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# NYD MTB TRIP IN ANHUI



Atomic Krew is based in Shanghai, but has been shredding trails (MTB), roads (skate DH) and rocks (climbing, canyoning, caving) all around China and Asia since 2006.



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Xiao Tu, Sue & AK 生滑

AK 生滑





For MTB, the Krew has its own haven: the mountains nearby Jixi and Shexian, in Anhui province, a 6 hour drive door to door from Shanghai. As the best timing is to leave the city around 3am, in order to sleep in the van on the road, and start riding around 9am, what is better than going to a secret underground party organized by our friends of YYYY colectivo , then going all together to 27Bike store, which is our long-time partner!





This time, we are 7 bikers from Shanghai, but also 8 hikers, and when we arrive on site, there are also 6 local bikers friends from Huangshan (the famous Yellow mountains are 40km away) who are joining us. We are splitting into 3 groups: easy tracks for beginner bikers, tough tracks for experienced riders, and the hikers on their side. And we all have to adapt with the weather: it snowed the previous days, so tracks are still a bit under snow.



The first downhill was a pretty long and easy one, a good warm up for the trip, also in order to get used to ride on snow. And it actually started to snow almost when we started to bike! After the down, came the up, and more and more snow fell down.






Atomic Krew is not really a fan of pedalling uphill, so we usually have lifts with mini trucks of local farmers. But as small roads are under snow and very steep, this time we have to push our bikes. This is also the occasion to be invited by farmer to drink local tea, watching them preparing some fresh tofu. And then continue to push to the summit!





A person wearing a red and white helmet, a dark jacket, and dark pants is riding a mountain bike down a snowy trail. The trail is covered in a thick layer of snow, and there are snow-covered bushes and trees on either side. The person is leaning forward, and the bike is tilted slightly to the right. The background shows more snow-covered vegetation and a clear sky.

Then time for some more downhill. We've selected some tracks not too steep, and large enough, in order to enjoy the snow and avoid harm to the riders when falling down. All the tracks made by and for farmers, going from field to field, house to house on the mountains crests. SO, they are of course not designed for MTB, but very nice to ride.





When we arrive at the bottom of the mountain we meet with local villagers who are cleaning the main road, so a few minutes later, it allows us to have a lift with our minivan almost to the top of another peak. On the last uphill part, we still need to pedal and push the bikes!



And again, we can enjoy the beauty and silence of these mountains, before devouring the last downhill track of the day. As you have probably noticed, all these tracks are not proper downhill tracks, they are just going down... hill haha. We are actually riding a mix of XC, FR, AM and enduro.







Back to our village, it's now time for a rest, playing guitar and hang, but also preparing our favorite mountain dinner (besides local food, which is also awesome): Raclette and Gluhwein! Atomic Krew purpose has always been to mix cultures together, so we are also doing some culinary exchanges. We are not staying in hotel (there are actually no hotel within 30km), but at some farmers place: we have been going there for 8 years now, so we have quite a lot of local friends. And this night is New Year's day eve, so it's also the perfect occasion to spend our money at the local fireworks shop!





The next day, we are moving few dozens of kilometers away (a quick 3 hours ride) with our van. Because the best mountain bike park around Shanghai is located there: BPBP. A 4km long proper downhill track, with nice curves and bumps, as well as a dirt bike park at the middle of the track, and also two pump tracks near the - very nice- guest house. BPBP has a jeep with huge rack, we can have lift to the very top of the mountain.





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# WELCOME

# TO THE CAPITAL

# OF MTB

# IN ASIA

## INTERNATIONAL CHIANG MAI ENDURO

When you think of Asia, mountain biking is not necessarily the first thing that comes to mind.

And yet for several years the practice of mountain biking continues to grow in this part of the globe, and all over the Asian corners of the trail, there are fans of singles, mountain bikers like us.

With the development of the practice, enduro races have been created all over Asia for two or three years. Under the impulse of a group of several enthusiasts, the ASIAN Enduro Series was created, a championship that brings together Enduro races taking place in several countries and allows federating these races, to establish a ranking and encourage participants to travel to other events.





We took advantage of our stay in Hong Kong and the Philippines to participate in the final of the 2018 Asian Enduro Series, which was held in Thailand in Chiang Mai on December 1st and 2nd.

During this event, we went to meet the organizer and some drivers to share their stories through short video interviews.

This trip was also an opportunity to see some familiar faces, friends we met last year in Hong Kong like Tomas Leung or our Chinese friend Yangqi. Both have chosen Thailand and the Chiang Mai race because we can call this event a must in Asia for the Enduro!





