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Australia

A fantastic challenge for Oilee Racing team

Warrian Enterprises, the Australian and New Zealand FUCHS Silkolene distributor will be the major sponsor of Oilee Racing and Joe Akroyd in their quest for success in the 2017 Isle of Man TT under the banner of FUCHS Silkolene Australia. // Page 2.

Singapore

First victory for the TuneWerkz team

The three drivers of the TuneWerkz team took on the Grassroots AutoTest, the very popular Gymkhana and Autocross race in Singapore, and won the 1st place in class C during the first round. // Page 5.



Great Britain

Honours for Joe Collier at Donington Park

The rider of the BPS Racing team dominated the first round of the MCE British Superbike Championship with a double win. Well done, Joe! // Page 13.



Australia

Warrian Enterprises signs a new partnership with the Oilee Racing team

Joe Akroyd of the Oilee Racing team will race the very prestigious 2017 Isle of Man TT under the banner of FUCHS Silkolene Australia. This motorcycle race is held on the challenging 37-mile plus Mountain Course with its seemingly never-ending series of bends, bumps, jumps, stone walls, manhole covers and telegraph poles. "The skill, bravery and concentration levels required are immense to race with speeds approaching 200mph," explained the organizers.

Joe Akroyd confirmed to race at the I.O.M TT

Joe and the Aussie based Oilee Racing team with FUCHS Silkolene Australia from Carrum Beach Melbourne will be re-united with the bikes at the end of May. The team will travel to the Isle of Man to race for the third year in a row. They will compete with bike n° 41 in the Supersport category, and with bike n° 58 in the Superstock, Superbike and Senior TT classes.

It takes a huge effort for any rider and team to get to the Isle of Man TT, especially when the planning and equipment comes from half way across the planet. With passion for competition at the highest level it's become a reality for Joe. "It's been less than a year since moving to Australia, straight after the Manx GP. I am hungry to 'get some more laps in' for my TT course resume. More laps equals more experience, that's the plan in 2017. I am looking forward to representing Australia's only solo race team and of course my White Rose of Yorkshire," explained Joe. "Last year I had two podiums at the Manx Grand Prix and achieved an average lap speed of 120mph, on only my second visit to the island. I am very excited and optimistic for 2017."

"We are proud and excited to announce that Joe Akroyd will be racing in the world's premier Road Race on an Aussie built GSXR 1000 and on Steve Wheatman's GSXR 600, which propelled him to achieve both podiums at the 2016 Manx GP," explained John Warrian of Warrian Enterprises.

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Pictured: Moto GP Red Bull Ring

Austria

FUCHS is proud to continue his partnership with the ISSC

The International Security Marshal Club (ISSC) has been supported by FUCHS AUSTRIA SCHMIERSTOFFE since 2000. 130 members are present at 25 events in Austria as well as abroad for the safety on the race track. On April 1st security marshals carried out the annual safety exercise successfully at the Salzburgring track.

South Africa

MAD Racing team joins FUCHS in 2017

MAD Racing team will be competing in the South African National Endurance Series for the 2017 season. They will participate with two Golf 1 cars. The first is driven by Dewald Brummer and Bevan Williams and the second by Heinrich and Nathan De Villiers. Both drivers will also race in the F400 Karting Endurance Series.

In 2016, Dewald Brummer won the National Drivers Championship and Wayne (his mechanic) received the award of Best Mechanic. "Not one of these awards and achievements would have been possible without the fantastic products from FUCHS. We as MAD Racing team exclusively use FUCHS lubricants for all our racing cars and karts. Reliability makes us win and the reliability comes from using FUCHS lubricants. We are extremely proud and privileged to have their support for 2017!" explained the Team Manager.

FUCHS lubricants:

Golf and Polo: TITAN RACE PRO S, TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, TITAN GEAR MP SAE 80, TITAN ATF 4000, MAINTAIN DOT 5.1, TITAN SuperSyn F

Karting: TITAN SuperSyn F Eco-DT, Silkolene PRO BOOST, MAINTAIN DOT 5.1, Silkolene WASH-OFF, Silkolene CHAIN WAX / Gel, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER, Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene CARB CLEANER





France

FUCHS, official partner of the French Rally Championship 2017

For the first time, FUCHS LUBRIFIANT FRANCE S.A. signs a commitment with the Association Terre de France (TDF) through their customer Clinic Auto to sponsor the six rounds of the French Rally Championship. These stages, which take place in the South of France, started in March and will finish in mid-November. "The Championship showcases our brand through different communication media during the races: the FUCHS' logo appears on all the cars, official publications, the web site, and advertising banners at all races. We also benefit from vast media coverage," explained Ludovic Join, Regional Director of FUCHS France.

