

# Motorsport News

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## Germany

### Christian Loch won the Zotzenbach Historic Mountain Race 2017

Christian Loch dominated in the Zotzenbach Historic Mountain Race, an event he had been dreaming of since he was a child. A great representation of the FUCHS brand for all the spectators who have followed this rally over the years. // Page 5.

## Great Britain

### Shane Byrne crowned BSB champion for the sixth time

Against all expectations, Shane Byrne won the 2017 BSB title in the last round of the season at Brand Hatch with FUCHS Silkolene. 40-year-old 'Shakey' obtained his 6th title of his career. In his declaration, the London rider announced that he still had to exploit the full potential of his new V4 Ducati! // Page 7.



## Italy

### Twin win 2017 for Eugenio Pisani

The driver of the Siliprandi Racing team's Porsche 997, sponsored by FUCHS ITALY, has won two major titles this season. The Liguria driver (26 years old) succeeded in winning the Italian Gran Turismo Championship (GT Cup class) and the Acisport Under-25 Cup. // Page 8.



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## South Africa

### Larry Wilford impresses on Zwartkops raceway

After a successful race in East London, Terry and Larry Wilford of the Wilford Racing team sponsored by FUCHS SOUTH AFRICA were optimistic about the Zwartkops race. After the qualifying race, father and son started off in the top 5. "We had the feeling that the cars would respond to the new tyres if we could get the set-up right," explained the team manager. In heat one, Terry (Falcon #7) couldn't continue the race, so Larry (Falcon #77) was left alone to fly the FUCHS flag with his V8 Super Car. With some extremely competitive driving, Larry finished in 3rd place. Heat two was an inverted grid so Larry started in 7th position. Despite being so far back, Larry's experience and skill saw him manoeuvre through the pack until he reached 2nd place. With one lap to go, he was leading the race but an oil spill on the track made him slow down giving away his position. Nevertheless, he held on to finish 2nd giving him a 2nd position overall for the day. "We were running full steam with FUCHS lubricants making it easy for me to maintain my pace and with a little composure I managed to give

the best I could in this car, reaching speeds of over 300 kph," said Larry, who is sponsored by FUCHS since 1998.

"Larry and Terry Wilford are masters in their class and well respected within motorsports in South Africa. They truly believe in the FUCHS lubricants and are also great ambassadors for the brand," explained Janet Kerr from FUCHS SOUTH AFRICA.

Larry is currently 2nd in the championship and is ready to claim his victory in the last race of the season, which will take place at Kyalami in November.

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## Germany

### First victory for the Rennteam Uni Stuttgart e.V. in Hungary

The first round of the Formula Student (FS-Est) took place on the Euro-Ring track in Örkény (Hungary). The Rennteam Uni Stuttgart e.V. won 1st place in the combustion engine class and 4th place overall in the electric and combustion vehicle categories. "This victory was almost impossible for the teams equipped with combustion engines because the electric vehicles were allowed to race with a power of up to 80 kW." In the end, the team only missed 3rd place overall by five points. "If they had been 3rd, they would have had two Stuttgart teams on the podium. Since the beginning of this season, our students have shown impressive skills and that they can achieve good results thanks to their team spirit, their motivation and their enthusiasm," explained Professor Dr.-Ing. Jochen Wiedemann, Member of the Board of Management of FKFS (Foundation Under Civil Law). He added: "We would like to congratulate our Green team for 1st place overall but also the Karlsruhe and Delft teams for the other places on the podium."





## Germany

### **18 trophies for the Black Falcon team in 2017!**

The final of the 2017 VLN Championship saw Black Falcon team involved in a breath-taking battle for the lead for most of the four-hour race. The race ended with the team's Mercedes-AMG GT3 taking an excellent class win in SP9 and 2nd place overall out of 145 starters. This repeated the team's result in the previous, penultimate round and brought the team's tally of class podium finishes during the 2017 season to an impressive 18 trophies. Black Falcon team continued their long-standing partnership with AMG during 2017, proudly representing the brand in VLN and bringing home two of AMG's best results with

2nd overall at VLN 8 and 9, as well as finishing as the best Mercedes-AMG at the Nürburgring 24-Hour Race.

The four-hour race has been a strong end to the VLN season for Black Falcon team but there is still a lot more racing to come for the team: 24 Hours, in fact. The team will travel to the US to participate with their Mercedes-AMG GT3 and GT4 cars in the 24H Cota USA round-the-clock endurance race, to be held at the home of the US Grand Prix, the Circuit of The Americas, in November.



