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Germany

BLACK FALCON triumphs at the 24H Cota USA

The trio of American drivers of the BLACK FALCON team, Mike Skeen, Scott Heckert and Bret Curtis, achieved an impressive victory at the end of the 603 laps of the 24H Cota USA at the Circuit of The Americas. // Page 4.

Zambia

FUCHS – title sponsor of the Elephant Charge

FUCHS supports the Elephant Charge by organizing a 4-wheel adventure race to raise funds for preserving wildlife, the environment as well as education. Celebrating its 11th anniversary, 32 teams participated and the charity event raised \$135,000. // Page 8.





Italy

Bravo Sergio!

A highlight of the 2018 season was Sergio Farris' double victory. The 32-year-old FUCHS driver won the Italian Mountain Speed Trophy and the Italian Mountain Speed Championship with his Osella PA2000 evo II. // Page 7.







France

FUCHS 3H Karting Endurance race: customers take up the challenge!

66 FUCHS customers competed in a friendly atmosphere during the FUCHS 3H Karting Endurance race organized by FUCHS France in November. On the very famous Speed Fun Karting circuit, the automotive professionals participated with verve and skill in this team challenge (22 karts). The teams consisted of three drivers. Like in the Karting Grand Prix races, they had to qualify for their position on the grid.

Each team was hellbent on getting the best time aboard 270cc GT4 Sport karts reaching up to 70 km/h and to have the chance of climbing to the top of the podium. After 250 laps and two relays per team, the first two leading drivers crossed the finish line with a gap of only seven seconds.

"Since 2010, we've organized this challenge every two years. It's aimed at our garage owners, brand agents and body manufacturers in La Rochelle area. This event was funded by our customers through the purchase of lubricants. One of the largest dealers in the sector, the Barbier Automobiles Group*, and its supplier Kent, a body manufacturing specialist, are very satisfied with these meetings. For our part, this event allows us to strengthen relations with our customers and to meet their staff (apprentices, office clerks and mechanics). In all, 80 people enjoyed this day as drivers or supporters," explained Rémi Fillaud, FUCHS sales representative.

This very convivial sporting day was a real success and ended with an award ceremony.

*The enterprise was founded in 1965 and represents the brands Opel, Kia, Seat, Hyundai and Volkswagen around La Rochelle. The Group buys 50 tons of lubricants per year.







France

Startling victory by Jordan Berfa at the Fenouillèdes Rally

Winner of the 2017 rally, 23-year-old Jordan Berfa, is back this season by winning the podium of this coveted rally with his mother Nathalie as co-driver. Under heavy rain, wind and intense fog, 91 cars passed the starting flag for the 12 stages of this 160km rally.

After the intense emotions of the Mont Blanc Rally, where he came off the track and overturned twice due to a mechanical failure, luckily the drivers were not hurt but the Hyundai i20R5 was badly damaged. The last competition in 2018 was complicated for Jordan who started in a Renault Megane Maxi Kit Car set-up by the Turbo ABP Competition workshop. Jordan's father lent him this vehicle in which he had only 40km of testing. This was going to be a real challenge!

Without much self-confidence, son and mother started with the goal of crossing the finish line.

"We quickly got into the game," said Jordan. The terrible weather created big gaps the first day and the duo finished in 4th place, one second off the podium. On the second day, Jordan achieved four of the best times out of six. In the end, they came through with this fantastic and unexpected victory in Catalonia.

After winning the 2017 French Earth Rally Championship title and evolving so well in the French Asphalt Rally Championship this season, this victory is the latest family success for the Berfa team and a beautiful end of the season, despite the recent hazards.

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BLACK FALCON wins 24H COTA, USA

The 2018 season started with a victory in the 24-hour race for BLACK FALCON and ended with the success in the 24H COTA, USA, at the Circuit of The Americas. BLACK FALCON entered two Mercedes-AMG GT3 competing in the A6-Pro class for GT3-homologated race-cars. The #2 AMG was driven by Jeroen Bleekemolen (Netherlands), Hubert Haupt (Germany), Luca Stolz (Germany) and Ben Keating (USA) while #3 featured a trio of American drivers, Mike Skeen, Scott Heckert and Bret Curtis, supplemented by the vast experience of team veteran Yelmer Buurman (Netherlands).

The race was split into two segments with an opening twelve-and-a-half hours that turned out to be bittersweet for the BLACK FALCON team. After an unfortunate penalty the car had a delayed start. The #2 crew were in maximum attack mode and rapidly took 1st place on lap 17. With a lead that seemed almost unassailable paired with a safety car period, #2 was leading by over a lap ahead of the pursuers. But coming into lap 242, the car collided with a backmarker, so the front of the car was severely damaged. After two hours of repairs, the car was ready but had lost so much time, the team reluctantly retired from the event.

