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### Faster

riding a mountain bike down the hill, we'd better be confident and focused. But sometimes it seems for outsider not understandable, how somebody can ride down so fast and attacking the trail so hard. **Alexandre Fayolle** is everything else but not a slow rider. He is very chilled, very calm and focused. But see him at the Greenland Downhill Race, how fast he rides down the trail, how he can drop the road gap without even putting his fingers on his brake levers, although just after the drop there is a big right hand berm. Going faster must be just in his mind, don't touch the brakes, don't touch me. Read all about the second edition of the Enping Downhill Race.

**Murphy** from Beijing wants to go also faster and faster. She has only been riding mountain bike downhill about one year. She comes from motorbike riding, so she knows for sure how to go fast. And she must know, because out of 3 downhill races she won 2, and at one race she crashed. Come along with her, and see what she feels about going fast on a bike.

**Matej Charvat** was after a race in Indonesia traveling to the island of Java. It was sure not a race but he sure went fast down Mount Bromo which is still a active volcano. We show you the beautiful landscape and tell you about his video project there. Winter is coming, which means, don't ride with shorts anymore, but - ride on!

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# TIMES PROPERTY ASIA GREENLAND DOWNHILL RACE

Last year when Tracey Hannah and Andrew Neethling visited China at the Greenland Downhill Race, it was already quite a highlight for China. One and a half year passed, and meanwhile a new organisation was formed, the Guangzhou Downhill League. GDL was organising 4 downhill races in south China, and had enough experience to step up for the second edition of the Greenland Downhill Race in 2017.





They learned from the first race, and completely built a new trail. Although the start was the same, two wooden features (two bridges) were modified for you to ride it much faster, then get blown out, if you were coming too fast. The new trail hardly came with any wooden features, except with two sweet road gaps and the previous wooden step down jump (which was modified to go much faster), with a wooden bridge, to slow down a bit the speed, but which you could scrub, and ride also super fast. The whole trail was pretty wide, and at first look, it seems not so technical. It looks like everybody can ride it. But don't be fooled by the simple view of the trail. Approaching it with high speed, it was nothing less than a technical, brutal fast trail. A small rock garden, almost at the end of the trail, took many riders down, if they hit it too fast, and if they could then not hold on to the handlebar. In total 1,4 km long with 230 meters vertical drop, the trail was made for everybody, for beginners but also for experts. Also the 2X trail was totally newly built. This year much fairer, and completely separate





compared to last year, when it was included to the downhill trail. It had big jumps and also many doubles and even one triple jump. After that triple jump there were 4 awkward bumps (shaped like boobs), like small hills, which was not really necessary, because it then only took out many riders, some really hard, as it was impossible to ride out fast. The fast line for one rider was to just go between those four bumps. But that then again made it a bit unfair for this only 250 meter long trail, because as the race was finished, as soon as the first rider got there, and took that line, there was no chance for the second rider to keep up, or pass the first rider. The jump for the whip off was quite big, not super big, the table was about 8 meters, the take off was super steep, so the riders got quite a bit of airtime. Some had too much, and there were really hard crashes during the whole week. They must change the landing, or let's say, they should make a landing which is long and steep, so the impact for a crashing rider is not so hard. No problem for experienced riders, they can land exactly at the spot,







which was about a two meter long landing.

As last year, the Polygon UR-Team was invited, this year with Alexandre Fayolle and Kenta Gallaher. Kenta had to give it a miss, as he had just gotten injured before the event. All the way from Japan, the Acciarpone Bikes Team came with the 19 year old rider Yutaka Tamaru, 32 year old rider Hiroshi Ato and 42 year old female rider





