

**2016 International Edition - April 2016**

## ITALY

### First podium for De Rosa at Aragón

The Italian rider Raffaele De Rosa successfully defended the colors of the Althea BMW Racing team during the third round of the Superstock 1000 World Championship at the Aragón circuit in Spain. The Naples-born rider excelled in the race in spite of unexpected conditions, nevertheless winning a podium. More on this great adventure on page 3.



## GREAT BRITAIN

### Adam Morgan dominated the BTCC at Brands Hatch

The 29-year-old driver, Adam Morgan added a new victory to his list of triumphs, at the mythical Brands Hatch track in the first round of the BTCC – British Touring Car Championship. A victory that the sportsman won at the wheel of his Mercedes A-Class beating 31 professional drivers all going for their place on the podium. Read the whole article on page 6.

## FRANCE

### An exciting start to the season for Antoine Basset

The FUCHS Silkolene rider made his mark in the first rounds of the World Enduro Championship on the tracks of Agadir, Morocco, and Gouveia, Portugal, winning places on the podium and is currently 2nd overall in his category. Read the full article of the races on page 9.





## ITALY

### Iodaracing team: a promising season

The FUCHS brand was well represented at the third round of the FIM SBK World Championship with Iodaracing and Althea BMW Racing teams (see page 3), on 3 April at the Motorland Aragón circuit. A satisfactory result for both teams.

The Iodaracing team leaves the Motorland Aragón complex with the best result for the 2016 season, an 8th place obtained by Alex De Angelis in Race 2, while Lorenzo Savadori was 11th.

The second race was a decisive step forward for the Iodaracing riders, thanks to some changes in the bike set-up. De Angelis and Savadori were also able to minimize the gap between them and first place by more than ten seconds in comparison to Race 1.

The comeback of Alex De Angelis was the surprise of the weekend for the Iodaracing team. The rider from San Marino, who was to take on the Aragón track carefully after surgery on his right arm a little over a week ago, managed – in Race 2 –

to climb from 16th to a strong 8th at the finishing line. In the 20 laps of Sunday's race, De Angelis was able to make the most of the engine of his Aprilia RSV4 RF, but also benefited from the good work of the Iodaracing technicians who had meticulously prepared the bike for the race.

Even for Lorenzo Savadori, Race 2 at Aragón was positive. The novice in the Superbike category was closer to first place than in Race 1. While lacking the extra grip needed to win the Superstock, the experience gained in the two Spanish races will help in the next round in the Netherlands.

"Today we made a very risky move on the chassis set up, so we knew ours would have been a race where we had nothing to lose, but the changes turned out to be improvements and helped us to come to know the bike better", said Alex De Angelis.

Round 4: Assen (The Netherlands) – Round 5: Imola (Italy) –  
Round 6: Sepang (Malaysia)

## ITALY

### The Althea BMW Racing team won a place on the podium with De Rosa at Aragón in the Superstock 1000

It was a very positive Superstock 1000 World Championship at the Motorland Aragón circuit in Spain for the Althea BMW Racing team with De Rosa scoring 3rd place on the podium for the first time this season. In the SBK World Championship Race 2, Jordi Torres and the BMW S 1000 RR crossed the line in 5th place. Grip problems for Markus Reiterberger meant that he finished the race in 15th position.

"A very positive weekend that brought us great satisfaction with a fantastic 3rd place for De Rosa. I believe that he could have done even better if the race hadn't been red-flagged as I think this ruined his strategy. The result gives the team confidence and from here we can continue to improve using all the information we collected", explained Genesio Bevilacqua, General Manager.

After the encouraging results had been achieved and the subsequent tests had been completed at Jerez, the team then travelled on to the TT Circuit in Assen, The Netherlands, for round 4 of the 2016 Superbike World Championship.

At last year's Dutch edition, Torres completed the races with a double sixth and enjoyed riding at the historic track. While competing in the German IDM Championship in 2015, Reiterberger scored an amazing double win at Assen, which also secured him the national title. In Superstock 1000, Da Rosa finished last year's race there in 2nd place.

"We have not always had the best races there and in 2013 and 2014 it wasn't such a good track for the BMW. But then last year, we found a solution and I scored the double win and the championship title. I came within a couple of tenths of Rea's 2015 SBK race time! It won't be that easy this time around, and I needed get back the good feeling with my bike. The Jerez tests gave me this chance but we only took a small step forward. Anyway, I'm feeling positive and am looking forward to starting the weekend's work", said Markus Reiterberger.