## Deutschland

### **Zotzenbach Historic Mountain Race 2017: a podium for FUCHS PETROLUB team**

These historic races took place on the 2nd and 3rd September and the roar of the engines could resounded in the Zotzenbach Mountains. For 50 years, race drivers took on this 3.5km long mountain track between the quarries of Ober-Mengelbach and Zotzenbach. In the sixties and seventies, this event was integrated into the German Mountain Championships.

The FUCHS PETROLUB Porsche 356A of 1957 went into this traditional race in pouring rain, but this wet track turned out to be an advantage for the team. Over three races, Christian Loch led the race in his class with a 2.23 second gap. "It was very important for me to participate in this event. When I was a child I used to come to see these races with my brother. This year I went to win in my class and I am happy for myself but even more for my team for winning this podium," said the FUCHS PETROLUB driver.



## Italy

### 3rd title for Di Cicco in the Italian Supermoto Championship

Mission accomplished for Daniele Di Cicco, the FUCHS driver, who won his 3rd title in a row in the Superbike category of the Italian Supermoto Championship. The champions are usually crowned on the racetrack of Magione in Umbria but Di Cicco had already won the title before the end of a glorious season of podiums and successes. In the last race at Magione, the rider of the Valdemi Moto team shone with 1st and 3rd places, winning 2nd place of the day and confirming the most important result: the 2017 national title. A result reflecting his outstanding performance.

"It was an exciting weekend with a lot of surprises," commented Daniele Di Cicco. "I am really happy to have achieved this result with my team and the precious support of my sponsors but also all the people who supported me this season. For next year, we have already set our sights on the European Supermotard Championship and other national championships but also on our goal of becoming an FMI coach for the Abruzzo Regional Motocross riding alongside the young learners."





## Italy

### Eugenio Pisani crowned Italian Gran Turismo champion

Eugenio Pisani takes the first of seven tricolor titles in the GT Cup class of the Italian Gran Turismo Championship two races ahead of the competition after an unforgettable season.

At the wheel of the Porsche 997, the Siliprandi Racing team's driver won the GT Cup for his debut season in the Italian Series. Thanks to his six victories – the last obtained in race two in Vallengunga – the FUCHS driver is now unassailable in the overall standings of the championship.

"I was very happy to celebrate this success on the podium of Vallengunga," said the 26-year-old racer.

"I want to thank my teammate Walter Palazzo who follows me since the race in Misano. We raced together, so we won the championship together. I would like to thank the Siliprandi Racing team for having made me a car with very few problems throughout the season – apart from the last two races for unexpected bad luck – but also my sponsor and my family who have been my main sponsor for many years!"

The Liguria driver was also victorious in the Acisport Under-25 Cup, a series of the Italian Sportscar Prototype Championship. This first Italian title could give Pisani access to the GT National class.



## Italy

### FUCHS Silkolene Riding Days: a success!

For the first time FUCHS ITALY organized the Silkolene Riding Days. This event, dedicated to Silkolene customers and bike lovers, took place at the Mugello circuit – one of the most beautiful and evocative “motorbike cathedrals” in the world, which also hosts the MotoGP. Around 1,000 riders got involved over four days of free practices with the WSBK Italian television commentator Max Temporalis and Lorenzo Lanzi, Troy Bayliss’ former teammate. They entertained the guests with a very interesting interview on safety issues about racing but also a session of advice on how to recover tenths of a second on the track! After the success of this first year, FUCHS ITALY is already working for the 2018 edition!