"With this partnership, we want to benefit from the prestigious and positive image of the rally," said Jérôme Bertin-Lebret, Marketing Director of FUCHS. "It is a wonderful medium of communication for our lubricants. We will invite some of our customers to the races to enjoy this fabulous atmosphere. Motorsport is our great passion and we hope they will enjoy these motorsport events."



Singapore

A good 2017 season start for the TuneWerkz team

The TuneWerkz team has been sponsored by FUCHS LUBRICANTS SINGAPORE PTE. LTD. for the third time. All the three cars of the team present prestigious brands like Monster Energy Singapore and APi Racing (BMS Motorsports) in the competitive local motorsports event, Grassroot AutoTest. TuneWerkz team are made up of souped-up cars like VW Golf GTi, VW Scirocco and Subaru WRX.

Grassroot AutoTest is a closed circuit race event in Singapore and has gained popularity among local enthusiast among the years. It is a hybrid event combining the features of both gymkhana and autocross which attracts hordes of people every season.

“The rules are simple. Two cars pit themselves against each other driving simultaneously around the circuit. The first to cross the finish line wins,” explained the organizers. The first of the four 2017 rounds took place in February on the Tanah Merah closed carpark circuit of Singapore. “Three drivers of the team competed in two classes and we managed to secure 1st place in class C,” explained the Team Manager, Jereme Chee.

FUCHS lubricants:

VW Golf GTi: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40, TITAN DCTF

VW Scirocco: TITAN PRO S 5W-40, TITAN SINTOFLUID FE SAE 75W

Subaru WRX: TITAN PRO S 10W-50, TITAN RACE GEAR 90 LS, TITAN SINTOPOID SAE 75W-90



Zimbabwe

A successful event for FUCHS at Harare

For the fourth time, FUCHS Zimbabwe was the main sponsor of FUCHS Nite Xtreme. This 4x4 event took place at Donny Brook Park in Harare in March and welcomed 19 teams. At this very popular race the level of difficulty is raised because the event takes place at night.

"This year we added a new class to our event, the standard production class. This category is for people who want to use their everyday 4x4 (Isuzu trucks, Land Rover and Toyota). For the first event of this kind, the minimum number of participants needed enrolled for this class," explained the organizers of the event. "Furthermore, this season we are happy to welcome new faces like the well-known Nartjee who raced with his wife as his co-driver, in a modified, orange Jeep with a Chev 352 V8 engine. The breathtaking performance the driver delivered made people jump from their seats – all four wheels off the ground as the truck overcame a steep and muddy slope. The roar of a well-tuned V8 and the sound of the metal bodywork when the Jeep hit the ground again was music to our ears!"

The 2016 winners were unable to defend their trophy due to personal reasons. This left the door wide open for the runners-up and each competitor hoped to seize this opportunity and win the 2017 trophy. This year, the courses were very challenging with steep 40-degree side slopes, sharp corners and mud. The mud is usually the spectators' favourite.

During the award ceremony teams were presented with FUCHS lubricants.





Zimbabwe

Grainger Racing team shows its claws at Cape Town

The second round of the Monster Energy TRP Distributors SA National MX took place at Cape Town at the beginning of April. The riders of the Grainger Racing team were in excellent shape and left the competition with podiums.

“All riders had improved their performance and fitness. The team showed the confidence and mental toughness needed to take on the best from South Africa and the results proved this at the end of the weekend,” explained the Team Manager. Luke Southon, Daiyaan Manuel, Davin Cocker, Damon Strydom and Ash Thixton scored the best result for the team in this round. Luke Southon delivered a good performance in the 50cc class completing both heats. Daiyaan Manuel blew the competition apart, winning both the 1st and the 2nd heat and naturally 1st place overall. Davin Cocker ranked 8th overall in Port

Elisabeth and missed a place on the podium by only three points. He shows great maturity and has the ability to be on that podium soon.

MX2 Damon Strydom, the senior rider of the team, also showed good speed and jumped up the pecking order from 12th in Port Elisabeth to a decent 7th place. Ash Thixton got back to race day fitness and proved that he can race with the best, finishing 12th overall.

In pro-mini class, Tristan Grainger showed good speed in practice. Despite of some problems during the race, he still got some points in the championship.

Regan Wasmuth was a right up with the best place in practice, unfortunately a crash in the heat compromised what should have been a good result.