## WELCOME TO THE CAPITAL OF MTB IN ASIA

For several years Chiang Mai in Thailand has become the mountain bike capital in Asia, and it is no coincidence that some call it the “Whistler of Asia”.

Chiang Mai is a tourist region of Northern Thailand where life is good. The city “swarms” because it is the third largest city in Thailand (although 50 times less populated than Bangkok) but we find ourselves very quickly in the mountains to the northwest of the city. In the streets of Chiang Mai, we discover some traditional wooden houses, a life still typical but especially an impressive number of temples (there are 350!) And monks. The climate is relatively temperate compared to the rest of the country, the region is composed of relatively high mountains (the top of the mountain Do Pui is at 1600 m), and also shelters many Buddhist temples and peasant villages.





The cultural richness, the beauty of the landscapes and the softness of life attract many tourists each year. Chiang Mai also serves as a gateway for travelers wishing to stroll even further north in the Golden Triangle Mountains.

With the rise of tourism, many activities have developed including motorcycle tours that allow you to travel from one mountain to another through trails or tracks. In parallel, activities have also been developed around mountain biking, and so many trails initially used by villagers in the mountains have been developed or revised for mountain biking.





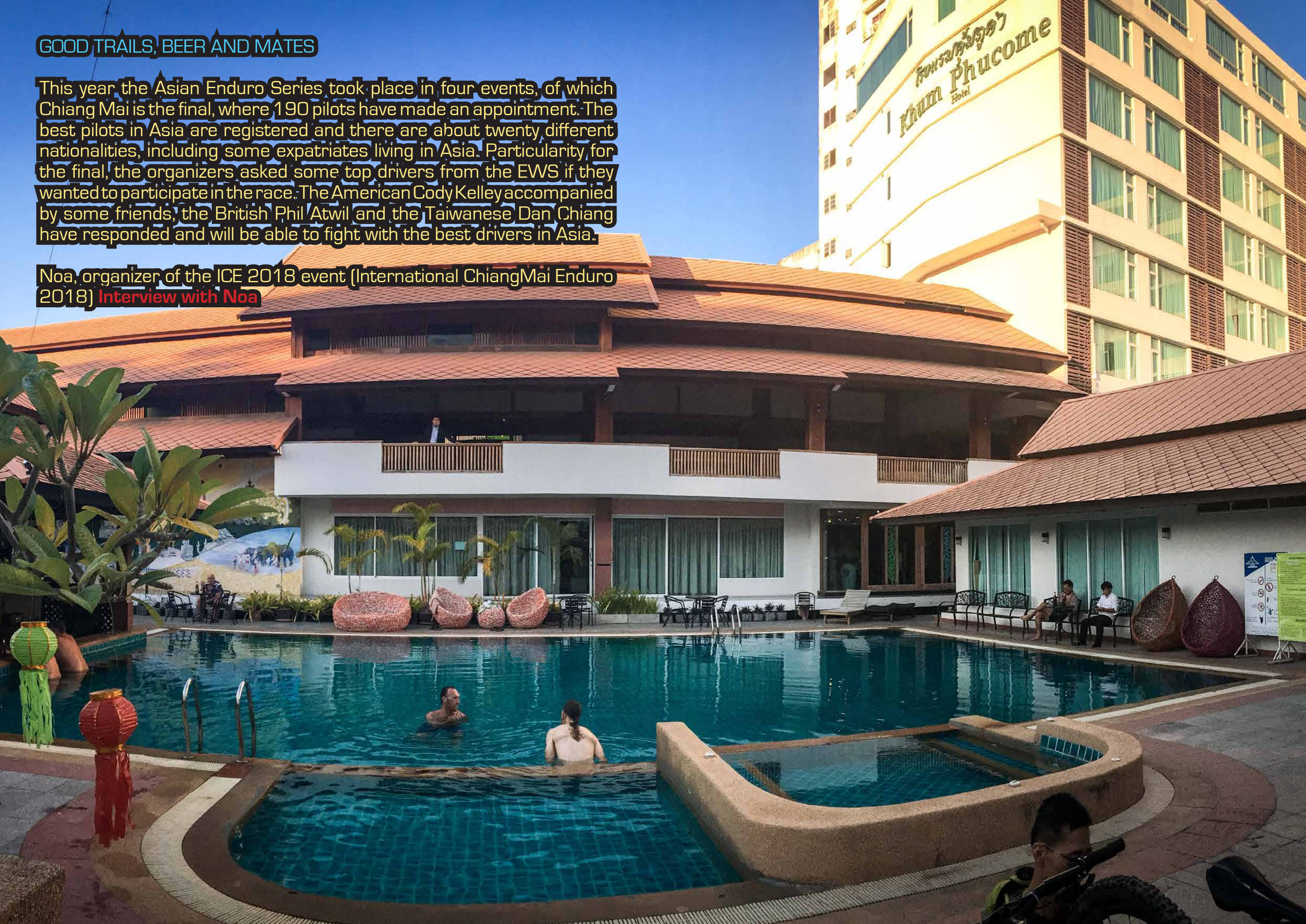
Supported by several dynamic expatriates, the local population and the growing number of local mountain bikers, it is a real network of trails that has been created. The majority of the trails are in the national park Doi Suthep and are Enduro-oriented, with some tracks more typical DH. For a good overview of existing trails you can click here: [Trail Fork // Chiang Mai](#)



