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South Africa

An impressive inflatable boat race

35 teams battled it out during the Trans Agulhas Challenge, one of the toughest inflatable boat races in the world. This fast-paced, high-adrenaline competition covered 750 km over four grueling days in rough sea conditions. Sponsored by FUCHS, the team finished fourth overall in the modified class (long-haul) and third overall in the modified class (king of the waves). // Page 7.

Italy

A fantastic season for the Nucita Team

Brothers Andrea and Giuseppe Nucita left their mark in the Italian 2WD Rally Championship with the official Peugeot 208 Rally 4 in 2021. After leading the whole season with four victories out of five, the Sicilian duo had won the title with the final race still to go. // Page 3.



France

Cyril Raymond wins the RallyCircuit Show

Legendary rally driver Cyril Raymond and his co-driver, David Fortin, celebrated their victory in the RallyCircuit Show, one of the Sainte-Baume RallyCircuit stages. At the end of an exciting chase in an Alpine A110 at the Paul Ricard Circuit, the FUCHS duo was celebrated by spectators. // Page 2.





France

A home win for Cyril Raymond

Cyril Raymond has celebrated many victories and titles in recent seasons. In 2016, with the Olsbergs MSE Team, he was crowned RX Lites International Series champion. Winning the title of champion in the RX2 International Series and the Red Bull Global Rallycross Lites in 2017 undeniably set him up as a leader in his field. The following year, he successfully achieved third place in the FIA European Rallycross Supercar Championship with Peugeot Sport, and, in 2019, he competed strongly in the FIA World Rallycross Championship. Despite being assistant manager and a qualified instructor at Paul Ricard Karting Circuit, he still keeps his mind on competition.

Last December, Cyril and his co-driver and friend, David Fortin, raced the Sainte-Baume RallyCircuit in the R-GT category with an Alpine A110 belonging to the Chazel Team.

This new rally is a unique event in France. It includes the twelve timed stages (135 km) of the Sainte-Baume Rally, four stages at the Paul Ricard Circuit, and the RallyCircuit Show to close the competition. The organizers wanted this edition to have strong environmental ethics. They grouped two rallies in the same event, pushed the competition to December to preserve the natural surroundings, and chose the Paul Ricard Circuit for its exemplary care in terms of environmental protection.



Cyril and David finished sixth overall, third in their category, and won the RallyCircuit Show.

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Italy

Triumphant Nucita Team

FUCHS Italy sponsored the NCT Sport Team of Andrea Nucita for the 12th Rally Liburna Terra, the last round of the Italian 2WD Rally Championship in 2021. Andrea Nucita (driver) and his brother Giuseppe (navigator) raced with the official Peugeot 208 Rally 4.

The excellent work done by the team in the previous rounds made it possible to race in the last challenge of the season with the championship title already in hand. After winning four out of the five races run in 2021, the Sicilian duo was crowned champions. Peugeot celebrated winning the constructors' trophy for the second time in a row thanks to this title.

Andrea Nucita said: "We're extremely pleased to achieve the goal we set out with Peugeot. We've

shown that our 208 Rally 4 has become the car to beat, on both asphalt and dirt, and we are very proud. We attacked right from the first race and our early victories in the championship allowed us to clinch the title with a race left to go. I had the opportunity to meet wonderful people and to enter into important partnerships such as FUCHS."

Giuseppe Nucita added: "Every victory is important, but this one, the first official one with Peugeot, stirred up great emotion. It has been an intense season, full of satisfaction, and the victory of the Italian drivers' championship ranking is truly the icing on the cake."



Italy

FUCHS renews its trust in the GSM Racing Team in 2022

The yearly GSM Racing appointment to open the upcoming season took place in truly spectacular settings. Team Principal, Andrea Grillini, welcomed his guests at the splendid venue of the Riva Tunnel in Monaco – a prestigious gallery housing the beautiful Riva boat collection. Television presenter, Giovanni di Pillo, led the evening with guest star, Lorenzo Veglia, driver of the Super Trofeo race with the team at the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps. During this special event, Andrea Grillini revealed the 2022 livery and the ambitious project of including a car in the Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe, in the Sprint category. The team also confirmed its commitment to the Lamborghini Super Trofeo; the names of the drivers have yet to be revealed.

Very active on social media, the team has 313 k fans on its Facebook Page, 3.4 m followers on Instagram, and 25 k subscribers to its YouTube channel.

Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe calendar: April: Brands Hatch (UK); May: Magny-Cours (France); June: Zandvoort (Belgium); July: Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli (Italy); September: Ricardo Tormo Circuit Valencia (Spain)

Lamborghini Super Trofeo calendar: April: Imola (Italy); June: Le Castellet (France); July: Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli (Italy); July: Spa-Francorchamps (Belgium); September: Barcelona (Spain); November: Portimao (Portugal). The World Final will take place in Portimao with the drivers of the Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN DOT 4 HT, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER





Japan

The FUCHS Team finishes the season in style

The Fujimaki Group Fuji GT 300 km Race, eighth and last round of the 2021 Autobacs Super GT series, was held at the Fuji Speedway Circuit.

FUCHS local distributor, Abe Shokai Ltd, and FUCHS Japan have sponsored the GOODSMILE RACING & TeamUKYO Team for six years. The two well-known drivers of the team, Nobuteru Taniguchi and Tatsuya Kataoka, drove a high-performance GT car.

The 66-lap race was hectic and exciting. The team had to adapt its strategy throughout the race to deal with unexpected events: reducing its pit stops, choosing the perfect timing for tire and driver changes, or refueling.

The many mistakes made by the other teams benefited the FUCHS Team. Progressively, Tatsuya and Nobuteru moved up from seventh to third position.

Approaching one of the last hairpins, Nobuteru barely managed to avoid a GT500, which swerved to the outside and lost its line. The cars did not collide, but the Brz R&D Sport Team's driver overtook them. Nobuteru crossed the finish line fourth and placed tenth in the driver and team rankings.

"We've learned a lot this season. Thanks to the recently acquired software system, we're going to analyze the data and improve," said team owner, Aki Takanori.

FUCHS Japan Automotive Product Manager, Takashi Fujitsu, said: "We believe that in 2022 we'll see even better results with more advanced vehicle performance!"

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN Supersyn LONGLIFE 0W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN V



The Netherlands

DDW Rallyteam meets its goal

Egbert Wingers (driver) and Marije van Ettehoven (Navigator) raced the 44th edition of the Dakar Rally with the private racing team, DDW Rallyteam. Marije, one of the few women in the rally, started competing with Egbert eight years ago. The duo ran with an Iveco Torpedo truck prepared by mechanic Marijn Beekmans.

“We had to face so many difficulties and keep calm over 8,000 km through impressive dune strips. During the second stage, on a steep descent on a dune, the differential and the tire bearing of the truck broke. It took us some hours to repair it, and we had to finish the race in the dark. The mechanics then had to work through the night so we could start again the next day. On another occasion, we punctured a tire, adding to existing fuel system problems; we then lost a lot of time again. Once more, we had to change the differential, but we didn’t have enough time to replace the damaged turbo as well, so it was a bit of a survival test in the desert on that next stage. When we returned to the bivouac, the turbo was replaced. It wasn’t an easy job, as this is a component that is highly regulated by the

organizers, and the new turbo had to be inspected and sealed. In the Dakar spirit, it is customary to help competitors facing difficulty. One day, we rescued the Dutchman Ben de Groot, whose truck had turned over in the sand. Another time, we helped out Hino Team Sugawara. All these setbacks thwart our plans and objectives. The Dakar Rally is a team sport and without our mechanics’ hard work each night, we would never have crossed the finish line. Every day, they packed up material, drove to the next bivouac (4,000 km at all), rebuilt the tent, and then started to repair or check the truck, sometimes very late into the night. Dakar 2022 is an adventure we’ll never forget.”

The team crossed the finish line 17th overall. “Our objective was the top 20 and we did it!”

The team was sponsored by FUCHS through its new distributor, the Netherlands Dupag Group.

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South Africa

Masters of the waves

The 33rd Trans Agulhas Challenge is one of the toughest inflatable boat races in the world, with 750 km covered over four days. The 170 kg racing boat was powered by a Yamaha two-stroke 50 hp engine and fought the waves at over 90 km per hour. Around 50,000 spectators came to the different beaches to cheer on the 35 fearless teams.

The Rusgenot Transport Team, which has been sponsored by FUCHS South Africa for five years, worked very hard to prepare this grueling race. They carefully tested the propellers and set up the boat and engine.

In stage one (188 km), the sea was flat in the bay and then turned rough further out. "We raced neck and neck with three other teams. We finished third overall, first in the modified class, and took victory in the Surf Racing Heat," said driver Marc Gleed.

The second stage (86 km) was shorter but tougher due to rough sea conditions along the coastline. "As my co-driver got off the boat to join the checkpoint, a huge wave broke on our boat and flipped it. We immediately drained all the seawater out of the engine and removed as much of the sand that had built up inside the engine cowl as possible. Our crew had to rebuild the engine overnight."

The third stage ran over 161 km. "Because of my injury yesterday – where I tore a tendon – we ran close to the surf line in search of flatter sea conditions where we could average a higher speed. We finished third in our class."



