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FRANCE

MTB on the podium in the 4th stage of the Africa Eco Race

At the end of almost 3,000 km of challenging terrain, Michel Turon-Barrère and Guillaume Martineau launched onto the mythical Dakar beach at over 170 km/h. With helicopters flying overhead and pursued by their competitors, they took 4th place in this ultimate rally in their 4x4 CDR. René Metge had promised: "This rally will be even more challenging than in 2012." But this did not stop the FUCHS drivers from winning the 4th stage with a 11 min. 39 lead ahead of race leaders such as Schlessler! "Despite a wheel rim exploding and being without a left brake, we continued to fight. We were determined to win and outstrip our competitors", explains Michel. The whole event was an unforgettable experience for the team, who finished in 12th place overall out of the 57 teams who completed the eleven stages (150 started). They also finished in 9th place in the car class and third in the buggy.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN TRUCK PLUS SAE 15W-40, PLANTOSYN 3268 ECO, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN-35



ITALY

New adventures for FUCHS

FUCHS LUBRIFICANTI S.P.A. has signed a sponsorship agreement with the Althea Racing team and Ducati for the 2014 World Superbike Championship. The team will be competing in the EVO class with a Ducati 1199 Panigale. Niccolò Canepa, a young but very experienced rider, who has worked with Ducati in various teams in the past, will ride for the team.

FRANCE

Boucou Assistance: a test of strength in Dakar

FUCHS distributor, Michel Boucou, attended the Dakar Rally for the ninth time this year with six trucks (only two for assistance purposes) and a Toyota. His objective: "To ensure we are available to assist our clients such as Vigouroux, Baldwin, Gordon and Spinelli whenever problems arise. We need to be ready to intervene at any time. The Toyota is equipped with tools, ready to provide immediate assistance until the two other trucks loaded with spare parts arrive. Repairs must be made in record time." It's a race against time for the fourteen team members. "The work we carry out for our customers is more rough and ready than usual and we have also experienced our own setbacks (clutch change, six flat tires, four pipes, three shock absorbers...)" With two hours of rest in six days of racing, the challenge is tough!





GERMANY

Ethan Spiller shows his dominance

At the tender age of 13, Ethan Spiller is already setting the tone in his first season in the 250cc class, winning the three most important national speedway titles. With talent, courage and persistence, he has added further successes to his collection of titles: German Champion 2013, MSJ Champion in the 250cc class, South German Champion in the 250cc class and runner up in the South Bavarian ADAC Championship in the 250cc class. In 2013, he travelled to the UK together with his brother Daniel (FUCHS MS News December 2013) to take part in the British Youth Championship. "We only took part in three heats out of six, but we gained a great deal from it because the tracks in the UK are so different from those we are used to. We learnt a lot and were able to keep improving our performances." Ethan will continue to compete in the 250cc class in 2014 and will probably drive in the 500cc class on a few occasions. He will also take part in the FIM 250 Speedway Gold Trophy World Championships, which will take place in Italy at the start of August. For 2014 the minimum age has been dropped from 14 to 13 years, meaning he will definitely be one of the youngest participants at the event. His brother Daniel is currently the reigning World Champion in the 250cc class!

FUCHS lubricants: CASTORENE R50S, Silkolene CHAIN LUBE, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER, ANTICORIT SYNTH, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, RENOCLEAN KU, PLANTOTAC HV100S, RENOCLEAN 2000

GERMANY

FUCHS promotes the next generation in the rally sport on historic vehicles

The FUCHS team took part in the 'Col Du Pigeonnier Historique' event as part of the next generation program for young people in rally sport run by the Penske Sportwagenzentrum GmbH Porsche Centre in Mannheim. Following in the tracks of the World Rally Championship, the event comprised special tests as well as sections of the France Rally route. The route passed through northern Alsace around Wissembourg and provided an excellent opportunity to promote the next generation of rally drivers, as all rally skills could be put to the test, including terrain navigation, driving using a road book and special time trial tests. The FUCHS team competed in a 1957 Porsche 356 A Coupé, driven by Christian Loch. The co-driver was 13-year-old Nils Loch, who had previously completed a three-day training program. The FUCHS 'junior team' drove faultlessly over the entire course through the picturesque Alsatian landscape under a radiantly blue sky, including several hill climb sections. The result – overall victory and also best in



