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SILK WAY RALLY 2016

Start Podium: Moscow - 8th July

Between Moscow and Beijing, Team DESSOUDE is back on the Silk Way...

After a gap of two years, this classic rally raid, which has been the stuff of dreams for many a competitor, is back on the international calendar. Since 2013, they have all been looking forward to heading back over the Russian steppes, and then to follow in the footsteps of Marco Polo. With the event starting from Moscow and finishing in Beijing, the competitors will have to cover over 10,000 km at a good pace in order to reach their goal. Team DESSOUDE will obviously be taking part, with three cars entered in the 2016 edition of this new formula 'Silk Way'. Frédéric CHAVIGNY, a regular of the Saint-Lô based team for a number of years, and the team's local driver, will be back in the cockpit of his Dessoude Atacama Proto along with a brand-new co-driver, Igor MOTKO. Team DESSOUDE will also provide technical assistance for the two Chinese crews of the Eastern Racing Team, which is entering two Dessoude Pathfinder Protos driven by MIAO MA/ MIN LIAO in the #121 and by LEI ZHONG/ZHAOHUI WANG in the #186. The event gets underway today from the Red Square in Moscow!





Always ready to pick up a new challenge, Team DESSOUDE is pleased to be back in the Rally Raid caravan. Even if the weather is not ideal in Russia at the moment, with rain and temperatures not above 15°C, the atmosphere is feverish, with all the teams preparing for two intense weeks.

For this return to top-level competition, André DESSOUDE's team is made up of around thirty people, divided between the three race cars, two assistance trucks and three assistance vehicles.



For the "Boss", the main aim is to get all their cars to Beijing.

"This race has not taken place during the last two years, and I have to admit that we missed it. Ideally placed in the calendar, this year it allows us to relive the epic journeys we made in the past by proposing a route to Beijing starting from Moscow. A long and beautiful journey full of potential problems."

"It is a true marathon, which will test all the crews and vehicles. Endurance, the real essence of rally raid, takes its full meaning in such an event.

Our aim will be to get the three cars to the finish line in China. The two Chinese crews are extremely motivated. It will be a long race, and finishing every day's stage will already be a victory.3





As far as Fred CHAVIGNY is concerned, he is fully motivated, and taking part in this 2016 edition of the Silk Way Rally is rather like making a childhood dream come true.

Born in France in the Eure et Loire region, living in Russia and in the Ukraine since 1992, Frédéric is a true sportsman who discovered rally raids in 2009 with Team DESSOUDE. His taste for endurance initially took him to marathon running, completing 20 events, and then the ultra-marathon (100km), with a dozen races to his credit.

It is therefore not surprising that when he became interested in motorsport, rally raid quickly became his favourite form of the sport.

Fred has taken part in six Dakar events in South America, and no fewer than five Silk Way rally raids, organised at the time in Russia, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan. This year will be his sixth participation, but the cherry on the cake is that it will take him to new grounds and most specifically to China, crossing such redoubtable and legendary landscapes as the Gobi Desert in Mongolia.



To reach the Grail, the Forbidden City in Beijing on July 24th, Fred will be able to count on his ATACAMA Proto with a 6.2 l Chevrolet engine. A real beast that he will need to tame in order to get through all the obstacles on his way. On this rally, Fred's navigator will be a newcomer to rally raids, Igor MOTKO from the Ukraine. He may be a rookie, but he is extra motivated and determined to reach the Chinese capital city.

As for the two Chinese crews on the Dessoude Pathfinder Protos, they are also fully motivated. For them, it is the first part of the route that will be new, as once they cross into China they will be more familiar with the terrain. Regular competitors in rallies in China, or in the Dakar in South America, these two crews are very experienced and should be watched closely, most particularly the line-up of MIAO MA/ MIN LIAO.





The first two stages will take the competitors from Moscow to Ufa via Kazan. Long liaison sections are on the programme, to take them out of the big urban areas, with two timed sectors with a total distance of around 140 km as a warm-up. From Monday July 11th, the event will go up a notch, heading for Kostanay with a 200 km stage. The rally will get steadily more difficult, but it already looks as if some stages will need real bravery...

THE ROUTE



DATE	#	LEGS	ROAD SECTION 1	SELECTIVE SECTION	ROAD SECTION 2	TOTAL LEG	ALTITUDE SS mini - maxi	DESCRIPTION
09/07	1	MOSCOW - KAZAN	849,85	2	2	853,85		Exit Moscow, heavy traffic, mainly on a 2-lane-road, many trucks. Caution, numerous radars on the road section. 100% good quality tarmac road.
10/07	2	KAZAN - UFA	36,86	135,78	454,02	626,66	64-188	100 % TRACK : SOIL 90 % - GRAVEL 10 %
11/07	3	UFA -KOSTANAY	343,09	200,43	271,63	815,15	254-467	100 % TRACK : SOIL
12/07	4	KOSTANAY - ASTANA *	144,24	345,33	366,12	855,69	108-378	100 % TRACK : SOIL
13/07	5	ASTANA - BALKHASH	235,76	568,24	16,75	820,75	408-998	100 % TRACK : SOIL
14/07	6	BALKHASH - ALMATY	327,10	411,35	117,43	855,88	336 - 580	90 % TRACK : SAND - SOIL 10 % OFF TRACK : SAND - SOIL
15/07		ALMATY		REST DAY				
16/07	7	ALMATY - BORTALA	85,51	76,86	419,2	581,57	1072-2575	100 % MOUNTAIN TRACK 80 % SOIL - 20 % GRAVEL STONES
17/07	8	BORTALA - URUMQI **	513,64	256,93	134,78	905,35	294-471	90 % TRACK : SAND 60% - SOIL 30% 10 % OFF TRACK : SAND - VEGETATION
18/07	9	URUMQI - HAMI	289,72	384,40	45,43	719,55	58-974	55 % TRACK : SOIL - SAND 45 % OFF TRACK : DUNE 15% - SAND, GRAVEL, SOIL 30%
19/07	10	HAMI - DUNHUANG	78,49	340,00	106,75	525,24	553-1916	95 % TRACK : SOIL, SAND 85% - STONES 10% 5 % OFF TRACK : SAND, GRAVEL, SOIL
20/07	11	DUNHUANG -JIAYUGUAN	44,28	220,96	344,42	609,66	1376-2508	95 % TRACK : SOIL, SAND 75% - GRAVEL 20% 5 % OFF TRACK : SAND, GRAVEL
21/07	12	JIAYUGUAN - ALASHAN	183,50	425,00	58,42	666,92	1148-1811	81 % TRACK : DUNE 10% - SAND 6% - SOIL 10% 15 % OFF TRACK : DUNE 10% - SAND, GRAVEL 5%, 4 % TARMAC
22/07	13	ALASHANI - WUHAI	30,94	367,44	326,51	724,89	1159-1792	80 % TRACK : SAND 60% - SOIL 20% 20 % OFF TRACK : DUNE 15% - SAND, VEGETATION 5%
23/07	14	WUHAI - HOHHOT	72,60	261,00	420,68	754,28	1039-1224	70 % TRACK : SAND 60% - SOIL 10% 30 % OFF TRACK : DUNE 25% - SAND, VEGETATION 5%
24/07	15	HOHHOT - BEIJING	507,81	0	0	507,81		ON HIGHWAY, caution numerous trucks
TOTAL KMS			3743,39	4104,96	2926,35	10774,70		
			TOTAL ROAD SECTIONS			6669,74		
			TOTAL SS			4104,96		

* Time difference : +3h00, at the start in the morning

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