The last 215 km stage was the most difficult. At the start, the teams set out to navigate the shortest route through the shallow reefs. Then, they had to race through kelp beds and avoid big rolling swells that could break at any time.

The Rusgenot Transport Team finished fourth overall in the modified class (long-haul), third overall in the modified class (king of the waves) and was awarded "Land crew of the year."

"A big thank you to FUCHS for their continued support."

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South Africa

Rich Racing Team's plan for 2022

The FUCHS Team announced its line-up for 2022 and is counting on its young but highly motivated and skilled riders to collect new titles this season.

“The team will compete in various categories around South Africa. One of our riders will race in the CIV (Italian Speed Championship),” said owner and team manager, Vic Rich. This season, 17-year-old Brandon Parsons was promoted to the big league with the Kawasaki ZX-6R, for his fourth competitive year. Cameron Aitken, who won most championships he entered, will take on some of the fastest youngsters in the 400 cc class.

The team is pleased to have signed the services of 16-year-old Abigail Bosson who will take up a new challenge amongst the more experienced men aboard her new Yamaha R3. She will compete in the Western Province Championship in Cape Town. Alicia Knoetze will enter the ladies' formula with a Kawasaki ZX-6R. Marius Knoetze will once again compete in the Redstar series before moving to the premier class mid-season.

Strengthened by its new talents and experience, the Rich Racing Team is facing this new season with greater ambitions. “Our team will once again support junior and upcoming competitors by facilitating development programs designed by us. Without a doubt, FUCHS South Africa has been the backbone of our success by supplying the most reliable products for some of the harshest conditions. We are looking forward to an exciting and safe 2022.”



The team has been sponsored by FUCHS South Africa for seven years.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO R 0W-20, Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40, Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 5W-40, Silkolene CHAIN LUBE, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene CONTACT CLEANER, Silkolene ENGINE CLEANER, Silkolene WASH OFF, Silkolene SILKOPEN



Portugal

Moving towards another successful year of partnership

Garagem Aurora, one of the most prestigious preparers of racing cars and a specialist in the Porsche brand for 75 years, ended the 2021 sporting season with great success. João Macedo Silva was awarded the Portuguese National Classics champion title with the Porsche 911 RSR 3.0. In the last race of the year, teammate Mário Meireles improved his skills with the Porsche 911 RSR 2.8 and qualified second on the grid over the 250 km of Estoril.

Both cars and all other racing and road cars maintained by Garagem Aurora are lubricated by FUCHS. FUCHS confirmed its partnership with Garagem Aurora in 2022.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO R 20W-50, TITAN RACE PRO 15W-50, TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-50, TITAN Supersyn 5W-40, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-90, MAINTAIN FRICOFIN





Portugal

Fourth title for Pascoal and Faria

FUCHS celebrated Vítor Pascoal and Ricardo Faria's title in the Portuguese National Rally GT Championship. The duo won five out of the five races run in 2021, which allowed them to keep their title for the fourth year in a row.

FUCHS has sponsored Vítor Pascoal since 2015. "We would like to thank FUCHS for its lubricants, which has contributed to our Porsche 991 GT3 Cups' performance and reliability. I would like to dedicate this fourth title to FUCHS, who has always believed in our team. I would also like to thank my mechanics for preparing an impeccable car without a single waiver."

**FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-60,
TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140**





Hungary

Promising thrilling battles

The first race of the FIM SuperEnduro World Championship 2021/2022 got off to a spectacular start in Łódź (Poland) with thrilling battles and unpredictable races. The organizers held a difficult sporting event with rocky sections, logs, jumps, and sharp turns.

Rider Norbert Zsigovits (22) of the Enduro Team Hungary ran with a KTM EXC 300 in the Junior World Championship. He finished second, tenth, and sixth in the three final races, and placed sixth overall in the Polish round. "I'm very satisfied because, overall, we achieved our goal. For the Budapest round, I'm quite sure that I have a chance of reaching the podium."

Teammate Márk Szőke (26) raced with a Sherco 300 SE Racing in the two finals of the European Cup. Due to his bike being damaged in the qualifying session, he finished ninth in the first final, fifth in the second, and classified sixth overall. "It was a very difficult course because there were big logs and stones on the track."

The next round will take place at the Papp László Budapest Sport Arena. Many sports stars from the Prestige category are expected.



Calendar: February: Budapest (Hungary); March: Riesa (Germany, two GPs); Jerusalem (Israel, to be confirmed).

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO SRG 75, Silkolene RSF 5, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene FOAM FILTER OIL, Silkolene PRO 2, Silkolene PRO 4 10W-50 XP, Silkolene COMP 2 PLUS