With three rounds of WorldSBK already completed, Jordi Torres lies 7th in the general standings with 53 points and Reiterberger positions 9th with 31 points. In Superstock 1000, De Rosa holds 3rd position, after one round, with 16 points.





## ITALY

### Covatti proves to be relentless in Terenzano on the first round of the Italian Open Championship

On Sunday, 10 April, the Italian champion Nicolas Covatti\* won the first race in the tricolor Open Speedway on the oval circuit of Terenzano Friuli. Absolute domination from the frontman of the Olimpia Moto Club, who came from the qualifying heats with five wins. Despite a heads up in the first bend of the final race with the Croatian driver Pavelic, he earned himself a well deserved victory under the checkered flag. Despite a quick trip to England where he raced in the British League with Paco Castagna, the FUCHS rider was unaffected by the change of air and the lack of sleep and realized a great race. Behind Covatti, the veteran Croatian Pavelic could do nothing against the excessive power of the Italian champion.

\*Argentinian rider with an Italian license who for the fourth time in his career has recently won the title of champion of Argentina



## GREAT BRITAIN

### Eventful Bank Holiday for the Bellerby's

The Bellerby family had an action packed Bank Holiday weekend at Lydden Hill in round 2 of the British Rallycross. Paige suffered some uncharacteristic misfortune in her British Rallycross heats, however she was pleased to come out 3rd overall keeping her top of the championship leaderboard.

Sister Drew had a fantastic win on her semi-final but after an early collision, found herself driving hard to hold onto 6th overall in her final.

Dad and former five-time British Rallycross champion, Dave suffered in the poor conditions and ended up without a rear wheel after his semi-final.

Paige Bellerby said: "This weekend has been full of ups and downs, fortunately I ended on a high with 3rd overall which I am very happy with."

**Paige Bellerby: MSA British Rallycross Super-national Class**

**Drew Bellerby: British Rallycross Swift Sport Rallycross Championship**

**Dave Bellerby: MSA British Rallycross Championship**







## GREAT BRITAIN

### Pritchard makes it two from two in the BHRC

Jason Pritchard and Phil Clarke took their second win of the season on the Rally North Wales (Saturday, 2 April), the second round of the 2016 MSA British Historic Rally Championship.

Once again, Pritchard and Clarke traded times with Nick Elliott and Dave Price and it was a chicane in the opening stage that proved crucial to the final result. The two leading crews traded times and Pritchard went into the final Gartheiniog stage just eight seconds ahead but extended his margin to 21 seconds for a hard-won victory.

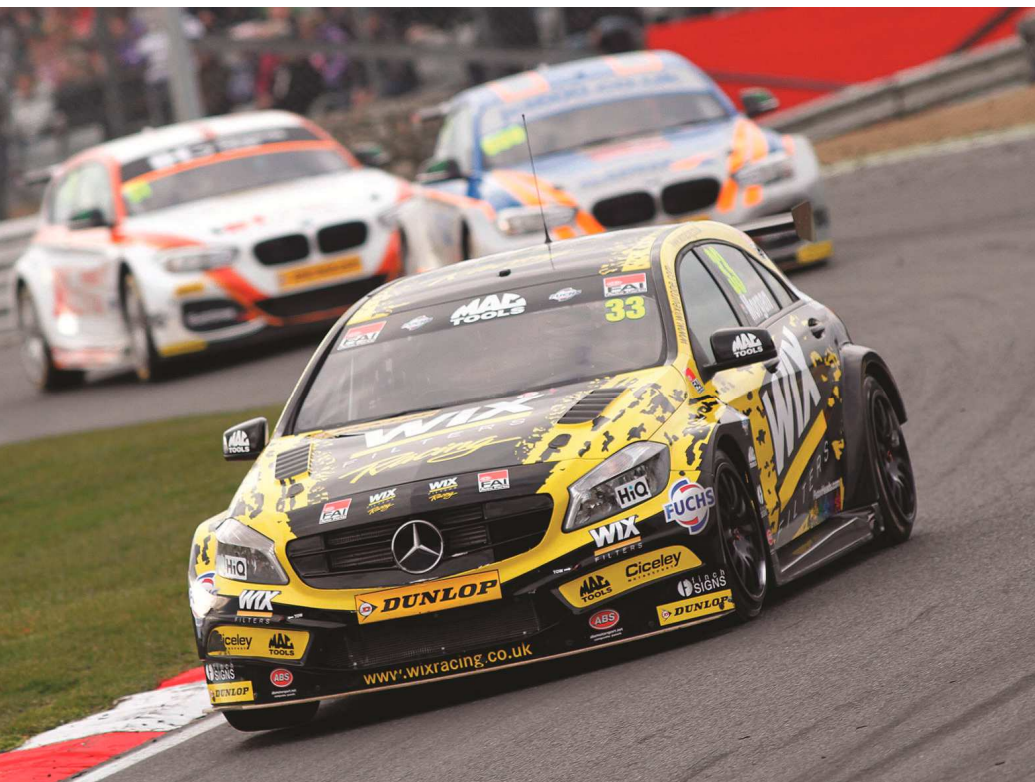
Other category winners were Bob and Dale Gibbons (Ford Cortina GT) and Stanley Orr/Guy Weaver (Ford Escort Mk1). Stanley Orr won Category 2 by just six seconds after a fabulous battle with Simon Tysoe/Paul Morris.



