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Germany

Stephan Katt crowned King of the Road

Loyal and long-standing partner of FUCHS Silkolene, Stephan 'Catman' Katt triumphed with his 3rd title in the German long-distance Championship in Bad Hersfeld. In front of 6,000 spectators the 37-year-old rider also secured an impressive 5th place in the FIM Long Track World Championship in Morizès (F) at the end of five rounds. // Page 4.

Japan

GSR team claims podium at Fuji Speedway track

Always keeping the pressure on, Nobuteru Taniguchi and Tatsuya Kataoka, drivers of the Goodsmile Racing team scored 2nd place on the podium in the fifth round of the 2017 Autobacs SUPER GT Series only a few seconds from the leader. // Page 2.



Zimbabwe

Double victories for the KTM FUCHS Silkolene teammates

FUCHS Silkolene drivers, Cameron Durow and Regan Wasmuth, were unbeatable in the sixth round of the Monster TRP South African National Motocross Championship. On the very challenging track of Harrysmith, South Africa, the young FUCHS riders delivered top performances giving FUCHS Silkolene their first podium with 1st and 2nd place. // Page 7.





Japan

Impressive race for GSR Racing team at Fuji Speedway track

On August 6, 2017, the Fuji GT 300 km race was held at the Fuji Speedway track. In the fifth round of the Autobacs SUPER GT Series 2017, Nobuteru Taniguchi and Tatsuya Kataoka, drivers of the Goodsmile Racing team fought their way to the podium. Thanks to a 3rd place obtained during the preliminary race, the FUCHS riders were in good form to start the Fuji GT300. "On the first lap we were in 2nd place, but after a short pit stop we fell to 10th. We put all our energy into climbing the ranks and catching up with the leaders. We crossed the checkered flag in 2nd place and we ranked top of the competition. We are very happy to come away victorious, finishing this 300 km race on the podium," explained the drivers. "Despite a 70 kg weight handicap on our Mercedes-AMG GT3, it was an outstanding result for our team. I've had a fantastic weekend," completed Nobuteru Taniguchi.

The Goodsmile Racing team has been sponsored by FUCHS JAPAN LTD. since 2015.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN Supersyn LONGLIFE SAE 0W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN





Germany

An adventurous summer for the Penske-FUCHS team

The 13th Luftis Only at the Porsche circuit in Leipzig in June marked the season opening for the Penske-FUCHS team. In this event, the team practiced procedures and driver changes. It was a huge occasion for the spectators to admire classic Porsche vehicles usually displayed in museums.

For the second event, the team took part in the famous Herbert Linge Cup to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Nürburgring. The team manager focused on briefing the drivers and setting up the vehicles to be well prepared for the races to come. They obtained positions in midfield because they focused on other aspects.

Just for showmanship and fun!

The Solitude Revival was held on the historical track outside Stuttgart in July. "This is a classic race that we did not want to miss with our Porsche 356," explained Christian Loch, one of the drivers. The huge crowd admired beautiful cars from the Zuffenhausen and Mercedes-Benz manufacturers. Famous racers such as Herbert Linge and Hans Herrmann as well as the former Porsche racing manager Peter Falk and engine wizard Hans Mezger, many others drove the cars.

"With Patrick Morgenstern, we drove in a quite demanding race on the 12-kilometer long course with its rapid chicanes and different radii. Uphill we had to accept to be overtaken by some competitors but on the curvy sections the Porsche 356 was way ahead. This is not a race actually. Safety first is the motto and nobody wants to take too many risks. Therefore there is no score and no timekeeping. We look forward to the next event in two years as it is a wonderful chance to present our eye-catching historic FUCHS-branded vehicles next to other unique classic cars and drivers."





Germany

Stephan Katt: 3rd time German champion with FUCHS lubricants

For Stephan 'Catman' Katt there was ample reason for joy after his race in Bad Hersfeld (Hessen). The professional motorcycle rider from Neuwittenbek near Kiel dominated the sporting competition and secured the title of German long-distance champion 2017.

Stephan Katt said: "After what felt like an eternity I've finally won a title again – it's an amazing feeling." The victory in Bad Hersfeld resulted from a perfect combination of technology, tactics and driving skills. "My team has worked flawlessly and we have been on the same track right from the start." In fact, Stephan was superior in every way to his competitors and showed extreme mental strength. "Already after the first run I felt like the title was within reach. My optimism did not deceive me."