class ahead of experienced old hands. The winning team were delighted to be invited to the renowned historic hill climb at 'Trois Epis' near Tuerckheim in southern Alsace. "In 2014 Christian Loch will once again take part in the Le Mans Classic in a FUCHS-sponsored vehicle. This most prestigious long-distance race for historic vehicles worldwide will take place from 4 to 6 July 2014. Only vehicles which took part in races at Le Mans as new vehicles in the past are permitted", explains Markus Garb from FUCHS EUROPE SCHMIERSTOFFE GMBH.



AUSTRALIA

EREBUS and FUCHS to race beyond 2014

FUCHS LUBRICANTS (AUSTRALASIA) PTY. LTD. will continue its role as a major commercial and technical partner of Erebus Motorsport V8 in 2014. FUCHS, through its extensive range of lubricants, is a key partner of the Erebus team, with its major role being an increased involvement in the ongoing development of the Mercedes-Benz E63 AMG V8 Supercar launched in 2013. FUCHS also supplies a wide range of products to the team's workshop at Yatala in Queensland and also to the pit/garage area at race tracks across Australia and New Zealand. The new deal with Erebus marks the continuation of a partnership first started in 2008 and once again will see the FUCHS logo displayed on the front corners and inside bonnet of the #4 and #9 entries in the V8 Supercars Championship in 2014. "FUCHS LUBRICANTS is excited to continue its involvement with Erebus Motorsport", said FUCHS Managing Director, Wayne Hoiles. "FUCHS has watched and supported the team as it continues to evolve and look forward to what Erebus Motorsport can deliver in the forthcoming season. With a new in-house engine development program we are excited about providing an increased level of technical support to the team. It's an ongoing journey to ensure we are delivering the best product, which ensures best results on the track for Erebus Motorsport", concluded Mr. Hoiles. The FUCHS logos have been seen on the Erebus Motorsport V8 Supercars throughout the 2013 season and appeared on Erebus' Bathurst 12 Hour winning SLS AMG GT3 Gullwing. In 2014, Erebus Motorsport will take part in 15 separate V8 race events across the country including the Bathurst 1000 in October.

Absolute confidence in FUCHS LUBRICANTS

Erebus CEO Ryan Maddison said the continuation of the FUCHS partnership was a key to the team moving forward. "Having a company like FUCHS that shares our determination for success made it very easy to renegotiate for 2014 and beyond, they are a fantastic partner to Erebus Motorsport", said Maddison. "Race conditions are said to be at least ten times harsher on components than any road car application. When you consider the thousands of race kilometers we cover each year, you get a true appreciation for what FUCHS provides Erebus within our power train and servicing requirements at tracks across the country. We have been developing everything in the spotlight of competition and FUCHS has had to meet some true challenges with their products. Not only have they met and confidently exceeded all these challenges, they continue to work with our technical department on ensuring we can reach our goals of success in V8 Supercars."



ZIMBABWE

100% success for FUCHS

FUCHS Silkolene was the main sponsor for the Zimbabwe Summer Series 2013, held at Donnybrooke, Harare, in December. This was FUCHS Silkolene's 4th year as main sponsor and it saw riders coming from the region to take part in the two days of Moto X and the two days of Super X under lights. All classes were represented from Pee Wee to MX1. The series attracted 130 top riders from Southern Africa. South African Kerim Fitzgerald on a FUCHS Silkolene KTM was crowned Summer Series 2013 Champion winning the MX1 class, Zimbabwean Jayden Ashwell was the runner-up on his FUCHS Silkolene Leopack KTM. The two Super X events received large public support. In excess of 6,000 fans pitched up to see world class Super X under floodlight at Donnybrooke Park. Gary Granger, chairman of the Bog Wheelers Club in Harare, and his team put up a fantastic show over the four days of racing. FUCHS in Zimbabwe sent trucks down to South Africa to transport the Moto X bikes across the border. Only the top riders should compete in what is now without doubt the best Moto X series in Southern Africa. The Summer Series 2014 look to be bigger and better hopefully attracting more international riders.