"Dan" Chiang Sheng Shan & Markus Ruchti



Keiko Tomita. From Taiwan, Chiang Sheng Shan „Dan“, Chiang Si Han, female rider Cai Ji Ling „Juily“ and also female rider Qiu Zhi Jun to whom we want to send healing vibes and all the love she needs! (She crashed very hard at the whip off contest training, as she came far too fast and overshot the whole jump. The latest news is, she broke her spinal cord). From Hongkong a lot of riders came, most popular and fastest riders are Brian Cook, Su Hu „Tiger“ and junior rider Chen Suo Hua. The top 10 riders (overall results) from the Guangzhou Downhill League were also invited, including Francois Pedemanaud from France, who is living in Xiamen. Of course, all fast Chinese riders were not missing this opportunity to show once again, in the end of 2017, who is the fastest among them, Xiao Cong, Tang Meng Qi „KK“, Ye Zheng Wu and Su Shen Liang „Silent“





just to name some few. And not to forget the fast rider from Switzerland but living in Shanghai, Markus Ruchti. With a total of 126 riders which the youngest was 13 and the oldest 49 years old, there was a good crowd attending this race.





With a total pot of USD 10'000.- on prize money for the different categories, the event was good to go, and to start.

With the first arrival from Alexandre Fayolle, his mechanic Sam Bruant and photographer Gaetan Clary on Wednesday in Enping, slowly the riders came. The training was going well, of course there were some crashes and bruises, as everybody was going to find the comfort zone, or not, how fast they can attack the trail. The most difficult parts for the riders were the rock garden from the downhill trail and the 2Xboobs. Friday was official training for all, and everybody had a smile on their face, as everybody was happy about the trials they had to ride. Like last year, there was a shuttle service up to the top, which made things easier for the riders, just take some





breath between the runs they did. There was a small area with booth, where some companies showcased the products they sell. But the biggest attraction was the booth of the e-bike company from China, where everybody was allowed to have a try on these mx looking e-bikes. For Alexandre Fayolle this was no problem, coming from Moto riding, he was riding the whole 2X





course with this 50kg heavy e-bike. In the morning of Saturday, everybody could train a bit on the downhill trail. 10:00 was then the seeding of the elite group on the downhill trail. Alexandre Fayolle won it with a time of 02:02.38 followed by Dan and Markus Ruchti. The event organisers this year introduced two new categories: the Juniors, which 18 riders attended (age 12 - 17) and Masters group, which 12 riders attended (age 39 - 60). The Juniors had the first go, and Chen Suo Hua from





Hongkong grabbed the win with a respectable time of 02:27.57. Brian Cook, also from Hongkong, ended his run with a time of 2:21.79 in the Masters category.

In the afternoon was the battle ground on the 2X course. It was really fun to watch the riders going full pull on this course, to get to step by step climb the podium. It was head by head before the boobs (read above, then you know what we said about it) from Alexandre

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and Dan, as Alexandre was slightly going quicker in to that section. Dan had be be happy with the 2nd place in 2X, as we mentioned, he had no chance to attack more to get the win.

In the evening there was a outdoor festival with music bands and we had a look. Alex and Geatan even danced on the stage, and the crowd went wild! And of course some more pics for Alex with some strangers (DON'T TOUCH ME).

Sunday, final of the elite men, but first down the hill were the open men. Liu Han Qiang took the win with a time of 2:27.68. After the women attacked the dusty trail, with 5 women attending it, it was a quick story, as the women were fast too! From Taiwan, Juliy were down in 2:43.66 and took the top spot on the podium. Chen Ying Yan from China only 17 years old, lost somehow





her shoe in the rock garden. But that did not stop, riding at the bottom without a shoe, and standing only on the spd pedal! She finished her run in 3:34.64.