## GREAT BRITAIN

### Lara Small in progress

For the second round of the Thundersport series, and in spite of very challenging weather conditions, the rider Lara Small set about racing around the Donington circuit and was extremely pleased with her qualifying result, placing her 24th of 63 riders. Comfortably in the championship race, she gridded up and had her fastest race around Donington ever, smashing her Personal Best round the short circuit by almost two seconds. 1:27.5 to 1:25.8! The following day saw yet more bad weather but Lara had a series of solid mid-pack finishes out of 40 riders.



## GREAT BRITAIN

### Win for Adam in BTCC

Ciceley Motorsport driver, Adam Morgan opened his 2016 British Touring Car Championship account with a spectacular 1st place finish around the famous Brands Hatch circuit. Starting from 2nd on the grid, Adam soon overtook polesitter Sam Tordoff whilst exiting Clearways and remained at the front for the remainder of the race, despite fierce pressure from a quickening Sam Tordoff and Jack Goff on the final few laps. The win in race 3, plus the 9th and 8th place finishes in races one and two, leave Adam in 3rd place overall in the BTCC Championship after round one.



## AUSTRALIA

### John Zappia wraps up ninth consecutive championship in the Grand Final

John Zappia is a drag racing legend in Australia. He is the current ANDRA Pro Series Top Doorslammer National champion. His 2015/2016 season was the ninth consecutive championship for the man known as "Zap".

Piloting the Monaro sponsored by FUCHS, Zap won his ninth straight title in a new 1000ft track record of 4.839 at 227.49 mph to prove that mathematically the title was out of reach for any of his fellow competitors.

"We ran a 4.83 (in the first qualifier) and a 4.84 in our third, the last time I was here we ran a 4.88", said Zappia. "The National Record is a 4.81 and we've run 4.79 at quarter mile tracks so we know we're not far off. We tried for it on the second run and I hung on through tire

shake a bit too long. On the third we backed it off and it went through. Nine Championships is fantastic. The FUCHS Monaro has been great and thanks to FUCHS our sponsor that have supported us throughout the years, it's paid off".

When asked about the prospect of winning a tenth championship, Zappia explained: "We want to win ten ANDRA Championships. It's been a long-term goal, and the reality of that is dawning on us, so we will heavily invest our efforts to make that a reality. We aim for consistency at a higher performance level and to do that we need the best parts and attention to detail to make sure that little things don't trip us up."



## ZIMBABWE

### FUCHS 4x4 Nite Extreme: an expected event in the world of four wheels

This inescapable (must) 4x4 competition was staged first in 2010 by FUCHS' competitors, the 4x4 Club of Zimbabwe who wanted to organize a challenging event. The success of the first edition convinced the organizers to repeat this race that has become the biggest event for the drivers over the years. "Having the backing of FUCHS LUBRICANTS for the third year running as a title sponsor has transformed this competition into a thriving and well-loved event. This year, we decided to develop this sport event further and we welcomed 20 vehicles entering from all walks of life, some from over 270 km away with their highly modified Jeeps", explained Chairman, Jason Young.

