

# Motorsport News

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## Zambia

### A 4x4 challenge for a good cause

FUCHS Zambia has been the title sponsor of FUCHS Elephant Charge for the past four years. Through this sporting event, FUCHS was proud to help to collect funds for preserving wildlife and the environment in Zambia. This twelfth edition raised a record \$144,644 in donations collected by the teams. // Page 3.



## France

### Success for the Speed Car Team at Albi Circuit

Robert Consani and Benjamin Lariche confirmed Alpine's dominance in the fourth round of the Championnat de France FFSA GT4 (National French FFSA GT4 Championship). The Speed Car Team celebrated first and second places respectively in the Silver class in rounds one and two with the Alpine A110. They are currently claiming provisional third place in the championship ranking. // Page 2.

## Great Britain

### A triumph for the PBM Team in the BSB

Sponsored by FUCHS Silkolene for nearly 20 years, the talented PBM Team celebrated its eighth BSB title and 123rd race win at Brands Hatch during the ultimate round of the Bennetts British Superbike Championship with its rider Josh Brookes. // Page 6.





## France

### With panache at the Albi Circuit

Robert Consani and Benjamin Lariche of the Speed Car Team triumphed with first and second places respectively in rounds one and two of the 76th edition of the Albi Grand Prix with their Alpine A110. At the end of the fourth round of the Championnat de France FFSA GT4 (National French FFSA GT4 Championship), the duo secured provisional third place in the championship ranking against 80 drivers. “We still have a chance to win the title this year in the fifth and final round, but it will be very tight,” admitted Robert Consani, shareholder of Racing Lubes, a company which sells FUCHS lubricants on its commercial website. “During the third round at the Paul Ricard Circuit, we chose – given the many straights – to race with the Alpine, which has a faster top speed than the Ginetta. But now, the car-racing rules require us to stick with the Alpine until the final race, even if the Ginetta is more reliable.”

A few days before the end of this chaotic season disrupted by COVID-19, Robert took stock. “We’ve got a better top speed with the Alpine, our driving duo works well, and the engine is good. Unfortunately, we

don’t yet have efficient software and an engineer to control it, as is the case with other teams. Installing this software would allow us to improve our pit entries and exits during the race.”

The team appreciates the GT4 championship for the excellent driving skills of the drivers from all over Europe. “The level is already very high and the championship should become more professional in the future. The GT is the premier class championship in France and benefits from excellent media coverage, which gives good visibility to the teams.”

The fifth round of the season is still under discussion regarding the circuit. Spain is being considered for the final.

Alpine A110 GT4: 1.8 L Turbo; 300 to 380 cc according to the engine mapping imposed by the organizers, depending on the circuits; Weight: 1,200 kg; Top speed: 250 km per hour

**FUCHS lubricant: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60**



## Zambia

### FUCHS Zambia rallies to preserve wildlife

FUCHS Elephant Charge is a 4x4 challenge organized to collect funds for preserving wildlife and the environment through conservation, education, and anti-poaching. Due to COVID-19, the 2020 edition was in doubt. Luckily, the pandemic in Zambia had eased off over the past few months. Elephant Charge was keen to go ahead in any workable way to continue to support conservation organizations in Zambia such as the Chongololo and Chipembele Conservation Clubs of Zambia. Many of the projects that the Elephant Charge supports rely on significant funding from the tourism industry which has suffered an immense drop in income.

This year's 4x4 challenge was met with huge enthusiasm from the competitors and gathered 23 teams from all over Zambia, compared to 28 in 2019. The eleven checkpoints of the challenge were in the Kawanga River valley. The teams drove through sandy hills, rocky riverbeds, and precipitous ravines.

The winner of the shortest net distance was the Eco-Charcoal Team, whereas the victory for the shortest overall distance was claimed by the Camel Team. This season, a heated competition took place for the ladies' team trophy between four contenders. Hats off to the Lady Hogs Team, who won.

"We're delighted to announce that FUCHS Elephant Charge raised \$144,644 for our conservation projects, even more than last year with a third fewer teams! This takes the total conservation funds raised by the Elephant Charge to \$1,176,284 in Zambia," said the organizers.

FUCHS Zambia is proud to have been the main sponsor of this event since 2017.



## Portugal

### Determined to win

The talented driver of the PERES Competições Team, Fernando Peres, is racing in both the Campeonato Português Sul and Norte de Ralis (Portuguese South and North Rally Championships). A faithful partner of FUCHS since 2000, Peres is racing a Mitsubishi Evo IX this season.

In August, with his co-driver Filipe Fernandes, Peres succeeded with first place in group 3, third overall in the Rali de Mesão Frio, and in doing so secured second position in the North Championship ranking. A few weeks later, with José Pedro Silva, Fernando was victorious with

first place overall in the Rali do Alto Tâmega and claimed first place in the North Championship ranking. "I was so happy to celebrate this first place, particularly in this rally where I won my first race in group A in 1992. It was the first time that I've been back to this circuit."

In October, the duo claimed victory in their group in the Rali Fafe Montelongo, won second place overall and second in the championship ranking.

The Rali Vila Do Bispo, the first of four rounds in the Campeonato Português Sul de Ralis

(Portuguese South Rally Championship), took place in October. It was a great success, even though spectators were not allowed in the pits. Fernando Peres and José Pedro Silva triumphed with first place overall in the rally and the championship ranking.

After several postponements, the other three race dates are again uncertain.

