

Barcelona - Dakar 2005

When the 27th running of the "Dakar" rallye starts in Barcelona's "Plaza de Espana" on January 1st 2005, Canada will have a representative in the motorcycle class.

Bob Bergman of Toronto, will be competing in the 2005 Barcelona-Dakar on a Cycle Improvements prepared KTM 660 Rallye. This years Dakar has received overwhelming interest in the motorcycle class, which has already been filled with a maximum of 230 entries. Bergman is the only Canadian.

"I've followed Dakar since the Eighties, I've always been fascinated by these huge offroad bikes racing in exotic and remote places. About 4 or 5 years ago I got the idea that I'd like to do it. Then when Lawrence and Guy did it, I realized it was something that was possible," said Bergman, a former Pro roadracer and Canadian Rockclimbing Champion.

This years Dakar rally will take a traditional route from Europe in to Morocco, crossing the deserts of Mauritania before reaching the sahal of Mali and finally Dakar, Senegal. It will feature all the ingredients and challenges of previous years, testing competitors to the limit.

Bob is sponsored by Cycle Improvements, Kimpex, Sinisalo, Shark, Ipone, KTM Canada and the Ontario Dual Sport Club.

Follow the progress of Bob Bergman as he prepares for the rallye and during the race at website <http://www.dakar.odsc.on.ca>

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