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Chmielewski wins Open 2WD

The FUCHS driver dominates the Open 2WD class in the 25th Rally of Rzeszow, the second round of the 2016 Polish Rally Championship, on board his new 2016 BMW R 320. // Page 5.

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Herbert Linge in the FUCHS race pit at Le Mans

Christian Loch and his teammates of the FUCHS Petrolub/Penske Sportwagenzentrum - Porsche Zentrum Mannheim team were very pleased to welcome the famous German driver, Herbert Linge, during the 24-Hour Classic in Le Mans and benefited from his precious technical know-how. // Page 3.



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Fabulous double win for Darian Sanayei

The formidable 19-year-old American driver delivered a remarkable performance winning the two last rounds of the EMX250 European Championship walking away with the 2016 European vice-champion title. // Page 6.





Germany

Fantastic adventure for Loch at the 24-Hour Classic in Le Mans

123,000 spectators celebrated the 8th edition of this biennial 24-Hour Classic, which welcomed 550 racing cars, 1,000 drivers and 8,500 cars exhibited by 180 clubs. The event also included the Jaguar Classic Challenge and many festivities in the paddock. Christian Loch, Tobias Klaes and Patrick Morgenstern of the FUCHS Petrolub/Penske Sportwagenzentrum - Porsche Zentrum Mannheim team took on the competition in a Porsche 356A. This car of 1957 has a stunning exterior design styled like FUCHS's advertisements from the 70s. "Profiting from our 2014 experience we set up our car perfectly and had the appropriate lubricants. We were proud to welcome the legendary race car driver Herbert Linge to our pit what made us benefit from his precious technical expertise", explained Christian Loch, driver and owner of the team.

At 4 pm, American star Pharrell Williams waved the start flag for the six grids with cars from 1923 to 1981.

"Driving at night was a very intense experience. For me, the best moment was when I was driving down the Hunaudières straight (3km) alone in my Porsche 356A", said Patrick Morgenstern. During the race, the team was considered to be a slow participant with their 1600cc.

"Our car's performance was outstanding, whereas several opponents were thrown back with technical defects or broke down completely. Of course, our race car struggled with high temperatures, too and the oil

temperature rose alarmingly. After a short consultation, Herbert Linge shared some of his old tricks. In addition, regular lube service with fresh FUCHS oil provided the required reliability. And would you look at that? We got temperature under control and could continue accelerating", explained Patrick. Finally, the Porsche 356A passed the chequered flag 30th overall and 5th in its class, even in 20th place in the index of performance: engine power class/age evaluation. No damage, no technical malfunctions, motor and gear box ran like clockwork, perfectly smooth, everything went well – a super result!





Pictured: Herbert Linge (right) with the members of the team

Germany

Herbert Linge joins the FUCHS team at the 24-Hour Classic in Le Mans

This emeritus driver born in 1928 was one of the first apprentices of Porsche in 1943. Linge worked as a mechanic in the racing department of the brand and built his sporting career between 1952 and 1970. As a co-pilot, he participated twice in the Carrera Panamericana in a Porsche 550. He represented the brand in Targa-Florio for seven years and raced the Le Mans 24-Hours from 1958 to 1970 gaining a lot of victories in his class. In 1963, he triumphed with podiums in the Deutsche Automobil Rundstrecken Meisterschaft (DARMT), on the Norisring, the Nürburgring and at Trèves in a Porsche 356B Carrera Abarth. He won 6th place twice at the 24-Hours of Daytona (1964 and 1966) and he secured 4th position during the 12-hour race of Sebring in 1966 in a Porsche 906. Herbert Linge finished his outstanding career in 1993. During his professional life, he used his vast race experience and his competences to improve race safety measures and particularly worked on the extinguishers

on board the Porsche Cup. He was actively involved in the development of projects in F1 and F2 for the Stuttgart brand.

The most recent edition of the German magazine 'Auto Bild Klassik' dedicated four pages to him, illustrated with photos of Christian Loch's FUCHS car.





South Africa

Easy racing for Keagan James O'Hara

11-year-old Keagan James O'Hara is racing with FUCHS Silkolene products for the second season. Recently, he competed in the fifth round of the GXCC Series* in South Africa on a KTM 65 SX. This two-hour race consists of loops of 22km. After the first loop his mechanic noticed that the oil-level glass was damaged and lubricant had leaked out of the engine causing the bike to run with very little or no oil. "We would like to thank FUCHS Silkolene for their products. It is the protection provided by their lubricants that helped me to finish this race in 3rd place", said the young rider.

