

# Motorsport News

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## China

### **FUCHS at the heart of the 2017 Formula Master Series**

FUCHS LUBRICANTS (CHINA) LTD. has been a loyal-partner of the FMS for five seasons. This prestigious Chinese Formula Series is very popular and attracts more than 20,000 fans at each race. All the spectators came to experience the speed and passion on the famous tracks of Sepang, Zhuhai and Shanghai. // Page 2.



## Great Britain

### **A winning streak for Peter Hickman**

Peter 'Hicky' Hickman and the Smiths Racing team accomplished a magnificent success at the Ulster Grand Prix. The 30-year-old rider was a tough rival to talented competitors in the British Superstock and Superbike Championships and won three victories over four starts. // Page 6.

## France

### **Top 3 for Alexandre Giroud in Greece**

After running 5,000 km on a difficult track with stones, mud and dust, the FUCHS Silkolene quad driver crossed the finish line in 3rd place at the Hellas rally-raid while up against very talented racers. With a quad having just finished the Dakar off-road raid with only a quick check and one draining, the 36-year-old driver delivered an excellent performance. // Page 9.





## China

### FUCHS, loyal partner of the Formula Master Series

Since 2013, FUCHS LUBRICANTS (CHINA) LTD. has been one of the main sponsors of the Formula Master Series (FMS). This region's premier international junior single-seater brought together 18 competitors over five rounds. The objective is to develop the performance of the drivers to race in the prestigious GT championships as well as respected international open-wheel series such as the GP3 Series and the FIA Formula 3 Championship.

"The FMS has always used FUCHS lubricants including the car engine oil, transmission oil, gear oil, ATF, brake fluids, grease, etc.," explained Patrick Yang from FUCHS China.

Technical engineer Gao Lei who is responsible for the performance of all the cars in the race explained: "FUCHS lubricants have a great impact on the performance of formula cars. We are very thankful for the performance of FUCHS." As the FMS race cars use the same engines as road vehicles, Gao Lei added: "The lubricants' performance, whether good or bad, is easier to see than in road vehicles. Because of the excellent performance of FUCHS lubricants, the FMS has been using these products for five consecutive years and gradually started using FUCHS lubricants in the higher performance cars and some current supercar racing events too."

The FUCHS logo is visible on the track, the cars, the podium and all the posters during the five rounds.

Car specifications: Tatuus FA010, carbon composite monocoque, FIA F3 homologated chassis, 2.0 Formula engine providing 180 hp, four-cylinder in-line engine with cross flow cylinder-head, 16 valves and double head overhead crams

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO 5 SAE 5W-40, TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN RACE PRO BRAKE FLUID, TITAN RACE PRO BRAKE CLEANER, TITAN RACE WB Grease, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN AP-45**





## Czech Republic

### **FUCHS renews their partnership with Autocross Nová Paka in 2017**

For the fourth time, FUCHS OIL CORPORATION (CZ) was the main sponsor of the autocross races which took place in Štikovská ravine near Nová Paka. The fourth of the nine rounds of the FIA European Autocross Championship constitutes a strong moment in off-road racing and welcomed 112 drivers from 18 countries. Fans and specialists of the discipline often call this spectacular and popular racing event 'Mecca of Autocross'. After racing in Germany (twice) and in Lithuania, the best racers of autocross met at the beginning of July on the mythic track of Nová Paka.

As the general partner of this competition, FUCHS OIL CORPORATION (CZ) organized and prepared a huge welcome party for their private visitors. "It is one of our biggest marketing events of 2017. More than 200 guests – customers and business partners – visited us at our VIP booth. They appreciated the impressive presence of FUCHS all around the circuit, on the podium, banners and the racing suits of the organization's members," said Pavel Brož from FUCHS. "It was a beautiful sunny weekend and all our guests were enthusiastic about these highly demanding and exciting races. And the icing on the cake was that the Czech drivers were extremely successful. They won three of the four categories. This has never happened before!"