Austria

FUCHS honors riders at the 2017 Aspang Race

For the fourth time, FUCHS AUSTRIA SCHMIERSTOFFE supported the second biggest Austrian off-road race. Over two days, around 1,000 riders gave 10,000 excited spectators an incredible and skillful show in the stone quarry. A lot of famous riders participated in this sporting event such as the world champion rider Pascal Rauchenecker who once again won 1st place in his class after intense dueling.

The MSC Mattighofen team supported by FUCHS AUSTRIA SCHMIERSTOFFE were successful with their riders. Markus Geier won 3rd place in his class, Andi Birgmann succeeded with the place of honor in the Golden League class, Marcel Sieber dominated the 250 cc class and the Feichtinger brothers came in 1st place in the team standings.

FUCHS AUSTRIA SCHMIERSTOFFE's VIP booth in the paddock was an eye catcher. "We presented the wide range of the FUCHS Silkolene products. Our presence at the opening and award ceremonies as well the banners on the track and podium were appreciated by our customers. We were happy to reward the drivers with a selection of FUCHS Silkolene products," explained Markus Kollenz, FUCHS Head of Application Engineering.



Pictured: Marcus Kollenz testing the racing track

Austria

FUCHS colors omnipresent at the Red Bull race track

The Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race celebrated its 14th anniversary on the well-known Red Bull racetrack. This sporting event ranking among the most popular motorcycle road races in Austria was supported by FUCHS AUSTRIA SCHMIERSTOFFE. These competitions boast an incredible level of performance and the medals are highly contested by the 400 competitors representing nine nations. The loyal commitment of the riders and the racing actions mixed with high speed attracted thousands of spectators. All the fans were fascinated by the unusual atmosphere between tension, adrenaline and suspense. The Austrian racing supporters cheered the FUCHS local hero Franky Zorn (Ice Speedway vice-champion) driving a KTM 1290.

Head of Application Engineering, Markus Kollenz and all the members of FUCHS AUSTRIA SCHMIERSTOFFE welcomed visitors in the paddock.

"We were happy to meet and exchange with bike aficionados and our customers. Franky Zorn met his fans, took selfies and signed autographs. Our guests could see technicians tinkering with the setups and discussing strategy with Franky. We all had a fantastic time," said Markus enthusiastically.

FUCHS members welcomed a guest of honor, Felix Baumgartner, the Austrian parachutist and extreme jumper, at their VIP booth.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS SAE 10W-50, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO PREP



Pictured: Franky Zorn in front of his working stand



France

Intense competition from talented riders

150 teams from 15 countries took part in the sixth edition of the Rallye Terre de Lozère – fifth round of the French Rally Championship. The presence of many French champions brought a prestigious touch to these races. Partner of this major event in the world of automobile sport, FUCHS FRANCE seized the opportunity to strengthen ties with their customers and prospective clients by welcoming them to the VIP booth.

Australia

Blake Galloway the fighter!

Blake Galloway, FUCHS Silkolene rider, competed in the South Australian MX Championships in KTM 65cc 10-u12 and 85cc 9-u12 classes. From the first round at Maffra Sale to the last race at Renmark, the 11-year-old rider did a splendid job. On tracks he had never ridden before, the competitor of the Blake Galloway Werribee KTM team won four out of five rounds of the championship. He finished in 1st place overall in the 65cc 10-u12 class with a convincing 83 point lead and 2nd overall in the 85cc class. "With the Victorian and South Australia state titles coming to an end, Blake has had a fantastic season with some very hard competition and a couple of difficult races but he has still managed to finish his title rounds on a high," explained Jayson, his father and team manager. "It doesn't just take a talented rider to win a championship, it also takes a reliable machine. Thanks to FUCHS Silkolene for helping Blake to have a powerful machine and take out the championship." In July 2017, Blake competed in the Hattah Desert Race made up of hills, dirt roads and muddy tracks and turns. It is one of the most grueling races for man and machine. "Ranking 10th among 85 starters, Blake ran a remarkable race. Thanks to FUCHS Silkolene products for keeping the bike in top shape. Blake took the outright win for his class after a very grueling two hours of racing on a super rough and challenging track. The whole team would like to thank FUCHS Silkolene for their amazing support with their products."





Zimbabwe

Great performance from KTM FUCHS Silkolene team!

Cameron Durow and Regan Wasmuth left their mark on the sixth round of the Monster TRP South African National Motocross Championship in Harrysmith, South Africa. Both 16-year-old riders took their first podium with 1st and 2nd place.

After the race in Pietermaritzburg, the riders of the FUCHS Silkolene team carried on their winning streak. Daiyaan 'Dee' Manuel (12-year-old) took the honors in 65cc class with a 1st place overall in Harrysmith. He is now leading the South African Championship with one national round to go. "Daiyaan has been remarkable this season closing the gap with every race since Cape Town. One to go, 'Dee'," said Gary Grainger, his team manager, very proudly.

