

## Delepine Claims Mono Cylinder Class Victory In Dark Dog Tour !

2005 and 2007 World Supermoto Champion Gérald Delepine riding a road specification Husqvarna Supermoto clinched the single cylinder class of the prestigious Belgian “Dark Dog Tour” Road Rally on Saturday evening, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Such was his speed on the event, Delepine was set for overall victory despite giving away lots of horsepower to bigger engined machines in the multi-cylinder class, but in an act of pure sporting kindness, the 39 year old Belgian stopped on day 3 of the event to assist fellow country man and eventual overall winner, Frederic Fiorentino who was struggling to change a flat tyre on his KTM 990 Hypermotard.

The prestigious Belgian 3 day event has grown in stature in recent years and looks set to become a firm favourite as the relatively new sport of Motor Cycle Road Rallies gains popularity. This year’s “Dark Dog Tour” featured 3 days of riding, with competitive sections interspersed by regularity road sections. With an average distance of around 550 kms per day, this year’s rally was certainly no gentle ride in the country! The competitive sections (known as stages - just as in the world of 4 wheel car rallying) included everything from closed public roads to the Supermoto racetrack at Spa Francorchamps and everything in-between.

Delepine’s Husqvarna used Goldspeed road legal supermoto tyres for the whole of the event (road legal tyres are required in the rally regulations) and he opted for both Street Sport Ultra’s and Pre-Cut Slicks. Afterwards Delepine explained, “....I’m delighted to have won the single cylinder class, especially as a lot of things were very new to me; the navigation and the regularity sections in particular. My bike performed faultlessly and my Goldspeed tyres allowed me to push very hard on all the stages yet still comply with the regulations; what a great event...”



Delepine’s victory is the latest for Goldspeed’s successful, competition inspired range of road legal Supermoto specific tyres. Thierry Canazzi recently won the gruelling 2009 Tour De Corse on his KTM fitted with Goldspeed Road Legal Street Sport Ultra’s and Pre-Cut Slicks.

For more information:

Dark Dog Tour Official Site: <http://www.belgiandarkdogtour.com/>

Thierry Canazzi Sport Blog: <http://tc01.sport.fr/>

Goldspeed Supermoto Tyres: <http://www.schuurmanbv.com>