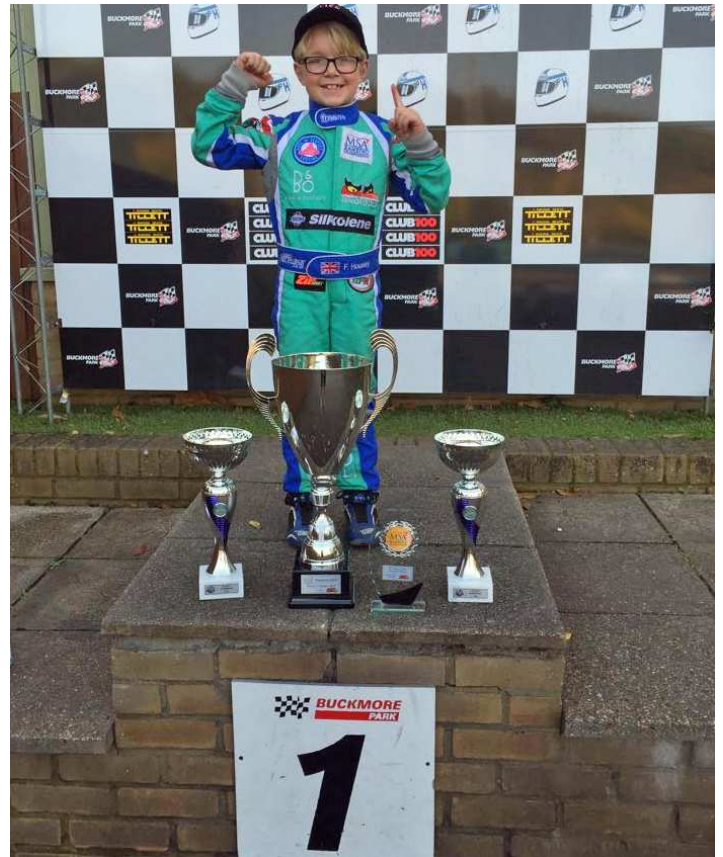


## Great Britain

### 6th BSB title for Shane Byrne

In one of the most dramatic finishes to the season in many years, FUCHS Silkolene ambassador, Shane ‘Shakey’ Byrne, claimed the 2017 title in the most dramatic style at Brands Hatch when he overcame a 33 point deficit to win an historic 6th British Superbike Championship title. Riding the factory-backed Ducati Panigale R, the Londoner knew the odds were stacked against him following a poor run of results in recent rounds, which saw him trailing title-rival Leon Haslam. The weekend started well for Byrne by claiming victory in the opening race reducing the gap to 21 points before another amazing drive saw ‘Shakey’ gain a 2nd win in race two with Haslam only managing 10th place. The difference was now down to just two points meaning ‘Shakey’ had to better Leon’s finishing position. On lap six advantage came to the rider of the PBM Be Wiser Ducati team as Leon Haslam crashed out. ‘Shakey’ ensured he remained upright for the remainder of the race and crossed the line in 8th to claim his record breaking 6th BSB title. FUCHS UK sponsored PBM and ‘Shakey’ for the past six years consecutively. The team has won many titles: BSB champion 2012 and 2014: ‘Shakey’, BSST champion 2012: Keith Farmer, Senior TT winner 2015: Ian Hutchinson, Macau TT winner 2014: Stuart Easton. FUCHS UK also sponsored PBM from 2001 to 2004 on the Monster Mob Ducati, also one of the most successful teams in BSB history. They also won many titles: BSB champion 2002: Steve Hislop, BSB champion 2003: ‘Shakey’, BSS champion 2001 and 2002: Stuart Easton.





## Great Britain

### Brad Vicars: fast as lightning

After a 24-hour rain delay to the Isle of Man Manx Grand Prix, Brad Vicars got flying for AJB Racing. At the end of lap one Brad crossed the line to set a new lap record for the newcomer race at 118.786 mph, beating a record that had stood for seven years. Brad took the win with an 18 second lead.

In the 600cc race Brad was flying all the way through the race, battling against traffic before eventually finishing in a fantastic 9th place. On his last lap Brad sped to 119.4 mph, making him the fastest ever newcomer in the Man Manx Grand Prix.

## Great Britain

### Freddie Housley: the virtuoso!

Freddie Housley posted the fastest lap, winning the final round of the Junior British Karting Championship placing him in 2nd overall in the 2017 UK standings. In the last two seasons of his karting career, Freddie has won an amazing number of 60+ trophies – an outstanding achievement. He is now concentrating on the final two rounds of the Cumbria Kart Club Championship in which he is currently leading by one point. Freddie is set to receive his awards at the Autosport show at the NEC in January followed by an evening ceremony alongside some of the top names in the British motorsport.

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## Great Britain

### Ahlin: by the skin of their teeth

At the end of probably the most closely contested British Rally Championship in recent memory, Fredrik Ahlin and Torstein Erikson finished a single point adrift in 2nd, scoring 128 points to season-long rivals Keith Cronin and Mike Galvin's 129. A fiercely contested final round saw Ahlin set multiple fastest times however he was unable to gain the place he needed to claim the championship.



## Great Britain

### FUCHS, title sponsor of R.A.C. Historic Asphalt Rally Championship

Dessie Nutt and Geraldine McBride (Porsche 911) have been confirmed as overall champions in the FUCHS LUBRICANTS R.A.C. Asphalt Rally Championship following the seventh and final round, the Jersey Rally. Although Nutt and McBride completed a perfect season score on round six on the Isle of Man in September, Roger Moran (BMW M3) could have reached their score. However, when Moran did not contest the Jersey Rally, Nutt and McBride were confirmed as overall champions to add to the MSA British Historic Rally Championship titles they took in 2004 and 2009.