In the 85cc class, Davin Cocker (14-year-old) had a fantastic race with a 2nd overall place on his FUCHS Silkolene KTM 85cc.

16-year-old, Regan Wasmuth gave his best result of the season with a 2nd overall place in 125cc class.

Damon Strydom couldn't get a break recovering from a serious injury, scored a fair 6th in MX2 and 7th in MX1. The next and last race of Monster TRP South African National Motocross Championship will take place in mid-October at Terra Topia, Johannesburg.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2 SX, Silkolene PRO 4 SAE 15W-50, Silkolene Comp Gear, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO WASH



Zimbabwe

Victories for FUCHS Silkolene riders at Wings Moto Park

FIM Africa 2017 Motocross of African Nations Continental took place at Wings Moto Park, Gaborone, Botswana in August. This sporting event put the top nine African countries against each other in all classes from 50cc to Veterans and Masters. FUCHS Silkolene riders were well represented in different countries and classes. Zimbabwe's Jayden Ashwell on his FUCHS Silkolene KTM triumphed in MX1 class in this famous competition. Ash Tixton, the Zimbabwe team captain took 3rd place. Their fellow countrymen were also successful with Daiyaan Manuel winning 1st place overall in the 65cc class and Regan Wasmuth claiming 2nd place in the 125cc class. Leah Heygate from Zambia imposed herself in the Ladies category with her KTM and legal representative from FUCHS SOUTH AFRICA, Cameron Durow won the place of honor in his class. Jayden showing he's back to his best and 2018 is looking good.

Final National team results:

1st: South Africa – 2nd: Zimbabwe – 3rd: Zambia

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2 SX, Silkolene PRO 4 SAE 15W-50, Silkolene Comp Gear, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO WASH



Great Britain

Adam Morgan: the return!

FUCHS sponsored BTCC (British Touring Car Championship) driver Adam Morgan was pleased to be back on the podium at round eight, Rockingham, after a string of misfortune. Securing two top 10 finishes earlier in the day, Adam started the final race from 2nd on the grid, a position he held until the chequered flag. "The season starts here! I honestly believe that this is the pace that we have had all season but we just had this really bad run of poor luck," said the driver of the Ciceley Motorsport team.



Great Britain

Podium for Dennis Racing

The team headed to Donington Park with the Classic Sports Car Club. At the qualifying the race track was wet but the car was set up for the conditions. Both Dennis and James kept it on track achieving 2nd in class (21st overall) with less than half a second between their best times again. Dennis was out first for the rolling start gaining three places in the first corner and taking the class lead by the second lap. "With the driver change getting James out, we were gaining places in the tough conditions and finished 2nd in class and 14th overall of the 24 grid."



Great Britain

Ashleigh Morris – BMW Compact Cup

Following the summer lay-off, Ashleigh's latest race was on a reverse direction grid at the Knockhill circuit (run by the Scottish Motor Racing Club), the first in 20 years. A new, untried experience for Ashleigh, she was able to bring the car home with two 11th place finishes. These results were enough to keep her 8th in the championship standings.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40, TITAN PRO RACE BRAKE FLUID, MAINTAIN SCREENWASH, VELVETONE WASH & WAX

Great Britain

Paige and Drew Bellerby in great shape

At Lydden Hill for the sixth round of British Rallycross Championship, Drew Bellerby started her day with a disappointing set of results but came from the back of the pack in both her semi-final and final to claim 1st overall, taking top spot in the BMW Mini Rallycross Championship standings in the process.

Paige also struggled in the weekend's heat, settling for 3rd in her MSA Supernational Rallycross final but this maintains her championship lead.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-30, TITAN RACE CVT GREASE, TITAN RACE WB GREASE



Great Britain

Shane in pole position of the BSB

Shane 'Shakey' Byrne still heads the British Superbike Championship standings holding a narrow six point lead. Byrne scored a single podium point with a 3rd place at Silverstone but the five-time champion says he is ready to come out fighting to try and extend his advantage. The event saw teammate Glenn Irwin secure his maiden British Superbike victory. Fighting through tricky conditions in race one he was delighted to claim his first ever victory in the series.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS SAE 10W-50, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY, Silkolene PRO PREP SPRAY, Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER SPRAY



