

News Release

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Regina residents seek to capture thrill of storms

Greg Johnson and Dan Plaster are pursuing an incredible adventure as they travel to the American Midwest on May 2 to produce a documentary involving storm chasing. The pair will spend two weeks in Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma during the heart of tornado season. The public can share the experience by visiting canado.ca, where they will post real time blog updates, video and photos.

For Johnson, a prominent local photographer, the journey is about thrill seeking. "There is an element of danger to storm chasing," said Johnson. "The key to safety is to follow the tornado from southwest to northeast - the direction that most storms travel. We're not looking to intercept the storm, but instead by chasing it, we should stay out of harm's way."

"The goal of this project is to document the characters and culture of storm chasing" he added.

Johnson's knowledge of weather patterns stems from a decade of storm chasing on the Canadian prairies. This is the first trip to the Midwestern states for both Johnson and Plaster, however. To find storm activity in unfamiliar territory, the pair will use real time information provided from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and live Doppler radar in their vehicle.

Following the journey, Johnson and Plaster, who is the Media Director for the Regina Pats, will attempt to find a distributor for their film. They will host a screening in Regina this summer.

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** Note: During the journey, Greg Johnson and Dan Plaster would be pleased to accommodate any interview requests via cell phone. Please contact GJ Photo to arrange an interview at 306.757.4686.

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