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Allen Haff, left, and Ton Jones star in Spike TV's "Auction Hunters."

Spike TV's 'Auction Hunters' is dangerously live March 21

Any time a show that is normally taped decides to go live, it's a challenge. But for Spike TV's "Auction Hunters" Allen Haff and Ton Jones, it could be downright dangerous.

"Your headline is, 'Spoiler alert, somebody's getting punched in the mouth,'" Haff told me this week. "It may be me getting punched in the mouth, but somebody's getting punched in the mouth next week. I promise you that."

"Hunters" will kick off its third season with a special live one-hour episode next week as Haff and Jones condense four to eight days of work into one hour. They'll buy a storage unit, dig through it and pick out a few items to present for sale to a group of on-set experts.

"Actually, you probably know about as much as we do," Jones told me. "We actually don't know what is going to happen yet."

One thing Haff knows will happen is that viewers will see a different side of Jones. "He's wonderful on the program, but in real life he doesn't have an editor," Haff said. "The viewers are going to get a concentrated taste of Ton



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they haven't seen before."

"You don't have to ever ask me what I'm thinking because I'll tell you," Jones said. "This could get bad!"

"I think it's very ill-advised," Haff said. "I think I'm having second thoughts. I think I'm coming down with a cold."

Haff was joking about not showing up for next week's show, because the event is for a good cause. The proceeds from the sale of the items the guys find will be donated to veterans charities.

"At the end of the day, I would like to make as much money for the charity as we can," Jones said. "And I would like the viewers to also take a step back and realize there's others with a lot worse problems than us like the Vietnam vets, the Afghanistan vets, the Fallen Heroes Fund, all of them. And all I hope is that at the end of the day the viewers say,

'Hey, I've got an extra five bucks I can donate to one of these funds,' and hopefully make a difference."

"What I'm stressing about is we don't always make money. We just get back what we invested," Haff said. "For all I know, we're going to end up sending a George Foreman grill over to the vets instead of the kind of money I'd like to be sending them. That kind of puts the pressure on," he said.

Haff said he couldn't guarantee the live episode would be awesome. But based on my conversation with the guys, I can guarantee that you won't want to miss it.

The live episode of "Auction Hunters" airs at 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, on Spike TV.

For more of my interview with Haff and Jones, including more warnings about what to expect Wednesday, a preview of their upcoming episodes in Alaska and the job with the team Haff offered me, be sure to visit my blog.

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