



Cornish Adventurer Looking for Support for Pioneering Challenge

A Perranporth man is hoping to gain support from local business as he gears up Kevin Meyers, who lives in Penhale, will be racing across Mongolia's Gobi Dessert against 11 other competitors in the first Blokart race of its kind.

Mr Meyers, who has been racing the three wheeled go-karts with a sail since 2003, has already competed in a number of events including the European Championships which were held on Gwithian beach last November.

"I'm really excited about this challenge," said Mr Meyers, who will be flying to Beijing on 1 May before heading to Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar.

"It will be a world's first and although we are competing against each other, there is a very strong team spirit as we're all doing this for the first time."

Competitors from around the world will join Mr Meyers and Blokart inventor, Paul Beckett, who is flying from New Zealand to take part.

"The fact that Paul is taking part makes this race really special," said Kevin.

"It will be amazing to race alongside the man who invented this brilliant sport."

The trip, which Mr Meyers expects to take around a week, will see the racers and their back up team – four 4 x 4's each with its own translator and cook, staying with local Mongol tribes.

"It's going to be quite an experience staying with the tribes and I'm really unsure what to expect as life for them can be very tough," he said.

"That's one of the reasons why we picked May as it will give us some of the best conditions in the desert. At certain times of year the temperature can be 40 degrees during the day, before dropping to -40 at night. So we need to take care and that's why I'm hoping local businesses will support me and help get hold of valuable equipment."

One company already signed up to help is Devoran based Cornish First Aid Supplies, who have given Mr Meyers first aid kits for his journey.

"Christine from Cornish First Aid Supplies has been a great help," said Mr Meyers.

"She's put together a specific first aid kit, with plenty of eye wash, in a dust proof first aid box, together with water purification tablets, hygiene wipes & face masks". "It will prove invaluable on the trip, I just hope we can avoid using it."