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## **Adventures For The Cure holds its lead near the mid-way point**

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**Near Greensburg, Kansas.** – Adventures For The Cure continues to extend its lead in the two-person team division of the Race Across America (RAAM) nearly midway into the 3,021-mile (4,861 km) transcontinental race.

From the beginning, Adventures For The Cure took the early lead over their friendly rivals, the E-HUB Team from Slovenia, and have not looked back.

At the first 1393 miles and nearly the midway point of the non-stop race from Oceanside, Calif., to Annapolis, Md., Adventures For The Cure is averaging a blistering 19.69 mph, which is bettering eight of the twelve 4-man teams. E-HUB Team remains second, averaging 17.39 mph.

Adam Driscoll on Adventures For The Cure has Type 1 diabetes, a chronic autoimmune disorder that occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin to properly control blood sugar levels. Adam is joined on the 2-man team by AFC co-founder Patrick Blair.

“Competing in the 2-man division of RAAM is a different experience than in the past, both for the crew and the riders,” stated Driscoll.

At the 2008 RAAM, Adam and Pat were part of a four-man team that competed on single-speed, fixed gear bicycles and averaged over 19.1 mph. They finished fourth last year. In 2006, the pair completed a 6,500 mile journey across the United States that was chronicled in the award-winning documentary film *Adventures For The Cure: The Doc*.

Crewmember Stacey Rohr mentioned, “Last night Adam ended a 2.5 hour pull and prepared for sleep. He asked me to set an alarm for 1 hour so he could check his sugar. He would have been much better off if he could have slept 2.5 hours straight, but he had to wake up because of his diabetes.”

In 2007, Adam and Pat co-founded Adventures For The Cure (AFC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and USA Cycling club which exists to raise awareness for diabetes, to show those diagnosed with diabetes and their families how leading a healthy and active lifestyle can move you beyond your perceived limits, and to raise funds for diabetes research. AFC is riding to raise over \$50K for its Extreme Weekend for Children with Diabetes camp and Kipenda for the Children. Pat Blair added, "Currently, we're auctioning off the four bikes that we're riding as part of our fundraising efforts."

Follow the progress of Adventures For The Cure and place a bid on the bikes by visiting <http://adventuresforthecure.com>

**Photo Information:**

- **RAAM-2009-Ryan-038-774134.jpg** (Courtesy Ryan King):  
Patrick Blair in time trial mode across the flat plains of western Kansas early Tuesday morning while leading the two-person team division of the Race Across America.

- **RAAM-2009-Ryan-046-795150.jpg** (Courtesy Ryan King):  
Adventures For The Cure crew member Mike "Weezal" Caputi and rider Adam Driscoll await the next transition exchange during day two of the Race Across America.

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