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Zambia

A charity challenge for wildlife conservation

Since 2017, FUCHS Zambia has been the main sponsor of the FUCHS Elephant Charge, a tough 4x4 and motorbike challenge organized to collect funds for wildlife conservation through education and anti-poaching awareness. This year, 34 teams attended and raised the largest fund collection since the creation of the event. // Page 2.

Austria

An impressive and exciting season

After a 24-race season, the DF1 Racing Team celebrated titles and victories with Henri Tuomaala, Leevi Lintukanto, Nicolò Rocca, and Justin Kunz in the NASCAR Whelen Euro Series. Norbert Walchhofer, Head of Motorsport, hopes for more podiums in 2022 thanks to these great results. // Page 6.



France

Bernard Team fought to the finish

Dany and Nadège Bernard overcame all obstacles of the Rallye Aïcha des Gazelles du Maroc (Gazelles Aïcha Rally of Morocco) in a 4x4 Jeep Wrangler. Over 1,000 km, the duo braved fatigue and pitted themselves against the 150 crews of this category. // Page 3.



Zambia

FUCHS Zambia commits to supporting national conservation projects

FUCHS Elephant Charge is an annual event which challenges teams to compete in a grueling event through the Zambian bush. The FUCHS EC is held to raise money for conservation through education and anti-poaching awareness in Zambia. For 14 years, this event has raised over \$1,420,000, which has been donated to conservation organizations working across the country. This year, 34 teams raised an unprecedented collection fund of \$239,096.

As always, the event was an intense challenge for experienced teams with checkpoints strategically placed at the top of steep climbs or at the bottom of rocky riverbeds. Only 22 teams completed the race. Remarkably, Eco-Charcoal team raised \$60,000

and Autoworld, \$17,600. Team Camel, captained by Nick Hodgson, won the Matakula Elephant Charge with its 1995 Land Rover Defender 90 series TDi. Newcomer from Mozambique, Tipu Tinto Team, won the “Spirit of the Charge” and “Shortest Distance New Team” awards and raised \$12,500 for conservation in Zambia.

FUCHS Zambia supports the FUCHS EC in more ways than one. “This year, we supplied the headquarter tent and radio command center with sustainable solar power,” said Alasdair Watson from FUCHS Zambia. “Every team benefitted from FUCHS products that helped them keep their vehicles in good condition during this extreme competition. FUCHS Zambia is proud to have been the main sponsor of this event since 2017.”

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN TRUCK PLUS 15W-40, BRAKE FLUID, RENOLIT M3 EP, RENOLIN HAND CLEANER



France

An amazing duo

Created in 1990, the Rallye Aïcha des Gazelles du Maroc gathers solely female crews. This rally-raid aims to promote a competition with no GPS, entirely off-road driving during which speed is not a criterion.

Dany Bernard (65) and Nadège Bernard (44) participated in this physically trying rally in the strong heat of the Moroccan desert. It was Nadège's first experience (navigator) and Dany's fifth run, taking the wheel for the first time.

They had to plan their route, find the beacons, keep on track while avoiding unbreachable routes, and find their way through the heat mists and sandstorms. They had to manage the bivouac, pitch the tent, get fuel, check the car, etc.

"On the first day, we got stuck in a camel grass area for a long time. We couldn't reach the bivouac in time and spent the night in the desert." As the race progressed, the duo found their feet. Eventually, the team secured 65th position.

"The organizers had warned us that it was going to be difficult, but we didn't give up. With hindsight, we know that we managed our race well by performing at our best. We're happy we finished the six stages without calling for assistance from the organizers."



Didier, Dany's husband, and Nicolas, their son and husband of Nadège, are Jeep dealers and FUCHS customers.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN GT1 PRO C-3 5W-30, TITAN ATF 4400, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN 50



France

Quad Bike Evasion in the Dakar Rally

The 44th edition of the rally will welcome 1,065 competitors to Saudi Arabia for 8,000 km through impressive dune strips.

As a Can-Am dealer and FUCHS LABO customer since 1974 (his parents already used the oils in their garage), Vincent Locmane and his team will participate in this exhilarating adventure. "It's a childhood dream of mine that my son will live out". Romain Locmane (34) and Maxime Fourmaux (31) – both French Challenge SSV champions: Romain in 2018 and Maxime in 2019 – will compete with a Can-Am SSV*. "We only changed the chassis (FIA rules) on the factory model. About 200 hours were dedicated to setting up the suspensions and brakes," explained Vincent.

The Quad Bike Evasion Team consists of two drivers, a logistician, and two expert mechanics. An assistance truck will carry the spare parts. "Our strategy is to anticipate the replacement of spare parts and check the SSV every day. This plan proved its worth during the Andalusia and Morocco rallies."

Two years ago, QBE assisted five of its customers in the Africa Eco Race, which gave them the desire to race the Dakar Rally. "The support of our partners, including FUCHS, makes it possible for us to participate in this raid. During the previous rallies, our drivers got to know the new chassis, learned to drive at 135 km per hour, and to read the route on an electronic tablet. I'm confident because they're fit, they're able to set up the SSV, and they get along well. Business-wise, this commitment has opened up our prospects. Some of the competitors rely on our spare parts, our assistance, and expertise. For our first participation, our goal is to cross the finish line. Quite a challenge!"

Can-Am SSV Maverick Xrs: T3 category; FIA chassis, mapping modification, 900cc Turbo engine.

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140,
MAINTAIN FRICOFIN -35**



Austria

Zorn on all the fronts once again

Franky Zorn will start the 2022 Ice Speedway Individual European Championship in Strömsund (Sweden) and the Ice Speedway Gladiators World Championship in Örnsköldsvik (Sweden) in January.

