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Get ready

spring is slowly coming and soon the first races will start. In the winter everybody is training hard, and getting ready for the new season.

So are the Gravity Specialized team, and we show you a photo story about Loic Bruni and Loris Vergier visiting the headquarters in USA. Of course they also rode the new bikes, to make setups to make the bike faster and feel more comfortable.

In Shillong, Cheyann Nongrum has started his project to build a bike park there! Read about it and get ready for it, once the doors are open for riders to shred it. It will take time, but we hope it will be this year.

Get ready! Three, two, one and go!! This was the sound for the Enduro race which was hosted by Scott Sports India in Coimbatore. There was a road race too, but we show you the race report from the mountain bike race.

In the Alps there is still snow, but if you want to cross the Alps, get ready and we will give you an idea what it will look like, when the snow goes away!

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CROSSING THE ALPS




Crossing the Alps – a fantasy, that drives thousands of ambitious cyclists onto the trails to cross Europe's highest mountains using nothing but their own strength. The BIKE Transalp leads bikers through the Alps from July 17th to 23rd; seven days, 520 kilometers, 17,750 meters in altitude and 1,200 participants from 40 nations. One stop will be in Bormio – the perfect location for a fast regeneration and to enjoy the stunning alpine surroundings.



Mauro Franzì

Francesco Mazza

Nadine Rieder, the German XCO Eliminator champion and UCI Mountain Bike World Cup competitor is the new testimonial for the Bormio. In her own words, Nadine explains how her own experience and passion for cycling is matched by the infrastructure and opportunities in this Italian alpine region.

A wide-angle photograph of a mountain biking trail. Two riders are on a gravel path that runs along the edge of a steep, rocky mountain slope. The rider in the foreground is wearing a red long-sleeved shirt, black shorts, and a green helmet. The second rider, slightly behind and to the right, is wearing a black long-sleeved shirt, black shorts, and a black helmet. The trail is made of light-colored gravel and is bordered by a low, rustic stone wall on the right side. The background is a vast, rugged mountain landscape with steep, rocky slopes and sparse vegetation. The sky is not visible, but the lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

For me, Bormio is one of the best places for mountain biking. I love spending time there, on the bike or just to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. During my visit last autumn, I went out on two fantastic bike tours. Both of them start in Bormio and are an absolute 'must do' for bikers.






The first tour was a round trip starting in Bormio, leading to Oga - Forte Venini, Seghetto and then back to Bormio. It is a great tour with spectacular views and flowy trails. It is around 20 kilometers long with about 700 meters in altitude difference. The tour is a great day trip which can be completed at a steady pace, starting after breakfast and enjoying some delicious drinks and delicacies along the way.

The second tour I can definitely recommend is 17 kilometers long with 600 meters altitude difference. This one is ideal for a short afternoon getaway. It starts in Bormio and brings you to the Parco dei Bagni di Bormio, further on to Pedemontana and then back to Bormio.



A full-page photograph of two mountain bikers riding on a dirt trail. The biker on the left is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt, black shorts, a black helmet, and sunglasses. The biker on the right is wearing a red long-sleeved shirt, blue shorts, a green helmet, and sunglasses. They are both wearing backpacks and riding towards the camera. The background features a vast, hazy mountain range under a clear sky. The foreground is a dirt trail with some dry grass and small rocks.

The fantastic landscape really brings the trails to life and makes every minute in the saddle enjoyable. Back in Bormio, the evening regeneration can be spent in the internationally renowned wellness facilities before wining and dining in the local restaurants. It really is the ideal way to spend a holiday in the mountains!



Nadine Rieder



There are three things in Bormio that immediately catch the biker's eyes: the Ortler massif which reaches almost 4,000 meters and towers over the landscape, the famous Stelvio pass, and the web of trails that pan out across the alpine terrain. Historically, many of the bike routes were crucial supply roads during World War I and have been made accessible for bikers in recent years. Now, the region is an adventurous wonderland; on some routes the glaciers are almost within the bikers' reach. Bormio is prepared to accommodate every biker's needs; the high altitude and technical terrain make it a great location for training and developing handling skills. The thermal spas and wellness facilities ensure that time out of the saddle is just as enjoyable.