How would the young Chinese riders keep it up with the other nations? It was the time for the elite men to go down the hill for the last time in this event. Many young riders in this field, and it takes experience







to know, were to get loose and were to touch the brakes a little. 19 year old Japanese rider, Yutaka Tamaru, at the seeding was 7th and had a time about 2:15, but in the big event he got too loose and crashed, and ended up only 14th with a time of 2:24.58. Same happened to the 20 year old Ye Zheng Wu, before 6th ended up to be 16th in the final, as he crashed hard in the rock garden, got up still pretty quick and ended his run with a time of 2:25.84. Everybody was going down faster than in their seeding run. At the top nothing changed, Alexandre





Fayolle came down fastest again, topping his time about 2 seconds (2:00.44). Dan had a furious run down the hill, pedaling as if it was a sprint, but his back wheel had a touch with the trail tapes, and it got in to his brake system, that for sure it slowed him down a bit, as he had the same timing as his seeding run, and i'm sure, he would have topped it by some seconds.

The whip off contest was a





niceshow! In the training many riders knocked themselves out, as they were going too fast and too high. 7 riders still remain to ride it clean. And we all could foresee it, that guy who had already won 2 races in this event, would also eventually take this win at home. Alexandre Fayolle was the man of the weekend on this year Greenland Downhill Race event.

It was again, very nice to be in Enping. This time, i had unfortunately no time to ride the trails myself, as i was really busy taking pictures. But i'm looking forward to riding it next year! So then all i can say!

**RIDE ON, SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!**

Alexandre Fayolle





# RESULTS: MASTER (Age: 39-60)

1st	Brian Cook	Hong Kong	02:21.79
2nd	Gong Yan Quan	China	02:30.54
3rd	Xiao Hui	China	02:47.17
4th	Guo Run Hui	China	02:57.67
5th	Huang Jun	China	02:59.18

# RESULTS: OPEN (Age: 18-56)

1st	Liu Han Qiang	China	02:27.78
2nd	Lin Ze Dong	China	02:27.73
3rd	Zou Jia Bin	China	02:29.40
4th	Xu Sheng Lin	Hong Kong	02:31.12
5th	Luo Shi Tao	China	02:32.30





## RESULTS: WOMEN (Age: 14-56)

1st	Cai Ji Ling	Taiwan	02:43.66
2nd	Qiu Zhi Jun	Taiwan	02:51.02
3rd	Keiko Tomita	Japan	03:00.51
4th	Chen Yingyan	China	03:34.64
5th	Luo Qi Wen	China	04:39.78

## RESULTS: JUNIOR (Age: 12-17)

1st	Chen Suo Hua	Hong Kong	02:27.57
2nd	Song Yan Xi	China	02:31.29
3rd	Zhao Zhen Jie	China	02:33.61
4th	Xu Hao Xuan	China	02:36.36
5th	Huang Rui Tong	China	02:51.75





## RESULTS: ELITE

1st	Alexandre Fayolle	France	02:00.44
2nd	Chiang Sheng Shan	Taiwan	02:06.81
3rd	Markus Ruchti	Swiss	02:08.79
4th	Hiroshi Ato	Japan	02:11.02
5th	Chiang Si Han	Taiwan	02:13.41

## RESULTS: 2X

1st	Alexandre Fayolle	France
2nd	Chiang Sheng Shan	Taiwan
3rd	Yutaka Tamaru	Japan
4th	Markus Ruchti	Swiss
5th	Hiroshi Ato	Japan







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# INTERVIEW MURPHY





Hi Murphy, nice to meet you, tell us a little about you, where you're from, how old you are, and what you are doing for a living.

I was born in Beijing and live here. I operate a Luxury store business, I'm 25 years old. I love a sense of speed and liberty.

How did you get into mountain biking? You also ride motorbikes, did you start first mountain biking or motor biking?

I like two types of sports very much, I started with motorcycles, sometimes will play scrambling motorcycle or join

motorcycle track day. I unintentionally noticed that a bicycle can be ridden like this, on mountains. Then, I soon bought my first mountain bike LP. On the third day, I went to a mountain bike park called Duo Le Mei Di. Curved wall and wooden blocks, I fell many times from the bike in that day, falling in love with this activity and in the meantime, it made me have a desire of conquer.

