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Portugal

A prestigious collaboration for FUCHS

FUCHS Portugal established a technical partnership with the legendary Garagem Aurora, a specialist in Porsche racing car preparation. This "Mestre Eduardo" workshop started using FUCHS lubricants for engines, gearboxes, differentials, and brakes on all vehicles – recent, classic, and competition.

Garagem Aurora was established 75 years ago. Eduardo Santos (nicknamed Master Eduardo), who is one of the most prestigious racing car preparers and specializes in Porsche, began work there at the age of twelve and became the owner of the business nine years later, at 21. The company is now managed by his son, but the now 83-year-old Master Eduardo continues to come into work every day.

"We note that FUCHS really cares how its products

are used. They see us as technical partners," commented Eduardo Santos, Mestre Eduardo's son. "In this partnership, FUCHS is very committed to providing us with the best lubricants in a dedicated and professional way. This meticulous approach is of great importance in setting up the racing cars. It's also essential for us that technical and sales support services are always just a call away."

FUCHS Portugal intends to establish a genuine technical relationship with Garagem Aurora, providing mutual advice and exchanging information on the application and use of the FUCHS lubricants.

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Portugal

FUCHS extends its partnership with Tuonocup and Zcup Trophies

FUCHS Portugal, through its FUCHS Silkolene brand, supports the Tuonocup and Zcup Trophies by supplying perfect lubrication for the powerful Aprilia and Kawasaki motorcycles. These trophies, organized by the driver Paulo Vicente, are part of the National Naked Bikes Championship. 15 amateur riders, great enthusiasts of motorcycles and speed, will take off for seven events held on the Portuguese and Spanish circuits. The organization takes care of the logistics and sets up the bikes, so all the racers have to do is ride.

This is the second season in a row that FUCHS is sponsoring these trophies. "This partnership allows us to maintain close relationships with our customers and riders, and show the exceptional quality of the FUCHS Silkolene lubricants," said Fatima Prata from FUCHS Portugal. "Supporting these trophies is important and gives us great visibility on and off the circuits because amateur riders and true motorcycle enthusiasts want to boost and protect their bikes with high-tech lubrication. Many of them are opinion leaders in the motorcycling community."

The first race took place at the Autódromo do Estoril (Portugal) and the second in Jerez de la Frontera (Spain). FUCHS provided 200 liters of lubricant during both training and races.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER







South Africa

Marc Ansley sets the pace in Pretoria

The fifth of the eleven rounds of the Inland Motocross Championship took place at the newly revamped Chestnut Hill Motocross Park in Pretoria. Despite several setbacks, Marc Ansley made the news again in this round after scoring a double victory in the previous race and first position overall in the MX3 Masters class.

Practice saw Marc, the MA18 Racing Team's rider, have a minor incident. However, this did not stop the rider of 30 years' experience from delivering an impressive performance and coming second in his class. Despite his position on the starting line in heat one, the FUCHS rider got off to a slow start and found himself last in the pack. His strong performance and competitiveness allowed him to overtake all his opponents and finish first with his KTM 450 SX-F.

Feeling on top, Marc played a major role in heat two. Thanks to great training and the perfect set-up of his bike, he took the lead in the race and claimed his second victory in the legendary circuit of Pretoria. Both wins allowed him to claim first overall in his class for the day.

Marc Ansley has been sponsored by FUCHS South Africa since 2018. "Motocross is an extremely demanding discipline for the bike, which runs in some extreme weather conditions from muddy to hot and dusty. The FUCHS lubricants are perfectly suited to what this sport requires."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 R 10W-60, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER, Silkolene FOAM FILTER CLEANER, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE







Japan

GOODSMILE RACING & TeamUKYO Team wins its first points of 2021

The GT 500km RACE, second of the eight rounds of the 2021 AUTOBACS SUPER GT Series, was held at the Fuji Speedway Circuit. FUCHS local distributor Abe Shokai Ltd and FUCHS Japan have been sponsoring the GOODSMILE RACING & TeamUKYO Team for five years. Team Manager, Ukyo Katayama – a famous former F1 driver –, and Team Owner, Takanori Aki, managed two renowned drivers, Nobuteru Taniguchi and Tatsuya Kataoka.

This long-distance round of 110 laps required the team to elaborate an overall race strategy of pit-stops and set-ups. The skill of the drivers as well as the work of the mechanics were particularly important compared to other competitions. The characteristics of the Fuji circuit differ from those of the Okayama circuit used in round one of the championship, so the team had to adjust the car and the racers adapt their driving.