FUCHS lubricant: **Silkolene PRO 2 SX**

*The Gauteng Xross Country Club is involved in the development of the Off-Road/Xross Country scene by organizing events for motorcycle and quad riders, where adrenaline levels rise, in a safe, funny and competitive environment. Proudly affiliated to MSA, Motorsport South Africa, the GXCC hosts both a Club and the Northern Regional Championships during an eight-round series within a radius of 200km of Johannesburg.

Poland

Enriching experience for Anna Wygachiewicz at the FIM European Women and Youth Trial Championship at Miekinia

The rider Anna Wygachiewicz sponsored by FUCHS OIL CORPORATION (PL) raced in the very prestigious FIM European Women and Youth Trial Championship. Two years after the last successful organization, this sporting event was back for the second and third round scheduled at Miekinia, Poland, on June 25 and 26. Again the local club organized twelve stages on an area close to public roads. On an area of less than ten square kilometers the very young racers and the best female riders involved in this sport did their best to catch two important titles: trial and professional sport. It was a unique event including all classes.

Anna Wygachiewicz was very satisfied with her start despite the fact that her clutch burnt on the first day. "Competing against the best riders in Europe is always very challenging and motivating", said Anna after the competition.





Poland

Jan Chmielewski wins Open 2WD class in the Rzeszów Rally

Chmielewski's team sponsored by FUCHS OIL CORPORATION (PL) won the Open 2WD class in the 25th Rally in Rzeszów* (4 to 6 August 2016). Jan Chmielewski having driven a Citroën DS3-R3T switched to a BMW R 320 in 2016. This choice was surprising for the rivals and the fans as the rear-wheel drive is quite unique in the 2WD category.

The rally in Rzeszów was the second round of the 2016 Polish Rally Championship. In the first race in Świdnica they tested the set-up of the new vehicle. "Despite some obstacles we had to overcome, the joy of driving our BMW is amazing", said Jan after the Świdnica rally. "Although the final result was rather disappointing, I'm happy with it and can't wait for the next competition." Indeed, the results in Rzeszów were much better with a great victory in the Open 2WD class and 9th place overall against more than 80 teams. "We are very satisfied after the second round", commented Jan. "This is the success of the whole team. I'm happy to hear that the fans are waiting for the performance of our car at the special stages. It shows that the decision to switch to BMW we made together with our sponsors was right." With these results, it is already evident that Jan will be a rival hard to beat.

The next rally will take place in September.



*Rally Rzeszów's history might date back to 1970 but its 25th edition will perhaps be its most significant moment so far with the asphalt event, an ERC newcomer for 2016. Rally Rzeszów took place on narrow, winding sealed-surface roads in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains in southeast Poland with steep climbs and tricky descents being commonplace.



France

Darian Sanayei crowned EMX250 European vice-champion

The ninth and last round of the EMX250 Motocross European Championship took place on the new track of Frauenfeld in Switzerland. The Bud Racing driver sponsored by FUCHS Silkolene, Darian Sanayei, rapidly set the pace finishing with the best lap time in the qualifying session. Right from the start the native of Washington was fastest on the track and won this race in style. Despite a chaotic start in the second round, the 19-year-old FUCHS Silkolene rider made a come-back and dominated his opponents finishing 20 seconds ahead of his first rival. At the end of a thrilling 2016 season, he finished the championship with the very coveted vice-champion title and the silver medal awarded by the FIM (International Motorcycling Federation). "My goal was to win the title this year and I finished as vice-champion in my first European season. Now, I will go back to the States to prepare myself and race in the last two GPs of the MX2 World Motocross Championship."

September 3: American GP at Charlotte
September 11: US GP at Glen-Helen

France

Successes and title for Xavier Boog on the SX Tour

The fifth and final round of the 2016 French Supercross XT Tour Championship, which began on June 25 on the track of Agen, took place at La Tremblade in mid-August. With a five-point lead over Xavier Boog of the Bud Racing team sponsored by FUCHS Silkolene, the leader Thomas Ramette seemed to have the win already under his belt. Victorious in the two rounds at Saint-Thibéry and Estillac, Xavier Boog was ready to do his best to take up the challenge despite Ramette's incredible pace. Side by side, the two protagonists expected to cross the finish line and win the title. The twist occurred when Ramette made a mistake, so the FUCHS Silkolene rider raced to victory and won his first SX Tour title in front of 12,000 spectators. Despite all his efforts and his experience, it was too late for Thomas Ramette of the SR Molson Racing Suzuki team who had to content himself with 3rd place at La Tremblade. At the end of this fifth round, both riders had the same score. The FUCHS Silkolene rider took the 2016 title having beaten Thomas Ramette in the total number of victories (three for Xavier Boog and only one for Thomas Ramette).



