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Four Qualify for 2010 King of the Hammers at BITD Vegas To Reno the Long Way Race

JOHNSON VALLEY, CA, AUGUST 23, 2009: Four racers join the 2010 Griffin King of the Hammers qualifying list after successfully starting Day 3 of the Best In The Desert (BITD) Vegas to Reno the Long Way race. An epic race that started on August 20 in Beatty, NV and ended 996 miles later on August 22 in Dayton, NV. The qualifying names added to the list are: Kevin Sacalas, Brandon Watson, Ben Napier, and Dean Bulloch.

Vegas to Reno the Long Way is the longest off-road point-to-point race in the United States. Hammerking Productions attached this event to its widely popular Griffin King of the Hammers series of regional qualifiers after BITD added a new class of vehicles to the rule book known as Ultra4. "Now that the race is over, we agree that this was a perfect match to test man and machine in order to qualify to race in the King of the Hammers," says Jeff Knoll of Hammerking Productions.

Eleven Ultra4 rigs crossed the starting line on Day 1. The attrition rate was high, only two cars finished Day 1: Jeff Knoll and Kevin Sacalas. With teamwork and dedication, all eleven cars once again showed up the starting line on Day 2. There was more heartbreak for seven of the eleven teams, with only four crossing the finish line: Ben Napier, Brandon Watson, Dean Bulloch, and Kevin Sacalas. That qualified five drivers to start Day 3: Knoll, Sacalas, Napier, Watson, and Bulloch. Of those five cars, four finished the race at mile marker 996: 1. Sacalas, 2. Watson, 3. Napier, 4. Bulloch. Only one racer completed all three days: Kevin Sacalas.

"I was proud to be able to race with this quality group of racers. They put on an amazing show with unbelievable commitment to finishing," said Hammerking Productions and racer Dave Cole. After wrapping up a long week, Casey Folks from BITD said, "from our side it was fantastic, we are very proud to have the Ultra4's with us."

The final pre-qualifier for 2010 King of the Hammers will be December 12-13 at the Pima Motorsports Park in Tucson, AZ. Competitors will be given a chance to compete at the WERock "Put-Up or Shut-Up Shootout" which has a reputation for being a grueling event even for the most talented rock crawlers.

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BITD Vegas to Reno Ultra4 Class Finishing Order

Place	Overall	Team #	Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total Time
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1	67	4435	Kevin Sacalas	11:40:24	12:19:40	7:12:35	31:12:41
2	74	4488	Brandon Watson	14:45:00	11:17:23	7:13:19	33:15:43
3	78	4461	Ben Napier	14:45:00	11:19:20	7:56:40	34:01:00
4	84	4411	Dean Bulloch	14:45:00	12:26:36	8:25:25	35:37:02
5	106	4471	Jeff Knoll	10:08:32	15:45:00	00:00:00	

- 14:45:00 is the max time applied to day 1 due to DNF
- 15:45:00 is the max time applied to day 2 due to DNF

Starters for BITD Vegas to Reno the Long Way Race

4403

Jason Carner (34) Birmingham, AL,
 James Schofield (27) Birmingham, AL,
 Troy Johnson (40) Riverside, CA,
 BlueTorch Fab, Superior Axle, Turnkey, JE Reel, Ruggeo Radios, SpiderTrax, PRP,cQal, Fox, The Fab
 School, Howe, CTM, BFG, United Rentals, ProComp Wheels, Safety Solutions

4405

Travis Carpenter (28) Orangevale, CA,
 Dan Trout (24) Rancho Cordova, CA,
 Hasa Pool Products, Yukon Gear, Powertank, infinit Graphx, Solid Axle, Fishmouth Fabworks, MFS, Rock
 Zombies 4x4 Club

4406

Robert Usnick (36) Fayetteville, NC,
 Steve Tolbert (37) Fayetteville, NC,
 Brandon Kasnick (25) Raeford, NC,
 Billy Brown () Fayetteville, NC,
 Performance Off-Road, Final Touch Powder Coating, Trail Tough, HeiserOil.com, Paraclete, Raceline
 Wheels, BF Goodrich

