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China

FUCHS signs a partnership for the F3 Asian Championship

The new F3 Asian Championship is an open-wheel single seater motor racing event held across Asia. 18 skilled drivers, coming from three continents (USA, Europe and Asia), will race the 15 rounds of the 2018 season. FUCHS China features amongst the prestigious partners of this inaugural championship. All the ten teams display the FUCHS colors and race with FUCHS lubricants. // Page 4.

Germany

BLACK FALCON wins VLN season highlight

After a summer of success in GT3 races all over Europe in the Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup and at the Nürburgring 24-Hour Race, the BLACK FALCON team returned to the premier SP9 class of the VLN Championship to take part, with success, in the annual 6-Hour Race held at the Nürburgring. // Page 5.



Great Britain

FUCHS Silkolene promotes its brand in the world of speedway

FUCHS UK was the partner of the first official Speedway International Test Match which took place in Glasgow in August. The company also sponsored the GB Speedway team captained by Tai Woffinden, double world champion and current runaway leader of the Speedway GP Series. // Page 10.



Benelux

Rob van de Veerdonk improving his skills

Sponsored by FUCHS Benelux for the first time, the rider Rob van de Veerdonk of the GPR Promo MX team races in the Belgian MXGP Championship this season. The round in July took place at the Lommel track (B) in the summer heat, 33°C are really unusual for the country. Preparations, training sessions and his pace on several dirt tracks were outstanding and promising for the MX125 rider. The race was assumed to be very tight and in fact only 40 riders out of 88 entries for the MX125 race were selected at the end of the two sessions. "Despite an outrageous start to reach the best lap time, our FUCHS Silkolene ambassador Rob, finished in 25th place after a crash," explained Marcel Strüwer, FUCHS Netherlands Automotive Account Manager.

Nevertheless, Rob benefited from a second opportunity with the "Last Chance Race", where only the first four riders qualify. But this time he struggled at the start. Was he ready? Nervous? Extreme temperatures? He could not say. In 27th place on the starting grid, he used all of his energy to catch up with the leading group. Finally, he passed the checkered flag in 11th position. "Rob achieved a great result which shows us that he is still progressing," commented Marcel Strüwer.

His next challenge is planned to be Durban in South Africa. Rob and his parents accepted the invitation of his team-mate Cameron Durow for another race. He will be supported by his FUCHS Silkolene family.

Benelux

A top 5 result for Jürgen Van Hover

The Belgian Porsche driver Jürgen Van Hover from the Speedlover team had a great race in the Benelux Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge at the end of June.

This championship has a high level and opens the legendary 24 Hours of Spa. Because of a broken driveshaft during the qualifying time, the FUCHS driver was unable to set a lap time. So, he had to start all the way from the back of the grid. After half an hour of tough racing, and coming from the 20th position, the 48-year-old driver finished 5th overall.

"We had a great race and it was quite a publicity stunt. They were only talking about us," according to the happy driver sponsored by FUCHS for four years.

"We decided to sponsor Jürgen Van Hover for his quality and experience in racing. He always gets great results despite his small budget. More than that, he is always available for his fans and sponsors," explained Koen Verdruye, FUCHS Benelux.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN
SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, TITAN
GT1 SAE 5W-40**



China

F3 Asian Championship heralds dawn of new era for formula racing with FUCHS

The new F3 Asian Championship, certified by FIA and sponsored by FUCHS China, ushered into a new era of Formula 3 racing as it got underway at Malaysia's Sepang International circuit last July. This championship is the first to adopt FIA's global vision for formula racing, where a single-chassis and single-engine concept will ensure the continued development of a category which has produced the greatest names in motorsport.

18 amateur and professional drivers from three continents started into the season in July at Sepang. The last round will take place in November at the same venue after 15 races held at five meetings. All season, the FUCHS logos can be seen on the cars, the drivers' racing-suits and the podiums. All the teams use FUCHS lubricants.

Jake Hughes gave the Dragon HitechGP a triple victory in the opening season

This first race was a resounding success at Malaysia's Sepang International circuit and saw the Dragon

HitechGP team from United Kingdom make a sensational debut in the region with its driver Jake Hughes taking three wins and a pole position.

