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FUCHS sponsors Valentin Dobre in 2019

Under Managing Director Camelia Popa, FUCHS Romania joins Valentin Dobre in the Romania Hill Climb Championship. These very popular races attract numerous visitors and are broadcast by Romanian Television. // Page 3.

Portugal

FUCHS develops a new partnership with Teodósio Motorsport team

Ricardo Teodósio and co-driver José Teixeira of the Teodósio Motorsport team represent FUCHS in the Portugal Rally Championship with a Škoda Fabia R5. The Teodósio team win their first race of the PRC, followed by three stage podiums in the FIA ERC, proving themselves worthy competitors and claiming the 2019 title. // Page 7.



Spain

FUCHS official partner of Yamaha R1 Cup

Mario Castillejo, FUCHS Automotive Director, signs a sponsorship deal with Yamaha Motor Sport for the second edition of the Yamaha R1 Cup. In this series 23 drivers compete in six races on the most renowned tracks in Spain; a great business strategy for FUCHS. // Page 12.



South Africa

Scribante succeeds at Zwartkops

Coming off a disappointing second round of the G&H Transport Series race in Cape Town, the Franco Scribante Racing team put in some hard work and made a few mechanical tweaks to their Porsche 997 Turbo in preparation for round 3 which took place at Zwartkops Raceway.

A rain drenched track didn't stop FUCHS sponsored Franco Scribante from asserting his dominance, winning round 3 of the Supercar Series. Scribante was quick to demonstrate his intentions in the qualifying race, claiming pole position.

In race 1, he opened a gap ahead of the chasing pack, took the lead and won the race. Race 2 was no different for Scribante as the Porsche powered its way to the front once again to secure a victory. Overall in the standings, Franco Scribante is now leader of the class A+ in the championship.





Austria

FUCHS, official sponsor of the 40th European Mountain Motorbike Championship

For the sixth time, FUCHS Austria was the main sponsor of the biggest mountain motorbike championship in Austria. This national event took place at Landshaag (St. Martin) and is a part of the European Historic and Modern Championship, Austrian Motorcycle Mountain Racing State Championship and the RACER Supermoto Cup.

The organizer, MSC Rottenegg, welcomed 263 riders from six nations, competing in 21 classes. Despite very cold weather, around 8,000 spectators came to applaud the riders, access the track and visit the pits. FUCHS Austria featured a booth in the pit lane where FUCHS Application Engineer Markus Kollenz welcomed FUCHS customers and visitors and showcased FUCHS lubricants. Famous FUCHS Austria riders took part in the races. Josef Frauenschuh claimed three 1st place victories in the Supermoto class.

In the Historic Sidecar races, rider Albert Kröpfl and co-rider Theresa Kammerlander won 3rd place, whereas Manuel Schleindlhuber claimed 6th place in the Superstock 1000.

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Photo:
On the left: Manuel Schleindlhuber (6th place, Superstock 1000)
On the right: Albert Kröpfl and Theresa Kammerlander (3rd place, Historic Sidecar)



Romania

A new adventure for FUCHS

For the first time, Valentin Dobre raced in the Romania Hill Climb Championship on behalf of FUCHS. The 21-year-old rider competed in these national races with a VW Golf branded with the FUCHS logo. This championship, organized by the Romanian Federation of Automobile Sports, is promoted through their Facebook page and broadcast by Romanian Television. "This kind of event attracts numerous spectators and it is a good opportunity to increase FUCHS brand visibility," said Camelia Popa from FUCHS. Last year, against 54 rivals, Valentin won 3rd place. His plan is to boost the performance of his VW Golf from 150 to 200 HP to counteract the 250 HP of his rivals. The first of the nine stages took place on the renowned track of Trofeul Serus Rasnov in April, where Valentin Dobre won 6th place and will end in October in Brasov.



Germany

A triumph for the BLACK FALCON team at the VLN

BLACK FALCON achieved one of the best results in the team's history at the 2019 VLN Endurance Championship season opener at the Nürburgring.

