

2015 International Edition - May 2015



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ITALY

FUCHS partner of the Euro Series by Nova Race

The French track of Paul Ricard hosted the first of the six rounds of the Euro Series by Nova Race on April 27. It was an excellent grid with champions and well known drivers. This series, reserved exclusively for GTs, comprises prestigious races on the most beautiful European tracks such as the International GT Open at 'Le Castellet'. The other stages will take place at the Red Bull Ring (3-5 July), in Spa-Francorchamps (4-6 September), the WTCC at Slovakiaring (19-21 June), the Italian GT at Misano (25-27 September) and Mugello (16-18 October). "We signed a partnership agreement with the Italian promoter Nova Race. For the whole of the 2015 season all the cars will be decorated with FUCHS stickers on the front and rear", explained Cesare Villa from FUCHS LUBRIFICANTI S.P.A.



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GREAT BRITAIN

Double podium for Hutchinson at North West 200

The Penrith-based Paul Bird Motorsport team enjoyed an excellent day of racing at the Vauxhall International North West 200 on May 16 with Ian Hutchinson giving both himself and the squad yet more International podium finishes with a hard fought 2nd place in the Monster Energy Superbike race followed up with 3rd and a new lap record in the CP Hire Superstock encounter.

GERMANY

Victories for the Black Falcon team

The 43rd edition at the 24 Hours of Nürburgring was once again a very exciting competition. The Black Falcon drivers secured two victories in their class and won a great 5th place overall in front of 150 teams engaged in this famous endurance race. Read more on page 2.





GERMANY

The Black Falcon team celebrates 2 class victories and a top-5 at the 24 Hours of Nürburgring

On paper, it seemed difficult to predict. Audi, BMW, Mercedes and Porsche looked well equipped to take the victory. Aston Martin and Bentley showed a good potential and had an outside chance. But the 24-hour race is an intransigent competition with crazy traffic involving 150 cars, changing conditions, exceptional battles and where the slightest mistake can ruin all efforts on this 25.378 km track.

2 class victories and a 5th place overall

In front of 200,000 spectators, with a constant but extremely dense race without any errors, Black Falcon's drivers, Abdulaziz Al Faisal, Hubert Haupt, Yelmer Buurman and Jaap Van Lagen, won 5th place overall in their Mercedes SLS AMG GT3 #5 after 155 laps. The Porsche 911 Cup # 61, in Black Falcon's colours too, driven by Gerwin, Philipp Eng, Manuel Metzger and Hannes Plesse performed well and attracted

attention. Having started from 29th position on the departure grid, the drivers took the lead in the SP7 class just before midnight. Thanks to the mechanics' zeal and the tenacity of the drivers, car #61 crossed the chequered flag in 1st place in its class and won 13th place overall. Philip, André Kuhn, Christian Schmitz and Helmut Weber in their Porsche Carrera 911, #162, were very determined, too. After fantastic duels during the entire 24 hours they won 1st place on the podium in the V6 class, and 26th overall. "In general, we are satisfied with the results of the 24-hour race", said Alexander Böhm, PDG of the Black Falcon team.





AUSTRIA

FUCHS Silkolene main sponsor of the European Motorcycle Up Hill Championship

The first round of the European Motorcycle Up Hill Championship was held in Landshaag (Austria). FUCHS AUSTRIA SCHMIERSTOFFE was once again the main sponsor of the 36th edition of this motorcycle event. New records were established with 272 riders and about 15,000 spectators.

FUCHS Silkolene supported drivers such as Josef Frauenschuh, Toni Rechberger, Helmut and Manuel Schleindlhuber, Petra Fischer and Georg Albrecht were very successful on the race day.

At the presentation ceremony, the winners in eight historical and modern racing classes were honoured. The best three riders of each racing class were handed a FUCHS Silkolene goody bag which contained FUCHS Silkolene PRO PREP, FUCHS Silkolene PRO CHAIN and MAINTAIN DOT 5.1.

The FUCHS Silkolene team was present in the paddock with an information desk to inform the riders and the visitors about the wide range of the brand's lubricants.



FRANCE

Desprey dominates the Spanish Grand Prix

After winning the two rounds of the Italy Grand Prix, Maxime Desprey of Bud Racing team repeated his performances in the two Spanish rounds of the 250cc European Motocross Championship, securing himself an indisputable double victory on the Talavera de la Reina track. Now, at only five points from the leader in the 2015 overall classification, Desprey will arrive in full confidence at the next European Grand Prix, which will take place in Great Britain. It is on the Matterley Basin circuit, the fourth of the nine stages of the season, where the 22-year-old rider hopes to dominate his opponents once again on his Kawasaki Monster Energy motorcycle.



