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Interphone National Road Rally 5-6th July 2008

Celebrating it's 75th anniversary this year, the Interphone National Road Rally over the weekend of 5-6th July, has nevertheless moved with the times with its new on-line booking facility resulting in nearly 600 entries already, but with five weeks to go until entries close, organisers are keen to double that and internet forums could be the way!

With motorcycle forums being so popular, the Interphone National Road Rally provides an ideal opportunity to meet up with 'virtual' friends. With 50 Control Points around England that riders can start from, local start points either end of the country mean that friends will be able to meet up at the Final Control – Bletchley Park (famous for the Enigma code breaking work during WW2), where refreshments/breakfasts are available to all riders and pillions entering this famous 'navigational scatter rally'.

Moto GP contender James Toseland supports the Interphone National Road Rally and said: *"Maybe not everyone can be privileged to ride the GP's, but all motorcyclists can take part in this event and test their navigational and riding skills on England's beautiful country lanes so why not give it a go and join hundreds of other riders on a great historical ride."*

An exciting and challenging road based event, the Interphone National Rally has a number of categories to suit all levels of experience, starting with the all-daylight riding categories, riding through the night, or the sunrise category on Sunday morning.

For the Platinum Award, riders will also have to undertake a special riding test at the Motor Industry Research Association (MIRA) facility in Leicestershire.

Malcolm Wootton of Moto Comp the distributor for Interphone in the UK and Ireland and sponsors of The Interphone National Road Rally 2008, has himself completed in the ACU National Rally (as it then was) and perhaps best sums up the rally's appeal when he said:

"I first entered (and completed) the National Road Rally in 1974, two up on an MZ 250 - and the whole event left a big impression on me. Apart from the obvious camaraderie with the other riders and the fantastic people who operate the check points, the most lasting impression was riding through a deserted British countryside on roads I'd never ridden as the sun rose on a beautiful Sunday morning in mid-summer - a wonderful experience! The Interphone Bluetooth helmet communicator really is the ideal accessory for this kind of riding experience and I'm personally very grateful to have the opportunity to put something back in to the sport and hobby that has been such an important part of my own life for so many years."

Entry costs start at £20 and go to £30 but many riders also take the opportunity to raise money through sponsorship for Mencap and once again, the organizers are proud to encourage riders to support Mencap in helping people with a learning disability live valued lives. Further information about Mencap and how to raise money are supplied with the regulations.

Moto Comp are also offering a Special Interphone Discount for entrants as well as a generous donation of £5 to Mencap for every Interphone purchased by entrants.

The site at www.nationalroadrally.co.uk allows riders to download the regulations and entry forms and enter online. Visit the website or telephone Alison on 01788 566400 for an entry form. **Entries close 6th June 2008.**

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