The team from Meuspath secured three class victories. The Mercedes-AMG GT4 #162 by Müller, Scheerbarth and Viidas won in the SP10, while Kaya, Piana and Robey were successful in the SP8T with the Mercedes-AMG GT4 #155. Akimenkov, Lethmate and Selivanov in their Porsche 911 Carrera #395 clinched class victory in the V6 as well as the group victory of the production cars. Three other BLACK FALCON cars were unlucky in the 65th edition of the ADAC Westfalenfahrt and all of them retired early through no fault of their own.

The AMG GT4 #162 started the new season with a perfect performance. In qualifying and during the race, the drivers were able to expand the lead over their rivals. 21-year-old Müller crossed the finish

line in 1st place and secured the class victory in the GT4 class. In the SP8T, GT4 #155 achieved a hat-trick with pole position, fastest race lap and a class victory.

The #395 Porsche 911 Carrera delivered a perfect race in the V6 class: drivers secured pole position, fastest lap and a class victory as well as being the fastest car of the production cars in the classification group. The newly built 991 in Textar design made a successful debut and led the class throughout the race.

The second round of the VLN at the Nürburgring had to be interrupted after 15 minutes due to snowfall and was cancelled by the organizers.

The third VLN round will take place on the Nordschleife and BLACK FALCON will most likely start with nine cars.



Germany

Further success for the BLACK FALCON team in Blancpain GT Series

The BLACK FALCON team scored an excellent overall Pro podium, plus 2nd place in the Silver Cup held at the iconic Monza race track in Italy. The three-hour race was held in challenging weather conditions that tested drivers to their maximum, but the team's two Mercedes-AMG GT3 vehicles, their drivers and all the mechanics put in superlative performances to deliver strong results that prepared the team for the season ahead.

The #4 Mercedes-AMG GT3 raced in the Pro class for cars featuring all-professional driver line-ups. The driving roster starred the highly experienced trio of Buurman, Engel and Stolz. In the Silver Cup, Assenheimer, Haupt and Piana drove the #6 AMG. Overnight rain made the track treacherous, so all cars started the race on wet tires. When the safety car was pulled in, the 46 starters created a huge cloud of spray on the run down to the first chicane. Both Luca in #4 and Hubert in #6 edged forward during their opening stints. Everything had seemed to be running to plan for BLACK FALCON, but just before his stop Luca was hit from behind, causing light damage and

dropping #4 back to the tail of the midfield. But the team demonstrated resilience in a relentless come-back over the next two hours. The track dried during the middle of the race, causing strategic dilemmas. But excellent tire management and good decisions helped both AMGs progress. Engel overtook the car ahead, taking 3rd place. Piana battled hard but was forced to settle for 6th, but 2nd in the Silver Cup class and just half a second behind the car in front. It was a race where experience and cool heads paid dividends: the team's difficult qualifying round was more than made up for during the race and both cars promise even stronger performances for round 2.



Hungary

Welcome to the FUCHS family team

FUCHS Hungary announced its partnership with the HTS KTM Motocross team for the 2019 season. This agreement was signed during the first race of the Hungarian Motocross Championship between Attila Pálffy, FUCHS Commercial and Technical Director and Lajos Horváth, owner and team leader for HTS KTM team.

The well known HTS KTM team was founded in 2011 to bring together the most talented Hungarian racers. The successful team competes in national and international championships in Germany, Austria, Czech Republic and Slovakia in part of FIM Europe and MXGP Championships.

The first race of the 2019 Wintercross took place at Frankenbach, in Germany. It was a great opening and test race for the team. The racers of HTS KTM were the only Hungarian team to improve in the

training sessions. Of 100 international participating racers Bence Szvoboda, Imre Varga and Kristóf Jakob were amongst the 38 qualifiers.

Because of the atrocious conditions most of the racers were not be able to finish the race. Szvoboda was 10th, Varga came in 16th but Jakob was forced to give up the battle after two falls.

