

# MITAS MOTO NEWSLETTER

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## Interview

### Rok Bagoroš, official KTM stunt rider

Talking to Rok is always interesting. He is full of energy, passion and enthusiasm. All of this is reflected in his motto "Follow your dreams and never quit!".

#### **At what age did your passion for motorbikes begin and what was your first motorbike?**

I don't remember exactly but I know when I was still a small bogger I always liked the sound of bikes. When I was around 10 years old I took an old Tomos A3 from my father's garage and fooled around in the surrounding fields and forests pretending to be a PRO MX rider.

#### **Who do you admire the most in the world of motorcycles?**

Chris Pfeiffer. He set the standard in Stunt Riding and made the sport mainstream, so the path for the future stunt riders was much easier. And he is a really cool person, always ready to help. I also admire Chris Birch – a super talented rider but extremely down-to-earth person and that's what I find the most important. Last but not least, Travis Pastrana - no words needed.

#### **What's the maddest thing you've done on a bike?**

That was not long ago; actually 2 months ago when I arrived to Peru, my team took me for an epic enduro ride in the Andes. It was "mad" because there were some nasty cliffs from both sides, so no room for mistakes.

#### **Do you have a nickname for your bike?**

I have 8 freestyle bikes but I gave just one name to the bike, since I am changing the bikes constantly and I am bad with giving nicknames. Anyway, I named my first Duke 690 - The Smoky - since I love to make a lot of burnouts with it.

#### **Would you ever consider opening a stunt school?**

People are constantly asking me about this, but I have no time for something like that now. For the future I have millions of ideas and the main goal has been set but a stunt school is not the main priority. I recently prepared a YouTube tutorial and this is one way of making a stunt school that moto fans around the world can see.

#### **What's your favourite & hardest stunt/trick?**

It's a trick that I recently learned: a 360-degree shuffle. It's a trick where I slide the bike by 180 degrees and then continue by another 180 rolling back. I know it's complicated.

#### **How many injuries have you suffered in stunts?**

Various concussions, torn ACL, multiple wrist injuries, scratches and bruises suffered on a daily basis.

#### **How do you think others see you?**

Hmmm, that's hard to say. I just know I strive to make as many people as possible happy and on the other side push them hard to make their dreams come true; this makes me also a pretty stressful person I guess. I just know I am not a middle-way person but extreme in one way or another.

#### **Describe yourself in one word.**

Perfectionist.

**Video:** [Check out some Rok's stunt tricks](#)



Rok Bagoroš

## Exhibitions

### AIMExpo

21 – 24 September, Columbus (OH), USA



Mitas booth at AIMExpo 2017

## Racing results

### Podiums for Sherco factory riders Mario Roman and Wade Young

Sherco factory riders are continuing with great results in the recent hard enduro races. Mario Roman finished first at Ukupacha Extreme in Ecuador and added two second places at Red Bull 111 Megawatt and Red Bull Sea to Sky. His achievements were complemented by third place of Wade Young at Red Bull Sea to Sky.

We wish them all the best at the upcoming Hixpania Hard Enduro!



Mario Roman 2<sup>nd</sup> at Red Bull 111 Megawatt



Mario Roman 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wade Young 3<sup>rd</sup> at Red Bull Sea to Sky

## Events & championships

### Mitas is official partner of Hixpania Hard Enduro 2017

Mitas has reached an agreement with the international event Hixpania Hard Enduro to become its official event sponsor. The event will take place in the Romanesque medieval area of Aguilar de Campoo (Palencia) in Spain, from 3rd to 5th November 2017.

Luka Mežan, Mitas Moto Racing & Sponsorship Manager, says: "Mitas has a strong connection with hard enduro racing, having supported it for several years through our high quality tires. We are delighted to become an official partner for such an exciting event, which I am sure will deliver an unforgettable experience for riders and spectators."

The last race will be named 'MITAS El Camino Perdido'. This is the only race in the world that starts inside a cave, making it one of the most impressive and best supported of the hard enduro season. The name 'MITAS El Camino Perdido' (in English 'MITAS The Lost Way') refers to the famous St James Way path that crosses the race track and leads to Santiago de Compostela.

This year more than 300 riders will start Hixpania Hard Enduro, among them will be the most prominent names of hard enduro racing looking to take the honours at this prestigious event.



### MXGP – FIM Motocross World Championship

The MXGP 2017 season has finished with MXGP of Pays de Montbéliard on 17th September. Mitas-sponsored riders achieved the following overall results in the 2017 season:

**MXGP:** #71 Damon Graulus (24MX Lucas Oil Honda), 23<sup>rd</sup> place  
Damon Graulus achieved 60 points without races overseas and the second half of the season riding with a broken hand.

**MX250:** #80 Ken Bengston (iFly JK Racing), 8<sup>th</sup> place

**MXW:** #151 Courtney Duncan (iFly JK Racing), 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
#18 Maddy Brown (iFly JK Racing), 13<sup>th</sup> place

**EMX300:** #371 Manuel Iacopi (iFly JK Racing), 8<sup>th</sup> place



#71 Damon Graulus (24MX Lucas Oil Honda)



## FIM Speedway Grand Prix – SGP

After 12 rounds of racing without brakes, we got the 2017 FIM Speedway Grand Prix world champion. This year the honour goes to Australian rider Jason Doyle. Congratulations!



Jason Doyle, 2017 FIM Speedway Grand Prix World Champion on podium with silver medalist Patryk Dudek and bronze medalist Tai Woffinden



### Events in November and December:

3-5 November, [Hixpania Hard Enduro Race](#) (Aguilar de Campoo, Palencia, Spain)

7-12 November, [EICMA](#) (Fiera Rho Milan, Italy, Hall 9, Stand I 73)

18-26 November, [Motorcycle Live](#) (NEC Birmingham, United Kingdom, Stand 4B32)

24-26 November, [Sydney Motorcycle Show](#) (ICC Sydney, Australia)

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