As the drivers clocked up laps in the Tatuus Autotecnica Motori F3 car, race 3 saw the British-based Dragon HitechGP's dominance challenged by local hero Akash Nandy (21). The Malaysian driver not only gave his Absolute Racing team their first podium finish, but also kept the experienced Hughes within reach for much of the 12-lap race. Hughes' team-mate, the South African Raoul Hyman (22) had to work hard. He fended off a sustained challenge from Super License driver Tomoki Takahashi to claim the final podium place ahead of his Japanese rival. The battle produced some sensational racing, the pair fighting hard but fair all the way to the flag.

Next race: Ningbo International Speedway (China)

Car: Manufacturer: Alfa Romeo – Type: ATM AR-F3F, monocoque carbon composite – Construction: aluminium alloy four cylinder in line turbocharged double VVT – Engine: 1750 Tbi – Power: 270HP @6000rpm

FUCHS lubricants used by all the teams: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-140, FRICOFIN AP -45



Germany

Two more podiums for the BLACK FALCON team

The return to the top-flight SP9 class for the BLACK FALCON team has been rewarded with a fine 1st place in round 5 of VLN with the #6 car. It's a victory made even sweeter by the fact that VLN5 was also the annual 6-Hour Race, making the race distance half as long again as a regular round, proving the team's expertise in long-distance endurance racing.

In great shape!

The win comes off the back of an unbroken series of podiums and class victories in every GT3 race they've entered this year. BLACK FALCON beat a field that was 162 cars strong and included 15 GT3-specification machines. The excellent overall result was backed up by another podium in the SP10 class for GT4 cars with #163. The race saw high attrition, with 46 drivers retiring and 116 classified finishers at the end of the marathon distance.

Car #6: untouchable

The BLACK FALCON crew was the fastest in the qualifying sessions and lined up at the head of the first wave of starters on the departure line. Adam

Christodoulou (UK) lead the pack around the Nürburgring GP circuit and out onto the legendary Nordschleife for the first time. After taking over #6 for the second stint, Manuel Metzger (Germany) handed over to his compatriot Hubert Haupt. As ever, he delivered an outstanding performance to further secure their lead, which Gabriele would go on to defend. With 45 minutes to go, #6 came into the pit for the final stop. The mechanics checked over the car to make sure that Manuel would have no issues on the run to the flag. And that's what he did, he crossed the line to the great delight of the BLACK FALCON team with almost a two-minute lead over the second car.

The team also claimed 2nd place in SP10 with the Mercedes-AMG GT4 #163 of BLACK FALCON team IDENTICA AMG.

A win at the famous Nürburgring circuit is particularly pleasing for the local team, who are based just minutes from the track, and is never taken for granted. The quality of competition in the VLN is always high level and every victory is hard won.





Germany

BLACK FALCON team scores 4th overall and wins a Silver Cup podium

After a gruelling 24-Hour Race, BLACK FALCON has successfully brought home all three of its Mercedes-AMG GT3s entries to the finish in round 4 of the 2018 Blancpain GT Series Endurance Cup at Spa. The team narrowly missed out on an overall podium with their Pro-class #4 Mercedes AMG but won 3rd place in the Silver Cup following an incredible recovery drive for the #6 car.

The 24 Hours of Spa was held at the iconic circuit of Spa-Francorchamps in Belgium, one of the most challenging circuits in the world. 221 drivers in 65 cars from an impressive 13 different manufacturers took part, half of which were entered in the Pro-class for all-professional driver line-ups. Fierce battles raged across the multiple classes throughout the 24 hours. After an unbelievable fight with the leading group, the crew of the Pro-class #4 won 4th place. At the end of 511 laps, they crossed the line just 20 seconds behind the car in front and in the same lap as the winner, once again finishing as best placed AMG.

In the Pro-Am class, a collision in the first half hour of racing forced the #5 AMG to pit for repairs. Nevertheless, the drivers put in a sterling performance to win back each place and finished 6th in class, and 31st overall.