Triple victory at the championship opening

The HTS KTM team performed well in the Hungarian Motocross Championship. Bence Pergel won the 85 cc juniors in a double race on Saturday with two other triumphs on Sunday. Imre Varga proved to be the best in the MX2 struggle and Bence Szvoboda beat his teammate Erik Hugyecz and the Austrian Johannes Kleint in the MX Open race.



Portugal

First two races, first two victories

Ricardo Teodósio signed a partnership with FUCHS Portugal and announced his 2019 ambitions. The preseason opened with the Portugal Rally Championship (CPR), a competition where the Algarve driver has legitimate aspirations for the national title. After gaining experience in this championship last season, Ricardo Teodósio and co-driver José Teixeira intensified the set-up of the Škoda Fabia R5.

“What we did in 2018, in tougher conditions than the direct competition, leads us to believe that we can be champions this season,” said Ricardo, with his usual confidence.

“Last year, we won in Castelo Branco and were almost always in the fight for the first places, so that when we arrived at the Casinos Algarve Rally at the end of the season, we were fighting for the title. Now

we have more experience and pace with the Škoda, which has undergone a slight engine upgrade and we can count on ARC Sport’s skills. I feel we are going to win,” said the FUCHS driver.

First podium in the Serras de Fafe Rally

Teodósio Motorsport team had an undisputed triumph against national competitors. This result confirmed that they have the talent to achieve their objective, the 2019 title.

One more podium!

In the famous and demanding Azorean gravel stages, the team won three times in the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) and four stages in the CPR. It had one of its toughest editions in recent years.



China

Massive launch for 2019 F3 Asian Championship Certified by FIA

The 2019 F3 Asian Championship Certified by FIA, hosted by the International Automobile Federation, celebrated the first of a series of races at Sepang International Circuit, Malaysia, in April.

This year, FUCHS is the exclusive official lubricants sponsor for this championship, providing all participating teams with a full range of lubricant products for their cars, including engine lubricants, transmission fluids, gear oils, antifreeze liquids, brake fluids, lubricating greases and more.

FUCHS China's Auto Retail sales team was joined by their dealers on site at the Sepang International Circuit to experience the F3 vibe. As VIP guests, FUCHS' spectators learned about the structure, design details and application of F3 race car accessories. They also saw the super-power engines which use FUCHS' race car-class lubricants.

Throughout the two days at the Sepang circuit, three rounds of exciting races transpired. Ukyo Sasahara from Japan, representing the Hitech GP team, ranked top on the scoreboard with his outstanding results, including winning twice and runner-up. His young teammate, Jack Doohan from Australia, also performed exceptionally, ranking 2nd, winning once and achieving runner-up twice.

"We hope the team is going to continue their legacy as the best racing team ever in terms of strength and power. But we will see," said Maggie Zhang, FUCHS China Marketing Specialist.





Great Britain

Carl Vickers very optimistic for the 2019 season

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored rider Carl Vickers (CV Racing) had a very positive and steady start to the season at Brands Hatch with a 7th and three top 5 finishes earning him some very valuable points from what is not necessarily one of his favorite tracks of the season. Carl, who is a Chief Petty Officer Weapons Engineer in the Royal Navy was pleased to list his achievements in 2018 as 8th overall in the Thundersport GB Golden Era Championship, four podium finishes with NO Limits and one podium finish with Thundersport GB.

Great Britain

Exciting first round

Nick Elliott and Dave Price got their season off to a flying start by taking maximum points in the opening round of the FUCHS Lubricants Motorsport UK British Historic Rally Championship, Rally North Wales. The forests of North Wales were in prime condition as a bumper historic entry gathered in Dolgellau. Elliott and Price always headed the BHRC contenders, although Joe Price/Chris Brooks were never far adrift as a fine performance from Stanley Orr/Grahame Henderson netted 3rd overall and a category 2 victory. Category 1 went to Bob Bean/Malcolm Smithson (Lotus Cortina).