This fifth edition of the FUCHS Nite Extreme took place at the Donnybrook Race track in Harare and was held at night to make driving more difficult. It is a very popular event and attracts a big crowd, who were treated to three roll overs. Once again this challenging event earned the drivers and their navigators high prestige.



"It made four months of planning well worth the stress and effort to hear such positive feedback from driver and spectators alike. We had a lot of mud this year and, well what can I say, who doesn't like mud flying around recklessly while listening to that Chevy V8 throwing its weight around me. We also had about six roll overs including the FUCHS sponsored Landy, so by the end of the evening we had lost three vehicles to broken diffs, and various other ailments, showing drivers pushing themselves to their absolute limits. The rain didn't make things any easier but transformed the event into spectator loved evening which only stopped at 4am the following morning. Huge thanks go out to all the staff and management at FUCHS Zimbabwe for their well appreciated contribution to motorsport in Zimbabwe, we are looking forward to a bigger and better FUCHS 4x4 Nite Extreme in 2017."



## FRANCE

### Antoine Basset on a success streak

Heavily committed in the French, European and World Enduro Championships, Antoine Basset won places on the podium in the first rounds of the season, at the end of some masterful races. Through the European Enduro Championship at Brioude, France, in March, the 28-year-old rider made his mark with two marvelous victories on the podium in the Senior E3 class and was 1st in the overall classification in front of the high level riders and specially the Englishman Brad Freeman.

The opening season of the World Enduro Championship took place on the Moroccan track of Agadir on April 9 and 10. The tricolor rider motivated by his recent success, reiterated his European results with two podium finishes in this international event. During Saturday's Grand Prix, he finished 3rd place in his class and 7th overall in the EnduroGP Master-class competition. On Sunday, Antoine Basset performed well in the second round, taking 2nd place on the podium. "This first GP was not very easy with three rounds and very long and hard road passages", explained the rider. "But I like this stoney track with its rocks and dust."

The private rider, supported by his family, came to the event behind the wheel of his truck, and deservedly won a place on podium in front of factory riders of renowned brands. "My bike worked very well. The FUCHS lubricants were very useful because of the sludge, sand and humidity. I am very happy to start the season with these results. The winner's work has paid off." The team went straight to the second round of the World Enduro Championship on the Gouveia track in Portugal on April 16 and 17. Despite hellish conditions due to torrential rain throughout the weekend, the talented rider again won a place on the podium. In the first stage, he won 2nd place on the podium in the E3 class and came in 5th in the EnduroGP. In the second round of the Portuguese tournament he won 3rd place in the E3 class and 2nd place overall. With the accumulated results of the two GPs, he ranked 2nd place overall in the E3 class. Antoine Basset and his team are preparing for the opening of the French Championship, which will take place in the Basque Country and for the 3rd race of the World Enduro Championship in Greece on the Grevena racetrack on May 21 and 22.



## FRANCE

### Michel Turon-Barrere and Pierre Tuheil: eyes set on the championship title

After two seasons away from the off-road scene, Michel Turon-Barrere of the MTB team is back in the competition. It is in the Spanish Championship of Baja that the well-known driver of the Dakar and Africa Race, will defend the FUCHS colors. This seven-round championship in Spain will welcome distinguished racers from all over Europe. "Each race equals a special section of the Dakar rally with longer and faster roads. Moreover a lot of racers have come to this championship to train and test their equipment and prepare for the challenging off-road rally", explained Michel Turon-Barrere who has raced in five Dakar and three Africa Race rallies and has benefited from undeniable experience acquired on these off-road rallies since 1987.

"The buggy was completely disassembled, its weight reduced by 100kg and the front and rear of the car were modified. The body of the car was rebuilt with carbon."

The first round of the season took place at Lleida and the twisty and rocky section through the mountains was rather tough for a buggy designed for fast roads. Nevertheless, Michel Turon-Barrere and Pierre Tuheil made their mark and won 1st place in their class.

"There were some great materials and equipment in the championship, especially with the arrival of the Mini One and the Toyota Pro Drive so the challenge will be very hard and demanding."

The objective for the team is to win the Spanish title in all categories in front of more experienced drivers. The next round will take place at Almeria in the South of Spain (Andalucía) and more than 60 teams are already waiting impatiently for the start.