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Press Release

Don Hatton finishes 4th place in Morocco Rally

Don Hatton, Canada's own international motorcycle racer has finished in fourth place in the Enduro class in the 2009 NPO Shamrock Rally de Maroc (Rally of Morocco).

The rally ran over six days, 2650 kilometers in total distance with nearly 2000 kilometers of that under race conditions. Through rock, sand, dunes the size of small office buildings and scorching heat in 40 degree Celsius range Don dug deep mentally and physically to complete the rally

These words from Don:

"I just could not overcome the time difference between myself and third place the only way I could have caught him was for him to have a problem. I did catch up and pass him at one point in the Rally only to lose the gain when we hit a really rock stretch forcing me to slow to a snails pace."

"I am not disappointed with my finish in anyway, I had to really dig in and work to achieve what I did, my navigation went very well. I did make a couple of minor navigation errors but nothing serious, my only real problem in the Rally was the limits created by the lack of suspension on the stock KTM690 Enduro. I believe with better suspension I could have won my category."

"I was a little caught off guard by the heat in stage 2 however after a short rest in the desert I recovered enough to finish well that day. After that I wore a few less items of clothing. "

"In any case I did finish and finished in a respectable position. "

Don is returning to Canada later this week and will be available for in person interviews at that time

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