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GREG & ZACH ADAMS GRAB TWO AWARDS AT MTRA BANQUET

(St. Louis, MO) Bar's Leaks/Rislone monster truck drivers Greg and Zach Adams took home their share of hardware this past weekend in St. Louis at the Monster Truck Racing Association's annual awards banquet. The father and son duo made big waves in the monster truck industry in 2009 by stepping up their game considerably, and that earned their Truk Wurks team the 2009 Most Improved Team award. While the elder Adams was a rookie in the organization 21 years ago, young Zach Adams enjoyed a successful rookie season in 2009, capped off with the MTRA's Rookie Of The Year honors.

"I'm very proud of our team, and it definitely means a lot to bring home these two awards," said Greg Adams, Bar's Leaks Eliminator driver and Truk Wurks general manager. "We went from a very spartan one-truck team to a full-blown two truck operation. With the help of Bar's Leaks and Rislone we've not only done that, but we've upgraded to a fully vinyl-wrapped 18-wheeler transporter, and moved our team and off-road shop into a new, state-of-the-art facility." While the nuts and bolts improvement to the operation are easily visible, the team's performance behind the scenes and off the track aren't as readily seen.

"Saying that we 'put in a great deal of time' working on the new Rislone Defender monster truck is putting it nicely," explained Defender driver and Truk Wurks owner Zach Adams. "The truth is we had to work our butts off just about every night we weren't at an event to get the truck finished in time for the outdoor season. It definitely took its toll on us, but when the truck finally drove out on the track for the first time in May, it was a total relief."

When the Defender did debut, fans and members of the Truk Wurks team knew immediately that Zach had the skills behind the wheel to make a name for himself, and the Rislone Defender. After steadily improving over the course of the summer, and despite the normal teething problems experienced with an all-new truck, Zach saw his first-year driving career peak in Albany, NY during his first-ever indoor arena show. Zach piloted his Rislone machine to the final round of racing both nights, loosing out narrowly to veteran driver Rick Long in Bigfoot. Along the way, Zach managed to defeat his father in the semi-finals of racing each night, and nearly experienced his first rollover during a hair-raising wheelie contest effort.

"I'm very proud of Zach," said Greg Adams. "Learning to drive a monster truck back when I started was a bit easier than it is today. It may have been a bit more punishing physically, but the trucks just weren't doing the kinds of things we ask them to these days." He added that "Zach really stepped up in a high-pressure situation and made it look easy. I definitely didn't cut him any slack, and for many shows we had no crew other than he and I, so he earned every bit of that award."

So while the Truk Wurks team may have won the Most Improved Team award for 2009, that doesn't mean they are planning on slowing down any. "We are looking forward to a very busy 2010 schedule," said Zach Adams. "We've changed a few things around on the trucks, made some improvements here and there, and best of all I'm not a rookie anymore!" His father echoes those sentiments: "Getting this team built up to what it is today was the hard part. I think with that behind us, we'll have a lot more fun and pick up even more wins in 2010. I can't say enough about how good Bar's Leaks and Rislone have been to us, without them we wouldn't be anywhere close to where we are now. I can't wait to charge into 2010 and beyond with our Bar's Leaks and Rislone monsters!"

For more information on the Truk Wurks team and their Eliminator and Defender monster trucks, check them out online at www.trukwurksoffroad.com. There you can find a 2010 event schedule, team member bios, photos, news, and even a downloadable coloring sheet for kids!