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Tuk Everlasting

"A Passage Through India," Richard Knapp's tale of driving an auto-rickshaw across the subcontinent, struck a nerve with reader Brianna Limebrook, a marketing executive: "I fly frequently and always enjoy checking out the latest *Hemispheres*. I read the article 'A Passage Through India' in your November 2009 issue and, to say the least, I was inspired.

"For days, I couldn't get the article out of my head; the narrative of what two people were willing to take on in the name of charity was truly an eye-opener. I emailed the online version of 'A Passage Through India' to two of my friends in San Francisco and asked if they would consider forming a team with me and signing up to race across India in a tuk-tuk as part of the Autumn 2010 Rickshaw Run. They were both in, and our three-person team, Raiders of the Lost Tuk (*losttuk.com*), was born. Our team will be raising money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, a cause close to our hearts. I just wanted to write to thank you for publishing this article that, for me, was a life-changing story.

"P.S. I'm hoping there's no bad karma for cheating the next person sitting in my plane seat out of that *Hemispheres* issue; it was so good, I just had to take it!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Help yourself! Cabin crew will replace missing copies.*

Web commenter Rebecca Rolfes was similarly affected, writing via hemispheresmagazine.com: "I spent a month in India earlier this year and tooled around in several tuk-tuks, but 2,000 miles! And in that traffic! Brave or insane? Very entertaining."

Meanwhile, Tricia Despres' profile of female boxers training for the Olympics, "The Girls of Summer" (December 2009), drew web commenter Angelique: "GREAT article and photos! Let's hope these hardworking elite athletes get some much deserved publicity as they enter the Olympic arena for the first time!"

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SALMA ABDELNOUR
 A contributor to *Food & Wine* and *The New York Times*, Abdelnour has the tough task of traveling the world sampling the very best dishes and flavors ("Tis the Seasoning," page 62). "The best meal I ever had was at El Bulli in Spain," she says. "I was worried it might be a disappointment after all the hype, but it was absolutely mind-blowing."



VICKI CHURCHILL
 "Spending a couple of days on campus was inspiring," says the photographer, who shot her alma mater, Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, for "Intelligent Design" (page 80). "Something about that building encourages creativity." Churchill recently worked with Neeta Madahar on an exhibit at the National Media Museum.



ADAM K. RAYMOND
Hemispheres' associate editor had his first-ever Las Vegas experience at the Consumer Electronics Show ("Conventional Wisdom," page 59). "The coolest thing there was an iPhone app that controls a model helicopter," he reports. "Seems like it would provide hours of entertainment." Raymond also writes for *New York Magazine*.

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