## GOOD TRAILS, BEER AND MATES

This year the Asian Enduro Series took place in four events, of which Chiang Mai is the final, where 190 pilots have made an appointment. The best pilots in Asia are registered and there are about twenty different nationalities, including some expatriates living in Asia. Particularly for the final, the organizers asked some top drivers from the EWS if they wanted to participate in the race. The American Cody Kelley accompanied by some friends, the British Phil Atwil and the Taiwanese Dan Chiang have responded and will be able to fight with the best drivers in Asia.

Noa, organizer of the ICE 2018 event (International Chiang Mai Enduro 2018) **Interview with Noa**





The majority of the pilots are accommodated within the same hotel, a hotel in which one feels good, with a refined decor, a soft atmosphere and a reception which let us dream. On the banks of the central swimming pool of the hotel, one discovers the bicycles of the pilots, beautiful mounts in general. We try the game of flags that litter the plates of participants, not easy to recognize all nationalities! We begin to get to know the riders, the dialogue takes place, we drink the first beers "Chiang".







The ICE event is a total of 4 days: the first two days are dedicated to reconnaissance and the weekend to the race. In total, there are 8 specials, with each day 4 special and thirty kilometers to go.

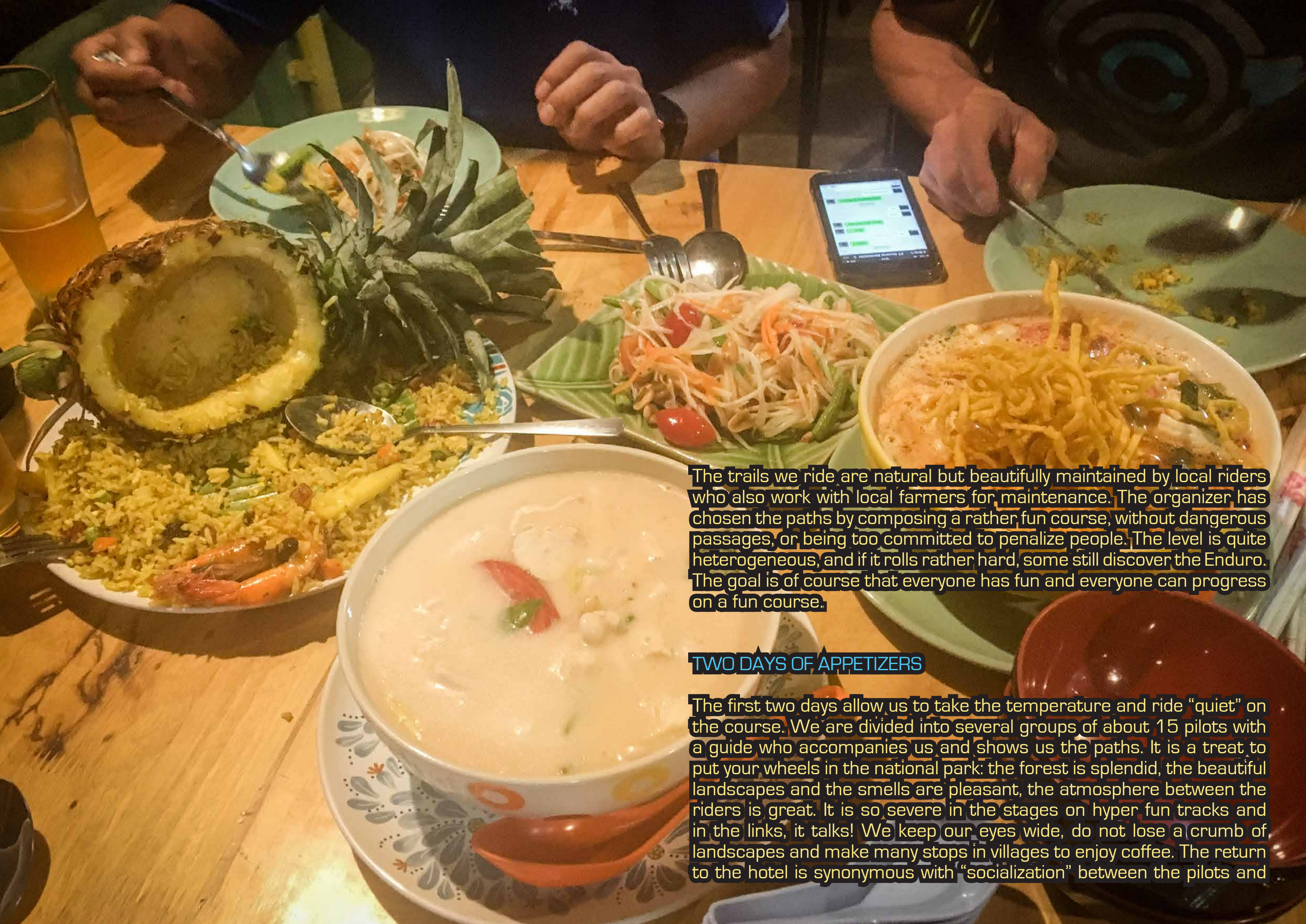
Every morning, we are all subjected to the same ritual: We find ourselves in a parking lot behind the hotel where jeepneys (local 4X4 bus) are waiting for us. We load the bicycles in trailers, or on dedicated bike racks, and then ride on these local buses to the top of the Do Pui mountain. From there, we will follow a descending profile with strong links that will sometimes leave traces in some of us!