Do you do also other sports, or are you interested in other sports?







I don't enjoy urban-life, I like to be close to nature. Sometimes I go to the mountains for rock climbing. On warm days, skiing and diving I also love, and motorcycling on mountain as well. Many things are interesting for me, time is not enough.

You live in Beijing. How difficult is it to ride your bike? Beijing has some nice mountains around the city, but they are not so close. Do you need to travel a long time to be on the hill?

I usually ride bike in Fragrance Hill, probably 50km from my home. There are many downhill lines in Fragrance Hill, there it's almost rocky mountain, some of the lines are difficult and dangerous. I like to go to there on weekends if I have time. In order to have more time riding before the sky gets dark, I often take a car up to the hillside on the mountain. It would be terrible after dark, because there are many cemeteries in Fragrance Hill and you can see tombstones all over that place.

How often do you get out on your bike? Do you ride

in the winter? It's pretty cold up north, and maybe there is even some snow.

This was my first winter of cycling. I ride twice a month in this season. Sometimes the wind is strong and so cold. I do not go riding after snowing. And I must stop all of the activities if I get sick.



You've been riding the mountain bike for more than a year now, and already joined some downhill races. What is it about racing, why you are racing? How do you prepare for a race?

The time I started to ride a mountain bike probably is this summer. I bought it last year then the weather soon got cold, so I didn't ride. My first downhill racing when I was riding in park where they held a race, so I thought why not join, I love



competition. If have the chance in the future, I will still participate in the downhill race, because I feel that I have enthusiasm for this activity and I am looking forward to beat my score so far.

Mountain biking is a relatively small sport in China, so there is still only a handful of female riders. How is your experience riding mostly with only men?





Yes it's relatively small sport, I was lucky to meet SUNNY's agency ChanChan seniors, and after the competition, he became my patron and a mentor, pointing out my shortcomings in every practice of mine. And most of the time I went riding with SUNNY's riders, and it is hard to meet females on the mountain in this sport.

For a bike trip, where would be your dream

destination in China? Where would it be in the world, to leave your tire marks in the dirt?

Maybe I just like riding down the hill. Sometime I felt somewhat bored by highway riding. The best place I like is ChongLi. And I want to attempt riding on some of the mountains in the South part of China, Canada's Whistler is also where I want to go. About travel and leaving my tire tracks in the world, I prefer to ride a motorcycle to do this.

Any words to the girls who want pick up mountain biking? Thank you for the interview!! Ride on!!

You're no worse than men, there is no limit to the body, just only the heart has.



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Volcano Mission  
on Mount Bromo

Indonesia - Video





There are not many of active volcanoes in Europe. We know them from movies, books or even just from the internet. Until I stood at the edge of an active crater, I just simply couldn't imagine the power, which is somewhere deep there under. This mission couldn't have happened without a bike and a camera. The feeling when you are walking up the crater, feeling kind of little rumble, and you know something is happening deep in your body. Everything around is shaking a bit and the wind is blowing. Then you just look over the edge and you see something unimaginable. That is what I had a chance to experience few weeks ago in Indonesia.






After I finished the race in Klemuk, city of Batu, Java Indonesia (finals of Indonesian Downhill Cup 2017) I figured I would go on a mission to a nearby active volcano – Mount Bromo. The local guys, my second family from the Spartan Racing team, gave it the green light and everyone was really excited.

We had to start the trip around midnight so we could climb up to an opposite mountain, then walk back down and move to the crater of Bromo for some riding.

The views were just breathtaking and that is all I can actually





say. Check out the video, which I managed to edit from the whole day's adventure. It was a long day which I am probably never going to forget. It wasn't just one experience, it was whole day packed of a high intensity adventure. The biggest challenge was definitely the ride down that crater ridge. Maybe it will not be apparent from the video, but I still get goosebumps when I see the footage now.

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