At the end of the first day and after 315 laps, #3 finished in 2nd place. On Sunday the competitors started from the same positions they had held in the opening segment. A hard eleven-and-a-half hours awaited the #3 drivers, which is the length of six full Formula 1 races, so the second phase on Sunday was no less challenging than the first.

But the trio of American drivers backed up by Yelmer's steady hands kept up an impressive pace. Despite changing conditions during the race and by keeping out of trouble, they took a grand victory after 603 gruelling laps.







South Africa

Truggy team finishes at the top at the Final 2018 WOMZA National Rally Championship

The last event for 2018 WOMZA/ARRO National Rally Championship was crucial for the Truggy team as it decides on the grid positions for the first race of the 2019 season. In a field of 27 cars, Truggy team driver Giel Nel was 16th with eight cars in his class.

The team had to overcome testing conditions for their car with dust making it even harder. But FUCHS oils and brake fluids proved their worth for the engine, gearbox and suspension. Together with the team's experience and tenacity they finished 1st in class and 3rd overall. The team now has a better starting position for the first race of the 2019 season. Only nine out of the 27 cars finished due to the extreme heat (35°).

"We have tried other brands but FUCHS has provided the ultimate solution to our lubrication needs. We use FUCHS TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60 engine oil in the 4L V6 Toyota. This premium oil has been developed for professional use in racing applications and offers optimum protection because the oil minimises friction and provides a stable oil film," said Giel Nel. "We want to thank FUCHS for their support and the products that have stood the test of time and put our team at the top. This is the most valuable sponsorship the team can have."

In 2019, the team aims to participate in the full off-road championship of WOMZA or MSA. During the off-season they will rebuild, service and upgrade the car.

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Great Britain

The lights go green for FUCHS Silkolene and Kawasaki Team Green

FUCHS Silkolene has formed a partnership with Kawasaki Motors UK including sponsorship of Team Green racing activities. Joost van Genderen (FUCHS Silkolene Head of Motorcycle Division) was pleased to meet with Howard Dale (General Manager) and Ross Burridge (Senior Racing and Marketing Co-ordinator) from KMUK to sign a three year contract at the FUCHS Silkolene Global HQ in Stoke-on-Trent.

Both FUCHS Silkolene and Kawasaki Motors UK have already enjoyed a history of shared success on the track. With the FUCHS Silkolene sponsored JG Speedfit Kawasaki team taking the British Superbike Championship title this year, ensuring that the partnership has taken off to a winning start.



Great Britain

FUCHS sponsored MSA British Historic Rally Championship – New Zealand stage

The driver Phil Squires and his navigator Nigel Hutchinson travelled to the other side of the world to compete in the 2018 Silver Fern Rally. This is an 8-day marathon event and covers 13 stages and a 3,000 km route. They were pleased to achieve a 7th place overall despite some tricky moments during the earlier stages of the FUCHS MSA British Historic Rally Championship.









Italy

Double triumph for Sergio Farris

FUCHS driver Sergio Farris finished this season with a great collection – two national titles winning both the Italian Mountain Speed Trophy and the CIVM Group 2000 (Italian Mountain Speed Championship).

Thanks to his excellent result in the 57th Alghero Scala Piccada, Sergio Farris won the Italian Mountain Speed Trophy in the E2-Sc Tivm class and broke the record in the E2-Sc 2000 on board an Osella PA2000 evo II. This title joins his recent victory in the CIVM in the E2-Sc 2500 class won few weeks ago.

"I was particularly happy to race in this Scala Piccada, in memory of my father who had always fought to get it going during his life. In the race I did my best but behind the wheel of a new car I didn't want to take too many risks." During a short interview, the driver of the SCUDERIA I 4 MORI team could not hide his emotion.

"I dedicate this sporting season to my father and to Sergio, my son, whom I particularly care for," said the 32-year-old driver. "Among other things, this season started with enormous delays due to the assembly of the new cars but I am still winning podiums in the most important races. I would like to thank my sponsors, they were exceptional. They supported me in the various championships I won this year and allowed me to finish the season with these wonderful results."

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Zambia

FUCHS commits in the Elephant Charge event

For two years in a row, FUCHS has been the main sponsor of the Elephant Charge, a leading charity for Nature Conservation in Zambia. FUCHS Zambia Managing Director Alasdair Watson has focused FUCHS Africa on nature conservation and anti-poaching.

"We as FUCHS Zambia stand behind conservation in Zambia and the environment," said Paul Marais from FUCHS Zimbabwe.

In 2018 Elephant Charge celebrated its 11th anniversary and it was a success. 32 teams entered and raised \$135,000 donated to various conservation and educational groups.