The drivers of the Silver Cup #6 Mercedes-AMG GT3 had a burst tyre, inevitably causing a high-speed accident during the qualifying. Although severely damaged, the car started at the back of the field. Thanks to experience and motivation, the team crossed the finish line in 23rd overall and an excellent 3rd in the Silver Cup, continuing their unbroken series of class podiums during 2018.

Next race: 29-30 September: Spanish Grand Prix of Catalunya



Germany

After 65 years, Borgward celebrates triumph in the Le Mans

When the chequered flag was waved at the end of Le Mans Classic, the members of the FUCHS PETROBLUB Racing team embraced one another in jubilation. Their Borgward Hansa 1500 racing coupé had completed the historic staging of the world's most famous endurance race. This was a huge success for this small team. The car # 41 first entered the race back in 1953, when it dropped out half an hour before the finish due to engine damage. Today the Swedish owner Lars-Erik Larsson (65) is at the wheel of the car. "When I was driving past the chequered flag, tears welled up in my eyes. I had to reflect on the fact that I had competed in this race along with my sons Johan (31) and Jakob (29) and this has always been a lifelong dream for me. My thoughts also turned to the entire crew led by team boss Christian Loch (54) who had given us such great support throughout this weekend."

In front of more than 135,000 spectators, the team won 4th place in the 1500cc class and 36th overall and was more than satisfied. On the 13.6 km of track, the racing car held its own without any problems – because the team played it safe. Before the race, a new cylinder head gasket was fitted in the 110 hp engine. At Le Mans, it had to be retightened regularly after the practice sessions. To do this, the two carburettors, rocker lever covers, intake manifold and the rocker lever housing and the rocker lever shaft had to be removed. After this, everything of course had to be reassembled and the valves adjusted. "This maintenance work was laborious, but we wanted to play it absolutely safe," explained team boss Christian Loch.

65 years ago, the driver Adolf Brudes had performed the development trials at the Borgward test site for the Le Mans. He competed in the 24-Hour Race in 1953 in the sister car with the # 42. His grandson Jérôme Brudes, as a car enthusiast, visited the FUCHS PETROBLUB team and could see for the very first time the car that his grandfather had once prepared for Le Mans.

The Autobil-Klassik magazine dedicated eight pages to the team.



Germany

Passionate FUCHS drivers in the Le Mans Classic

For the ninth time, Le Mans Classic, one of the world's largest classic car events, took place on the legendary French track. Around 700 historical racing cars dating from 1923 to 1982 and 1,000 drivers from 30 nationalities competing in six classes entered into the race. 135,000 spectators could admire an exhibition of 8,500 classic cars from 60 different brands. The public enjoyed all the entertaining events: drivers' conferences, parade of the clubs, night races and even test drive cars and the famous auction. The 1957 Porsche 356 A was entered in the race by the Porsche Zentrum Mannheim Penske Sportwagenzentrum using FUCHS lubricants. For the third appearance in a row of this biennial race, the proven team of owner Christian Loch, Tobias Klaes and Patrick Morgenstern crossed the checkered flag with success. "We drove quickly but safely, respecting the rules. It is always pleasant to drive our car even if we had to check the oil frequently because of the hot summer conditions. The outstanding 7th place in our class, a top 10 finish as in previous events, was the reward for our concerted effort. Le Mans is always worth the trip and perhaps we will be racing again in 2020."

Germany

Alternator problem!

Sponsored by FUCHS for six years, Michael Schwall (26) and his girlfriend Hanna Ostlender (21) participated in the 47th ADAC Rallye Oberehe. This legendary race took place at Hildesheim and attracted more than 70 teams. "It is a speed rally with few special technical stages. We must

drive with our brains." 22nd in SP1, 17th in SP2, the car started to have some problems in SP3. "We lost power and charging current because the alternator failed," explained Michael. "Before the beginning of SP4, I noticed a broken cable that I had to repair in less than three minutes and I

managed it successfully. But when the countdown began, smoke came out of the engine. It was broken and we had to give up."