The new Jersey Rally proved to be an outstanding success with warm welcomes and glorious weather in the Channel Islands. With 120 stage miles across 28 stages, this was a tough event and included six stages in the dark.



## Great Britain

### Adam Morgan climbs back up

Adam Morgan rounded out his Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship this season. Adam's FUCHS sponsored Mercedes-Benz A-Class realized the fastest time in the opening free practice session and the fourth best time in the second session. After skidding off in race one, Adam started race two from 30th on the grid and in a great display, carved his way up to 19th place by the end of the 15-lap race. With a stirring drive in race three, he took 9th place having suffered damage earlier in the day. Overall, Adam finished 10th in the 2017 Dunlop MSA BTC Championship and 4th in the Independents' Trophy, with Ciceley Motorsport 9th overall in the Teams Championship and 5th in the Independent Teams' Trophy.

## Great Britain

### Good job, Max!

Max Coates has improved throughout the 2017 Renault UK Clio Cup season to eventually claim 4th place in the championship just six points off 3rd place. Alongside his Ciceley Motorsport teammates, Max also helped secure 4th in the Teams Championship.





## Great Britain

### A podium place for Barnes and McIntyre

Classic Racing Cars team has been building and running cars in the biggest historic races around the world for the past 17 years. The Stafford-based CRC team headed to Belgium to compete in the Spa Six-Hour endurance race in the Ardennes forest.

For this special race both drivers, Barnes and McIntyre, took the wheel of the pristine Shelby Cobra. They started well positioned at 18th after the first hour, climbing to 8th overall after four hours.

The team finished the race in 13th overall and a fantastic 2nd in class.



## Great Britain

### Great success for the Bellerby team

Both Paige and Drew Bellerby displayed excellent driving skill in extremely difficult conditions to secure 2nd place in their respective rallycross championships. The FUCHS sponsored team was in attendance at Croft for the last round of the 2017 British Rallycross season. And what a great day they had! With both sisters needing their title rivals to slip up for them to claim championship victories and in slippery conditions the girls set about some tough racing. Paige crossed the line in her MSA Supernational Rallycross final in 4th place, claiming 2nd overall in the championship. Drew also had a fantastic season, competing in her first year within the BMW Mini Rallycross Championship, taking 3rd in her final (despite power steering failure), which also confirmed 2nd place overall.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-30**

## Great Britain

### Peter Hickman just off the podium

2017 has been a fantastic year for Peter Hickman and the Smith Racing BMW team, culminating in an excellent 4th place overall for the Derbyshire rider after the final round of the championship at Brands Hatch.

Starting 10th on the grid, Peter battled his way up through the points and into 7th for race one, going one better with a strong 6th place finish in race two. Another 6th place in the final race of the season gave Peter 27 points over the weekend, enough for 4th overall which was both his and the team's best ever British Superbikes finish.

**FUCHS lubricant: Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20**





## Poland

### Jan Chmielewski crowned champion for the fifth time!

Jan Chmielewski, Michał Majewski and Zbigniew Gabryś cooperating with FUCHS POLAND did a great job in the second to last rally of the Polish Rally Championship.

### Jan Chmielewski astonished the crowd and maintained his national title

The Nadwislanski Rally included eleven special stages which were completely unknown to the drivers. Jan Chmielewski and Michał Majewski of the Chmielewski team drove a BMW R+MAXI and proved to be unbeatable in the OPEN 2WD class. The outstanding results allowed Jan Chmielewski to keep his championship title in the OPEN 2WD before the season even ended.

"This rallye was very successful," said Jan. "We only lost one special stage and we were often faster than 4WD cars. A great competition, beautiful weather and very fast and treacherous routes were the basis of this rallye. Thanks to the heroic effort of my mechanics, the car was perfectly prepared and we were able to drive at an optimum pace. I'm really proud of their achievements."

### Zbigniew Gabryś: a serious contender for the 2017 title

In his Ford Fiesta R5, Zbigniew Gabryś scored 2nd position in the rally and overall classifications. "This 2nd place means that we accomplished exactly what we had planned," said Gabryś. "It wasn't easy on these very demanding special stages. It was very fast and difficult with changing surfaces and difficult traction, we had to be very attentive. Nevertheless, we got closer to our goal being the runner-up in the whole season. Everything will be decided in the Silesian Rallye and we will fight until the very end."