Bormio has many more cycling opportunities alongside the BIKE Transalp. One of the region's mountain bike highlights is a picturesque trail starting at the top of Stelvio; parts of this ride will also be included in the BIKE Transalp. The top section of the trail has some sharp turns, which lead to the start of the Umbrail pass. Leaving the road behind, the route now comes to life with a single trail heading to Bocchetta di Forcola. Following the trail (no.145) bikers reach the peak at Bocchetta di Pedenolo (2,703 meters). Now the trail leads back into the valley, passing former military outposts and panoramic views. Arriving in Bormio, delicious food and drinks can be enjoyed to round off a great day on the bike.



If the BIKE Transalp is too much of an adventure then discovering this great destination during the Alta Valtellina Bike Marathon is a perfect alternative. Passionate mountain bikers with a weakness for stunning mountain scenery should mark July 30th in their calendars and come to Bormio. The riders will be rewarded with picturesque views along the two routes starting from Isolaccia Valdidentro and leading through the beautiful Alta Valtellina. To find out more information about this thrilling race, click here: www.altavaltellinabike.it/



Deepthi Indukuri



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MVS ENDURO 2016

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6th February 2016 @ the MVS Enduro track Chettipalayam.

The air is filled with the scent of the mango blossoms and the rustle of the coconut palms. The 30 odd riders of the first MVS Enduro, who have just

arrived in convoy from the start at the Kari Motor Speedway, gather at the start line curious to know what the 1.4km dirt xc track is going to throw up at them.



30 seconds to go, 20, 10, 5,4,3,2,1 Go! No this not the start of a Rally special Stage, This Is what Harishvara Venkat, the first ever rider to ride the MVS enduro stage, hears at the start line and he is off !

The MVS Enduro track is a purpose built xc style dirt course laid out with the intention of providing a fast and technical course for MTB enthusiasts to enjoy. The motorsport and cycling experience of the organizers created a layout which the riders said was "quite technical".

Riders are sent out at 1 minute intervals by the stage commander Kumar Ramaswamy so that each rider has the course to him/ herself without encountering traffic during the run. As the riders complete the stage, the times are punched in by the Finish Coordinator Deepak Samuel and are immediately posted on the Timing Board.

As if the technical course was not challenging enough, some riders encounter mechanical issues which keep them busy till the start of the next stage. 34 riders participated at the event with Shanthi Srihari and Aneena.K being the two women participants.

The spectators were treated to some fantastic riding demonstrations by the likes of Satyam Brumer, J K Ashwin and Sreenath L. Even more impressive was the enthusiasm and commitment of the amateur and veteran riders who seemed to enjoy riding their MTBs in their natural environment as against riding them on pavement as part of their daily fitness rides.

As they got the hang of the track and more comfortable with the dirt surface, times started tumbling and the entire group was seen discussing, listening to conversations regarding lines through the corners, tyre pressure and more fun stuff.