MALAYSIA

Team Prime Mantle Aylezo wins GTC-AM class in Sepang

First time participants in the Asian Le Mans Series, Team Prime Mantle Aylezo claimed victory in the GTC-AM class at the Sepang International Circuit. The team completed the 72 laps of the three hour endurance race in their Lamborghini Super Trofeo, driven by Zen Low, Giorgio Sanna and Dilantha Malagamuwa. "It was not the easiest race for us, but having drivers such as Giorgio and Dilantha with us helped boost spirits. We were extremely excited to take part in the Asian Le Mans Series. Giorgio, who is a Lamborghini works driver, brought with him a wealth of experience that has been really beneficial to us. He helped us to set-up the car perfectly for a shorter endurance race and the Sepang circuit in particular. This was the first

time we had used this particular make of tyres and having Giorgio's input was invaluable. Dilantha too has been crucial for us, as he is a very experienced GT driver and races regularly in the Lamborghini. Having the backing of JH Italia and the use of their car for the race was amazing", explains FUCHS driver, Zen Low, enthusiastically.

An explosive trio

Sanna started first on the grid with the fastest time in qualifying. He immediately built up a big lead over the second car in the class. By the time he had completed his stint and managed to lap the other team, Mike Racing. Zen Low then took over. He encountered a few problems (a tire puncture and a pit-stop penalty), but luckily Sanna had built a gap earlier on and the team managed to stay ahead. Next it was Dilantha's turn. He maintained the team's lead, finishing the race one lap ahead of the second placed car from Mike Racing to take first place on the podium.





GREAT BRITAIN

Paul Bird Motorsport announces four rider team for 2014

Paul Bird Motorsport Team announces that they will be contesting the MotoGP World Championship and the MCE Insurance British Superbike Championship with a two rider team in each series in 2014.

Ulsterman Michael Laverty will continue for a second year in MotoGP where he will be joined by Australian Broc Parkes on board the team's PBM Aprilias. In BSB, triple champion Shane 'Shakey' Byrne will be joined by reigning British Supersport Champion Stuart Easton on the Rapid Solicitors Kawasaki ZX-10Rs. Laverty ended his debut season in the MotoGP World Championship in 25th overall with a best result of 13th at Jerez. Parkes, meanwhile, is a former runner-up in the World Supersport Championship and raced a Kawasaki for the PBM team in World Superbikes in 2009. In the MCE Insurance British Superbike Championship, Byrne was narrowly beaten to the title in the very last race of the season but became the most successful rider in BSB history taking his tally to 51 wins. Returning to the team he last raced with in 2012, Scotsman Stuart Easton is hoping to add to his success for the Cumbrian-based team. All four bikes are expected to run in the traditional British Racing Green livery and the team will be officially unveiled at the London Motorcycle Show from February 14/16th.

The opening round of the MotoGP World Championship takes place at Qatar on 23rd March with round one of the MCE Insurance British Superbike Championship taking place at Brands Hatch on 21st April.

A good image for FUCHS Silkolene

Paul Bird, the team owner, says: "It's taken a little while but I've got the four riders I wanted in the two championships I wanted to race in. We've done a lot of spade work in MotoGP over the past two seasons so the plan is to build on that and work with our partners and Michael and Broc are very capable of delivering. As for BSB, it really hurt us losing our crown to Honda so Shakey's back to try and reclaim it and Stuart needed a year away from BSB and is now back in the big time with us. We have some wonderful and loyal sponsors with Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence specialists Rapid Solicitors and FUCHS Silkolene on board again and also, we'd like to welcome MAC Tools too. There's still some business to sort which will be of very big interest when we announce it so watch this space!"