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France

Alexandre Giroud excelled in the 2018 Dakar

For the 40th edition of the Dakar rally raid, Alexandre Giroud raced on board a Kawasaki YFZ 700 quad. During 10,000 km through sand dunes and on dusty roads without assistance, the FUCHS Silkolene rider used all his energy and skills to cross the finishing line in Cordoba (Argentina) in 11th position overall in his quad class. // Page 6.

Great Britain

Double podium for Ciceley Motorsport team in Dubai

The Ciceley Motorsport team claimed two impressive podium finishes in their debut endurance event, the Dubai stage of the Creventic 24H Series. After 509 laps, lead driver and BTCC star Adam Morgan led his crew to victory in the A2 class with former Renault Clio UK Cup driver Max Coates steering his crew to another podium spot. // Page 4.



Portugal

Vítor Pascoal and Pedro Alves dominated the Nacional de Ralis GT

At the end of a successful 2017, Vítor Pascoal and Pedro Alves of the Baião Rally team won the highly coveted title of the Nacional de Ralis GT. In a Porsche 997 GT3, the FUCHS team challenged the best drivers of this national sporting event with great energy, winning the championship before the end of the season. // Page 8.



Austria

Jonas Witschwender wins his 5th title – a record

Sponsored by FUCHS Silkolene for many years, the 24-year-old rider Jonas Witschwender races in the famous and very popular Austrian Trial Championship. The last race of the season was crucial for the FUCHS rider. Before the event, he ranked 2nd, five points behind the leader. Thanks to his extremely strong nerves and an amazing performance, Jonas took on the challenge and won the precious title for the 5th time.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO PREP





Zimbabwe

2017 FUCHS Silkolene Summer Series

The 2017 FUCHS Silkolene Summer Series took place at Donnybrook Park, Harare (Zimbabwe), in December. The Summer Series has a great tradition and always caps off the year's motocross season. Sponsored by FUCHS Silkolene for the last eight years, the Summer Series attracts large crowds and is certainly one of the bigger events on the Zimbabwe motorsport calendar.

The Summer Series is a unique event combining Moto X and Super X over a two-night and one-day event and all the classes are represented from Peewee to MX1. It gives the junior classes a unique chance to race under floodlights. This prestigious and renowned sporting event attracts top riders from the region but also from South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Germany and many other countries.

107 riders participated and performed at a high level in all classes.

FUCHS Silkolene, title partner of this prestigious Summer Series, was represented with sponsored riders, too. 21-year-old Marondera-born rider, Jayden Ashwell was crowned 2017 Summer Series champion in MX1 with a KTM450. The MX2 title was awarded to Kerim Fitzgerald and the 125cc class title went to Regan Wasmuth with the FUCHS Silkolene Grainger Racing KTM.

Daiyaan Manuel on the FUCHS Silkolene KTM scored in the 85cc class, while Manu Bako won in the 65cc class, Jordan van Wyk in the 50cc class and Fabio Kelly in the Peewee class.



Great Britain

Ciceley Motorsport battle for victory in Dubai's Desert Heat

Ciceley Motorsport driver Adam Morgan relished the task of leading his new GT team into their first long distance race in the UAE as part of the Creventic 24H Dubai. The FUCHS sponsored team transformed two of their Gen 4 Renault Clio UK Cup cars so that they can deal with the blistering heat of the desert. Renault Clio UK front runner Max Coates joined Adam Morgan and the Ciceley Motorsport team and assisted with the development of the car. Experienced German racing driver Harald Rettich was another welcome addition along with the rapid Adam Hatfield who brought along his great GT experience. Max and Frank Bird completed the line-up. A successful qualifying session set the team up well for the race. Despite the heat and many problems throughout the race, all drivers performed brilliantly to take victory in the important A2 class after completing a total of 509 laps. The team's leading car claimed 1st position in the A2 class, 14th in the touring car class and 50th overall. Ciceley's second Clio also made the A2 class podium with an amazing 3rd place finish. Norman Burgess, commercial director said: "We did it! We won our first endurance race and we are the A2 class champions of the 2018 24H Dubai. Thank you to all our supporters for the amazing messages, we are literally overwhelmed with the support. We plan to do a few more events with the Clios throughout 2018 starting at Silverstone in March, then in Spa and Monza."