The FUCHS Elephant Charge uniquely combines the exquisite beauty of the Zambian wilderness with 4-wheel motor sports while raising funds. There are two trophies up for grabs – the Shortest Net Distance and the Shortest Distance. This year the Carnivore team claimed the Shortest Net Distance raising \$15,000 while the Shortest Distance Trophy was won by the Camel team.

Wildlife conservation in Zambia has been prioritised by both the Government of the Republic of Zambia as well as the international community. Since the 1960s the country has lost 90% of its original population of 250,000 elephants. Recent surveys indicate that only 10% remain, of which around 21,000 live in the National Parks.

Wildlife conservation has received significant support from both the GRZ Department of National Parks and Wildlife as well as supporting organizations worldwide. However, for over ten years, this local Zambian charity Elephant Charge has been raising funds for Zambian wildlife with a huge success of almost \$1 million so far.

Next FUCHS Elephant Charge: 28 September 2019.

More information: www.elephantcharge.org

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China

A thrilling 2018 season finale in the F3 Asian Championship

The debut season finale of the 2018 F3 Asian Championship Certified by FIA took place at the Sepang International circuit in November. Drivers' championship points leader Jake Hughes was absent from Sepang due to conflicting dates with his GP3 campaign. This set the stage for an epic showdown between his team mates Hyman and Macau's Charles Leong, fresh from his debut in the FIA F3 World Cup at the Macau Grand Prix last weekend and 4th overall. Absolute Racing's USA Jaden Conwright was 3rd while Malaysian Akash Nandy achieved 5th place. 73 points separate the four championship contenders with the three Sepang races offering a total of 75 points.

Dragon HitechGP's Raoul Hyman won this inaugural F3 Asian Championship title after a thrilling finale where he crossed the line in 5th. He had to finish 5th or higher to clinch the title from season-long leader and team mate Jake Hughes. Hyman did not disappoint, taking the championship by two points despite high-drama in the closing stages of the ten lap, rain-interrupted race.

Pinnacle Motorsport's exciting 16-year-old New Zealand driver Liam Lawson took his third win in three starts on his Asian Motorsport debut, continuing to impress with yet another wheel-perfect performance in race 15. Super License driver Tomoki Takahashi crossed the line in 2nd place winning his fifth podium, with Jaden Conwright 3rd in the race and in the final championship standings.

FUCHS China Marketing Director Patrick Yang awarded the prizes to the winners after the race. At the gala diner, as one of the prestigious partners of this championship, Patrick Yang was also honoured to accept a trophy from Davide De Gobbi – F3 Asian Championship Managing Director and Top Speed organizer – thanking FUCHS China for such a successful partnership.

Left picture: Patrick Yang (fourth on the right), Tomoki Takahashi (third on the left), Liam Lawson (fourth on the left), Jaden Conwright (fifth on the left)

Right picture: Davide De Gobbi (right), Patrick Yang (middle)

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Zimbabwe

Rademeyer and Ramsay proved to be a formidable force in 3-hour endurance race once again!

Calvin Rademeyer and Lyle Ramsay teamed up for this year ending 3-hour endurance race held at the Bulawayo Motorsport Park. The 2018 season marks the appearance of the two in Rademeyer's new VW Polo 6r sponsored by FUCHS Zimbabwe after the two had previously raced Rademeyer's older VW Polo Classic car in 2017. With hopes high for the 2018 event the two set out to defend their Saloon B class win from 2017, complete more laps than in the previous year and once again have a shot at the Index of Performance Trophy.

In the qualifying session, Ramsay took the 2nd place in class B and 11th on the overall grid. "Qualifying was a bit of a gamble because we had decided to save the new tyres for the race," said Rademeyer.

Calvin started the race with great confidence. "We will stop after one-and-a-half hours or 60 laps, whichever comes first." Because of blistering temperatures, Rademeyer had to manage so extremely high engine temperatures all the while whilst still trying to run to the agreed upon lap times. At the end of the 60 laps, the car classed in 2nd in class B and 4th overall.

"We had been practicing and developing our pit strategy for weeks prior to the event," said Rademeyer. "Ramsay was already buckled in and ready for his stint when the Polo unfortunately did not want to start back up again. Eventually the crew had to push start the car but by this time we had dropped to 9th overall and 3rd in class B. From here Lyle Ramsay drove a fantastic stint, slowly climbing up the leader board all the while still sticking to our strategy and managing our engine temperature problem."

When the flag dropped, Lyle was classed 6th overall with four more laps than in 2017 and 4th in the Index of Performance but most importantly 1st overall again in Saloon B. "When the car did not want to start at the pit stop, I thought it was all over, but credit must be given to my amazing pit crew and of course to my co driver who performed faultlessly!" said Rademeyer. "My personal sponsors FUCHS Zimbabwe played a big hand in getting us to where we are and without them, this would not be possible! This victory is for them," said Ramsay.

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