



Dakar News



The Dakar Rally: A day in the life of Charly B.



05:00 a.m. in the morning. Wake up in the tent pitched on the airport runway or alongside the track as the pilots begin starting the engines of airplanes and motorcycles



06:00 a.m. Get up and look for washing and toilet facilities



06:30 a.m. Join the locals and warm hands over a camp fire



07:00 a.m. Take the tent down



07:15 a.m. Breakfast in the bivouac



09:00 a.m. Check into Short 360 (★) airplane



09:30 a.m. Departure to next rally stage, together with all the competitors' team managers



After arriving at around **11 – 12:00** h at the new stage location, pick up information on new site, bivouac, and service area; take care of reports and photos. **1:00 – 2:00** p.m. lunch at the bivouac



02:00 – 04:00 p.m. After arrival of the service truck, erect Loctite®/Teroson stand in the motorcycle bivouac area

(★) The **Short 360** aircraft has a record for providing airlines worldwide with a hard-working, reliable and low cost service for years. It was built by Short Brothers of Belfast, Northern Ireland, which is now a division of Bombardier of Canada. The first production 360 flew in August 1982. This type of aircraft has been designed for short-route sectors which do not require a pressurised cabin. It seats around 30 passengers, is 21.6 m long and has a wing span of 22.8 m. Maximum cruising speed is 320 – 350 km/h over a range of about 800 km. Luggage is transported in the front cabin portion, held down by a cargo restraining net.



04:00 p.m. to **midnight**, sometimes until 2:00 a.m. in the morning, handle service repairs and provide support and assistance to the rally competitors

Get some sleep in the tent pitched on the airport runway or alongside the track, before the pilots, at **05:00** a.m. in the morning, begin starting the engines of airplanes and motorcycles...

Best regards from
Charly "B"

