

NASCAR Craftsman Truck and IPOWER DASH Series Represented in New Jersey - Ricky Gonzalez Spreads the Excitement

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Gonzalez entered his car into the full bodied class which in return, much to his excitement garnered him a third place trophy over all.

Not to forget his roots, Gonzalez named his car $\hat{A} \square$ Boriqua $\hat{A} \square$, which means you are from Puerto Rico. $\hat{A} \square$ The Hispanic fans really went crazy. We signed 300 hero cards at the show. It was a wonderful weekend, $\hat{A} \square$ Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez is no rookie when it comes to racing. He knows that traveling from race to race in order to compete is part of the job. He plans to take his prize-winning car to Hickory, along with many other DASH Series drivers and teams, to test in preparation for the upcoming April 10 race at Hickory Motor Speedway.

 $\hat{A} \square$ Traveling is a difficult part of my racing. The closest race is about eight hours away. Most of the races are much further. I $\hat{A} \square$ ve been racing in touring divisions for the past five years, so traveling is just part of the deal. $\hat{A} \square$

When asked about a potential DASH race near his home area GonzalezÂ \Box s interest peaked. Â \Box I would love to see the DASH cars in New Jersey. I think there are a lot of fans that would really enjoy our style of racing.Â \Box

Gonzalez is not just a racecar driver though. He has a graphics company, plus he has played as a professional musician for close to 10 years. Nevertheless, make no mistake, this entrepreneur/musician knows where his biggest passion lies, and it is within racing. $\hat{A} \square$ The competition and speed attract me to race, plus I love the interaction with all the fans.

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Visit Ricky's website at <u>www.rickygonzalez.com</u> or contact Maureen Rafferty for media inquiries and sponsorship opportunities at (908) 904-8028 mrafferty@rickygonzalez.com



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