Great Britain

Fantastic Freddie Housley crowned Cambrian Kart Club Bambino champion

FUCHS Silkolene's youngest ambassador scooped a well-deserved title win after an excellent season. Freddie Housley also claimed 4th in the BKC National Championship and 2nd in the MSA British Championship during 2017. Early 2018 will test seven-year-old Freddie's ZIP Works team in Cadet Karts, where he will be racing against children up to 12-year-old.



France

Alexandre Giroud on the extreme roads of the 2018 Dakar

The FUCHS Silkolene rider Alexandre Giroud competed in the Dakar for the second consecutive year. It is a sporting adventure, but in particular the world's biggest rally raid through the most beautiful deserts of the planet.

This 40th edition covered 10,000 km through Peru, Bolivia and Argentina. 525 competitors – amateurs as well as experienced drivers – came from 60 countries to race in the sand dunes, through canyons and on steep mountains up to 3,500 meters high. Drivers of cars, bikes, quads and trucks must be excellent both on the sprint stages and in off-piste navigation over the 14 stages of this rally raid.

Alexandre Giroud chose to master this prestigious adventure without any assistance.

“I need reliable and competitive tools and good quality lubricants to obtain the best results and cross the final line of each of the 14 stages of this rally raid.”

For his second Dakar, Alexandre Giroud won the 11th place among 40 competitors who took the departure in his quad category.

Alexandre has been sponsored by FUCHS France for five years and uses all the products of the FUCHS Silkolene range.



Portugal

2017 vice-champion title for Gonçalo Carmo

The M Specs Junior team was created six years ago to support a young competitor endowed with an incredible talent who raced a Yamaha PW80. Gonçalo Carmo has progressed each season and at the age of 16, he participated in the MX2 Regional Championship with a Yamaha YZ 250 F and a Yamaha YZ 125. 2017 was a successful season capped off with the title of vice-champion in the MX2 Junior 125 Regional Championship and 6th place in the Yamaha Trophy in the MX2 class. “Both of these series are very competitive. In total, 150 amateurs and semi-professionals compete at high level in all the classes. Our strategy for the 2018 season is that Gonçalo will race both two and four strokes. This allows him to improve his riding skills and try to achieve his peak performance at the age of 18,” said the team manager.

“In 2018, we expect to improve our results and win the championship title in both competitions. We will participate in some rounds of the National Championship to prepare for the 2019 season.”

The M Specs Junior team has been sponsored by FUCHS Portugal for four years. “We are very pleased with the partnership with FUCHS Silkolene that gives us the confidence of having our engines always fully ready and taken care of.”

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER, Silkolene CHAIN LUBE



Portugal

Vítor Pascoal and Pedro Alves crowned champions of the Nacional de Ralis GT

Vítor Pascoal and Pedro Alves of the Baião Rally team had an epic season with the Porsche 997 GT3. They won the championship title in the GT category of the Nacional de Ralis. It was a fantastic season with lots of victories. The team, who relies on the support of FUCHS, focused their sporting ambitions on the National GT Championship and did the best to become number one. In a season marked by continual improvement, the Portuguese team won four of the five events, ensuring them the title with one race to go.

Vítor Pascoal made his presence felt in numerous off-championship events, entertaining the audience and demonstrating the power of the Porsche. He achieved three victories in six participations. None of the team members will forget this season.

FUCHS Portugal supports the team since 2015.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN GT1 PRO C-3 SAE 5W-30, TITAN GT1 PROFLEX 5W-30, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140, TITAN SYN MC SAE 10W-40

