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Transglobemoto Newsletter - March 2009

Issue 8

Welcome to issue 8 Newsletter. This has been a very busy period for the TGM Team. We've attended a lot of venues this month and at the same time we've been dealing with the expected red tape in obtaining the required documentation. Here's a run down on what we've been doing.....

Donations

We had two nights in a row in Renfrew with Paisley Callants and Renfrew Rotary Clubs. Tom and Gordon gave the clubs a run down on the preparations and plans for the project. One of the members generously phoned a contact at Celtic Football Club and has arranged signed Nakamura football shirts to take for auction in Japan. Amazingly the person making the arrangements was a Rangers supporter. Many thanks to him and to both clubs for their generous donations of £100 and £200 respectively. We also visited Currie and Balerno Rotary Club.

Many thanks to Carrick UK (Catherine Shaw Jewellery and Jodie's Jewellery Boutique, Glasgow) for their donation of jewellery to Transglobemoto. So far, we have sold £600 worth which will go towards the charity.

Fundraising Events

In the last issue, we told you about our pending appearance at the MCN Scottish Motorcycle Show. We subsequently went there over the

weekend of 14th/15th March. This was facilitated by Digby Brown Solicitors who kindly allowed us to share their stand at the show. David was there with the Martin Conquest Trike and caused a bit of a stir....not with his stunning good looks and sense of style,,,but because the bike was on display. Over the weekend we held a raffle which included many fantastic prizes which were entirely donated by our friends at Hein Gericke. Overall, we raised just over £750 that weekend, which was a tremendous show of generosity by the bikers, friends and families at the exhibition.



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. David has the ferry booked and is ready to hit Europe.

Visa Saga Continues

Entry visas have been obtained for **USA** and applications for visas to **Russia and Kazakhstan** have been made. We would like to acknowledge the help received from Robert Lourens at scottstours.co.uk in our quest for visas. Hopefully the visas will be in place in May.

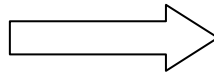
Transglobemoto Stunt Champion

Tom attended the **World of BMW off road skills course in Wales on 21st/22nd March. This is a great course and he** managed to pick up some good tips for riding in the rougher parts of the world.

Unfortunately on the 2nd afternoon Tom decided to do some unintentional stunt riding on the trail. The result is a shoulder bone separation injury (AC Joint Grade II). The good news is that with physio he should be okay for leaving on 9th May 2009. Tom said "Wearing the right gear saved me from more serious injuries. The bike ended up falling on my lower legs and my AlpinestarTech3 boots saved me from more serious injury".



Tom always said "If you fall off your bike the best thing is to stand up and get right back on it"!



Thanks to the staff at World of BMW, in Ystalyfera in Wales for the tremendous instruction and their help to get me back home. A special mention to Linley Pavey who drove me back to the airport.

Thanks also to the Gareth and the staff at The Old Swan Hotel, Ystalyfera, near Swansea....the place to stay if you are doing the Off Road Skills Course ...biker friendly and what a breakfast!

If you are interested in the Off-Road Skills Course call them on 08000 131 282 or visit www.worldofbmw.com



Hein Gericke, 60 Queen St, Edinburgh – Open Day Saturday 25th April 2009

We will be at the Hein Gericke Open Day on 25th April 2009. Pop in and see the bikes, meet the team and get a hold of some of the outstanding motorcycling gear from their 2009 collection.

Bike Update

Both bikes continue to run well with only a couple of niggles. Tom's spotlight switch is being replaced along with a hinge from one of the side cases. We have purchased a number of tools to take with us and Tom awaits his handlebar risers which should help on the long journey. Gordon will try out the bike with the risers fitted but we reckon he would need to wear his fetching platform shoes to reach the controls.



Tom has also taken delivery of a Wunderlich Tank Bag. Again Gordon is waiting to see if his waistline will allow one to be fitted to his bike!!!

The Martin Conquest has had a problem with the differential but they are working hard to overcome this in time for the trip.

Travel Arrangements Update

We have booked the second night's stay at Metz Camping on the banks of the Mosel River. This will be David's first venture into the world of tents and we have promised not to make scary noises at night! He has asked for a two man tent in order that he can take his Teddy with him.



New Blog Launch



The blog is now up and running and can be accessed through the website or directly at www.transglobemoto2009.blogspot.com . This will be used for updating you on the progress of the trip and has the facility for you to reply or send messages back to us...keep it clean!

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

The Transglobemoto Team