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SAE 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID
LS SAE 75W-90**



Great Britain

Marcus Hudson: full of hopes

MSA ABkC NKF Super 4 250 British Championship round 5 took place on a re-surfaced but extremely bumpy track at the Three Sisters Race circuit in Greater Manchester. The three heats saw Marcus Hudson placed 6th, 8th and 5th so earned him a 7th on the starting grid for the Final.

Marcus said: "The kart wasn't handling at all, in some corners I had massive oversteer and the handling got worse as the race went on, but I managed to bring it home in 8th. We will be doing some work on the engine to find out why we aren't getting the starts that we are used to in the mid-season break."

Marcus is out again at the next round at Rissington in the Cotswolds in September. "This is a very fast circuit with a lot of high speed corners, which are mostly right handers."

Great Britain

Allingham leaves his mark at Brands Hatch

David Allingham had his debut win for FUCHS Silkolene sponsored EHA Racing, during round 6 of the 2018 series at Brands Hatch. He stood on the top step of the feature race podium for his first-ever British Supersport Championship. It was a fitting reward for the Irish rider after taking 2nd place in the sprint race and the fastest lap of the race, just one place ahead of his team-mate Ross Twyman.

The win from pole position is a massive confidence booster for Allingham, who now believes he can kick-on and become a regular front runner for the remainder of the season on the EHA Racing machine.

"I had a tough start to the year and my confidence was dented as I just couldn't seem to find the right balance with the new Yamaha R6. We've moved back to the old bike for a couple of rounds to see if we could find some sort of rhythm and it worked," said Allingham. "We tried hard all weekend and this is as much a reward for everyone within EHA Racing as it is for me."



Great Britain

Ashleigh Morris is happy!

Ashleigh Morris was competing in the David Leslie Super Touring Festival event, the 5th Celtic Speed Scottish MINI Cooper Cup race meeting. This is the Scottish Motor Racing Club's tribute to one of Scotland's greatest ever drivers with a selection of Touring and Super Touring cars being on display and competing in their own feature races. Finishing 5th, 6th and then 5th in the final race, Ashleigh received the trophy as the Ladies winner. "We had a fantastic weekend away at Knockhill Racing circuit. We are immensely grateful for everything FUCHS does for us and hope to show just how much by our results out on track."



Great Britain

On the right track

Official partner of the Speedway International Test Match – one of the biggest meetings ever held in Scotland – FUCHS UK also confirms its commitment sponsoring the GB Speedway team. The crew was captained by the renowned rider Tai Woffinden “Woofie”, double world champion and current runaway leader of the Speedway GP Series. The five riders were: GP star Craig Cook; three-time British champion Chris Harris; fit-again Steve Worrall; exciting youngster Dan Bewley and Adam Ellis, who is having his best-ever season in the sport.

This Speedway International Test Match, opposing UK against Australia aroused the fervour of fans, was a huge success. GB Speedway team was formed for the first time in 16 years. It was a positive step and a great experience for the UK, even if the Australia team led by Jason Doyle (2017 World Speedway champion) have more skills and experience. “We are sorry we couldn’t give them a few more wins but the Australian riders were really quick. Test matches are about the bigger picture with regards to where we want to go and where we want to be in the future,” explained the team boss Alun Rossiter.

Tai Woffinden, the 28-year-old who’s 20 points clear in his bid to win a third world title, said: “We wanted to win of course, a lot of people came out wanting to see GB win and we were desperate to give it to them, but it wasn’t to be and the Australian boys were on fire. Anyway, the fans were awesome and it was a really cool atmosphere.”

Great Britain

Adam Morgan catches up with the leading group

Ciceley Motorsport’s Adam Morgan and the team had a great weekend at the British Touring Car Championship Rockingham circuit. Claiming a maiden pole position, Adam took victory in race 1. He stamped his intent on the weekend with a winning margin of over three seconds and went on to win 2nd place in race 2.

With his 2nd podium in race 2 and his 8th place finish to the last race of the day, Rockingham proved a successful point haul to get Adam back in contention in the 2018 BTCC championship. Adding to the silverware Ciceley also grabbed the Team’s trophy.

Adam has now climbed to 6th in the overall standings and 4th in the Independents Championship.