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AUSTRIA

VPD Racing team: more motivated than ever

In the 2015 season, the VPD Racing team, FUCHS partner for nearly ten years, will participate in the Rotax Max Euro-Challenge, the International Open, the International Cup, the Austrian and German Rotax Max Challenges with eleven drivers.

Salbris racing track: beginning of a victorious season

The opening stage of 12th Rotax Max Euro-Challenge season took place in April 2015 in France. The 1,500 m long circuit of Sologne Karting marked the first of four rounds of the season. 160 drivers from 34 countries representing every continent were present to compete in this unique European Rotax series. The final of this championship will take place in the Algarve, Portugal, on November 18.

Former European Senior front-runner, Junior Max champ and now rally driver, Mats van den Brand put the DR Racing Kart in the front row of the Rotax DD2 class. So the VPD Racing team had an excellent position on the grid in the opening round of the Rotax Max Euro-Challenge in the finals on Sunday. Racing for the first time ever in the DD2 category, the 24-year-old driver was aware that the chance to compete for the Austrian team in a kart manufactured by Danilo Rossi meant he was up against some of the world's best – including the factory drivers Abbasse, De Conto, Kozlinski and some other high-level international competitors.

VPD drivers take two titles at the RMC Open at Wackersdorf

Rotax Senior Max saw 5 VPD Racing team-mates line up in a field of 34 drivers at the first ever RMC Open including 2014 German champion Christopher Dreyspring and the current national number 3 Michael Gruber as well as three rookies joining the class this year – Berkay Besler from Turkey and Daniel Machacek and Felix Kotyk from Austria. In a successful assault on the competition, Jan MR Wünschek and Berkay Besler won the titles in both the Rotax DD2 and the Rotax Senior Max class respectively. They gave the spectators non-stop action right to the end.





POLAND

Honors for the Chmielewski team in the Polish Rally Championship

In 2015 FUCHS OIL CORPORATION (PL) started a cooperation with the Chmielewski team. The driver Janek Chmielewski starred in the Polish Championship in the 2WD category in 2013 and 2014.

In their Citroen DS3-R3T, Jan Chmielewski and his co-driver Jacek Nowaczewski won the first of the ten races of the 2015 Polish Rally Championship in their category that took place near Swidnica. They finished in 1st place in the R3T class in the 2WD category thus gaining 5th position overall. "We couldn't imagine a better beginning of the season", said Jan Chmielewski. "We secured everything we could in this rally – the SS, R3T class and won additional points for the 1st place in the Power Stage. These points are the best prize we could

get for the work we had put into the preparation for the 2015 season. Many thanks to our mechanics who often worked all night long to make the DS3 reliable." And Jacek Nowaczewski added: "I am very satisfied with the results. It was my first start with Janek and my best result ever. Only four 4WD "monsters" are ahead of us in the general classification. It is worth mentioning that winning in such a large and strong group of drivers in a 2WD is not a piece of cake. We fought for each second and the slightest mistake could cause a significant drop back in the ranking, but that is the kind of competition we like most in this sport and we can't wait for the next round."

Next race: 19-21 June 2015 - Rajd Gdansk Baltic Cup



POLAND

Extreme off-road with Mutt Association

FUCHS OIL CORPORATION (PL) was the sponsor of the Mutt Rally, which is an extreme off-road rally, held at a military training ground. This sporting and racing event took place in Gliwice on the first weekend of May.

This rally has a great reputation and tradition. It is the most demanding and extreme trial for men and machines. 32 teams took part in this event, over a dozen kilometers of dirt, water, mud and huge efforts. On some stages the cars barely fitted between the trees, the route around the lake was entirely under deep water. The Mutt Rally is not only fast driving, the teams have to prove their navigation skills, show outstanding technics of cross-country driving and have the ability to cross difficult areas.

It's really thrilling and participants are already excited to contest the rally next year.





GREAT BRITAIN

Morgan the Magnificent!

Adam Morgan and his family-run Ciceley Motorsport team backed by WIX Racing enjoyed a fantastic British Touring Car Championship at Thruxton, Hampshire, in their WIX Racing Mercedes-Benz A-Class, which cumulated in his first outright win of the 2015 racing season. Adam's flawless driving display secured plenty of podium success throughout the race day: a 3rd outright position, two Independent victories and a brilliant 'flag to flag' outright win in the day's final race to cap off a brilliant team performance and capture an impressive championship points haul.

