over the track. He even did a donut on the table top! It was awesome. Unfortunately, the truck had some transmission problems, and it caught on fire.

Finally, in Phoenix, Spike, proudly showing off a brand new paint job, had a great freestyle. However, the truck had some steering issues, so Rich ended the run with an awesome cyclone.



**WRECKING
CREW**



Wrecking Crew's freestyle in Houston was great!! No breakage, no body damage: this was a good start for the Tour!

Anaheim was another story. Indeed, after landing right on a van stack, one of the front wheels came off.

In San Diego, Steve had one of his best freestyle runs to date. He was all over the track and ended the run with a rollover.

Phoenix was just like Anaheim, where once again, one of Wrecking Crew's wheels came off!



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West Coast Tour Recap 2

BRUTUS

Chris had a great freestyle in Houston! He even had the chance to sit on the hot seat for a while!

In Anaheim, Brutus was ON FIRE!!! Even though he did not win, Chris was on the hot seat until the very end.

San Diego was different. Due to steering problems, Brutus could not fill the clock. However, he did amazing during racing and made it to the semi finals.

Brutus also had a great freestyle in Phoenix, but landed hard on its roof, which caused serious damage to the chassis.



AVENGER

In Houston, Avenger's freestyle was really good. He got the biggest air of the night! Unfortunately, he rolled over early when the tires hooked on the ground during a donut.

In Anaheim, in addition to making it to the finals in racing, Jim received his flag for the World Finals! After his freestyle Jim went by the Angel Stadium's fountain, above the rock tunnel... and you all can guess what happened next... He jumped!!!

Avenger also did great in San Diego! Jim was on a mission as soon as he left the pits! Big Air, saves, and an intense crash at the end! Avenger ended second in freestyle!

In Phoenix, Jim made it to the semi finals in racing, and had AN AMAZING Freestyle!!! Even though the judges called Grave Digger as the winner, Avenger clearly dominated!



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West Coast Tour

HOW MANY...
Days on the road: 25 days
Miles total: 5,512 miles
(3 days and 18 hours driving down the road)
Cases of Mountain Dew: Too many to count



A dog hanging out on Brutus at the Lucas Oil display



Brad & Rich having fun on their quad/bike at Rick Swanson's place.



Chris having some trouble with the BBQ... haha



Jim at the grocery store taking picture of Napolitos for his wife, Michelle!!!



Stephanie hanging out at Venice Beach!!!



Steve, sleeping under the truck.... uhhh, I mean working!!!



**THANK YOU
JILL, RICK &
ERIC FOR
YOUR
HOSPITALITY!!!**



The guys proudly posing with the Brownies Jill Swanson made for us!!!



Stephanie took more than 4,370 pictures throughout the trip and made more than 250 videos.
Those videos will be edited to create a "On the Road with Team Scream" video! But be patient, it might take a little while...



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AUSTRALIA

By Michelle R. Koehler

Jim Koehler and his family take another amazing trip to the country "down under", Australia. With the fall season in America comes the summer season in Australia as we travel across the Pacific Ocean on multiple plane rides that total over 20 hours. Jim, Michelle, Nicholas & Jon meet up with Dan Patrick's family, Samson, and Paul Schaefer & Julie, Monster Patrol, in Australia to show the Aussies how American monster truck driver's can crush cars and dominate the field. Dan Patrick in Samson took the racing win again to defend his title of Racing Champion in Brisbane. Jim Koehler in Avenger took the freestyle win again to defend his title of Freestyle Champion in Brisbane. Another defeat to the Aussies meant two HUGE trophies to travel back to America for bragging rights.