4411

Dean Bulloch (51) Cedar City, UT,
 Tom Allen (49) Weatherford, TX,
 PSC, MasterCraft, BFG, Stak, CTM, Currie, Mast Motorsports, Heavenly Bodies, Winchline, Tom Woods
 Driveshafts, MS Inc, Seymour Martin, Warn, TrailGear, D&P Perf

4435

Kevin Sacalas (26) Riverside, CA,
 Douglas Williams (32) Redlands, CA,
 Jon Jonsson (51) Ferndale, WA,
 Sam Wiseman (44) Riverside, CA,
 Viking Off-Road, Winchline, Bilstein, Griffin Thermal Products, RCV
 Performance, Trail Gear, BFG, Twisted Stitch, Livorsi Marine, JE Reel Driveline

4454

David Cole (38) Twin Peaks, CA,
 Chris Ridgway (38) Apple Valley, CA,
 Brandon Naves (29) Camrillo, CA,
 Steve Schneider (30) Temecula, CA,
 Kirby Off-Road, Griffin Rad, BFG, Raceline Wheels, RCV, Vision X, PRP, High Angle Driveline, Longfield,
 G&J Aircraft

4455

Joseph Thompson (38) Grass Valley, CA,
Richard Mooneyham (33) Lake Havasu City, AZ,
Scott Ward (36) Lake Havasu City, AZ,
Les Figueuroa (44) Lake Havasu City, AZ,
Trick Toys Fab, Sims Trucking, BFG, Raceline Wheels, PSC Steering Comp, Turnkey Engine Supply, Sway-
A-Way, Figspeed.com, Longfield-Super Ax, Brannik Machine

4461

Ben Napier (26) Sydney, Australia
David Camp (32) Brisbane, Australia
Randy Slawson (32) Cotton, CA,
Bomber Fab, BFG, Raceline Wheels

4464

Matthew Legg (32) Boulder, CO,
Jason Tomas Walton (30) La Porte, CO,
Camron Abernathy (31) Fort Collins, CO,
Philip Christensen (26) Wellington, CO,

4471

Jeff Knoll (39) Menifee, CA,
Dave Schneider (34) Reno, NV,
Wayne Israelsen (40) Menifee, CA,
HammerKing, Raceline Wheel, BF Goodrich, Vision X, PSC, Griffin, Bilstein, Visa, Mastercard, Amex,
Superior Axle & Gear, S&N Fab, The US Stimulus Package!

4488

Brandon Watson (34) Glenwood Sprongs, CO,
Stephen Watson (36) Carbondale, CO,
James Watson (58) Carbondale, CO,
Our families, Off-Road Design, PSC, Bighorn Graphics, Tom Woods Custom Driveshafts, Premier Power
Welder

Current Qualifier List for 2010 King of the Hammers:

1. Jeremy Toney
2. Tracy Jordan
3. Bart Dixon
4. Hobie Smith
5. Jack Graef
6. John James
7. John Reynolds
8. Scott Ellinger
9. JT Taylor
10. Brett Porter
11. Chris Gieger
12. Scott Porter
13. Jason Scherer
14. Casey Currie
15. Rick Mooneyham
16. JR Van Ortwick
17. Brad Lovell
18. Rob McKinney
19. Adam Woodley

20. Joachim Schewiesow
21. Greg Hussey
22. Wayne Israelsen
23. Eric Holder
24. Tom Wayes
25. Stephen Watson
26. Buzz Bronsema
27. Jason Pickett
28. Jack Adams
29. Will Carter
30. Kevin Yoder
31. Clayton Walter
32. Adam Carter
33. Greg Stone
34. Charlie Melchner
35. Kim Sears
36. Barry Beadle
37. Doug Bigelow
38. Eric Miller
39. Lucas Murphy
40. Rob Usnick
41. Shannon Campbell
42. Brett Jerome
43. Nasier Adam
44. Brian Shirley
45. Ray Mandell
46. Peter Wells
47. Roger Lovell
48. Levi Shirley
49. Kevin Sacalas
50. Brandon Watson
51. Ben Napier
52. Dean Bulloch

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Hammerking Productions, Inc. created the "King of the Hammers" off-road race in 2007 (www.kingofthehammers.com) and released its first full-length film in 2008. 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. 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 in 2010.

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For additional stories or pictures on the Vegas to Reno Event or on the Ultra4 Racers please contact Charlene Bower 714-394-1716 or Charlene@BowerMedia.com.

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