

## **Trix Zgraggen – 2012 RAAM Women’s Solo Champion**

When most people think of a 46-year old mother of three boys (ages 18, 20 and 22), we do not picture a person preparing for the toughest endurance bicycle race in the world. Not so for Trix Zgraggen from Uri, Switzerland. Jokingly, this newcomer to endurance cycling, refers to herself as an “old lady,” at least that is what she tried to tell us. She has shown the cycling world quite the opposite.

Trix made her mark in endurance cycling initially at Tortour, Switzerland’s premier endurance cycling race, in 2009. In fact, she was the only woman to finish the event that year. She won again in 2010 and finished among the top ten men. She had also competed in two gigathlons, winning one in 2004, the 2009 Ultraman in Kona, Hawaii and the 2011 Race Around Austria.

With very little pure endurance cycling race experience, Trix was confident in her ability to win RAAM. She told RAAM reporter, Vic Armijo, “I would like to win! Perhaps in ten days.” Bold words from a rookie racer and 10 days 3hours 59 minutes after the start, Trix Zgraggen crossed the finish line in first place, staying true to her prediction and completing the Swiss sweep of solo RAAM.