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Jason Sacks Scores Podium Finish in Xtreme Outlaws 250

ShopBot-Sponsored Off-Road Racer Claims Second Place in Inaugural XO250 Race

Durham, NC (June 23, 2010) – Desert racer Jason Sacks took the runner-up spot in the Sportsman class at the inaugural Xtreme Outlaw Off-Road Race (XO250) sanctioned by [VORRA Racing](#) held this past weekend in and around Reno, NV. Jason took his ShopBot Tools-sponsored desert racer to second place behind teammate Terry Shelton in a race marked by last-minute route changes, obsolete maps and course vandalism.



Due to last-minute concerns from local property owners, XO250 race organizers were forced to alter the route on Friday evening, rendering the course maps obsolete. In addition to those changes, vandals moved or destroyed directional arrows from the race course, contributing to already dangerous conditions. Despite less-than-ideal circumstances the 250-mile race commenced as scheduled on

Saturday morning with a Nevada Highway Patrol-escorted parade lap beginning at the Grand Sierra Resort, down Interstate 80 and out to the starting line in the Nevada desert.

Starting in the middle of the pack for the race's staggered start, Jason overtook his first competitor near the 30-mile mark. However, his progress was hindered as he and a dozen other drivers fell victim to the previous night's sign vandalism and found themselves more than 25 minutes off course and were forced to backtrack. The remainder of lap one proved a slow process as large boulders on the course made overtaking impossible.

Jason left the lap-one pit stop in second place, and used lap two to gain some ground on the #81 machine of his teammate Shelton. By the end of the second lap, Jason's car needed 10 gallons of fuel and Jason needed three bottles of water, but he had closed to within 10 minutes on Shelton. The next 40 miles became a race of attrition as cars broke down, ran out of fuel or became bottle-necked in ravines and on steep hills. Jason relied on skill, creative driving and a little bit of luck to bypass the obstacles and congestion to make up even more time.

With 10 miles remaining in the race, Jason caught sight of his teammate, moving along in first place. At the beginning of the race, Jason left the starting line two and a half minutes ahead of Shelton, meaning he would have to pass his teammate and make up another 150 seconds to take first place. Jason made the pass with five miles to go, and set his sights on the win. Jason was the first competitor in the 15-vehicle Sportsman class to cross the finish line. 80 seconds later, Shelton crossed the line forcing Jason to settle for second place by a 70-second margin.

Jason Sacks, Second Place, Total Time:

06:25:40.83:

“All in all it was a great day at the races. It’s rare for us to have a one-two finish, and if anybody is going to finish ahead of me, I’d rather it be a teammate. The awards were Sunday morning, and afterwards, me and the team celebrated by helping another team recover their car from the steep hill in the desert. Good times. Good times.”



Check your local ESPN listings for details about televised coverage of the event. Jason’s next event is the VORRA 250-mile Desert Night Race, July 16-18 in Fallon, NV.

About Jason Sacks:

Jason has been off-road racing – initially on motorcycles – since the age of eight. He competed in his first four-wheeled off-road race in 1997 as a crew member and co-driver, and entered his own car for a full season one year later. In 1999, Jason finished second in the VORRA Novice class, and he claimed the Semi-Pro championship in 2002. Jason finished third in his most recent race, the VORRA Yerington 300 on May 30 in Yerington, NV. When Jason isn’t racing, he works as a production manager for [Maker Faire](#), a celebration of science, technology and the DIY mindset, of which ShopBot has been a sponsor since 2007.

About ShopBot:

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