

TRANSSYBERIA RALLY 2008
Saturday 12th July
Stage 1 Moskau-Vladimir and Stage 2

Infos : <http://www.transsyberia-rallye.de/> (News, entry list, Route, etc....)

STAGE 1

00:00 Cars at the start and driving through muddy roads

Day one of the Transsyberia Rallye saw the 30 teams battling rainy conditions on their way from Moscow to Vladimir. The first 100 km were straight forward leading the teams out of Moscow and towards the true challenge; the off-road part of the route which is the part that is actually assessed. Due to poor weather conditions it turned out more tantalising than expected.

01:01 Onboard-shots

01:32 Eastablishing shots Teambuctu

Cue Narrator

Runner up team Uta Baier from Munich, Germany already assisted at last years Transsyberia rallye.

01:40 Eastablishing shots Team Portugese

Team Portugal consisting of Pedro Gameiro and Pedro Figueiredo pocketed the first victory needing 1 hour and 4 minutes to fly through the finish line.

02:09 Aerial shots stage 2

Cue Narrator

The second stage of the Transsyberia Rally 2008 powered by Sony Ericsson lead the teams from Vladimir to Kazan, the weather during the 711 km drive varied from strong rain to summery white-blue skies

02:32

Cars driving/onboards

THE SECOND EVALUATION TOOK PLACE IN THE RUSSIAN TAIGA, NEAR THE VOLGA, THE LONGEST EUROPEAN RIVER. THE 58 KM LONG STRETCH WENT THROUGH CONIFEROUS WOODS. WET LOAM AND SAND MADE THE COURSE EXTREMELY SLIPPERY. IN ADDITION, STANDING RAINWATER IN THE NUMEROUS RUTS AND TRACKS MADE LIFE DIFFICULT FOR THE PILOTS.

03:13

Russian Village/villagers attending

Cue Narrator

THE COURSE LEAD THROUGH THE QUAIN TITTLE VILLAGE OF IVAN BELJAK WHERE GRANNY ANNA POULOVNA AND THE REST OF THE VILLAGERS WISHED THE TEAMS GOOD LUCK FOR THE REST OF THEIR WAY.

03:33

Cars driving on/onboards

Onboard and driving shots

After some crossings, mud particles formed that dirtied the radiator grills of the off-road vehicles. Not only did the cars look as if they had just had a Fango treatment, some of the motors were extremely overheated at the finish.

03:47

Broken down Suzuki at finish

04:01

Establishing shots Kazan

Cue Narrator

In the end the German team one found the fastest way through the forest. The Russian Team one came in only five seconds afterwards and was very happy about this success in their homeland. Team Iberica trumped up today with a third place.

In the overall standings, Team Portugal is still in the lead of the Transsyberia.

The next stage is the longest being almost 1000 kilometres long and will take the teams from Europe, across the Ural to Asia.

04:09 **Cars on liaison**

Interviews

Stage 1

04:23 **Pedro Gameiro Team Portugese Winner Stage One**

THE NAVIGATION IT WAS VERY VERY HARD AND HE DID A FANTASTIC JOB, IT WAS HIS DOING NOT MINE I DID NOTHING I ONLY BROUGHT IT THE CAR NOTHING ELSE.

04:33 **Pedro Figueiredo Team Portugese Winner Stage One**

THIS IS DIFFERENT NAVIGATION FROM THE ONE PEOPLE ARE USED TO HAVE, SO I THINK WE HAVE DONE THIS JOB DUE TO OUR EXPERIENCE.

04:43 **Uta Baier Teambuctu Germany**

Translated:

MASSIVE MUD HOLES AND GIGANTIC WATER HOLES. WE HAD GREAT RIDES THROUGH RIVERS AND WATER, A FEW GUYS GOT STUCK, RECOVERY MANOEUVRES, TECHNICAL STOPS, STUFF LIKE THAT WHICH IS PART OF IT.

Stage 2

04:57 Andreas Kramer GER (German)

WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THE TEMPERATURE AS I ASSUME OTHERS HAVE TOO. ALL THE GRILLS ARE CAKED WITH DIRT. WE STOPPED THREE TIMES AND TRIED TO CLEAN IT, FILLED UP THE WATER, NOW WE'RE OUT OF WATER. WE WERE THIRSTY FOR A LONG TIME. WE MADE IT HERE, THANK GOD, WE'RE THROUGH. I THINK SOME TEAMS HAD WORSE LUCK.

Wir haben Temperaturprobleme wie, glaube ich, bei jedem. Sind alle Kühler wie zu betoniert. Haben drei Mal angehalten und versucht was zu reinigen, immer wieder Wasser aufgefüllt, jetzt haben wir gar nichts mehr. Dann mussten wir durstig sein die ganze Zeit. Wir haben uns jetzt hier her gerettet, um Gottes Willen, wir sind durch. Ich glaube es hat einige schlimmer erwischt.

05:23 Armin Schwarz GER (German)

THIS WAS A PROPER HANDLING COURSE LIKE I KNOW IT FROM PROPER RALLYES, LEADING THROUGH FORESTS. WE DID A NICE SELECTIVE TRIAL. THERE WASN'T SO MUCH WATER AND NOT AS MUCH MUD, SO BASICALLY IT WENT WELL.

Das war ein richtiger Handlingcourse so wie man es bei richtigen Rallyes hat schön durch den Wald. Toll selektive Prüfung gemacht heute und nicht so viel Wasser und nicht so viel Schlamm, in so fern ist es gut gegangen.