Great Britain

Great strategy for Adam Morgan

FUCHS Lubricants sponsored race ace Adam Morgan opened his account at the opening British Touring Car Championship season with three stunning drives in damp and slippery conditions at Brands Hatch, Kent driving his stunning Mercedes-Benz A-class. After a qualifying session held in cold track conditions, worsened by steady drizzle, Morgan was a frustrated 22nd place but turned things around on race day.

Scorching through the pack on slick tires (clever choice) whilst others struggled on wet tires, he finished P5, a podium P3 and finally P11 ending the weekend 5th overall in the championship standings.



Great Britain

Happy first race for the Bellerby sisters

The British Rallycross Championship season opener at Silverstone was a happy hunting ground for FUCHS sponsored Bellerby Motorsport.

Paige Bellerby was first up in her normally-aspirated Lotus Exige, successfully negotiating her three heats, finishing 2nd, 2nd and 3rd, to put her straight onto the front row of the grid for the Supernational Final. In an extremely competitive field, Paige held her nerve in the Final to finish 4th. Paige said: "I know I'm down on power to the other guys, so I'm really pleased to hold them to such a close result, but now I'm really looking forward to Lydden Hill, it's such a good circuit to drive".

Drew Bellerby, in her new build BMW Mini, had a small problem with the car in the practice session but settled down right from the off and finished 2nd, 2nd and 4th in her three heats. Starting her semi-final from pole position she won and was placed on the front row of the BMW Mini Final grid. Battling with her rivals she was able to slot her car tidily up the inside into a fine 2nd place, which she held to the checkered flag. "That was a great day's racing," said a very happy Drew after she collected her trophy.





Great Britain

Marcus Hudson – NKF Super 4 250 British Championship round 1

The three heats at the opening round of the season at a sunny but cool Fulbeck, Lincolnshire saw FUCHS Silkolene sponsored Kart racer Hudson achieve P5, P4 and P7 earning him a 5th on the grid for the final. Following a good start and fearsome overtaking, he was up to 3rd until a collision nudged him onto the grass to rejoin in 11th. Battling away for the remainder of the final, Hudson came home in P8 which places him 5th overall on the points table. Next round is at Shennington, in Oxfordshire in May.

Great Britain

Happy with FUCHS Silkolene

For 2019 FUCHS Silkolene is pleased to support the Royal Engineers Enduro team. The team is made up of two expert riders and two Clubman riders competing in the British Enduro Championship and the British Sprint Enduro Championship. Two of the riders are aspiring to ride at the International Six Days Enduro for team Army at the end of the year. The team also competes in Inter-Service events against the other Armed Forces, where they aim to test themselves against other service riders.

Nathan Baggott, team spokesman, said: "We are very proud to be partnered with FUCHS Silkolene, a top brand within motorsport, helping to develop our youthful team competing at different levels within the sport. We look forward to using and showcasing their products throughout the 2019 season and keeping our bikes performing to high standards for the year."



Spain

FUCHS in the first row of the Yamaha R1 Cup

After the success of the first edition of the Yamaha R1 Cup last year, Yamaha Motor Sport, Dunlop and Racing Dream Company repeated the experience with 23 riders in 2019. For the first time, FUCHS Spain is a sponsor.

The cup with its sporting, competitive environment and valuable prizes is destined to refine R1 amateur riders into consummate professionals. The challenge comprises six races, six days and more than 5,000 km to find the best rider who will win the championship. The amateur riders race on the most iconic tracks of Spain like Valencia, Catalunya (F1 Grand Prix), Albacete, Jerez and Navarra. The season started in March in Jerez and will end in November. All competitors race on Yamaha YZF – R1 set-ups with Dunlop tires and Brembo brakes. The registration kit consists of merchandising material, tools, special prices, photography services and a personal race-suit. The racers also received a large range of FUCHS Silkolene lubricants.

“We are the exclusive lubricants partner and sponsoring is a key part of growing and developing our business strategy with FUCHS Silkolene. Races take place every weekend within the SBK Spanish Championship. The impact on sport bikers is really high and valuable. Yamaha Spain directly supports the Challenge Yamaha R1 Cup,” said Mario Castillejo, FUCHS Automotive Director.

