

Kenny Belaey NEWS

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EVENT: Guinness book of records attempt 180° rotations – Safety Jogger Classic (Oudenaarde, Belgium) site: <u>http://www.safetyjoggerclassic.be</u>

Belaey breaks world record!

Just one 180° rotation more on his Monty trial bike, that's the latest 'tour de force' of trial legend Kenny Belaey (26). Yesterday, during the fourth Safety Jogger Classic bike ride Belaey managed 35 rotations, thus bettering the world record of 34 set by Britain's Andrei Burton earlier this year. Awaiting the recognition by Guinness World Records, Kenny can reclaim his lost title of 'Most 180degree turns in one minute by trial bike'.

Belaey's succesful record attempt added a festive note to the fourth Safety Jogger Classic. More than 6.000 people gathered in Oudenaarde to follow the guided cycle and mountainbike routes. The event's organizers Kiwanis Universus Oudenaarde and Safety Jogger donate the proceeds to local social causes. For the recent evolution of the 'Most 180-degree turns in one minute by trial bike' record see table under.

Kenny Belaey smiles: "Some people might think that I take the Sergey Bubka* approach to records. I'm certainly not going to knock Bubka, but I simply couldn't calculate like he used to do! To beat Andrei's record I had to dig incredibly deep. My coordination started to suffer quickly and I just managed to stay upright a few times, because I was so dizzy. And you have to work so hard and focused that it's impossibly to count while you're jumping. Luckily my minder informed me that I needed ten more and that's when I pushed so hard that I pulled of like ten in ten seconds! At least that's how it felt. I'm really happy with the record, for myself and also for the crowd who kept on cheering, but this is not something you want to be doing every day!"

*note: world famous pole vault jumper who collected world records for years by beating his record by the smallest margin -1 cm- each time

Evolution world record 180° rotations

35 rotations, KENNY BELAEY (BEL) Sunday 20th of September 2009, Safety Jogger Classic (Oudenaarde-Belgium)

34 rotations, Andrei Burton (GBR), April 2009, TV-show World records smashed (Londen-England)

31 rotations, KENNY BELAEY (BEL), December 2006, CCTV-show (Peking-China)

26 rotations, KENNY BELAEY (BEL), August 2005, TV-show Lété des records (Cabourg-Frankrijk)

19 rotations, Marc Vinco (FRA)

