

Arizona State Fair

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Press Release

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EXTREME EVENTS THRILL AT THIS YEAR'S ARIZONA STATE FAIR

*The Human Speed Bump Attempts New Guinness World Record;
High Dive Daredevil Attempts 45-Foot Fire Dive and 80-Foot Tower Dive*

Phoenix (September 10, 2008) – Calling all extreme sports fans and thrill-seeking enthusiasts to the 124th annual Arizona State Fair. A Guinness World Record could be broken by the man with the “World's Strongest Abs.” Flames will be spewing 45-foot when a high dive daredevil and the ultimate high dive champion leaps from an 80-foot tower. Live and in-person, fairgoers can witness these amazing acts of strength and courage that promise to leave you breathless and on the edge of your seat.

On Oct. 17, Tom Owen, aka the Human Speed Bump, will attempt to set a new Guinness World Record with up to eight trucks weighing a minimum of 30,000 pounds rolling over his abs of steel. Can this strongman break the world record for strength? Spectators can gather in the Coliseum North Plaza to watch Tom as truck after truck after truck drive over his bare stomach.

Aquatic enthusiasts will not be disappointed with the high dive spectacles featured Oct. 24 and 25, also to be held in the Coliseum North Plaza. The high dive daredevils will attempt a fire dive from 45-feet above ground with flames shooting from the diver's back. On the second day of world-class diving, Kunze will high dive from a tower nearly 80 feet above ground into a pool that is 10 feet deep and 26 feet in diameter.

These action-packed presentations bring professional world champions to the State Fair. High diver Kunze has made history with seven world records – the first being a 150-foot dive and the final one a 172-foot dive. Kunze began his professional high diving career at the age of 13 and won his first World Championship and set a new World Record for the highest dive at the age of 16. By the age of 23, he had captured eight World Championships.

Tom Owen has won multiple powerlifting and bodybuilding titles throughout his five decade career, including his current title of Master Mr. USA and Master Mr. North America. He has set several world records with his strength and his strongman performances have earned him a place in the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

These presentations are included in Fair admission.

Oct. 17: Human Speed Bump world record attempt, 5:25pm

Oct. 24: Fire Dive, 5:25pm

Oct. 25: High Dive, 5:25pm

On the days of the spectacular dives, Oct. 24 and 25, High Diving Champion Dana Kunze will host a clinic where he will demonstrate his techniques of high diving from an 80 foot platform into a portable pool and the world famous Human Torch Fire Dive. Dana will also discuss dangers related to world record high diving and stunt diving, and the physics of this type of feat, including interesting facts related to speed and impact. In addition, he will present a vital safety message to younger Fairgoers, emphasizing the importance of proper training and the dangers of diving in shallow water.

The 124th annual Arizona State Fair, running from October 10 to November 2 (closed on Mondays), will host a variety of fun-filled attractions, activities and rides for all ages at its location at 19th Avenue and McDowell Road in Phoenix. For more information, visit www.azstatefair.com.

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Editor's note: Both Kunze and Owens are available for interviews.

Fair Dates: Oct. 10 – Nov. 2. CLOSED ON MONDAYS.
On weekdays, gates open at 12 noon, and at 10 am on Saturdays and Sundays.
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