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## Hungary

### Two prestigious championship titles for the HTS Racing Team

The last round of the Magyar Motocross Bajnokság (Hungarian Motocross Championship) took place at the Kiskunlacház Circuit. The HTS Racing Team participated in the final round with an incomplete line-up due to the injuries of Márk Kiss and László Técsi.

Based on the best laps in the time trial, Erik Huguycz of the HTS Racing Team was first on the departure line while his teammates Kristóf Jakob claimed second place, Imre Varga third, Bence Pergel fourth, and Sándor Wimmer came eleventh.

As early as the start of the first race, Huguycz led the field, followed by Pergel and Jakob. Huguycz was impressive during the whole race. Jakob was overtaken by his teammate Pergel, who maintained second place all the way to the checkered flag. Varga was fourth and Wimmer eleventh. A perfect podium for the team and a good omen for the championship titles.

In race two, Huguycz repeated his performance and was victorious. Varga also got ahead of the outfield and claimed third position. Jakob started in fourth and kept this position with safe racing to the finish line.

Despite all the difficulties, the team had a successful season in the Hungarian championship. Huguycz was crowned Hungarian champion in the MX Open class while Varga was third. In the MX2 class, thanks to his previous results, Jakob celebrated his champion title while Pergel claimed second place.

Team Manager, Lajos Horváth, said: “We started with big plans at the beginning of the year, but the virus completely rewrote our goals. We were happy to win two titles in the Hungarian championship though.”

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## Great Britain

### Josh Brookes triumphs with a second BSB title

Paul Bird Motorsport's Josh Brookes put in two stunning rides at Brands Hatch to win both Bennetts British Superbike Championship races and, in doing so, clinched the 2020 crown in superb fashion. The Australian scored maximum points in both 20-lap races to secure his second title, adding to the one he won in 2015 and giving the PBM Team an unprecedented eighth BSB title and its 123rd race win.

There was further celebration for the team, with Christian Iddon taking third and fourth places to claim third overall in the final championship standings.

Josh Brookes said: "It feels awesome to win this title. When I'm under pressure, I seem to be able to find that little bit more and get the results I need, which is exactly what I've done. I had to ride aggressively in both races, and although I only needed to finish third in the final race to clinch the championship, I wanted to win the title with first

place. I was pushed hard all weekend, the bike worked really well and it felt natural to go out there and win. It's been a hard-fought year."

Team Owner, Paul Bird, said: "That went to plan and congratulations to Josh who rode impeccably under such pressure. He never buckled at all and he deserves the championship. I'd like to thank Stuart Higgs and his team for their hard work in the championship. Well done to Christian too, he's been a pleasure to work with this season. A third place in the final standings is a great achievement in his first year on the team. However, it's been sad without the fans."

FUCHS Silkolene has been proud to sponsor the PBM Team, which won its first championship in 2002 using FUCHS Silkolene lubricants.

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## Great Britain

### Steve Brown is back

After missing the stages for over two years, Steve Brown ensured his return with a third place in his class and 20th overall in the Cotswolds Stages Rally in Gloucestershire. With a Nissan Micra Kit Car, the Rochdale rally man was co-driving with Paul Stringer at the tricky Down Ampney event and proved he had lost none of his flairs.

The South West event offered the perfect shakedown ahead of the MSN Circuit Rally Championship, which he was aiming to race in thanks to most of the rallies taking place over the winter period. The very nature of the surface and

conditions meant the Cotswolds Stages would be anything but easy for the returning rally man. A technical glitch on the opening stage of the event cost Brown a significant amount of time, but once fixed he was able to settle back into a rhythm and climb the leaderboard.

“I drove the Nissan to third place and 20th overall. It was a positive result considering the amount of time I’ve been away and the full entry list. We got what we needed out of this, so I’m happy with the outcome and the changes we made to the car have certainly worked.”

With the current lockdown restrictions, Brown has had to re-evaluate his plans for the rest of the year. “Of course, it’s disappointing that the first few rounds of the MSN Circuit Championship have been postponed until next year, but there’s no other choice. We were lucky to have competed in this rally at all, so there are more important things going on right now. Either way, we’ll be ready to head back out into the stages when it’s safe to do so.”

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## Great Britain

### A second world title in a row for Courtney Duncan

24-year-old Courtney Duncan triumphed with her second consecutive FIM Women's Motocross World Championship title in a tense and dramatic final in the MXGP of Trentino at the Pietramurata Circuit in Italy. FUCHS has been sponsoring the Dixon Race Team Kawasaki since January 2020.

There was great pressure on both Duncan and the team in the ultimate round of the WMX World Championship, with their hopes of a second back-to-back world title within grasp as they headed to the Italian circuit. The WMX was down to the wire as just four points separated DRT Kawasaki's Duncan (162 points) from the championship leader, Nancy Van De Ven. German Larissa Papenmeier was only two points back on Courtney, while Italian Kiara Fontanesi was not far behind with 156 points.

Race one saw Duncan facing the ultimate test of physical and mental strength, as a crash on the starting straight saw the New Zealander come heroically back through the pack to eventually win on the last lap. Having taken the points lead, the kiwi, with her Kawasaki KX250, headed into race two with a clear goal and plan. Battling up the front with Kiara Fontanesi, she eventually secured third position. In the championship standing, Duncan and Van de Ven ended in a draw, but with more podium wins Duncan was once again crowned WMX World champion.

Team Manager, Steve Dixon, said: "A massive shout out to Courtney on staying strong and showing heart as a true and deserving champion."

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