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Great Britain

World Cup silver medal and British title for Danny King

Danny King helped Great Britain win the World Cup silver medal with the four-man GB team, for the first time since 2004, in the final of the annual event held at the National Speedway Stadium in Manchester. The 29-year-old scored five points from five rides, ending a difficult night on a high with a vital victory in the penultimate race as the host nation charged from last to second in the standings. "I had a really disappointing start when touching the tapes in my first race and being excluded. I was then a bit nervous about doing it again in my second ride and ended up missing the start as a result. But I gradually got myself going and it was brilliant to finish with an important race win in my last ride. To win a silver medal is a fantastic achievement and it was a huge honour to be part of the Great Britain team", said King. The World Cup silver medal success continued a memorable season for Danny King, who captured the British title for the first time last month and then rode in his first-ever World Championship event, the British SGP, earlier in July.



Great Britain

New adventures for Drew Bellerby

Drew Bellerby, FUCHS driver, who races in her newly built Suzuki Swift Sport in the British Rallycross, has just turned 18. Many happy returns Drew!



Great Britain

Adrenaline for Harvey Smith

For the past few years, FUCHS Silkolene have sponsored two drivers of the F1 Atlantic GB team, taking part in the Powerboat GB racing. Matt Palfreyman competes in Formula 2 – this is a 120 mph class and is always a spectacle to watch, and Harvey Smith in GT 15 class. The 2016 RYA Powerboat GP Championship campaign headed to Chasewater Water Sports Park, Staffordshire for the penultimate GP in the British Championship to battle it out for vital points in the championship. Harvey was first up as a junior racer taking to the water to battle with the 9-16 year olds and secured himself the bronze medal.



Pictured: Stuart Egdell

Photo credit: Courtesy of British Drift Championship

Great Britain

British Drift Championship 2016

Team Redmist were pleased to compete in a Drifting event for Pro-Am drivers held at Driftland, Fife, Scotland. This event saw two of the three drivers (Stuart and Mark) split into two groups for practice and qualifiers, this worked really well giving each the opportunity to help and observe each other. Each fed information back to the other to help improve and get what the judges wanted to see. When it came to qualifying they were pleased to achieve 19th and 23rd place on the grid. The next day the team provided a show for a bit of fun and some crowd entertainment.

Japfest Rock!

For round two, one weekend after Driftland, Stuart, Mark and Dean of the Redmist team joined a select few BDC drivers on the main infield at Rockingham for Japfest 2. "This circuit is fast, you have to be fully committed on the track as there is very little room for error", said the team manager. "When committed at 100mph plus full throttle in the heat, we rely on our lubricants more than ever, with all three cars running on FUCHS TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, the cars ran flawlessly all day we had maximum coolant temps of 80 degrees and oil temps similar even in the small area with repeated passenger laps."



Pictured: Guy Woodcock and Richard Crozier

Photo credit: Courtesy of Russ Owey

Great Britain

The FUCHS Lubricants R.A.C. Historic Asphalt Championship

Guy Woodcock and Richard Crozier took a commanding victory on the third round of the FUCHS Lubricants R.A.C. Historic Asphalt Rally Championship, the Epynt-based (Mid Wales) Harry Flatters Historic Rally. Belgian crew Christophe Jacob and Isabelle Regnier, who had travelled to England specifically to compete in this event for the first time, made a very popular first visit to Epynt but vowed to return. "It was good discovering somewhere new and it felt okay from the start. There is no real comparison to this in Belgium, but now we have a good set-up for the car and we will return", they said.

Next rallies: September 15-17: Isle of Man Rally Classic; October 9: Cheviot Keith Knox Stages (Otterburn)



Great Britain

Freddie Housley: a champion in the making

Freddie Housley first went on a track at the age of five at Whilton Mill Kart circuit in Northampton in a Bambino 50cc Zip Kart. When he turned six, he entered his first ever race at Fulbeck circuit in June 2015. He finished on the podium with 3rd place which led to regular club racing at Tattershall and Fulbeck once a month where he never placed less than 5th with regular top 3 finishes. He is trained by former touring car driver Nick Leason who saw his talent at the age of five and wanted to get involved. In 2016, Freddie Housley raced into MSA Bambino British Championships, facing 32 other competitors and aiming for a top 10 finish overall.

