

## Thanks for an awesome year!



There is no way to show enough gratitude to our sponsors and team this season. Without each and every one of you we would not be able to be as competitive as we are. We have thrown ourselves into this motorsport and made the commitment to be the best that we can, not only in our driving and building the best vehicle we know how, but also being the

best representative of the sport and your companies that we can. We look forward to bringing home another series trophy again next season for all of you but also would like to nab one of those Cooper Tire – All Stock National trophies as well. We have experienced a lot of media coverage this season. Several magazine appearances, numerous event flyers, newspaper articles, a TV commercial, Sonic Cruise in promotions and an upcoming feature on Extreme 4x4 TV! We will once again set our sights on getting our sponsors a great return on your investment! We cannot do it without all of the support given to us by you our sponsors, our families, and the entire Rubberbelly Racing Crew! Thank you guys, you really are the best! -Jake Good

## RROCK Series Summary



What a whirl wind of a season this second year has been for us! It's really hard for me to sum this up in a fashion someone would actually read but here it is! The season started out great with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finish in the Season opener for the We-Rock East series. We followed up the next weekend with our first win of our career at the RROCK series opener.

We would then engage with a fierce battle with Kyle Brusco who would take the next two RROCK wins by less than 27 points combined!

The RROCK finals were intense everyone was on top of their game trying to make it into the Cooper Tires All Stock Nationals. Only the Top 3 RROCK teams would be invited to compete with the national series contenders.

We were having a record breaking day and working together the best we ever had. Going into our last course we had the lead by a commanding 37 points. We were the last to run and the whole crowd was gathered to watch us



take the series win and the victory for the day. We ran the course smooth just like he had all day long when 20 feet from the finish gates the Tracker died and would not restart. We frantically set about trying to diagnose the problem when we finally decided to try to winch up the last ledge. As precious time clicked by and the crowd went silent our winch rope broke and dashed our hopes of victory. We dropped to 4<sup>th</sup> place for the day but maintained a 2<sup>nd</sup> place series title, which earned us an invite to the big dance!

## Preparing for King of the Hammers Feb.26th and 27th 2009

We are barely done with this season and already under pressure to get the Tracker ready for next season. It will start off early for us in February as we head to California to what will be the LARGEST off-road race in the United States, King of the Hammers. We have our shot at the big race through the LCQ race that will be held on Thursday before the 100 mile long combination of rock and desert. The biggest names in the off road community as well as media coverage from several satellite trucks broadcasting to Helicopter chase crews will be on hand to catch the event. The LCQ is a qualifier race that is only 2 miles in length but combines one of the hardest trails in the Hammers trail system, Backdoor with some high speed desert. Yes we will be bringing the SMALLEST, most UNDERPOWERED rig that will be entered into the race. Do we have what it takes to overcome some of the big boys in the sport? We'll let you know in March!

## Highlights

- 2nd Place RROCK Series
- 4th Place finish at Nationals
- Extreme 4x4 TV Coverage
- King of the Hammers 2009



## WE-ROCK – Cooper Tires All Stock Nationals



There was a ton of hype about Nationals, the regional guys that made it in were pushing all avenues of media. There were TV and Radio commercials, as well as flooding the internet forums with information about the upcoming event. You could feel the excitement in the air and the pressure was on big time to perform your best or go home. The courses stretched us from our usual game of crawling into making good time and quick



decisions. Just being able to finish would be the name of the game for the weekend. Insane courses and even worse bonus lines would bring the pressure level from high to extreme. After almost two years of competing we had kept our car

“Cooper Tire side down.” We laid the car on it's side twice on Saturday alone! I was able to drive out of one but, the other would provide an end to that course. That was the only course we did not finish all weekend. Sunday proved to be a successful day for us and we landed a 4<sup>th</sup> place spot going into the “Shoot Out” Course. Only the top 6 teams enter into a final course to lay it all on the line and try to make a move in the points. We made our decision of running the course fairly conservative and taking the bonus we knew we could pull off and it netted us the second best score in the shoot out! We put on a great show for the Extreme 4x4

Cameras and ended up two points short of 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Watch for a 3 segment series on the Cooper Tires all stock nationals starting January 3<sup>rd</sup> on Extreme 4x4 TV. We spent a lot of time with the cameras both Saturday and Sunday. Additionally we spent another couple of hours gathering extra footage for the show after the event on Saturday! Now if only they can make me look good on TV. There's a real challenge!

