

Hello everybody!

Well, the boys finished and gave it their best effort. They pretty much gave a go to each section with some very good rides as results. We still have a ways to go to catch the other top teams, but our guys did not back down from the challenge.

We finished in 5th position which is an all time high for the American TdN effort. This is where we expected to be although we were hoping to pick off another country. With the experience that Cody brought, having ridden more TdN events than the other team members, it helped bring up the confidence level. When we walked the sections yesterday there was a little apprehension, but when it came time to ride they stepped up and gave a good effort.

The weather started fairly warm but near the end of our 2nd loop the rain started. Luckily for us we were at section 15 (of 18) so we were not that affected.

Spain won, then Great Britain, Italy, France, the USA. Even though we were behind France by 100 points I think these young men did a great job and I know they did not ride to their potential. With the plane trip and jet lag we could tell they were not their normal selves. It takes more than a couple days to get acclimated.

Thanks to all for the help & support. Cody & I have about 6 hrs before we leave for the airport, so it has been one long day.

Thanks again,
Kip