In 2021, the 51-year-old rider was the best Western European rider in the Ice Speedway World Championship. In the summer months, he celebrated a double victory in the Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race at the Spielberg Red Bull track. One of his bikes was exhibited in the Technik Museum Sinsheim (Technology Museum Sinsheim) as part of the "Red Bull World of Racing".

Head of Application Engineering at FUCHS Austria, Markus Kollenz, said: "We've been supporting Franky Zorn since 2000 and will continue in 2022. His team has a professional image in the race, the pit, the workshop as well as during the exhibition and it's very important for our branding. Zorn helps us highlight the FUCHS brand."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene CASTORENE R40S, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO PREP



Austria

FUCHS Austria and DF1 Racing make great partners

The 2021 season was a successful one for the DF1 Racing Team, with 24 races on the best tracks in Spain, England, Czech Republic, Croatia, Belgium, and Italy.

For the first time in eight years, the team won second place in the Team Championship classification of the NASCAR Whelen Euro Series with Nicolò Rocca and Justin Kunz. Individually, Justin scored a podium finish in the last races in Italy, then they both finished the season with fourth-place standings in their class.

Henri Tuomaala achieved his goal of winning the Challenger Trophy 2021. His teammate, Leevi Lintukanto, celebrated second place in the Rookie Trophy of the EuroNASCAR 2.

Simon Pilate was less fortunate, losing all hopes of winning after a hard crash in the last race. Consequently, his teammate, Patrick Lemarié, had to stay in the pit.

Henri Tuomaala said: "After a one-year break it was great to return to the EuroNASCAR. My goal was to win the Challenger Trophy once again, and I did it."

Leevi Lintukanto explained: "This was my first full season in the EuroNASCAR and I'm happy to finish second, even if my goal was first place in the Rookie Trophy."

Nicolò Rocca said: "With this second place, we proved that we can be a successful team when we work together."



Justin Kunz added: "This second place showed that we can be proud as a team."

Head of Motorsport DF1 Racing, Norbert Walchhofer, said: "Our 2021 goal was to be one of the best teams in the series and we're happy to have achieved it. I hope to see many spectators from of the FUCHS community in 2022."

2022 Calendar: Hockenheim (Germany), Valencia (Spain), Brands Hatch (UK), Vallelunga (Italy), Most (Czech Republic), Zolder (Belgium), Grobnik (Croatia).

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE R 15W-50, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90



Germany

Podium finish in ADAC GT4 Germany season finale

BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR scored a podium finish in the highly competitive Trophy classification in the ADAC GT4 Germany season finale at the Nürburgring Circuit.

In race one, thanks to a flawless performance, Axel Saringen and Daniel Schwerfeld won third place in their class after their car was spun out by a competitor and sent into the run-off zone. During his stint in race two, Schwerfeld achieved the fastest race lap and took fifth.

Both drivers concluded their strong debut season in the ADAC GT4 Germany in fourth position in the Trophy standings.

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: "We're very happy with our debut season in the ADAC GT4 Germany. Axel and Daniel, with the Porsche Cayman GT4, were strong once again in the season finale. Both have steadily improved over the course of the season and impressively demonstrated their potential with seven podium finishes in the Trophy standings' twelve races. With the experience we have gained, we want to fight for the Trophy title next year. However, the season is still not completely over for us. In a few days, we will round off the 2021 season with testing sessions at the Autódromo Internacional do Algarve in Portugal (International circuit of Algarve)."





Shannon and Calvin Rademeyer, Dewald Brummer and Damiyanti Gons



Dylan Pragji



Zimbabwe

Bulawayo 3-Hour Endurance Race

In 2021, FUCHS Zimbabwe backed three cars in one of the most prestigious races of the Zimbabwe motorsports season.

Calvin Rademeyer from FUCHS Zimbabwe and Dewald Brummer from FUCHS South Africa raced together with a VW Polo 6 in Saloon B. Darren Pragji of the Stylin Auto/FUCHS Lubricants Team competed with a VW Polo 6 in Saloon B while his son Dylan ran with a Toyota Starlet in Saloon D.

Rademeyer and Brummer were running third in their class when they had an engine problem, which was fortunately resolved quickly by their pit-crew. Afterward, they had to push hard to secure fourth overall. "The Polo never missed a beat out on the track, a testament to the superior quality of the FUCHS lubricants used. We had engine temperatures nearing 155 degrees and no failures at all!" said Rademeyer.

Darren Pragji raced alone and, after great runs, he claimed seventh overall and fifth in his class. "We reached sky-high temperatures, but I knew that with FUCHS protection I didn't have to worry."

15-year-old Dylan Pragji participated for the first time, and alone, in the 3-Hour endurance race. After an amazing effort, he finished twelfth overall and second in his class. Thanks to a consistent pace, he won the "Index Performance" prize and the "Driver of the Day" award.

The team will focus on the Zimbabwean National Series scheduled in March 2022. "All of us would like to give massive thanks to FUCHS Zimbabwe for all their support throughout this season and in the five previous years. We would not have been able to achieve these results without their support, encouragement, and world-beating lubricants," said Rademeyer. "We are proud to represent such a powerful brand and achieve great results with them!"

Calvin: TITAN RACE 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN DOT 5.1, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN 50/50

Darren: TITAN Supersyn 5W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90

Dylan: TITAN Supersyn 5W-40, TITAN Supergear 80W-90, MAINTAIN DOT 4