The next races will take place in Hungary, France and Italy.





## Australia

### Lee Hogan, from rider to coach

Famous Australian rider, Lee Hogan is an eleven times national motocross champion with over 20 years of racing experience at national and international level. He started BCP (Building Champions Program) in 2003 with the objective of building a coaching clinic that caters to a vast majority of riding capabilities.

After many years as Australia's leading off-road and motocross coach, Lee Hogan and his BCP crew host approximately 100 schools a year. He has personally coached some of Australia's biggest talents like Matt Phillips, Kade Mosig, Geran Stapleton and Josh Cachia.

Each season, he organizes riding courses all around Australia attended by hundreds of racers. Lee Hogan has used FUCHS Silkolene products for the past 15 years of his race career. Now he uses the FUCHS Silkolene products at his school.

"Thanks to John Warrian, the Australian and New Zealand distributor for FUCHS Silkolene, for his support over the seasons. These lubricants are the best high-performance motorcycle lubricants," explained Lee.

## Great Britain

### Silver medal for Linus Sundström Racing in the Poland GP

Sponsored by FUCHS Silkolene Linus Sundström, a member of the Swedish national team, won the silver medal in this year's Speedway World Cup in Leszno. The team managed to win the first event at their home track in Västervik (Sweden) and booked a place straight in the final in Leszno between Poland, Russia and England.

Despite the Swedish team's best efforts, the Polish team pushed on through and took the gold medal, leaving FUCHS sponsored Linus Sundström Racing team with silver and the Russian team with bronze. Linus' Elitserien Club Masarna is currently 2nd in the league behind Elit Vetlanda. With two rounds to go, they have already booked a place in the play-offs. Linus' improved performance makes him the best Swedish rider in the league – 7th overall with nine GP riders behind him in the ranking list.

These results have earned him a Wild Card to the Swedish GP in Målilla (Sweden) competing against the world's 15 best riders.

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## Great Britain

### Marcus Hudson in a great shape at Forest Edge

The fifth round of the MSA ABKC NKF Super 4 250 British Championship took place in Forest Edge, Hampshire. Great results obtained in heats one and two, allowed Marcus to start the race in 7th place. The race was very tight and the FUCHS driver finished in 8th position, nine seconds ahead of the kart behind.

Marcus Hudson reported: "Although 8th wasn't my best result in a final. I managed 4th in one of the heats which I was happy with. I'm satisfied with my performance on this circuit as I had never been here before and was with the top guys in the championship. I'm 5th in the championship standings with two rounds left."

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY**



## Great Britain

### Brad Vicars – AJB Racing – Armoy, Northern Ireland

Despite the rain during most of the weekend Brad Vicars achieved 11th and 14th position in F600, a good 6th place finish in Supertwin and a satisfying 13th place in Armoy Race of Legends, the last and biggest race of the weekend.

**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

### Bravo Freddie Housley!

Round four of the MSA British Championships was held at the Lincolnshire Kart Racing Club, Fulbec. It is one of Freddie's favourite tracks and the young boy proved it winning the qualifiers, the heats and finishing 3rd in the main final giving him enough points overall to win the day.

This is his maiden British Championship win and takes him from 7th place overall in the UK standings to 2nd overall with three rounds left to compete over the next three months.

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO KR2, Silkolene CHAIN LUBE SPRAY, Silkolene INJECTOR CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene CARB CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE SPRAY**



## Great Britain

### Michael Watson – Final round of the 2017 Pirelli Masters British MX

The last of the six rounds of the championship took place at Whitby, 5th and 6th of August. On a track with ruts and holes, Michael 'Mikey' Watson qualified in 10th. In race one, after a good start, he made his way into 5th position. A nail in his rear wheel on the take-off of a jump resulting in a 19th place, which he was gutted about. The FUCHS Silkolene rider obtained a 9th place in race two, pushed hard to class 8th in race three and finished 10th in race four.

