

Rick D. Johnson and RJR Racing Take Protruck Championship Lead to Legendary Baja 1000 this Weekend

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(PRWEB) November 23, 2003 -- Johnson aims for unprecedeted fourth series championship and first Baja 1000 victory

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Johnson currently leads in points and hopes to add to his total this weekend in search for an unprecedeted fourth championship in the Ivan Stewart Protruck Series. Teammate Rob Reinertson of San Francisco, who previously scored a heat race victory in La Paz, Mexico in the team truck to Johnson and has several strong finishes this year, will co-drive in the grueling event. Television coverage will be provided on a date to be announced by the Outdoor Life Network (OLN) reaching 54 million homes.

Â□IÂ□ve never won the Baja 1000 but weÂ□re going in with a relatively good points lead,Â□ explains Johnson. Â□So, weÂ□re trying hard to finish strong and add to our points total. The race will take 15-16 hours to complete and include eight pit stops over the 1,000-mile race. The final event of the year is the December 5-7 Las Vegas 200 in Las Vegas, NV.

Johnson scored Protruck victories this season on the island of Guam; in Parker, AZ; La Paz, Mexico; and in the Vegas to Reno. He also was second this year in the Baja 500.

Rick D. Johnson has more than 18 years of off-road racing experience in a variety of classes, and has registered a total of six championships. He won the Challenger class in 1986 and 1993, as well as the class 7S Mini-Truck title in 1995. Johnson was the outright Protruck Series Champion from 1998-2000, and finished second in 2002.

Rob Reinertson began racing in Sports Car Club of America events before making the transition to off-road racing in 1993. He won both the SCORE and Best in the Desert (BITD) championship titles in 1998 and 1999, and was second in 2000 and again in 2001 with a victory at in the Tonopah 300.

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