The third round will take place on the track of Bloemfontein in May.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 2 SX, Silkolene PRO 4 SAE 15W-50, Silkolene Comp Gear, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene PRO WASH



Italy

Lorenzo Lanzi, a newcomer to the FUCHS family

Sponsored by FUCHS LUBRICANTI S.P.A. this season, the professional rider Lorenzo Lanzi of the Tutapista LTD Racing team will race in the Italian Superbike Championship in 2017 on a BMW S1000RR.

This renowned competitor (35) has a successful track record in the world of motorbike racing with a lots of wins and podiums.

In the past, this Italian champion left his mark on the World Supersport Championship, when replacing an injured driver. He started 21st on the departure line and won the race ten seconds ahead of his closest rival. He knows this championship well, having participated in 140 races.

The FUCHS Silkolene logo will be present on his bike and in all track activities of the 2017 season.

Italy

The seasoned Adele Innocenzi ready for the podiums!

For the second year FUCHS LUBRICANTI S.P.A. continues their partnership with Adele Innocenzi, a motocross rider who races in different regional and national championships. The 2017 season started very well for Adele who won her first podium in Rome.

In March, Adele participated in the 'Motoday 2017', a few races organized during the annual national motorbike fair in Rome. It was an Enduro-Country competition on an artificial sandy track, specially built for this event.

Adele's performance was rewarded with the pole position. She won race one and two. "It is a promising start into this season. I'll keep doing my best in the upcoming races of the FIM Italian Motocross Women's Championship and Italy UISP Female Trophy," explained the rider.

A few days later, Adele raced the first round of the FIM Italian Motocross Women's Championship at Malpensa. Despite a few problems, she ranked 21st and 23rd out of the 30 female riders.

Recently, she competed in the first round of the Umbria-Lazio Regional Motocross Trophy in Marsciano and won 1st place on the podium in the Female category. She ranked 15th overall among 23 male riders.





Italy

Max Temporalì, an excellent racer on two wheels

More than a renowned rider, Max Temporalì is a social media personality benefitting from long experience in the world of two-wheel racing.

From 1991 to 2008, he raced in the major Italian and European championships, winning three national titles and driving in all engine categories on racetracks all over the world. Since 1992, he has been a professional TV and social media expert but also a sports journalist in the two-wheeler industry (MotoGP and Superbike). He also commented the World Superbike Championship for the Mediaset channels (Italian free TV).

Between 2013 and 2016, he was the technical commentator of the Moto GP, but also the author and presenter of the program "Dunlop Moto Academy" and "First Voice", broadcast on Italian channels Italia 1 and 2 (Mediaset main channels). He also presented the program

"Technical account" for the World Superbike Championship, again broadcast on Italia 1 and 2. Present on the track of this championship, he commented all the races live from the track. In the series "Max Temporalì Tour", he describes and comments the circuits riding the best Superbikes.

The FUCHS Silkolene logo can be seen on Max's racing suit during the European Superbike Championship and other activities.

In the round in April, the ratings were excellent, 1,700,000 Italian people were watching Mediaset's live broadcasting of the Aragon GP. The video was 2.45 minutes long and the FUCHS Silkolene logo clearly visible many times during the lap.



Great Britain

Donington Park podium for Irwin as Byrne is sidelined

It was a day of mixed fortunes for the FUCHS Silkolene sponsored Be Wiser Ducati Team at the opening round of the 2017 MCE British Superbike Championship at Donington Park. Shane 'Shakey' Byrne's title defense got off to a terrible start as he crashed out of the warm-up and was declared unfit to compete. Shakey is a fighter and has vowed to fight his way back up to the top of the standings in the months to come. There was much better news for teammate Glenn Irwin who rode strongly in race one to clinch 6th place after starting 9th on the grid – and superbly in the second race to finish 3rd.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 PLUS 10W-50, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY, Silkolene PRO PREP SPRAY



Germany

A new adventure for Wenglein and Reck

On March 25, in a perfect mood and sunny weather, numerous classic car enthusiasts set out on climbing the Königstuhl Mountain near Heidelberg on occasion of the traditional Bergfahrt Königstuhl 2017 (Königstuhl mountain trip).

Using their road book and looking forward to the time trials, team Penske Sportwagenzentrum / FUCHS PETROLUB with driver Dirk Wenglein und co-driver Dr. Christian Reck were heading towards the Odenwald from Porsche Zentrum Mannheim.

The team used this first vintage car event as a test to set up the Porsche 914 for this season and completed the contest with a good mid-field result.