'Mikey' said: "Definitely not the best weekend to end the championship but I've taken away the positives and we will work with that. The weekend left me with a 10th overall and a 7th place finish in the championship. I'd like to thank FUCHS Silkolene for their help with all the oils and sprays which make my Honda look amazing."

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 ENERGY SAE 10W-30, Silkolene GEAR OIL LIGHT, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene CHAIN LUBE SPRAY**



## Great Britain

### Three podiums for Garry Woodward

Following a three day practice session in Portimao (Portugal), Garry Woodward of the Able Racing team smashed his previous Personal Best, setting him up well for the Thundersport GB series. His best result from his recent outing at Cadwell, resulted in a 3rd in class in race two and later at Mallory Park again taking 3rd in class in races one and two. This sees Garry excellently placed in the championship standings with 3rd place in his class.

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## Great Britain

### A handful of wins for Peter Hickman and the Smiths Racing team

Peter 'Hicky' Hickman and the Gloucester-based Smiths Racing team enjoyed a super day of racing at the Ulster GP as they came away with three wins, a 2nd place and a fully deserved 'Man of the Meeting' trophy.

Hickman opened his account when he dominated the six-lap Superstock race on the Smiths BMW S1000RR eventually taking the chequered flag by almost five seconds. Win number two came in the opening Supersport race but Hickman didn't have it easy on the Trooper Beer/Smiths Triumph as he only got the better of Bruce Anstey by 0.186s. The duo swapped the lead twice along the Flying Kilo on the final lap but Peter wasn't to be denied and prevented Anstey from making an overtaking manoeuvre and duly took the chequered flag one more time.

The feature Superbike race, held over seven laps, was the race of the day as five riders disputed the victory. Hickman crossed the chequered flag in 2nd place, just 0.272s adrift. In the second Supersport race, the 30-year-old rider led every lap and won his third victory from four starts.

At the second Superbike race, this time held over six laps, Hickman led at the end of the first lap but unfortunately a technical issue put him out shortly afterwards. However, his results from the previous four races had already seen him wrap up the 'Man of the Meeting'.

'Hicky' said: "It's been an awesome day and a massive thanks to the team as everything's been spot on throughout. I'm obviously over the moon with a hat-trick of wins in what were extremely tough, close races and that's always the case at the Ulster GP. To win a race here, you know you'll have to fight all the way to the end and getting a break is near impossible."

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER SPRAY, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER, Silkolene PRO WASH**



## Great Britain

### 2017 FUCHS Lubricants R.A.C. Historic Asphalt Rally Championship: a challenging event

The FUCHS Lubricants R.A.C. Historic Asphalt Rally Championship is organized by the Roger Albert Clark Rally Motor Club and is a dedicated asphalt championship for all categories of historic stage rally cars.

This season, the championship is composed of seven rounds at six events. Comprising of six all tarmac rounds, the new format will have the best four scores from six rounds counting towards the championship; thus giving competitors a good choice over which events they compete in.

The fourth round, 'The Harry Flatters Rally' took place at the end of July in Epynt. It is made up of 70 stage miles and 100 road miles.

For the first time this season, the Mintex MSA British Historic Rally Championship and the FUCHS Lubricants R.A.C. Historic Asphalt Rally Championship came together at the same event. Here, a mighty battle for top FUCHS points raged between Rob Smith/Alun Cook and Neil Williams/Sion Jones in their Ford Escort Mk2s. After a tremendous day-long battle, Smith/Cook took their second victory by just five seconds.



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## Great Britain

### Army Motorcycle Sprint Road Racing team – Lara Small

The Army Motorcycle Sprint Road Racing team has at least five races each year with Thundersport GB, an excellent and safe race series. The organizer runs race meetings all over the UK. Thundersport GB have been a trailblazer in generating the first Inter-Services Championship where the British Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines and the Royal Air Force compete in an exclusive race on the Saturday or Sunday of every race meet. The riders also compete in their own classes based on their motorcycle type and capacity competing in the most competitive amateur race series.

