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AJ Nealey Qualifies for VW Jetta TDI Race Team

25-Year Old Maryland Resident to Compete in Clean Diesel Race Series

Edgewater, MD - February 2009 - AJ Nealey, who has been racing since he was 18, was selected on February 5, 2009 to join the VW Jetta TDI Cup racing team. Nealey will compete in 10 races across the country including one in Canada. Races start April 2009 and run through September 2009.

AJ Nealey, a 25-year old resident of Edgewater, MD, is one of 30 competitors for the 10-race season. Drivers were selected over a four-day period, during which they were tested in autocross, karting, athletic performance, media and sponsorship training, as well as a series of written tests. Racers also competed in a 15-minute simulated race on the 2.3-mile road course.

“The qualification process was intense,” stated AJ Nealey who competed with more than 50 aspiring racers from across the United States, Mexico and Canada to earn a spot in the 2009 VW Jetta TDI Cup Series, “With the speed and agility of the cars combined with the cleanest diesel there is – this race series is truly impressive. I am honored to be part of the program.”

Since 2002 Nealey has been competing professionally in races and has won more than 40 races. “The big race now is for sponsors,” said Nealey who will be meeting with potential sponsors to discuss the benefits of having their brand on a car that will have exposure in print, TV, email, internet and at 10 race tracks across the country. Sponsorship packages start at \$10,000 for a door panel graphic on the car for one weekend.

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The Volkswagen Jetta TDI cup, which is sanctioned by SCCA Pro Racing, is the only Clean Diesel racing series of its kind. Drivers will compete in 30 identical Clean Diesel racecars as they contend for \$100,000 in the world's first green racing series. For more information about the Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup, visit www.vwmotorsportusa.com.

AJ Nealey, a 25 year-old racecar driver, will be competing in the 2009 VW Jetta TDI Cup. He has set an ITA track record at Summit Point Raceway, is the recipient of the Dick Lord Trophy, and is a MARRS ITA Champion. Nealey lives in Edgewater, MD. For sponsorship inquiries and opportunities, please contact AJ Nealey Racing at 443-220-4019, AJNealeyRacing.com or speedsponsor@ajnealey.com.

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