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Press Release

Dakar 2010 - 30 Days and counting !

The bike is built and loaded on the ship in France heading for Argentina. Entrance fee is paid. The medical shots are all done. Moose's – a motorcycle endurance racer's version of a tire inner tube - are located and being shipped via a courier company to a motorcycle dealer in South America that he has only met once.

A thousand little details are being looked after by various people around the globe all cumulating in Canadian Don Hatton starting in the 2010 Dakar Race on January 1, 2010 in Buenos Aires Argentina. The race lasts 17 days and covers nearly 10,000 kilometers in Argentina and Chile.

"I'm nervous about the race but really excited about being back in the Dakar" Don said in a recent interview. This will be Don's third attempt at the fabled endurance race.

His first attempt was preempted by the cancellation of the race in 2008 when it was still held in North Africa by the organizing body – ASO – due to terrorist threats against the race participants. In the 2009 Dakar race held in Argentina Don crashed on day five severely injuring himself.

Don is fully recovered from his injuries and recently finished fourth in the 2009 NPO Shamrock Rally de Maroc (Rally of Morocco)

Don's new KTM 690 Rally bike was recently on display at his dealership, Duncan Motorsports, in Duncan BC where team mechanic Bernie Wright prepared the bike prior to shipping it to France. It will be loaded along with his replacement parts and personal racing equipment onto a ship by the ASO so that all the competitors bikes clear Argentina customs at one time. This will greatly simplify some of the logistical challenges faced by Don and his team last year.

Don is inviting his friends, fans and media to a gala send off party to be held December 23, 2009 at Duncan Motorsports in Duncan BC. Time to be advised.

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