Norman Burgess, Commercial and Marketing Manager, said: "The team hosted 80 VIP guests and the atmosphere within the hospitality suite was electric. Adam and the engineering and hospitality teams have been immense. The drive, motivation and determination displayed by team members and sponsors is astounding. It's a brilliant project to be involved in. Adam continues to deliver a committed, impeccable performance. Each and every race weekend he works tirelessly both at

and away from the track and fully deserves the success this brings him. The entire grandstand were on their feet and the applause was audible even above the engine note of the WIX Racing Mercedes-Benz A-Class as he crossed the line to take the win", Norman continued: "Everybody would appear to like our Adam! I received over 100 texts and the social media outlets surrounding the team have gone into meltdown. Adams unassuming, modest nature endears him to the series fans and his popularity continues to grow massively each and every weekend. Oulton Park is next and the entire team can't wait."

Adams magnificent weekend further cements and improves his position within the championship. He is currently 6th in the overall championship, only 16 points behind championship leader Gordon Shedden on 98 points, 2nd in the Independent Championship four points behind current BTCC champion Colin Turkington. The WIX Filters Racing team are 5th in the overall teams standings, first in the single car entry and 2nd in the Independent Team Championship behind the four cars of team BMR.

GREAT BRITAIN

Philip Morris on the top of the podiums

Sponsored by FUCHS for six years, Philip Morris, Purchasing Manager FLUK, is racing again in the Volkswagen Racing Cup with the KPM team led by Kevin Poole. This team is engaged with two cars for the season, Philip Morris on board a VW Golf GTI and Lucas Orrick in a VW Scirocco. The first of the seven rounds of 2015 season was held at Oulton Park, in the north west of England and a crowd of close to 20,000 spectators saw Morris win 1st place in class to take the Volkswagen Racing Cup Sportsman Trophy. He also took 12th position overall in the field of 31 cars. Four weeks later, the FUCHS driver repeated his performance in the second race of the season, this time at the Rockingham Motor Speedway. With cameras broadcasting the action live on Motors TV, he again grabbed the class victory to win his second trophy of the season so far. Both cars use FUCHS TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-30 in their specially tuned engines and Morris's DSG equipped car also uses FUCHS TITAN DCTF.



GREAT BRITAIN

Easton takes victory at Oulton Park

The Penrith-based PBM Racing team endured varying fortunes at round three of the MCE Insurance British Superbike Championship held at Oulton Park in Cheshire this May but still came away with a win and a podium.

Leading the way with a fantastic victory was Scotsman Stuart Easton who took a dramatic win in the second 18-lap race following on his 4th place finish in the opening encounter but for team-mate Shane 'Shakey' Byrne, his podium in race one was followed by being taken out by a crashing Ryuichi Kiyonari in the latter stages of race two when challenging for the win.

Stuart Easton who held on for his first Superbike win in five years, said: "With a 4th and 1st from the two races, it's been a good weekend all round and whilst I was a little bit fortunate to take the win after Byrne and Kiyonari went down, we were all evenly matched and we were all looking to put moves on each other."

Shane Byrne said: "It was a difficult race. Kiyonari made a small mistake which resulted in both of us crashing but these things happen in racing and no one will be more disappointed than Kiyonari so it's onwards and upwards to the next round."

Paul Bird, team owner, added: "Oulton isn't always the best circuit for the Kawasaki but we've been strong all weekend and are looking strong from a championship perspective too. We've got both riders running at the front and are the only team to have two riders in the top six at present so I'm feeling pretty happy."



FRANCE

The Gazelles Twins conquer the Moroccan desert

25 years ago the Moroccan Rally Aïcha des Gazelles became a pioneer in concept and innovation. Sweeping prejudices and clichés aside, the rally continues to grow and evolves with the times, always faithful to its founding values: courage, the desire to push one's limits, loyalty, solidarity and social commitment. "Our strength has always been in planning ahead and looking to the future. We have been particularly mindful and innovative when it comes to protecting the environment", explained Dominique Serra, Creator and General Director of the rally. This sporting event specially dedicated to women's teams, each year unites more than 300 women, from 18 to 65, from more than 30 nations. It now benefits from an international media coverage by more than 100 journalists, seven photographers and a helicopter.

During their first participation in this car rally in 2011, the Gazelles Twins were sponsored by FUCHS LUBRIFIANT France SA

and cooperation continues in 2015. For eight days, Caroline and Isabelle Schlatter navigated their Toyota HDJ80 (250 hp) over 2,500 km through the Moroccan desert. They oriented themselves using a compass and a map and only drove off-road. Since it was the 25th anniversary of the rally, the twins could enjoy the fireworks and the parade in front of King Mohammed VI of Morocco. "It is a nice project and competition. We were more relaxed than on our first rally and could profit from the landscape and all the progress. Driving in the desert is inexplicable and gives you a feeling of freedom." The two sisters reached an honorable 52nd place overall among 125 other committed teams. "Our racing partner, New Look 4x4, received FUCHS synthetic engine oils 5W-40 and 5W-30. They are very satisfied with the performance and quality of these lubricants", explained Isabelle Schlatter.