

Off-road fascination: Over 4350 miles of demanding 4x4 adventure

Transsyberia Rally 2008

July 11th – 25th, 2008 from Moscow (Russia) to Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)

On July 11th the teams with participants from over 20 nations will start from Moscow for an incomparable challenge for the fifth time. For 14 days professionals and amateurs will struggle through the expanses of Eastern Europe and Asia to the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar. During the route the pilots and co-pilots have to demonstrate all their competence and aptitude, because they're led through the swampy Siberian Lowland, the rough Altai Mountains, and the sand dunes of the Gobi Desert. In this way spectacular pictures are guaranteed.



With their 4x4 vehicle, a team, consisting of a driver and navigator, has to compete for standings in various valuation categories. Aside from daily stages of up to 609 miles, demanding special stages are added really getting down to the brass tacks. Here the rally participants must prove what they and their vehicles are able to do off the track.

This year the Transsyberia Rally is under the sportive direction of Richard Schalber for the second time. The successful motorsport athlete and former team boss of the Paris-Dakar factory team for BMW has been organizing international off-road events since 1993. "During the Transsyberia, the participants experience the perfect combination of sport and adventure." All vehicles have to feature series standard. „Neither do we want a technology arms race, nor teams who start with budget in the millions.“, Schalber explains.



Amongst the participants are professionals, like the multiple German and European Rally Champion Armin Schwarz (45). Last year, his dream of victory was shattered on the day before the finale, when his car was totaled after flipping over several times. Naturally he wants to do better this year! The former Italian Rally Champion Antonio Tognana (52), who finished last years rally second in the overall standings, is certainly amongst his keenest competitors. Maybe one of the many amateur teams will make for a surprise! In spite of years of rally experience, last years winner Rod Millen from the USA described the Transsyberia as "...the biggest challenge of my motorsport career to date. I'm very happy we won."

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