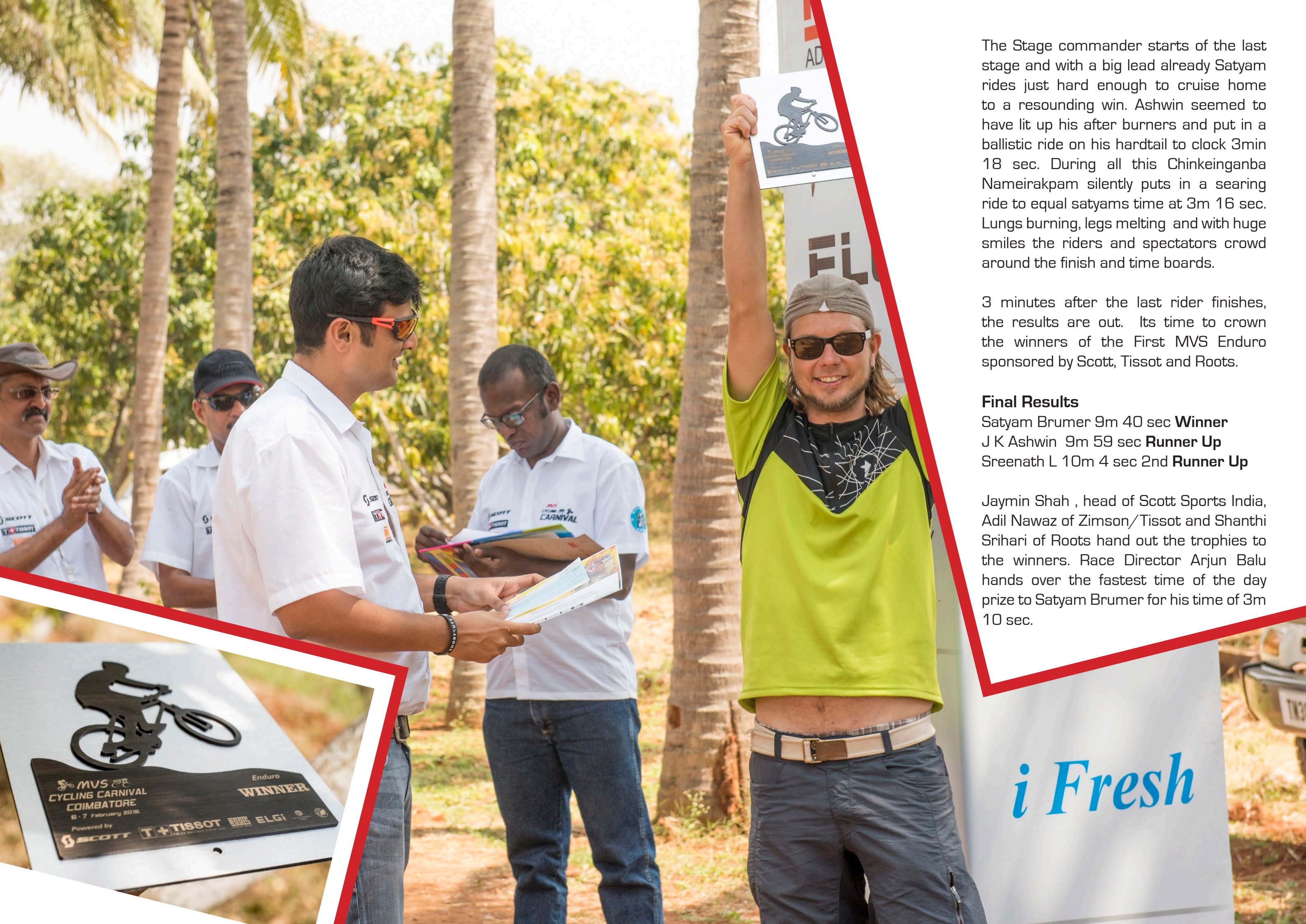
Results after stage 1, Satyam 3m 14 sec, J K Ashwin 3m 24 sec and Sreenath L 3m 24 sec .

Satyam posts an absolute scorcher of a run 3 min 10 seconds in his second stage. Sreenath follows up with his best for the day with a 3min 16 second run followed by J K Ashwin who clocked a 3m 18 sec run.

Results after Stage 2, Satyam , Sreenath and Ashwin Respectively.

Bikes are now being inspected very closely, suspension settings and tyre pressures are being tweaked by many riders . The time board is surrounded by people who have now been drawn into the spirit of competition.





The Stage commander starts of the last stage and with a big lead already Satyam rides just hard enough to cruise home to a resounding win. Ashwin seemed to have lit up his after burners and put in a ballistic ride on his hardtail to clock 3min 18 sec. During all this Chinkeinganba Nameirakpam silently puts in a searing ride to equal satyams time at 3m 16 sec. Lungs burning, legs melting and with huge smiles the riders and spectators crowd around the finish and time boards.