The trails are located in the Doi Suthet National Park, a rainforest where one feels far from everything and cut off from the world. This being the case, we sometimes find villages accessible only on foot or by motorbike, there are no roads to serve them. Fun fact, coffee culture is ubiquitous in this region thanks to the efforts and policies of governments that ended the opium crop (we are not far from the Golden Triangle). The cultivation of coffee (among others) has, over twenty years, become a substitute for opium production with which farmers today live rather well. We therefore find in each village small shops offering coffees with incredible tastes.





The trails we ride are natural but beautifully maintained by local riders who also work with local farmers for maintenance. The organizer has chosen the paths by composing a rather fun course, without dangerous passages, or being too committed to penalize people. The level is quite heterogeneous, and if it rolls rather hard, some still discover the Enduro. The goal is of course that everyone has fun and everyone can progress on a fun course.

## TWO DAYS OF APPETIZERS

The first two days allow us to take the temperature and ride "quiet" on the course. We are divided into several groups of about 15 pilots with a guide who accompanies us and shows us the paths. It is a treat to put your wheels in the national park: the forest is splendid, the beautiful landscapes and the smells are pleasant, the atmosphere between the riders is great. It is so severe in the stages on hyper fun tracks and in the links, it talks! We keep our eyes wide, do not lose a crumb of landscapes and make many stops in villages to enjoy coffee. The return to the hotel is synonymous with "socialization" between the pilots and





around a good Chiang beer we exchange the sensations of the day, the landscapes met, the practice of mountain biking in the countries of origin of each. Then you have to eat and discover dishes all the better than each other, refined and delicious.

We present through these short videos the profile of 5 drivers who participated in the race. We asked them all the same questions:

*What do you call yourself and where do you come from ?  
How is mountain biking in your country?  
What are you doing here ?  
How do you say "I like mountain biking" in your language?*

Interviews with Local Drivers

Dan  
Bimal  
Yaw  
Sam  
Terry



## THE WEEKEND IN FLAT RESISTANCE

Weekend: days of race!

The organizer divided the participants into several categories: "Elite" then "Master" A, B and C according to age, "Women" and finally the "Junior" category.

The qualifiers that took place on a Friday on one of the specials allowed everyone to start according to his level so as not to be embarrassed. The eight linked stages last for two days, let's face it, a little competition in the air and the desire to do well!

After two days of racing, the American Cody Kelley wins, ahead of the Taiwanese Dan Chiang, and Phil Atwill completes the podium. In fourth place, there is a French expatriate in Asia who works in Vietnam, Florent Poilane.







