

## Transglobemoto Newsletter - January 2009 Issue 6

**A Happy New Year** to all our readers. Apologies for being late in publishing this issue due to unforeseen circumstances. Our intrepid reporter, Gordon suffered a prolapsed disc seven weeks ago which resulted in him being hospitalised. He is still experiencing severe pain as a result of this injury. Let's hope he recovers in time for all the important events that are coming up in the near future.

### Donations



Remember last time we reported that Leith Academy donated £200 to our charity following our presentation to the 5th and 6th form pupils? Well, they have generously donated a further £57 raised by the pupils themselves since our visit. Many thanks.

### Braehead Shopping Centre, Glasgow

Our fundraising trip to Braehead Shopping Centre, Renfrew (<http://www.braehead.co.uk/>) had to be postponed for a week due to the slot being unavailable at the last minute. However, the staff there were fantastic and they pulled out all the stops to fit us in the following week, 1st February 2009. Unfortunately, we were only able to take one of the BMW R1200GS Adventures along (due to Gordon's injury) but that did not dampen the enthusiasm and generosity of the shoppers there who donated a total of £467 to Capability Scotland. Once again, we'd like to extend our gratitude to Graeme Bruce and Marianne McNally (collectors) and the staff and the public at Braehead. Why not pay the centre a visit, it really is a terrific shopping experience.



### Australia Day Fundraising Event



On 24th January 2009, TGM held an Australia Day at St Kentigerns Church in Edinburgh. This was a great family day out, attended by about 100 adults and children. Friend of Transglobemoto, Lawrie Lee of Cafe2U.co.uk fame hosted the event and laid on some terrific activities such as a quiz, auction, raffle, didgeridoo and kookaburra competitions. No Australia Day is complete of course without a barbeque and beers. Our thanks go out to Lawrie, Briony, Armando DiTano and Mike Douglas. At the end of this very enjoyable and successful day, a total of £750 was raised for Capability Scotland.

## Official TGM Shirt Competition Result

The winner of high quality Transglobemoto corporate polo shirt wished to remain anonymous but the winning caption was:



**”The Stig’s identity has been exposed as Tom McInally – you’ll need more than a motorbike to pull him along on a sledge, you’ll need a Scania truck.”**

Just for your information, the rider had to be Gordon as when we tried it the other way round we badly damaged the road surface...!!

## New Sponsors



The Transglobemoto Team is proud to announce three new sponsors who have come onboard to support our charity and fundraising efforts. The staff at Hein Gericke, 60 Queen St, Edinburgh, EH2 4NA (Tel. 0131 220 4156) are pulling out all the stops to raise publicity for our round the world adventure and have kindly donated prizes and auction goodies for our charity evening at Grape, St Andrews Square, Edinburgh on 28th February 2009. The HG lads will be on hand that night to assist us and copies of their fantastic Hein Gericke 2009 clothing and accessories catalogue will be available. We’d also like to thank them for giving us a discount on items of clothing and equipment that we have purchased personally for our trip.

One of our BMW R1200GS Adventures will be on display in their Edinburgh store in the coming weeks, so why not drop in for a chat with the HG staff and have a look at the bike and the tremendous range of biking gear in store. Alternatively, you can visit [www.hein-gericke.co.uk](http://www.hein-gericke.co.uk)



**We are delighted to announce major sponsorship from Digby Brown Solicitors. Founded in 1907, Digby Brown is today Scotland's largest specialist personal injury practice. Rated Band 1 by the leading independent publications, Chambers Guide to the UK Legal Profession and Legal 500 and with offices in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Glenrothes, they handle personal injury compensation claims across Scotland. They are able to offer a complete funding and insurance package through their litigation funding company.**

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In addition to sponsorship, Digby Brown has kindly given us the opportunity to share their stand (Stand H201 next to Yamaha in the main hall) at the MCN Scottish Motorcycle Show at the Royal Highland Showground, Ingliston, Edinburgh on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – [www.scottishmotorcycleshow.com](http://www.scottishmotorcycleshow.com) The TGM team will be there along with one of the BMW Adventures, accompanied by David Burdus and his Martin Conquest trike.

**MOTORCYCLE WORKSHOP** C&S Motorcycle Workshops, Calder Drive, East Calder, Livingston, West Lothian, EH53 0ET, (Tel 01506 883121) are holding a charity open day on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009 between 12.00pm and 4.00pm. Why not pop in and have a look at the great products and services this friendly, family business has to offer. Meet the TGM team and David Burdus who will be displaying their bikes too, prior to heading off to our event at Grape later in the evening. This is a great time to get your bike serviced and ready for the new season so why not drop in and speak with the staff at C&S. Check out their website at [www.csmotorcycleworkshop.co.uk](http://www.csmotorcycleworkshop.co.uk)

**DIARY DATE: SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009- Grape, St Andrew's Square, Edinburgh.** Fundraising night for Capability- see website for details- [www.transglobemoto.com](http://www.transglobemoto.com)

## Bike Update

You'll recall from previous issues that **Bike 1**, owned by **Gordon**, had a **manufacturing fault with the lock** whereby the key could be pulled out of the ignition barrel whilst the bike was being driven. This was due to the key being incorrectly cut at the factory, with serrations only along one side of the key slot, instead of both. As a result, BMW had to supply a complete new set of keys and locks for ignition, fuel cap, seat lock and all luggage cases. The work was carried out last week.



This machine has now covered 8100 miles. **Bike 2**, owned by **Tom**, has covered 6100 miles. It recently had a buckled centre stand replaced under warranty when it was in for its recent service. Tom has been on a diet ever since and I am keeping an eye on mine (centre stand that is)!!! The dealer has stated that if the fault develops again, they'll send his bike to Govan shipyard for repair. Thanks to Motorrad East in Dalkeith for the quick resolution of the problems.

## Visit to BMW Motorcycle Factory, Berlin



The TGM team recently wrote to the BMW motorcycle factory in Berlin to arrange a guided tour. Unfortunately, the factory will not be in production between 1<sup>st</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May so we are unable to take in the visit during the world tour. It's something we may arrange separately, beforehand. Anyone can visit the factory to see the motorcycles being made as long as they make a request 3 - 4 months in advance. For further details, please visit [BMW's website](#)

## New Team Members

A new team member has come onboard for the full round the world trip. Jim Graham from Laurencekirk is gearing himself up for the journey of a lifetime. Jim has a Honda Transalp which he is in the process of preparing. Further details will be released in the next issue.

Tyler Ahrens from Georgia, USA is hoping to start the Adventure from the USA and travel the world with us. He will be confirming this shortly.

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

The Transglobemoto Team