3 minutes after the last rider finishes, the results are out. Its time to crown the winners of the First MVS Enduro sponsored by Scott, Tissot and Roots.

Final Results

Satyam Brumer 9m 40 sec **Winner**
J K Ashwin 9m 59 sec **Runner Up**
Sreenath L 10m 4 sec 2nd **Runner Up**

Jaymin Shah , head of Scott Sports India, Adil Nawaz of Zimson/Tissot and Shanthi Srihari of Roots hand out the trophies to the winners. Race Director Arjun Balu hands over the fastest time of the day prize to Satyam Brumer for his time of 3m 10 sec.

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Loïc Bruni



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SPECIALIZED GRAVITY VISIT MORGAN HILL

Loris Vergier is charging hard to make a good setup of his bike.



Loris Vergier



Etienne van Rensburg



Dave Trumpore



Setup's not just about what Loic feels, the blackbox is helping.



Ducking deep in the wind channel.



Loris Vergier



Etienne van Rensburg



At Morgan Hill, Specialized HQ,
at the gym.

Loris Vergier
Loïc Bruni



Dave Trumpore



Loic Bruni on one of his many trainings run to setup the bike.

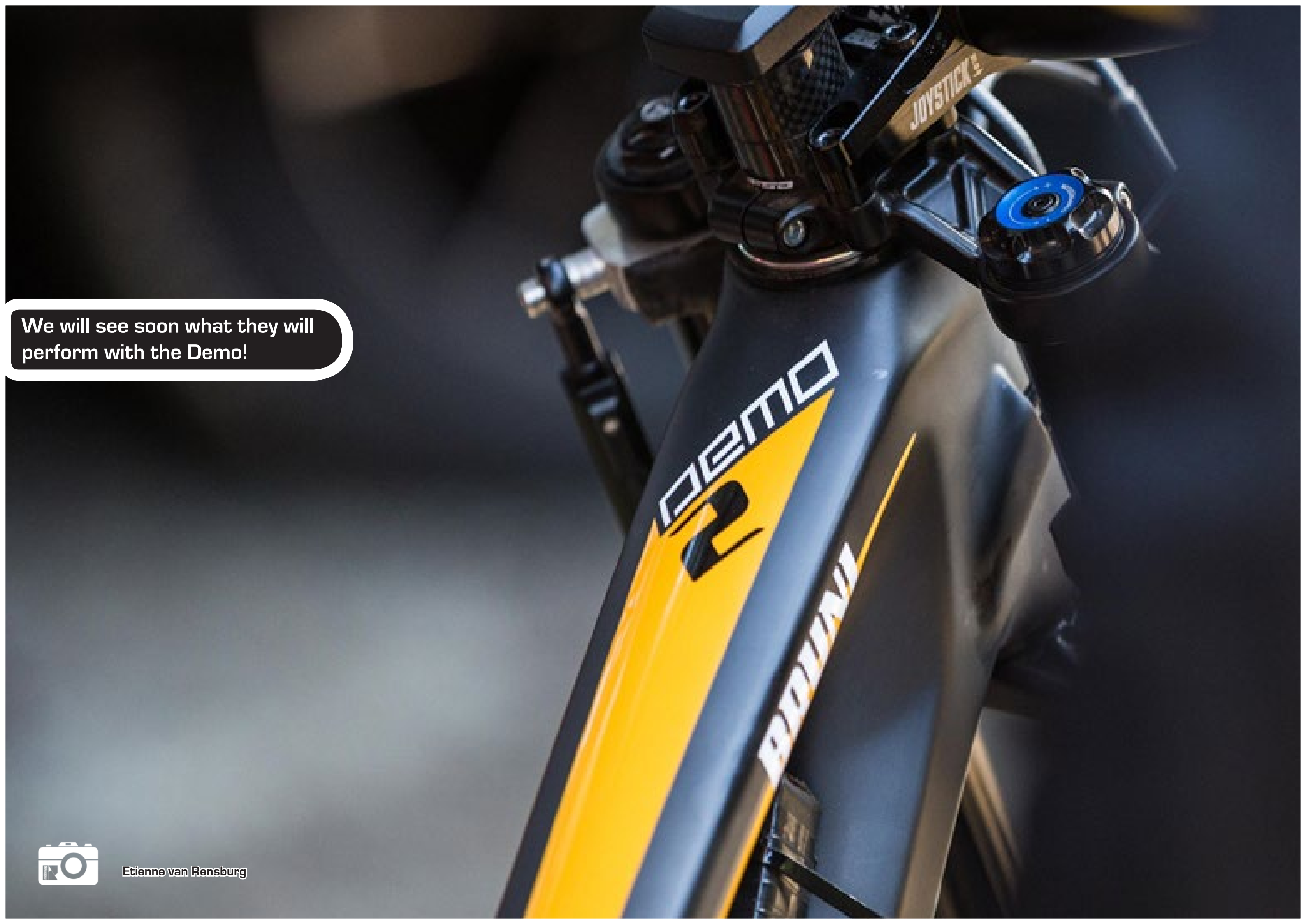


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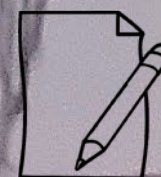
Mountain biking in India has grown drastically from the passed few years. There seems to be an increase in interest for the sport which offers adrenaline, thrill and undoubted fun for all those who participate in it.

The plans for this project have started ever since August 2015. For me it was just a dream, which is soon turning into a reality. Just a few months ago a few acres of land was offered for sale.

As visionaries, we riders saw major potential in this particular patch of land that we, with the right efforts and material can transform into a well renowned park.


Ian Kuper

Cheyann Nongrum





The main aim of the building the park is to help stimulate the growth of the eager young riders who have shown keen interest and growth in the North Eastern parts of the country. Situated in Shillong city, Meghalaya, the bike park would be a great opportunity for riders from all the states of the North East to come and brush off their skills and to earn their guts. Many riders like Ian k Diengdoh, who has won the Cyclo bhp once is one of the top riders in Shillong city. He rides a Ghost, and shows a keen interest in tackling new trails and new challenges. The park will be full of jumps, pump tracks and