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Oct 1, 2010 - Upcoming Event Raises Awareness of Missing - Fireball Run Adventurally & Race to Recover American's Missing Children is coming to Cedar Rapids on Oct 1. Bart Woods and Peter Lammers will be representing Erin Pospisil, who has been missing since 2001.

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Fireball Run organizer makes stop in C.R.

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CEDAR RAPIDS — Natalie Zimmerman, director of operations for the Fireball Run that will stop in Cedar Rapids Oct. 1 and 2, will visit Hawkeye Downs Speedway and

Fairgrounds on Friday.

Zimmerman, who is doing a trial run of the entire Fireball Run route from Henderson, Nev., to Galena, Ill., will attend



Erin Pospisil

a VIP reception from 5:30 to 8 p.m. sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau and Hawkeye Downs.

The annual Fireball

Run Adventurally & Race to Recover America's Missing Children begins Sept. 23. From its starting point in Henderson, Nev., it winds through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Missouri and Iowa before ending in Galena. Seventy-five teams, driving everything from luxury sports cars to a Model T Ford, will make the 3,500mile journey.

Two local businessmen. Bart Woods of Primus Construction and Pete Lammers of European Motors, will participate in the entire nine-day event. With a nod to the movie "National Lampoon's Vacation" starring Chevy Chase, their vehicle will be an Audi wrapped to look like a wood-grain station wagon.

Each team will raise awareness of a missing child. Woods and Lammers will be representing Erin Pospisil, who has been missing from Cedar Rapids since 2001.

When the Fireball Run arrives on Oct. 1. the teams will visit the corn maze at Bloomsbury Farms (specially designed with the Fireball Run logo), a few local landmarks and Four Oaks before arriving at the finish line at Greene Square Park.

One mission of the teams will be to bring games and balls for two local organizations dedicated to children's welfare — Four Oaks and St. Luke's Child Protection Center.

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