Great Britain

Paige leads the way after round one of British Rallycross

The opening round of the MSA British Rallycross Championship at Croft proved a mix of emotions for Paige and Drew Bellerby on their 2017 campaign. Drew started her first event of the BMW Mini Challenge against stiff opposition, but nevertheless drove with increasing confidence to a promising grid position in the Mini Final, however was forced to settle for 5th after contact led to a spin early on. For big sister Paige, Croft was a succession of fastest times and heat wins. Paige's best two lap times were each more than a second ahead of her nearest rival as she cruised to victory in the Supernational final to top the leaderboard.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE SYN 5, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-40, TITAN RACE PRO S 5W-30, TITAN RACE CVJ GREASE, TITAN RACE WB GREASE



Great Britain

Revolution Speedway unveil plans for 2017

Professional race team, Revolution Speedway, have unveiled their new 2017 UK race livery and have announced plans to venture into European and World Championship level racing for the first time. This is a natural step for the increasingly popular and successful speedway team who appreciate all the support of FUCHS Silkolene and other sponsors for helping them to achieve these high standards of racing.

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Great Britain

Mighty start for Morgan in BTCC

Adam Morgan got off to a flying start in the MSA British Touring Car Championship at the Brands Hatch Indy Circuit. The FUCHS sponsored Ciceley Motorsport driver Morgan qualified in 6th in his red and black Mercedes-Benz A-class – and followed that up with a superb 3rd place finish in the opener. Morgan came in just 0.167s behind Gordon Shedden and was delighted to be back on the podium. Adam followed up that excellent position by clinching further points in races two and three, finishing in 4th and 5th place. An excellent start to the season sees Adam 4th overall and 1st in the Independent Driver Standings.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE GEAR OIL SPECIAL, TITAN PRO RACE BRAKE FLUID, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER





Great Britain

Steve Brown to return to the FIRC in 2017

After a podium finish on last year's Flanders International Rally Challenge (FIRC), Rochdale rally driver Steve Brown, will return to the series once again in 2017 thanks to backing from sponsors. The Belgium based Championship proved to be a hotly contested affair for the 28-year-old Nissan Micra driver last season along with co-driver Paul Stringer, finishing in the top ten and claiming a category win in Kortrijk. The duo, who will be competing in a Honda Civic during the opening round whilst the team keep on track with changes to the Nissan, have set their sights on another class win after using last season to settle into the unique nature of the Flanders closed public roads.

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



Great Britain

CA1 Sport claim win in BRC Opener

Fredrik Ahlin and new co-driver Torstein Eriksen topped the time sheets to win the Brick and Steel Border Counties rally, which became the new first round of the MSA British Rally Championship following the demise of the Mid Wales Stages rally.

Fredrik drove faultlessly in his new Skoda R5 throughout a testing day in the Kielder forest complex to a convincing 38 second win over nearest rival Tom Cave.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 5W-30, TITAN SINTOPOID LS 75W-140



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Great Britain

Solid return for Brad Vicars at Croft

The Brad Vicars team arrived at the Croft circuit for Brad's first ride since mid-October. Brad qualified in the Supertwin in 5th, the 600 was 8th in the F600 class and 10th in the open class against the bigger machinery. A good qualifying session!

Race one was in the F600 which saw Brad finish in 5th. The Supertwin was next and Brad was happy with a decent 4th, both were an improvement on qualifying. As the rain started to pour, Brad found his top form clinching an incredible 4th on the 600 in the open class.

Sunday started with a 7th place on the 600 in the F600 class before Brad claimed two 3rd place finishes on the Supertwin. Unfortunately a clutch problem forced a retirement from the final open race of the day, however the team were happy with an excellent first meeting.

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP, Silkolene PRO CHAIN LUBE SPRAY, Silkolene PRO RG2, Silkolene WASH-OFF, Silkolene PRO PREP SPRAY, MAINTAIN BRAKE CLEANER



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Great Britain

Double victory for Joe Collier in Tri Options Championship Opener

Joe Collier has taken on a new challenge this year and has moved from the Dickies British Supersport Championship to the Ducati Performance Tri Options Championship with the BPS Racing team. It has been a last minute deal but Joe settled in well and took a double victory at the first round of the MCE British Superbike Championship round at Donington Park. Joe Collier said, "My first time riding the bike in the dry was on Friday so we had a lot to learn and change to get things right for me. The team worked really hard over the weekend to get everything feeling comfortable. I am looking forward to Brands and making the Ducati feel a little more like my own."

FUCHS lubricants: Silkolene PRO 4 15W-50 XP, Silkolene PRO WASH, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE SPRAY, Silkolene PRO PREP SPRAY, Silkolene INJECTOR/CARB CLEANER SPRAY, Silkolene PRO CHAIN SPRAY, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER SPRAY