a whole lot more for those who are seeking out to try new tricks and to get over their fears. The jumps will be made for riders who are beginners, and higher levels as well. On April, as summers rolls in and the first few rains start to pour, they shall commence digging as the rains help out loosen the soil and pack the jumps. The park will stretch across almost 10 thousand square feet of land so it will be a major project



for the guys in Shillong!! As time passes and day by day designs come into my mind I cant help but think of how it'll be when its done and the joy of hitting those jumps for the first time! The main idea is to have a high drop in and a set of 2 jumps after that spreading apart with about 5 metres each so the riders get enough speed to hit each jump. After the set of jumps a pump track will be set up so anyone can have a little speed put into their runs and helps gain momentum for the next set of bigger jumps. The bigger jumps would have to include table tops just to help keep the confidence up and of course for safety reasons. After the big set of jumps we're planning to place a berm to change the direction of the jumps. The berm leads off the riders from the first part of the park and comes into the second part which includes a pump track. The pump track leads to a downward slope which helps gives the riders some speed for the next long set of jumps. This acts as a second drop in for the second and final part of the park.



Though this is just the main and rough sketch and also a mental picture of how the park would look like, there would be many changes made as to placement of obstacles. Many more ideas will soon flow in and once summer arrives, we will be having the actual picture and would start digging once the rains come down. Well every bike park starts out with a rough sketch, this idea came to me in a rather humorous occasion. The main aim of this park is to give a little opportunity to riders in the north eastern parts of the country to grow and hone their skills. Many riders like myself will know what it feels like to cover a gap as long as 4 metres. It sounds small. But we should always go step by step to grow.

More soon to come, many ideas yet to be put down in pen and paper, and just two months for digging to commence!!

Ride safe! Ride hard! Shred!

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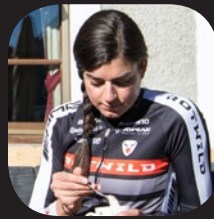
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