Right from the first laps, Kataoka moved from eleventh qualifying place to the top ten. During the driver swap-over, the team decided only to refuel and not to change the tires. At the second pit stop, the team carried out a full service for more security. In the following laps, Kataoka overtook several competitors thanks to his remarkable management of the car. He achieved his best time and crossed the finish line eighth, earning his first points of the season.

"The team performed better than in the first race. There are still a lot of things we need to work on," said Ukyo Katayama.

FUCHS Japan Automotive Product Manager, Takashi Fujitsu, said: "The next round will be the 100th memorial race for the Hatsune Miku GT Project in the SUPER GT series. We are looking forward to this race!"

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Germany

BLACK FALCON celebrates a class victory at the 24H Race

After the shortest race in the history of the 24H Race at the Nürburgring, the results of the three BLACK FALCON cars turned out mixed. In the TEXTAR-Mercedes-AMG GT4, drivers Mustafa Mehmet Kaya, Gabriele Piana, Mike Stursberg, and Ersin Yücesan scored victory in the SP8T class after an exciting fight. In the strong CUP3 class, the TEXTAR-Porsche Cayman GT4 crossed the finish line sixth. On the other hand, the IDENTICA-Porsche 911 GT3 Cup MR SP PRO was irreparably damaged in the early stages of the Schwedenkreuz section.

The 49th edition of the long-distance classic race started on Saturday with difficult circuit conditions. It was also difficult for the 24H teams to choose the right tires due to drizzle in the initial phase and heavy rain later in the third lap, causing extreme aquaplaning and chaotic conditions in some places. After six hours, the race had to be interrupted due to thick fog. It took 14 hours for the race to restart on Sunday morning, then followed a sprint race over almost four hours.

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON, Timo Frings, said: "The 24H Race was a particularly big challenge for us. For the first time, we had a second event on the agenda the same weekend, the Le Mans Cup. For this reason, we didn't have more than three cars running at the 24H Race this time. We're particularly pleased with the class win and the excellent 26th place overall for the AMG GT4. Winning the SP8T class in this race has been on our wish list for a long time. We were hoping for more with the Cayman GT4, after winning the 24H qualifying race, unfortunately we had a suboptimal tire strategy and a slight slip at the start. Due to the additional pit stops, our circuit position was so unfavorable when the race was canceled that we couldn't catch up on the lap gap because of the strong competition."

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Great Britain

Ready for the BSB Championship start-off

The fourth and final official pre-season test of the Bennetts BSB took place at Donington Park. After successful tests in various circuits, Paul Bird Motorsport Team continued through its workload with its bike. Lap after lap, Josh Brookes and Christian Iddon improved their time. Iddon ended third fastest to record the fastest lap in the second session with the VisionTrack Ducati Panigale V4 R. The third session saw #1 Brookes claimed sixth place whilst Iddon finished seventh overall.

The first of the eleven rounds of the Bennetts BSB will take place at Oulton Park in a few weeks.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 10W-50, Silkolene PRO R 4 0W-20, Silkolene PRO CHAIN



Great Britain

Team 109 continues to move forward in the Worldssp300

Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli was the venue of the latest round of the FIM Supersport 300 World Championship. Team 109's rider James McManus put on a great show in front of a limited number of excited spectators.

James took advantage of free practice to improve his time. On Saturday, the teenager battled hard thorough the race, getting himself into a multi-rider competition for the entire 15 laps. Unfortunately, on Sunday he went off track, but a determined McManus remounted and finished the race, gaining valuable experience.

With the 31st and 25th places won in Misano, Team 109 gained a huge amount of confidence ahead of the next race, which will take place at the TT Circuit Assen (NL) in a few weeks.



Great Britain

Salutary Donington test

Affinity Academy Team's Superstock 600 riders seized the opportunity to adjust settings and improving their time at the final test of the Bennetts BSB Championship.

Eugene McManus posted the quickest times for the team and ended sixth. Owen Jenner continues to learn, got to grips with the handling of the bigger bike, and finished eleventh after testing several set-ups. Asher Durham improved his time and secured 14th. He now feels much more comfortable on the bike, as does Seth Crump, who finished 19th.

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Great Britain

Mixed fortunes for rallycrossers in the season opener

The opening two rounds of the MSA British Rallycross Championship took place at the Lydden Hill Circuit. Bellerby RX's Paige Bellerby with the Lotus Exige returned to the Super National class, however she was forced to sit out the finals after some power problems in the qualifiers. Better fortune followed the next day as Paige successfully bolted through to the final, taking and holding the lead for the overall win. "The lads were right behind me all the time, so I had to defend quite a lot, but the hard work paid off and I got the win I'd been fighting for," said Paige.