Great Britain

Brad Vicars breaks race lap record

Brad Vicars took the win on the Isle of Man in a re-started Newcomers Manx Grand Prix, breaking the race's lap record in the process. The 20-year-old from Tadcaster brought home his Honda 600 8.943 seconds ahead of Ballymoney's Darryl Tweed (Triumph) with Stephen Parsons (Kawasaki) a further 27.319 seconds down in 3rd at the conclusion of the three-lap contest that finished in fading light. Vicars led this race from the off, breaking Tim Venables seven-year-old lap record from a standing start with a time of 19 minutes 7.471.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene PRO CHAIN LUBE SPRAY, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene WASH-OFF, Silkolene PRO PREP SPRAY, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER



Great Britain

Gavin Murray – National Hot Rod Championship

Gavin Murray returned to Foxhall Stadium in Ipswich for round two of the 2017/18 World Qualifying Series. Gavin crossed the line in 2nd in race one but was then docked two places to 4th. A 7th place from the back of the grid followed in race two and Gavin roared home to victory in the final.



Great Britain

Great job by Freddie Housley

Freddie and his team headed to Sherington in Oxfordshire to compete in the fifth round of the British Championships. Starting very well in practice being on pace as one of the fastest, qualifying saw Freddie managing a pole position. He finished 3rd in both heats but unfortunately lost power for the final and could only manage 6th place but bagged some very good championship points, as he is now 2nd in the British Championship standings. The next event at Rowrah in Cumbria saw Freddie qualify on pole, finishing 2nd in both heats and winning the final giving him an overall win.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO KR2, Silkolene CHAIN LUBE SPRAY, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER SPRAY



Great Britain

Max Coates – Renault UK Clio Cup

FUCHS sponsored Ciceley Motorsport driver Max Coates continued to improve as he claimed a 2nd place at Snetterton, only 0.258 seconds behind the race winner. This was followed up by another podium win at Rockingham putting him 4th in the overall standings.



Great Britain

Peter Hickman shines at Silverstone

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored rider Peter Hickman (Smiths Racing BMW team) battled the elements in round nine of the British Superbike Championship at Silverstone. With two finishes from the three races he secured 4th place in the championship table and with it, one of the coveted showdown positions which will now see the top six riders dispute the title over the final three rounds.

Peter Hickman said: "It's certainly been challenging but I'm naturally over the moon to have made it through to the showdown for the first time. I've come close before so to finally do it is great, not just for myself but also for the team."

FUCHS lubricant: Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20

Great Britain

Remarkable show!

After missing the previous rally there were champagne celebrations for David Bogie and co-driver Kevin Rae following a fantastic lights-to-flag victory at the Galloway Hills Rally. Bogie and Rae's Skoda Fabia R5, with service and support from the FUCHS-backed CA1 Sport, was put under pressure all day but the racers kept their nerve and recorded the fastest times on all stages to finish 58 seconds ahead of 2nd placed Thorburn.

CA1 Sport teammate Fredrik Ahlin was able to deliver on the demanding and very fast tarmac roads of the Ulster Rally. The crew was 2nd up to stage four, where they dropped to 3rd after a slightly slow start but when nearest challenger Osian Pryce went out, Ahlin and co-driver Eriksson were able to come home to a delighting 2nd overall. Fredrik has now extended his lead in the British Championship.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-30,
TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140





South Africa

Team Wilford and the V8 Supercars return to East London

After an absence of four years, the V8 Supercars returned to the Eastern Cape last July. An entry of 16 cars immediately created huge excitement and a record crowd flocked to the circuit to watch the fastest cars in the country tackle the most challenging track.

"We made the decision to try the FUCHS PRO RACE BRAKE FLUID in the FUCHS Falcons car for the first time. Considering that the cars were reaching speeds in excess of 300 kph through the daunting rifle corner, the cars needed all the braking power that could be mustered. Their decision paid off as both cars manifested zero brake issues throughout the whole weekend," said the team manager.

FUCHS Falcons team classed 3rd and 4th place during the practice and claimed 2nd and 4th positions in heat one.

Heat two took off at a blistering pace with these snarling V8's now geared for 170 kph in first gear. With a stone found under the water pump belt, Terry was not able to start the race.

Larry was placed 5th on the grid and it did not take long before he managed to fight his way up to 3rd position. A furious race ensued with the three front cars jockeying for the lead. After an intervention of the safety car, Larry was close behind Ben Morgenrood's Ford in 3rd position. He had to take evasive action, as Ben was early on the brakes. So Larry hit him and got off the track losing four places. After returning to the circuit, Larry drove the wheels off his car and pulled back two of the lost positions, which put him in 5th at the race finish and 3rd overall position for the day.

FUCHS Falcons car # 7: Terry Wilford
FUCHS Falcons car # 77: Larry Wilford