Freddie has had regular podium finishes and set the fastest lap at Wombwell, South Yorkshire. He obtained: the 4th place at Ryehouse London out of 26 competitors, the 5th position in the Dubai O plate 2016 against competitors from different countries, the 1st place and fastest lap at the Yas Marina circuit Abu Dhabi in March, W-plate Memorial Meeting 2016 winner at Wombwell in May, currently sitting 8th in the UK MSA Bambino standings after five of seven rounds.





Photo credit: Courtesy of Phil Andrews

Great Britain

FUCHS Silkolene partner of Oliver's Mount road race circuit

Oliver's Mount road race circuit is England's only natural road racetrack situated just five minutes from the seaside town of Scarborough. The races have been likened to a miniature TT by the seaside and importantly, for the racers, the 2.43 mile track has always been regarded as a challenging, tight and twisty circuit, which tests their skills to the maximum. At the Barry Sheene Festival the overall winner was Dean Harrison who took his total tally of wins at Oliver's Mount in 2016 to a quite incredible 18. Competing in the Supertwin races, FUCHS Silkolene sponsored two riders achieved podium places. As a result of a top ride on his Cowton Racing ER6 Kawasaki mount, Brad Vicars was placed 2nd, and VRS Racing's Peter Boast followed in 3rd place, an outstanding performance by both riders.

Pictured: Brad Vicars

Great Britain

Lara Small shows true grit at Rockingham

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored a semi-professional motorbike racer, Lara Small. The rider is a Troop Commander in the Army Reserves and races with the British Army Motorcycle Road Racing team. She holds a full time job as a Manufacturing Engineer with Rolls-Royce. She is usually found racing her Via Moto Honda CB500 in the Thundersport 500 category. However, in this race, Lara rode the Knight Road Racing team Ducati 1198, as a guest rider. Lara set a new personal best on the 180bhp Ducati 1198 at Rockingham. Being a new member of the GP1 race, the fastest grid on the paddock, Lara got to grips with the Ducati and shaved six seconds off her testing time by the last race of day one.

She had only one test day on the bike so a future on the Ducati with some stronger lap times is definitely possible. "She's a big, orange beast!", described Lara, certainly a stark contrast from her normal 50bhp Honda CB500 mount. "When I open her up on the straight, it's like being teleported from end to end! The best feeling on her is round the long left hander, skimming my knee on the apex and feeling the grunt as I straight line her out of the exit." Lara achieved an admirable 22nd place on the GP1 grid, maintaining composure on a twelve lap race. She muscled in front of a BMW 1000RR for half the race, great to watch from the stands! Her best result was 11th in the British Military Inter-services Challenge where she achieved her Rockingham personal best. The twist infield is a tricky section for such a lump of a bike, where the 600s made better progress, but with the oval section, Lara stretched the Dukes legs to make a good distance from smaller bikes snapping at her heels.

Pictured: Lara astride the Duke!





Great Britain

Great result for Adam Morgan at Snetterton

FUCHS LUBRICANTS (UK) sponsored driver Adam Morgan achieved three excellent top 10 finishes at Snetterton in the last three rounds of the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship.

Adam was 3rd fastest in Saturday's qualifying session. From row two of the grid, and with just nine kilograms of success ballast, Adam was jumped by Mat Jackson's Ford Focus at the start of the twelve lap race and then tried to battle his way back ahead. However, the Ford was too quick in a straight line and Adam's best efforts to retake 3rd place were stymied by the pace of the Ford.

Adam started 4th for race two with 48 kilos of success ballast aboard and made a good start before the race was stopped for an accident among the midfield pack. At the restart, Adam powered away but lost a spot to Jackson and finished the race in a fighting 5th place. "I think I used the soft tire a bit hard at the original start", said Adam, "and that just cost

me a little pace early in the restart. That said, points-wise we are looking good and we have no damage." That couldn't be said of others and another huge accident at the start of race three prompted a stoppage and a delay for barrier repairs. Adam ran to 3rd at the restart but at turn two, the Wilson hairpin, nemesis Jackson dived up the inside and clattered past the FUCHS Lubricants supported Mercedes. As Adam was forced wide, he rubbed into Tom Ingram's Toyota Avensis and both picked up damage. Adam dropped to 9th and spent the ten lap race involved in huge battles, fighting for position and defending at the same time. By flag fall, he had raced to a hard-fought 7th place.

"Three top 10 finishes is a great result, though, after a difficult time at Oulton Park and Croft. So all round it has been a very positive weekend and we go to Knockhill; that has suited our car in the past", said Adam.