

PRESS RELEASE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RACEWAY PARK

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DAY OF DESTRUCTION

If there is one universal truth it is people like to see things destroyed. This past Day of Destruction held at The Rock lived up to its name. Fans from all over Southern Alberta came to set a record attendance for the year. They gathered to see the ¼ mile high banked oval be turned over to the Tuff Truck's, Demolition, Hit to Pass Race, an Extreme Truck Exhibition as well as the 6th Annual Young Guns race.

The Young Guns race would start the evening off with a lot of fun and laughter. Children were split in to age groups 2-5, 6-8 and 9-10. The kids started off by showing off their home made decorated cars made mostly from cardboard boxes. The children then had to go through the course with their pit crew (usually mom or dad) at each pit stop they then had to do a task. It proved to be fun for everyone. Winning with the fastest time in the 2-5 year old class was the 3 year old in the #1 car Eli Stuwe. The 6-8 was won by 8 year old driving #95 car Parker Byam. Garrett Byam won also driving the #95 car but in the 9-10 year old class.

The ten class Tuff Truck competition took off in the preset course of bumps, dips, jumps, and mud. The course put all the drivers skills and their vehicles to the test. Taking first place was #69 Tyler Hodgins of Calgary with the fastest time. Following in second in a recorded time of only half a second behind the leader was #30 Luke Sherwood also of Calgary in his Ford Explorer. The surprise of the night came to Rick Vercleyen who just came to see the show for his bachelor party, only to find his friends had arranged for him to race in the event. In his debut in Tuff Trucks he would take third place, cans in tow behind the Ford Bronco.

The demolition was a "smashing success". There's nothing like seeing a bunch of cars run into each other. After some bone crushing hits Dave Mercer would be declared the winner.

The Extreme Truck driven by put on a show no one will soon forget finishing off what was left of the demolition cars left out on the track and not to mention totally destroying the Dodge Caravan that had been dropped from fifty feet on the outhouse in the middle of the track. Ryan Carruthers of Airdrie showed why the Evolution Machine team are creating such a buzz. All the fans in attendance would agree that The Extreme Trucks are able to do far more, and put on a better show than any monster truck out there.

The six cars entered in the Hit to Pass race took to the track to see racing like it's not usually done. In order to pass the car in front of you, you must hit it first. This action saw cars getting spun out only to get creamed by another following car. The fans cheered on their favourite cars but in the end there can only be one winner and that was #14 Jason Sanderson of Lethbridge.

The Rock will host its second last race of the season on Saturday September 26, 2009. Thunder at The Rock will feature Sportsman Sprints, IMCA Modifieds, Legends and Hobby Stocks. Gates open at 4pm and racing starts at 5pm. For more information go to www.racetherock.ca