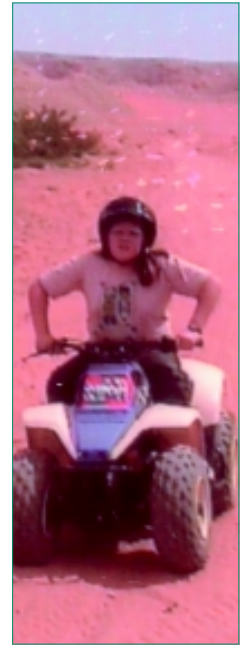




Someone once said that if you want to arrange an event get the Brits to organize it, because they're the best organizers you can get! (As opposed to getting the Italians to play in the event as they will just cheat – The Germans will just want to win at any cost and the French? well the French will never do what they are told !) When I initially came up with the idea of a day out for all the family, I had thought that we would get the RGBB members of the community which would total around 300 at best, but to do this thing properly I needed greater numbers that's when I opened it out to CBAR, ABGR, AWR, AWASA, BCL, BAE and the Scout groups.

However, where do you get Portaloo's for 3,000 people from ? Who has a spare ambulance in case someone falls out of his saddle and onto his head ? Who knows the name of a good litter picking company? Can we insure ourselves against personal injury? Can we get a couple of blue & whites at the gate? Why does French Corner take such an intransigent stance on outside catering companies coming in? How do we mark out the pivot field for over 1,000 vehicles ? Oh and while we are at it, the Nurses haven't got any transport, can we put on a SAPTCO bus for them? (Feeling the heat? – time to get out of the Kitchen ??)



The first committee meeting took place at the Intercontinental Hotel way back in January and it quickly become apparent that all of the British organisational skills were going to be put to the test. Here a special note should go to the CBAR lads who unflinchingly took on all their allocated roles with great enthusiasm. Not a lot of people know that!

Well, with the efforts of the organising committee, that gave me nothing less than 110% support, I think that we managed the whole event tremendously well. For those that were unable to make it we had:

Kids & Adult Football, Kids & Adult Rugby, Kids & Adult Volleyball, Kids & Adult Cricket, Tennis & Tennis



The objective that we set ourselves was, **to provide the expatriate community with a memorable day out for all the family with a range of sporting, recreational and entertainment activities in a safe and secure environment.**

But how do you actually achieve that under local restrictions? The location had to be reasonably close to the City Centre, with good access and we were delighted when the Dirab owner Khalid Abuynayyen gave his full support to the concept.

Lessons, Golf & Golf Clinic, Swimming, Horse Riding, Camel Rides, Quad Bike Riding, Mountain Bike Riding, Kite Flying, Kids Entertainment, Face Painting for all the Kids, Bouncy castles, Riyadh Motocross Display, Hummer 4WD Display, Zahid Tractor Caterpillar Earth Mover Display, Vendors Bazaar – with over 100 stalls, Landrover & Nissan 4WD Demonstration Vehicles and last but certainly not least a Paragliding Display – impressed? You should be!



We guesstimated about 3,000 visitors would come along and as entry was by ticket only and there were to be no ticket sales on the day we managed to control everything from riyadhfunday@hotmail.com. This worked particularly well.

