



UNDER THE HOOD

TEAM ASSOCIATED'S DUSTIN EVANS'S B64D

Many of the Factory Team drivers of Team Associated were debuting the new, highly anticipated B64D 4WD buggy at the 2017 Reedy Off-Road Race of Champions, and we got a peek at newly signed Dustin Evans's personal car. Equipped with

Reedy electronics, the buggy was showing great speed, especially impressive considering it being a new platform. The 2011 Reedy Race Champion has the skills to back it up, and when he feels confident, big things happen. Let's take a closer look.

STATS

Age: 31

Sponsors: Reedy, Team Associated, Pro-Line, MHOR R/C Raceway, Upgrade RC, Sanwa, OCR Raceway, Bradley Fine Line Design, MIP, Makita, Kicker, liverc.com

Home: Denver, Colorado

1. Evans's prep is immaculate, with all the wires and electronics placed efficiently and tidily. **2.** Here's the front end of the buggy. Note the red springs and coated shock bodies. **3.** This view shows off the B64D's "bent" rear arms. **4.** With the body off, you can see the subtle details, including a small stabilizer fin and cab-forward styling. **5.** Evans is now running Reedy electronics, and a Blackbox 510R takes care of his speed-control needs. **6.** A 5.5T Reedy Sonic M3 motor gives the buggy plenty of power to compete with the best. **7.** Here's the front end of the buggy, including the center gear diff, which was filled with 200K silicone oil when Evans started the event. A Reedy RT1508 Digital HV HI-Torque Competition Servo provides the needed steering for his buggy. **8.** The B64D uses an aluminum-milled chassis with plastic slides. You can also see the hard plastic arms that the team drivers were using. **9.** Evans is now running a Sanwa M12S, with a custom wrap in his personal colors by Upgrade RC.



PRO INTERVIEW

Dustin Evans's recent departure from longtime sponsor TLR to join Team Associated shook up the RC racing scene, and the Reedy Race scheduled in January only increased the attention and focused more eyes on the Colorado native. Known for his smooth style and calm approach, the 2011 Reedy Race champion is a big threat at any event he attends and will add some firepower to Team Associated's Factory Team. We got a chance to ask him a few questions. Read on.

RC Car Action: What's your favorite class?

The difference between being a pro- and an amateur-sponsored driver is the amount of involvement with the company. [As a pro,] you are working on development and making the cars better directly with the engineers and employees at the company. Also, you are expected to perform at a high level at major events.

Dustin Evans: That would be 2WD Modified.

What's your favorite race?

The Reedy Race of Champions.

When building a new vehicle, what main things do you focus on?

That everything is built correctly, and making sure the suspension arms are moving freely.

How is racing different in Colorado from other places?

Colorado has an awesome racing scene at MHOR R/C Raceway, with little drama. The people are great, and it's an awesome place for me to club-race in between traveling to large events.

What's the difference between being a pro- and an amateur-sponsored driver?

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Do you have any advice for aspiring racers?

My advice for aspiring racers is to enjoy the process and have fun. I got to where I am by having fun and enjoying the hobby, and the rest just happened.

What's the best thing about being a pro driver?

The best thing about being a pro is getting paid to do what I love—also, traveling and meeting new people from around the world.

Evans running strong at the 2017 Reedy Race of Champions.