Florent is not totally unknown in France and Europe since he participates in some EWS races. He is a pilot who puts on the gas, but he is also an organizer of the Asian Enduro Series. The opportunity was too good, so we asked Florent some questions who tells us more about the Enduro in Asia.

#### **Interview with Florent Poilane**

We also spent a few minutes with the pro pilot Cody Kelley who gives us his impressions on his first stay in Thailand, the quality of the roads and the general level in Asia.

#### **Interview with Cody Kelley**





Finally, we share with you the video that will give you a better idea of the event, and which can make you, why not, want to participate next year.

**Video of the event** only for FB users

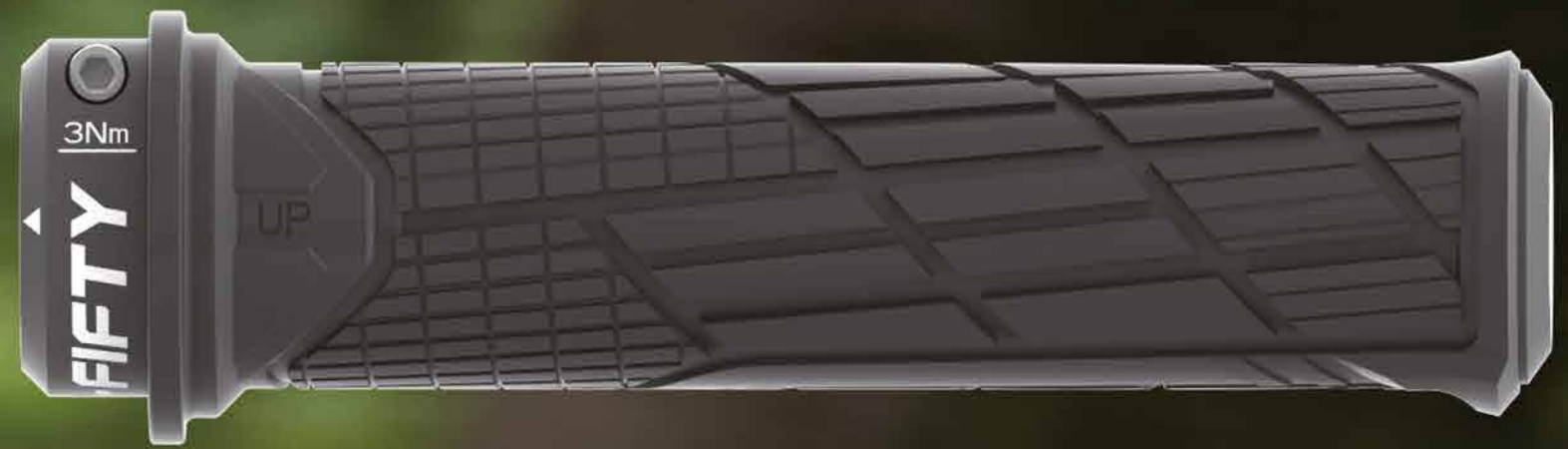
#### TO CONCLUDE:

The ICE is a great race that allows you to travel without headaches, at a very reasonable price. The organizer offers complete packages at very attractive rates (250 €), with accommodation in half board for 4 days, registration, shuttle for reconnaissance and the race.

This is a test that will allow you to discover a country a culture, magical trails and enthusiasts who share the same love of ATV as you. On the other hand, there are many guides who will help you to ride before or after the race to make the most of the place and the mountains which are full of trails, each more fun than the last.

So if you are looking for an unusual, exotic and easy to sell to madam who can “chill” at the pool until you come back from your ride, look no further, Thailand and ICE are for you!





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# RACE RECAP



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HIBP

Its 2019 - the year of the pig and ultimately our year too! HIBP held its first race at the Daxiong Temple, and now we have had our first formal major race at Brave Peak Bike Park (BPBP). We plan to host four races here over the course of the year with big prizes at the end of the year!







HIBP East China Mountain Bike League 2019 or HIBP RACE LEAGUE for short, is based upon a series of traditional events with resources allocated through a platform to create a schedule of events, giving users a more exciting events.

For 2019 we are planning 3 Enduro races and four DH races including the traditional runs at Tou Long Tou (Hangzhou City Center), Bei Gao Feng Night Race (HZ City Center), Liang Zhu Cultural Area pump race (HZ Metro Area) and the Da Xiong post race season fun session with our races covering DH, Enduro and Pump Track.