## Benelux

### An unforgettable experience with FUCHS LUBRICANTS BENELUX

FUCHS LUBRICANTS BENELUX organized a VIP welcome during the British Superbike Championship which took place in Assen, the famous Dutch TT circuit on October 2017. All FUCHS guests were welcomed by Marcel Strüwer, automotive account manager at FUCHS LUBRICANTS BENELUX, in the PBM Be Wisser Ducati VIP booth. They took part in the warm up, visited the garage box and watched the best adjustments being made for the races to come. They also met FUCHS Silkolene ambassador Shane 'Shakey' Byrne who has won his 6th BSB title.

### A great experience for FUCHS Silkolene guests

The FUCHS guests were welcomed in the team's VIP booth. "Shane Byrne did a good job and finally finished 2nd in heat one after a terrible 16th grid position due to the qualifiers on Saturday," testified Guido Fenneman (Press member of Racesport NL), one of the FUCHS visitors. "Just before the departure of the second race, we were invited into the PBM Be Wisser Ducati garage box. From the front row we could see and hear all the racing action passing by. Norman, area manager of FUCHS Silkolene UK, explained the team and their tasks to us. The race was very exciting, as Shane Byrne started the second heat from pole position (fastest lap in race 1) but finally, after a rider's mistake, he dropped positions and finished 5th. Despite that result, it was an amazing experience for us to see such a professional team in action during a race day. We also had the opportunity to watch the Ducati Panigale R race bike in close up and enjoy sidecar racing from the main stand. At the end of the day we – as racing fans – were fully satisfied. Thanks a lot to FUCHS Silkolene and the PBM Be Wisser Ducati team. Really appreciated!"

**FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO PLUS SAE 10W-50, Silkolene PRO R SAE 0W-20, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER, Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene WASH OFF, Silkolene PRO PREP**



## Zimbabwe

### Standing ovation for the FUCHS riders!

The seventh and final round of the 2017 South African National Motocross Championship took place at Terra Topia, Johannesburg. It was a great ending to a very successful 2017 campaign. FUCHS Silkolene rider, Cameron Durow, was crowned 125cc South African National champion and Daiyaan Manuel won the South African National title in the 65cc class. Dee finished the championship with an overall win of the day and dominated the 65cc class. Davin Cocker won the final in the Pro Mini 85cc class and finished a great campaign 2nd overall in the National Championship. Davin said: "I can't wait for 2018."

Leah Haygate had a 3rd place of the day and finished 2nd in the Ladies Class National Championship. Regan Wasmuth also won the final national event and finished 6th overall in the National Championship, a great recovery after missing out on most of the championship due to an injury. Damon Strydom secured 5th in MX1 and 4th in MX2 in the National Championship. Great job by Damon who rode most of the championship with a broken ankle. Jayden Ashwell closed the MX1 Championship in 6th after a 2nd place in heat one, he will come out firing in the 2018 Championship. "Fantastic effort from our champions. Bravo!" commented Paul Marais from FUCHS ZIMBABWE.



Tanisha Harnett



Rhys Budd

## Australia

### FUCHS Silkolene teams on top form

In 2017 FUCHS Silkolene sponsored BCP Pro Circuit Honda Junior and BCP Honda Off Road teams.

#### Bravo Budd, Harnett, Edwards and Anell

BCP Pro Circuit Honda Junior team had a successful 2017 season and won over 30 national events including three State Championships and two National Championships. Rhys Budd won eight major events and was crowned NSW State champion in the A grade 250cc class. He finished a close 2nd place in the Australian Junior National Championship. Tanisha Harnett dominated the women's category and finished 2nd place in the National Women's Title. Travis Edwards has won two of the four rounds so far in the SA State Championship. He must obtain 1st place in the final round to win the championship. Royce Anell was victorious in three events including the round of the Gippsland Centre Championship and finished 5th at the Vic Titles.

#### BCP Honda Off Road team on the last stretch!

Kyron has been a revelation this year and won races

everywhere he completed in Australia on his CRF150R. He won four rounds of the National Off Road Championship and is in good form to take out the J2 class title. He is also undefeated in his local Tasmanian State Off Road Championship. Baylee Davies is currently leading the 'Ironman' Championship in the Tasmanian Off Road Series with one round to go.

#### New rider line up 2018

"We are very excited to announce the signing of Australia's number one and current National Junior champion Dante Hyam for 2018! He will be joined by our star women's racer Tanisha Harnett who will once again race under the BCP Pro Circuit Honda banner. Our third and final gun junior team rider will be finalized and announced in the coming weeks," said John Warrian, the Australian and New Zealand distributor for FUCHS Silkolene.

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