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Buzz Bronsema and Rick Mooneyham Will Start On the First Row of the 2010 Griffin King of the Hammers

JOHNSON VALLEY, CA, JANUARY 28, 2010: The 2010 *Griffin King of the Hammers* starting grid has been determined putting Buzz Bronsema on the pole position and Rick Mooneyham completing the first row. "I am honored to be on the pole position, no pressure, if anything it is a relief to be in front of everybody," said Buzz Bronsema. "If we hang at the same pace that we did last year with only first gear, we should be able to finish in -3," Bronsema joked. Rick Mooneyham knows that he will "be in first place for about 3 ½ feet because I know I can get the hole shot, but after that I don't know what is going to happen, *it is King of the Hammers!*" The pack of drivers behind them is an amazing group of some of the most talented drivers and vehicles.

None of the former Kings are at the front of the pack. 2009 winner Jason Scherer will start 38th, the Original 2007 winner John Reynolds will start in 45th, and 2008's King Shannon Campbell is towards the back of the pack in the 72nd position. Regardless of their starting position, they have all proven that they are a force to be reckoned with. Two time 2nd place finisher Casey Currie will start in the 56th position to attempt to break the barrier and finally be crowned the King.

The 2009 Griffin King of the Hammers created enough buzz in the offroad racing community to entice some of the top Trophy Truck drivers to come out and test their hand at rock crawling. Roger Norman, who will be driving with JT Taylor will start in 30th position, BJ Baldwin lines up 44th, Rick D Johnson in 70th and in the back of the pack is 4 Wheel Parts Greg Adler in 86th and the legend Rob MacCachren in 87th with Rock Crawling champion Larry McRae assisting from the passenger seat. Also taking the green flag are two motorcycle X Games winners Chris Ridgway starting in 21st and Brian Deegan in the 93rd position.

Last year the 2009 Griffin King of the Hammers was featured in 8 International magazines covering 6 countries. King of the Hammers is honored to again host International Drivers coming from four countries this year. Ralf Kuller from Germany will start in 12th, Ben Napier from Australia who qualified through BITD Vegas to Reno will line up 23rd, Chris Pook from Canada is in 74th and Naozumi Tsuda coming all the way from Japan will push his way through traffic from the 89th position.

There are only two female drivers of record including Nicole Johnson starting in the 11th position and Kim Sears mid pack in 65th. There is a new statistic to hit the King of the Hammers record book this year, the youngest driver will start 90th. 18 year old Levi Shirley will have to work his way through the pack of the drivers that have decades of experience including his Dad Brian Shirley starting in 39th.

The 4 Wheel Parts last chance qualifier race will be a strategic race on Tuesday and Wednesday. Eight of the top 25 starting positions are qualifiers from the LCQ.

Staging for the Griffin King of the Hammers will begin before sunrise at 5am on Friday February 12th. The engines will idle to their spots where they will line up in pairs and get into position for the green flag where drivers will be released every 30 seconds. At 7:15am the opening ceremonies will begin and the 2010 Grand Marshall will announce the words we all love to hear in racing: "Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!" At 8am the gorgeous Griffin Flag Girls will drop the Green Flag for Bronsema and Mooneyham and 135 miles of the toughest desert race to the finish line.

2010 Griffin King of the Hammers Starting Order

- 1 Buzz Bronsema
- 2 Rick Mooneyham
- 3 LCQ 8
- 4 Jim Knox
- 5 LCQ 1
- 6 Doug Bigelow
- 7 Mike Kleinsen
- 8 Nazir Adam
- 9 LCQ 10
- 10 LCQ 2
- 11 Nicole Johnson
- 12 Ralf Kuller
- 13 Jack Adams
- 14 LCQ 18
- 15 Tracy Jordan
- 16 Eric Miller
- 17 Jason Pickett
- 18 LCQ 16
- 19 LCQ 9
- 20 Todd McCullen
- 21 Chris Ridgway
- 22 MFS Winner
- 23 Ben Napier
- 24 Derek Summers
- 25 LCQ 14
- 26 LCQ 19
- 27 Matt Legg
- 28 Roger Lovell
- 29 JR Van Ortwick
- 30 JT Taylor

31 PSC Lucky Dog
32 Drew Goldie
33 Daren Runyon
34 LCQ 11
35 Charlie Melchner
36 Eric Holder
37 Hobie Smith
38 Jason Scherer
39 Brian Shirley
40 Rob McKenney
41 Derek West
42 John James
43 Jeremy Hammer
44 BJ Baldwin
45 John Reynolds
46 Barry Beadle
47 Clayton Walters
48 Wayne Israelsen
49 Dean Bulloch
50 Greg Hussey
51 Kevin Yoder
52 Rob Usnick
53 LCQ 5
54 Travis Carpenter
55 Matt Messer
56 Casey Currie
57 Stephen Watson
58 LCQ 3
59 Eric Anderson
60 LCQ 6
61 Ian Johnson
62 Adam Carter
63 Dustin Webster
64 LCQ 21
65 Kim Sears
66 Jeff Mello
67 Joe Silva
68 Brandon Watson
69 Will Carter
70 Rick D Johnson
71 Burton Jenner
72 Shannon Campbell
73 Rich Klien
74 Chris Pook
75 LCQ 20
76 Adam Woodlee
77 LCQ 17
78 Bart Dixon
79 Kevin Sacalas
80 Curtis Warner
81 Greg Stone
82 LCQ 13
83 LCQ 15
84 LCQ 7
85 Lucas Murphy
86 Greg Adler

87 Rob MacCachren
88 Brad Lovell
89 Naozumi Tsuda
90 Levi Shirley
91 Brett Porter
92 Tony Pellegrino
93 Brian Deegan
94 LCQ 4
95 Tom Wayes
96 Peter Wells
97 Jesse Haines
98 Lou Levy
99 LCQ 12
100 Ray Mandell

2010 Griffin King of the Hammers
4 Wheel Parts Last Chance Qualifier
Pit Bull Tires UTV King of the Hammers
Official Tire: BFGoodrich
Official Wheel: RaceLine
Official Light: Vision X
Official Shock: FOA
Official Suspension System: GenRight
Official Toyota Rock Crawling Parts Supplier: Trail Gear
Official Steering: PSC Motorsports
Official Oil: Royal Purple
Official RC Car: Traxxas

Hammerking Productions, Inc. created the “King of the Hammers” off-road race in 2007 (www.kingofthehammers.com). The 2010 Griffin King of the Hammers will be on Friday February 12th, 2010 where over 15,000 drivers and fans from around the globe will descend on the desert of Johnson Valley for over a week of off-road related activities. The 2009 running of the King of the Hammers was featured on Spike TV and in the film “Second Crusade.” In 2009, Hammerking expanded race action to include three additional regional qualifiers for the 2010 race. In 2010, there will also be the addition of the Pit Bull Tires UTV King of the Hammers on Thursday February 11th, 2010. More information can be found at www.kingofthehammers.com.

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