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# A career in the balance

Stunt driver Terry Grant is bringing his amazing driving skills to the *Top Gear Live* show in Australia.

**T**erry Grant likes to live on the edge. The edge of his tyres, that is.

One of six stunt-drivers now in Australia for the *Top Gear Live* series, Grant holds the Guinness World Record for driving on two wheels through the narrowest gap.

The Briton decided to attempt the record after hunting for new challenges with the help of Guinness employees. He has now been the record holder twice.

"It had stood for 10 years or more, this record," Grant says. "I accomplished that a couple of years ago and I beat it by a bit, not by a massive amount but by a bit. And then a year later somebody else then went and beat it again. So then I took my hat off and really went for it. Got a bit of training in and absolutely smashed it – another half a metre or something. I mean, I've taken it to the absolute maximum that I can take it to."

Two-wheeled-driving is not Grant's only record. His total tally is now 16.

"This year, because it's 2010, they're listing the top record breakers of the decade. And I thought, you know, I'll have a little look and see if

I'm on this list," Grant says. "It said on the back of the book that I'm in the top 100. Anyway, I started trawling through and there's a section at the beginning of the book and it shows the top 10. And to my amazement, I'm inside the top 10 of record breakers of the decade!"

As a professional stuntman, Grant travels the world performing crazy feats in up to 25 countries a year. But he wouldn't call himself an adrenaline junkie.

"People that watch me do my stuff obviously think that I am. I'm not scared of anything and I'll have a go at everything, so if that makes me an adrenaline junkie, then I suppose I am. But I wouldn't say I am," Grant says. "I wouldn't go out to put a parachute on my back and jump off of a high building just for the fun of it, although I probably would do that to be honest."

He would call himself crazy, though.

"I'm the guy that thinks of all the new crazy tricks. I mean, if you ever punch my name into YouTube, you'll see that I'm the guy that can jack a car up and change the wheel on it while it's doing doughnuts," he says. "I think of all weird and crazy stuff. I like to invent many new tricks and

see people standing there with their jaw open."

As part of the *Top Gear Live* show, which adapts the successful BBC motoring program for the stage, Grant will appear alongside the Stig, Jeremy Clarkson and James May.

"I was busy last year and unfortunately couldn't come out. And from what the guys are telling me, it absolutely knocks the socks off of what was done last year. It's upped the game, big time," he says. "There's stuff in the show that people would never have seen before in their lives."

One thing that most would never have seen is the Stig's latest caper – a world first – an indoor loop-the-loop in a modified dune buggy.

"The show is pushing boundaries big time. And it's pure skill, it's not trickery, it's not computer-generated. It's in front of your face. It's real," Grant says.

He says visiting Australia has long been a dream.

"I've got a lot of fans and friends in Australia," he says. "So watch this space, it might open up the door for us to come and do a lot more work in Australia."

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