

Squaw to debut film on CR Johnson

Squaw Valley's KT Base Bar will be the site for the world premiere of "CRJ – The Chronicle of a Freeskiing Icon."

This event is free. The 20-minute film will begin at 7:30pm Sept. 14. Seating opens at 6pm. Lawn chairs, warm clothing and blankets are recommended.

This will be a celebration of local professional skier CR Johnson's effect on the sport he helped shape during his heralded career.

The film, produced by 4FRNT Media (with help from Inspired Media, Level 1 Productions, Poor Boyz Productions and Teton Gravity Research), outlines Johnson's rise to icon status in the world of freeskiing, documenting his career through film segments and insights from those who knew him best.

Charles Russell Johnson III, better known as CR or CRJ, was a pioneer in the freeskiing movement. At the age of 17 he rose to skiing stardom after landing a 1440 (degree rotation) at his home mountain of Squaw Valley. During his career, Johnson competed in the slopestyle and superpipe Winter X Games events, filmed with many top-tier ski film production companies, and returned to a professional level of freeskiing after a life altering and career threatening head injury in 2005. Throughout his highly public skiing career, Johnson's passion for skiing and dedication to the sport set him apart.

Johnson died in a skiing accident at Squaw Valley on Feb. 24, 2010.