In the MSA British Rallycross BMW Mini Championship, dad and former multiple-time national champion, Dave Bellerby is currently standing in for daughter Drew. He had a trouble-free run to the top step of the podium on Saturday. He then repeated the performance on Monday. However, this weekend was not without incident, as the power steering failed during the Saturday practices. He still drove all three heats, semi-final, and final without power steering.

Also in the BMW Mini Championship was ex-rally driver Steve Brown, who had one of "those" weekends. During round one his fan belt shredded itself, but he was still able to claim sixth overall. Monday did not start any better, as he broke a steering arm in the qualifying rounds. A brilliant drive to secure fourth overall put a positive spin on the day.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-40, TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-30



Great Britain

A solid start for Sharp Motorsport

FUCHS driver Arron Sharp started the first round of the 750 Motor Club Tegiwa Type-R Trophy securing good championship points. He hit fast times during testing, lapping under the previous trophy class lap record. Ahead of the qualifiers, a gearbox issue forced a quick rebuild. With fifth qualifying place against 31 cars, he finished a chaotic race one in the same position. Arron impressively claimed fourth in race two and overall.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-40, TITAN RACE Synchro 75W-90

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Hungary

Biridopping Rally Team performs strongly

After six months' hiatus, Biridopping Rally Team took off in the first round of the M&B Championship at the Rába-ring. As he did in the earlier season, Lajos Biránti raced with co-driver Gábor Böröczky, and Dániel Biránti with Dániel Bordács. Hard training and preparation have gone into this race, including a full car check. Competing against 115 drivers, the Biránti-Böröczky duo improved its time every lap and finally won first in its class and second overall. Their teammate had to stop the race because the half shaft structure was broken.

The Team Manager said: "In the second round, we set up two cars in a short time. During the intense first race, some parts of the cars were damaged. Many of them require several weeks to be manufactured so, with only a short time until the second round, the mechanics really had their hands full. Unfortunately, a crucial gearbox upgrade could not be set-up in time. which meant a slower race for the Biránti-Borbács duo compared to what could have been."

The circuit was built to be very technical and fast. The competition was stronger than usual, with very skilled racers. Despite a half shaft break and a broken swingarm, the Biránti-Böröczky duo crossed the finish line second in its class and third overall thanks to great service from the mechanics.

The Biránti-Borbács duo improved its time during the last two sessions and finally claimed second in its class, ninth overall, and classified fourth in the FWD Cup.

FUCHS Hungary Online Marketing Specialist, Ádám Nyakacska, said: "FUCHS Hungary has sponsored the team since 2019. We chose this team because they are able to transform an empty shell into a strong racing car. This is unique in the racing world. This gives FUCHS a great opportunity to show the high quality of its lubricants as the team sets up the cars from the landing gear to the engine. The veteran father teaching the trade to his son is something that FUCHS values too, it's a family tradition."

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S 10W-50, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140, TITAN GT1 PRO C-3 5W-30, TITAN GT1 5W-40





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Hungary

Tenacious FUCHS rider

Norbert Zsigovits is a specialist of the Enduro and Super Enduro disciplines. However, as the season for these competitions has not started, he decided to test his abilities using the EnduroCross Championship to prepare for the Enduro season.

Norbert started his first race of 2021 in the National EnduroCross Championship in Bér. It was a great opportunity to test his skills and bike set-up against strong contenders. He rode competently with quick laps, which allowed him to overtake a few riders and claim fourth place. "I still have to improve my racing lines and overtakes. This race was a great step toward achieving my goal." The second round was quite satisfying for the FUCHS rider. After making a few mistakes, Norbert had some difficulties reducing the gap with the top racers but thanks to his tenacity and talent, he came first in his class and second overall. "This circuit is somewhat enduro-like in style, so it really fits in with my preparation. In the end, it was a successful race weekend considering everything."

The first race of the National Enduro Championship welcomed 280 competitors. Over the weekend, Norbert took part in both Enduro and EnduroCross championships. Thanks to his expertise, he managed a double victory over the weekend. "I secured first place overall on day one. On day two, I tried to gain speed. For the Enduro, I got great times. My performance in the EnduroCross race wasn't as good because of a few mistakes I made." In the end, Norbert crossed the finish line first. "I'm getting closer to my past form, but I have to continue training. In any case, the FUCHS Silkolene lubricants proved great yet again."

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