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SUBIE INVASION 2008

Subie Invasion 2008 - Las Vegas

Presented by EDO Performance / Zero Sports, Subaru of Las Vegas, and Subaru of America

Las Vegas, Nevada – (November 17, 2008) – Flat4 Las Vegas is proud to announce the Fifth Annual Subie Invasion as a huge success. Subie Invasion was a weeklong experience for Subaru owners and enthusiast alike coinciding with the annual SEMA convention held in Las Vegas, NV. Scheduled events included car shows, a group drive through the desert, and a VIP treatment party at Christian Audigier The Nightclub within Treasure Island. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, special guests and participants for attending all of the events as we proudly promoted Subaru's environmental and performance heritage.

On Thursday night, 300 Subaru enthusiasts joined us at In-N-Out Burger for our parking lot meet and raffle. One hundred and ninety cars filled the lot, turning a quiet burger joint into an impromptu car show. You may have seen Daijiro Inada (founder of Tokyo Auto Salon and D1 Grand Prix), Toshiki Yoshioka (D1GP and Formula D drift driver) or Andrew Comrie-Picard (Rally America and infamous XGames rally driver) signing autographs and giving out some of the prizes donated by our sponsors as they roamed through the crowd. Also, appearances by some of our event sponsors were made to help raffle off all of the prizes. We hope everyone made sure to get a hot Double Double burger!

Of those, eighty continued to party with us Sin City style, well into the night at Christian Audigier The Nightclub within Treasure Island. Subie Invasion guests enjoyed VIP service completely occupying the outside patio overlooking the strip, with full (almost unlimited) bottle service with admission. The large group of enthusiasts, sponsors, and SEMA participants partied well into the night, producing great conversations, new friends and lasting memories.

On Saturday, with the conclusion of SEMA the day before, it was time for our car show and vendor display at Subaru of Las Vegas. Subaru of America brought several of their cars that were being displayed at SEMA including Subaru Rally Team USA's car of Travis Pastrana, the Forester Mountain Rescue Concept, Crawford Performance's 2008 Time Attack car and the ICY/Phoenix Racing's Legacy. Nearly two hundred people joined us throughout the cloudless Las Vegas autumn day entertained by DJ Raymond Nichols, free gifts for participants from Subaru of America, and a free hot lunch served up by a local baseball team. Twenty-five cars participated in the highly competitive car show with entrees such as stock-engine 2.5 RS show cars, a STI swapped Forester, and wide-bodied custom paint job 2006/07 monsters. EDO Performance joined us and brought out the world debut of the Zero/Sports body kit for the 2008/2009 STI. EDO also graciously donated a full set of Zero/Sports coilovers as the grand prize in the raffle, valued at nineteen hundred dollars.

We're pleased to announce the winners of the car show:
Old School (Pre-2002) Class: Nick Nichols - 2001 Impreza 2.5RS
2002 - 2003 Class: Rich Panzarella - 2002 Impreza WRX
2002 - 2005 Class: Lance Caliti - 2004 Impreza WRX STI
2006 - 2007 Class: Paul Vanik - 2006 Impreza WRX STI
2008 - 2009 Class: Cameron Wedeuer - 2008 Impreza WRX
Hardcore/Custom Class: Rich Panzarella - 2002 Impreza WRX

All Others Class: Jen Wintrode - 2004 Forester
Best Of Show: Jen Wintrode - 2004 Forester

Even though skies looked gloomy early Sunday morning, the sun shone down as 30 Subarus caravanned out to Valley of Fire State Park group drive. Our final destination in the park was a formation called the "Seven Sisters," a nickname given to the Pleadies star cluster by western astronomers. In Japan, astronomers named the same star cluster "Subaru," and these are the same stars for which Fuji Heavy Industries named the Subaru automotive division.

Flat4 Las Vegas, on behalf of the Subie Invasion 2008 Committee, would like to thank the following for their involvement and support of our Subie Invasion events:

Edwin Tang (EDO Performance)
Tokushi Nakashima (ZeroSports)
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Jerode Padilla (Subaru of America)
Burton Hughes (Subaru of Las Vegas)
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Ken Block (DC Shoes / Subaru Rally Team USA)
Joey Cabresra (Motul USA)
Horacio Antonielli (H.O.A Imports & Consulting)
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And of course, thanks to the hundreds of Subaru enthusiasts that joined us, and that continue to make the Subaru community the best in the world. This was our biggest and best Subie Invasion yet, and we know 2009 will be even bigger!

Remember to visit www.subieinvasion.com to see this year's photo galleries and guest commentary. Subiesport Magazine, Modified Magazine, and Car Sensor Magazine (Japan) will also be covering all of the Subie invasion 2008 events in their upcoming issues. Please take some time as well to visit all of our sponsors' websites, also available through the above website.

See you at Subie Invasion 2009!

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