

GAS GAS PAY TRIBUTE TO THEIR 2004 CHAMPIONS

The Catalan manufacturer gathered about 3000 people in their country estate in Les Basses, in their annual traditional off-road motorcycling celebration

Salt, Girona, 22 November 2004.– Following their tradition, GAS GAS Motos have celebrated their annual party to pay homage to the manufacturer's riders who, during the 2004 season, have achieved Spanish or international titles in the trial, enduro and quad specialities. About 3000 people from 25 countries met at Les Basses, in Sant Esteve de Llèmana, a perfect meeting place for the ever-growing GAS GAS family formed by suppliers, dealers, workers, managerial staff, riders and a great amount of two-wheel off-road clients and fans.

Breaking with the trend of recent years, the day was clear and sunny, and temperatures were pleasant. The activities began at 9:00 am with a rich country breakfast for all the guests, an ideal start for a complete sports morning which included a medium-difficulty trial; an enduro with up to two laps to the circuit; and a track including quad tests and other activities suitable for all ages. This year the great novelty was a spectacular display by the greatest riders in trial competition: a trial training with two-time World Indoor Trial Champion Adam Raga; Jeroni Fajardo, the World Trial Champion at the Trial des Nations together with Adam Raga; Tadeusz Blazusiak and Alexz Wigg, both European Champions in the overall and 125cc classes respectively; and a mixed variety of winners in several countries' championships. Narcís Roca and the star Edgar Torronteras were the icing to the cake with spectacular pirouettes on land and in the air, with Julien Dupont rounding it off with an unbelievable back flip at the commands of his trial GAS GAS bike.

After recovering the strength at a crowded open-air luncheon, the final show came with the well-deserved homage to the GAS GAS riders who have achieved titles at the commands of the manufacturer's bikes this year. In total, over 60 riders received a trophy, a metal figure with two GG forged in a beautiful design, which was highly appreciated by the riders. Adam Raga was the one who got the most trophies, a total of four, because the GAS GAS man has entered six Championships this year. He has finished in the number one in four of them, has been third in another one – the outdoor World Trial Championship – and is presently leading the last remaining championship: the Spanish Indoor Trial Championship.

And to close the event, GAS GAS inevitably paid homage to Marc Colomer, the former World Trial Champion who announced his retirement from official competition only some days ago, although he will keep in touch with the trial world as a sports manager of the GAS GAS School of Champions, like Jordi Tarrés, taking responsibility for Jeroni Fajardo's training. Marc received a symbolic picture and the recognition by Narcís Casas and Josep Maria Pibernat, the GAS GAS managers and hosts of the greatest off-road celebration in the present Spanish trial stage.

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