The season is not only a bicycle race, but also a sports carnival feast with bicycle as the carrier. It can let ordinary people participate in it. It can greatly improve the physical quality of outdoor mountain bike enthusiasts, greatly enhance the level of amateur cyclists, focus on cultivating young children's interest in bicycle and cycling ability, and speed up mountain bicycle. The speed of development of sports in the Yangtze River Delta, popularization of mountain biking, improve the level of mountain biking in East China.









We're not just making races for races sake - we want to make a sports carnival atmosphere with bikes as the messenger. We are open to ordinary people and we aim to improve the quality of riding in China and raise the next generation of riders in the East China region. HIBP was born out of HBIKE East China, an entity created by Lei Zhou Jun, one of the largest and most impactful race series within China. Lei Zhou Jun also goes by the name of Fang Zhang, a name given to him by those that recognised that his looks were shared with a legendary Chinese monk, or at least the bald head part. By day Fang Zhang is dedicated to his work as a Linux programmer and moved to Hangzhou several years ago after realizing that Beijing wasn't cutting it anymore. It was in Beijing where he found his love of mountain bikes and decided to take that with him to Hangzhou where he could create something better.

In 2016 the HBIKE race league went under reorganization and soon found the support of the Fortune 500 company real estate giant Wanke and the sports wear trading company Green Roads.



Ash, a British Fortune 500 Company director also joined the programme where he works on the brand development, event planning, culture and visual identity of HIBP and also set up the communications for the race ahead.

In 2019 we are working with China's biggest and best bike park - Brave Peak Bike Park (BPBP) to introduce a series of DH, Enduro, pump and dirt jump races. So far the year of the pig has turned out to be a wet one which was great for China's box office ticket numbers and bad news for the outdoor sports industry. Luckily for us, the second weekend in March turned out to be a dry one for the first race of the year, it wasn't dry everywhere though with the bamboo sections of the BPBP race track proving to be slippery as hell thanks to a lack of sunshine.

The full trail is 2.31km long and our elite, open and masters riders having to ride to the bottom in less than 4 minutes over a 350m elevation change. The trail can be broken into the three stages; the first section similar to a pump track





where the riders have to control their bikes speed to masterfully tackle the challenges and push their way through the tight corners with new corners coming before the first corner has been finished.

The full trail pushes riders to change their direction constantly, and when you see a flat section you know something bigger is coming up. If you're not ready then your final result will be affected greatly, you need to practice in advance and get a hang of the trail ahead. After a sharp angled bridge you enter in a series of three rapid berms that push you up and into the air, with the third acting as a landing pad. A great area to practice some moves.

The Bamboo Forest is the second area. It flattens out, but it doesn't become any easier. You have to rely on skills learned on the pump track to push your way through the tight corners to propel yourself forward. You still have to keep yourself uber alert, the bamboo trees are close enough and one catch on your handle bars and you're going down... hard! There is hardly any opportunity











to push down on your pedals so its all about body movement and pushing as hard as you can.

So how do we guarantee the timing? Our resident uber-nerd, Fang Zhang, has developed his own timing system that uses RFID tags to measure to the split second. He's even proven its worth at motocross, automotive racing and the giddy heights of children's balance bike races, where every split second counts!

With this system we're able to create seeding races for that actually count and also take out any opportunity for scrutiny on the judges as the computers verdict is final.

Even cooler - thanks to this system we can upload times instantly so everyone can see times as they roll over the finish line giving everyone a topic to talk about along with the usual slips and slides on the trail. This is bound to be an extraordinary weekend. This weekend will be held at Zhuji Station, Skoda HEROS Series Race Waigang Station, Red Bull Pump Track World Championship Shenzhen Station, Tengchong Station of China Mountain



Bicycle League, vigorous development of cycling, highway, mountain, speed descent, earth slope and other sports. 2019 is bound to be a year of rapid development of China's cycling.

This wasn't a normal weekend - we also had the Skoda HEROS race, Red Bull Pump Track Race in Shenzhen, as well as a dozen other races across different bike spectrums; 2019 is shaping up to be a different kind of year.

After the Bamboo Forest we're into the high speed segment where your skills and stamina Thankfully for the Womens race and the new riders race this is where the torture ends. Blasting out of the forest you're onto the hard packed dirt that provides speed whether you like it or not... hurtling between the trees at up to 50kph is not easy but it is entirely do-able, for those that are brave enough 70kph is reachable. This is no place to make a mistake.

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