FUCHS Silkolene rider Laura signed the 8th place overall with three seconds quicker in race one and won the 4th place with a second quicker in race two.

Lara Small reported: "Rockingham was a race meet that captured the highs and lows of racing. Excited to be back on the Knight Road Racing Ducati Supertwin, I achieved my lowest race times yet – 4th in class and 6th overall. Dropping my times drastically from qualifying to racing and even proving that my elbow sliders aren't there for show!"

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## France

### First podium for Alexandre Giroud in Greece

After winning the 2015 FIM World Baja Quad Cup, Alexandre Giroud decided to test his performance in the rally-raid races. In 2017, after racing three rally-raids, the 36-year-old experienced driver won his first podium in this discipline in Greece on his Yamaha 700 Raptor quad. "With three rally finishes in three starts in 2017 – including my first Dakar without assistance – I am satisfied with these beginnings," explained Alexandre.

Immediately after crossing the line of this mythical race at the heart of South America, the FUCHS Silkolene driver flew halfway around the world to take part in the Hellas Rally, an off-road race, at the heart of the rocky mountains of Central Greece. "I only had my quad checked over once when I came back from Buenos Aires (12 racing days and 9,000 km) before starting the Greek rally through mountains, forests and valleys. I was off again for 5,000 km with the bonus of an injured arm!"

Alexandre Giroud won the 3rd place in this off-road rally against the big contenders in this discipline.

"I am very pleased with the FUCHS Silkolene lubricants which allowed me to finish my first Dakar rally and win my first podium in Greece. During the Dakar, I made an oil check every evening with the FUCHS Silkolene Quad ATV 10W-40. To save my engine, I cleaned the air filter with the FUCHS Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL SPRAY and used FUCHS Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER for my chain. I only changed the oil once during the 5,000 km in Greece. At the end, I raced 15,000 km with the very reliable and high-performance FUCHS Silkolene products without any problem."

Next race: Endurance Quad TT – The Visan 6 Hours race – October

**Alexandre GIROUD used the FUCHS products for four seasons.**



## Zimbabwe

### **KTM FUCHS Silkolene Grainger Racing team: on the way of success**

The fifth round of the Monster Energy TRP Distributors SA National MX 2017 took place in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. The KTM FUCHS Silkolene Grainger Racing team sponsored by FUCHS Zimbabwe drove some amazing races.

The most captivating performances were delivered by the riders Daiyaan Manuel, Davin Cocker, Regan Wasmuth and Damon Strydom of the KTM FUCHS Silkolene Grainger Racing team and Cameron Durow sponsored by FUCHS South Africa.

With intense training on the track in the past month, Daiyaan 'Dee' Manuel (12-year-old) was in sparkling form and won two heats in the 65cc class, taking the overall victory for the day. This result allowed him to reduce the gap to the national leader from 25 to one point, climbing currently to 2nd position in the championship standings. The FUCHS Silkolene rider is ready for the last two rounds of the season.

Davin Cocker (14-year-old) with two 3rd places in the 85cc class cemented his position in the championship.

After a short break due to illness, Regan Wasmuth (16-year-old) managed two 4th places in the 125cc class.

Coming back from two remarkable results in the British championship, Damon Strydom (24-year-old) races in MX1 and MX2 classes. Damon was riding with a fractured wrist and dislocated ankle and still got a hugely credible 3rd overall in the MX2 class. He is currently 5th in MX1 and 4th in MX2 in the SA championship. His team manager, Gary Grainger has his fingers crossed and hopes a podium for the end of the season.

For Tristan Grainger (14-year-old), 5th place in 85cc class is a 100% improvement. He is now fighting in the top 5 of the championship.

Sponsored by FUCHS South Africa, 16-year-old Cameron Durow is now leading in the High School class winning 1st place and 2nd place in heat one and two in Pietermaritzburg.

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