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LEWIS FLYING THE FLAG STATESIDE

Norfolk supermoto ace Lewis Cornish is used to long haul trips around the World competing in various International events. Last year he became the only British rider to compete a season in the ultra-competitive French championships and 2017 will bring more of the same thanks to Normandy based RAW Motorsports. However this year Lewis will also be clocking up some transatlantic air miles as he takes up the offer of racing in the AMA Supermoto Championships which kicks off in early April at Bakersfield, California.



Lewis Cornish and fellow racer 6 year old Riley Dexter busy getting in some pre-season track time.

This offer to compete in this tough, high profile American series came about following his recent outing in the final round of the FIM Asia Championships in Malaysia. Simon Rushbrooke the Kiwi owner of Tekmo Racing and American racer Steve Alkyer of DRT Racing spoke at length with Lewis about getting him stateside to see how European riders would match up with the best the USA has to offer. The sticking point was that competing at the very top level always requires top level machinery and obviously this isn't cheap. Luckily for Lewis, Tekmo Racing, DRT Racing and TM-USA all came to the rescue with the offer of a 'Factory' spec 2017 TM450-SMX that's being built and air-freighted from the Italian manufacturers to California just in time for the season opener. Lewis will be campaigning the Tekmo Racing TM450-SMX in the five round AMA Championship which spans the USA and also includes a trip north of the border to Canada where the bikes will be taking centre stage alongside the World Rally Cross cars in Quebec.



Lewis took the tarmac circuit lap record at Loheac during preparations for the 2017 season opener in California

Lewis explained his thoughts on what is sure to be his busiest year in racing. *"Speaking to Steve (Alkyer) at the last race in Asia he said I should try and get over to the USA and try a few races there. I have raced in Vegas 10 years ago as a junior and I loved the whole thing but I didn't really think I'd get the chance to go back to the States to compete. But now thanks to some great support from Tekmo Racing and the efforts of promoter Alex Mock (DRT Racing) I've got an amazing opportunity to compete in the whole 5 round AMA Supermoto championships. It's all happened very quickly and I'm so grateful for those that have given me the chance. I'm still looking for additional funding to help pay for flights, tyres etc but thanks to Simon at Tekmo I'll have a top spec 2017 model TM450-SMX upgraded with special parts from my Italian sponsor PZ5 Cobra so I know I'll have the bike to let me be competitive. I'm sure the American riders will be very quick especially on the off-road sections but my experience racing against the best supermoto racers in the world in the French Championship will certainly help me in my attempt on the AMA title. I'm really looking forward to the challenge and meeting new people involved in the sport and I'll certainly be giving it everything to get on the podium."*



Hopefully the view Lewis' rivals will be seeing plenty of in the USA

So with a matter of a few weeks before the USA championship opener, Lewis is training hard on and off the bike with sessions at B Well gym as well as a recent trip to France for a two day shake down practice aboard his RAW Motorsport TM450-SMX which he will also be campaigning this season in the French S1 Prestige championship in-between his American commitments.

You can keep informed on Lewis' progress in Europe and the USA by clicking onto www.lewiscornish.co.uk or the CRT Facebook page. If any individuals or companies would like to be involved with Lewis and his exciting season's racing, the contact details are on the website.

