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## TransGlobeMoto Newsletter – February 2009 – Issue No 7

**Welcome to issue 7 Newsletter. Time is really** flying by now and we have been very busy over the past few weeks cramming in as much as possible. Here's the latest news so far.....

### **Donations**

**A big "Thank You" to Carina Cairns for her generous donation made to our charity via the 'Just Giving' ([www.justgiving.com/transglobemoto](http://www.justgiving.com/transglobemoto)) link on our website.** Carina has many contacts around Europe and she has been in touch with Bild magazine, based in Berlin. They have invited us for interview when we reach that destination. We'd also like to acknowledge the generosity of our other contributors.

Many thanks to the South Queensferry Probus Club where Gordon and Tom delivered a presentation on 5th March 2009. It was a most enjoyable morning.

### **Fundraising Events**

**On Saturday, 28th Motorcycle Workshops, East Calder (01506 883121)** held a fantastic open day at their premises in Calder Drive, East Calder. This was the fourth such event and once again, the weather was kind. Crichton and Sheilagh put on a great BBQ and buffet for the scores of bikers who dropped by for a chat. Tom, Gordon and David from TGM attended the venue and had an



enjoyable time meeting and talking with everyone. This friendly, family-run business is highly recommended and will certainly be the place where the big Adventures will be serviced and checked out prior to departure on the long journey ahead. We'd like to give our thanks to the staff at C & S Motorcycle Workshops and the attendees who helped raise an impressive £260 for Capability Scotland. Remember, if you need your bike serviced for the forthcoming season, give C & S a call on **01506 883121** or visit [www.csmotorcycleworkshop.co.uk](http://www.csmotorcycleworkshop.co.uk).

The lads then rushed straight from C & S Motorcycle Workshop to The Grape, St Andrews Square, Edinburgh for a fundraising evening, where they were joined by team buddies Jim Graham and Graeme Bruce. Over the course of the evening, many hundreds of people attended the event. The staff from Hein Gericke, Queen Street, Edinburgh were also there to help out. They donated lots of fantastic prizes and auction items, including a Cruise II jacket which retails at £330.00. Copies of the freshly launched Hein Gericke 2009 catalogue were also available. This years' range of clothing, accessories and technix is truly incredible – for further details go to [www.hein-gericke.co.uk](http://www.hein-gericke.co.uk)



At the end of the night, we had raised over £750 for charity, so once again, many thanks to everyone involved, particularly the Hein Gericke lads, Bill Barclay (ex Radio Forth DJ) who compered and all the staff at The Grape.

David Burdus and his wife certainly created a real stir in Edinburgh that day with the Martin Conquest. This cool machine has real presence on the road and certainly proved to be a head-turner.

## Team News

**As a result of family circumstances, Jim is no longer able to go all the way round the world. However, the good news is that he can accompany us to Berlin and provide back-up for David on the road home.** That leaves just Tom and Gordon for this mammoth journey but the dynamic-duo is well up for it. Gordon's back injury has shown great improvement over the past two weeks and he is now focussing on building up strength in the muscles around the spine. The lads have also been getting the necessary injections, including vaccinations/boosters for Hep A, Hep B, typhoid, diphtheria, tetanus, rabies and tick-borne encephalitis.

Entry visas have been obtained for USA and applications for visas to Russia and Kazakhstan have been made. It's looking less likely that a visit to Mongolia will be on the cards now due to the complexities of obtaining 3 entry visas for Russia compared to obtaining just the 2.

Tom and Jim are preparing to undergo their BMW off-road riding course in Wales later this month. Unfortunately, Gordon had to withdraw from participating because the risk of aggravating his back injury at this late stage would not be worth taking.



## Another Way Around

During the course of the last month, Tom and Gordon met up with a group of bikers from West Lothian who are involved in a project called **Another Way Round** [www.anotherwayaround.com](http://www.anotherwayaround.com) These guys will be biking round 10 countries in just 9 days to raise money for cancer research. Talk about “numb bum”? Rather them than us but it’s all for a great cause. Please take the time to dip into their website for more information. The boys had some goodies left over from their fundraising night which they kindly passed onto us to help raise funds for Capability Scotland and we thank them for that. Hopefully we can catch up with them again before we all leave. They set off on 8<sup>th</sup> May – Good Luck lads.



## The Scottish Motorcycle Show – Stand H201



We hope that you can manage to come along to the **MCN Scottish Motorcycle Show** being held on **14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009** at the Royal Highland Showground. We have been given a space on Stand H201 (opposite the Yamaha stand) by our sponsor Digby Brown Solicitors. Not to miss an opportunity to raise funds, we’ll have some form of competition/raffle on the go there. Not only that, you’ll get the chance to meet Tom, Gordon and David as well as seeing one of the BMW R1200GS Adventures and the mighty Martin Conquest.

That’s all for this month folks – happy biking and stay safe.

The Transglobemoto Team