Jim, Nick and Jon



Jim & Michelle

Australia is a country that most people would love to live in. The people are amazing and extremely friendly. The common American quote of "no problem" is used by every Australian as "no worries." The Aussies truly have "no worries" as they replicate a lifestyle that is similar to the lifestyle here in America around 1980. America in the 80's and Australia now emanates: the pop culture of Prince & Michael Jackson, the simplicity of closing businesses at 5 p.m., the fresh food and no supermarkets that stay open all hours, friendly people who aren't in a hurry to get places, family comes first, schools where religious values are still present, hospitality to everyone you meet & simplistic living without unnecessary expenditures. If I had the chance, I'd move there in a heartbeat.

Between working on the monster trucks and running them in Parramatta & Brisbane, Australia, we had time for some fun. We were able to visit Sydney and whale watch. The waves were rough, most of us got sick on the boat, the whales were scarce, but it is a moment in time we won't forget. The zoo with koalas, kangaroos, wombats and many more animals were amazing. The aquarium had manta rays, clown fish, jelly fish, sea horses, sharks, and manatees that took our breath away. Floral life is tropical and exotic in Australia, therefore, I took tons of pictures. As a first grade teacher, I was impressed by all school children wearing uniforms and religion (Anglo-Saxon) taught until grade 9.



Australia... a place where the monster truck field is starting to grow, the people are wonderful, & the sights and attractions are unforgettable ■

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Q & A with the Fans!

PART 1

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



Q- Steve, which truck is the hardest to paint when starting from scratch?

A- I would say mine. It has lots of details and it needs lots of precision work. It probably takes about 3 days for the whole process. The Avenger Vegas bodies are also always taking more time because they are all different.

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

Jim: El Toro Loco, it looks cool!
Brad: Max D

Jeff: I have always liked the Bigfoot trucks. They were the innovators in the industry at the beginning.



Canfield, OH

Q- Steve, would you ever let Stephanie race your truck if she wanted to?

A- Jim owns the truck, so it would be his decision. She drove it around in the pits, and out of the track in San Diego after my crash and stuff, but I would love for her to race it so she knows how it feels, and I know she would be happy!

Stephanie added: But I know he would be mad if I'd beat him! haha!



Q- Rich, how did it feel getting to drive on the beach for the first time? Would you do it again?

A- Oh yeah! I loved driving on the beach, it was a great experience. Hopefully next year I'll be there with my own truck.



Q- Jim, how do you guys decide of your schedule? Monster Jam, and non Monster Jam shows.

A- Monster Jam makes our schedule. We go where they want us to go! We do have some inputs, but they decide for the most part.

When it comes to non monster jam events, it goes by 1st come first served, as well as location.

Q- What was the most hellacious weekend? (Breakages, or other...)

Stephanie- Canfield, OH, where we took the center section apart 3 times!

Jim- Canfield, OH was bad. and Springfield, MO, couple years ago; My motor blew up, and my daughter got break cleaner in her eyes, and I had to take her to the hospital.

Brad- Chandler, AZ. There were some killer bees and the show even had to stop!

Steve- Canfield, OH! But in Monroe, MI, I did lots of damage on the truck, so I had LOTS of work to do at the shop.

Q- Tell us something about yourselves that no one knows.

Jim- I used to race RC cars!

Steve- I draw a monster truck and wrote a story about it when I was young, at school, and I still have it!

Brad- I have a pillow with my name embroidered on it, and it glows in the dark. Jim is jealous and he would like to have one like that too!

Stephanie- Well, I DO love sheep, M&M's, and Chicken nuggets... Oh wait, it had to be something nobody knows, right? Haha. Ok, so every year I go to the same vacation spot with my mom. We used to go there with my grand- father and it became a family tradition!



Bradley

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Family for winning the
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Fan of the Week" Contest.

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Look at our

"On the Road with Team Scream"

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WOLVERINE FAN OF THE WEEK

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO FOR A CHANCE TO BECOME THE NEXT WOLVERINE FAN OF THE WEEK. ENTER TODAY.

GEORGE LOMAS IS THIS WEEK'S WOLVERINE FAN OF THE WEEK. HE WON A FREE PAIR OF BOOTS!

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World Finals

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**SEE YOU GUYS
IN LAS VEGAS!**