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Zambia

FUCHS commits to protecting the environment

The 2019 annual 4x4 FUCHS Elephant Charge challenge brought together 28 teams of six men and women collecting funds to protect wildlife in Zambia through conservation and education. This edition was a record year with \$139,193 in donations collected by the teams. // Page 5.



Great Britain

A triumphant BSB season for the PBM team

Riders of the PBM team Scott Redding and Josh Brookes were successful with 1st and 2nd place overall in the 2019 British Superbike Championship. With Scott's victory, the PBM team won its 7th BSB title. // Page 6.

Hungary

7th National Championship title for the HTS KTM team

Thanks to its 7th title win in the National WAGNER-HOME Motocross Team Championship, the HTS KTM team has once again proved to be an essential part of the Hungarian motocross scene. // Page 9.





France

A brief taste of Dakar for Alexandre Giroud

The story of the Morocco Rally began in 1982 with the Paris-Agadir Rally. Over the years, it became a legendary motorsport event with the best teams and drivers of cars, bikes, trucks, quads and SSVs. The 2019 departure took place in Fès for five stages from October 3rd to 9th. The competitors raced for 2,000 km on technical and fast slopes, crossing sandy dunes and tackling tough navigational challenges.

The Morocco race, the final of the World Rally-Raid Championship, was a hard challenge for the FUCHS Silkolene rider Alexandre Giroud with his quad Yamaha Raptor YFZ 700. From the start of the prolog, he took control from Chilean Ignacio Casal, double Dakar champion, and Polish Rafal Sonik, double world rally champion. However, by the last two stages he had dropped back to 2nd position in his class before running into trouble.

“I am quite satisfied despite the mechanical problems in the last stages. I am training to be at the top of my game for the 2020 Dakar. My mechanic and the whole team are working very hard to boost the quad, which must fight to win the 9,000 km of this international event.”

The Morocco Rally was the ultimate training for Alexandre before he races the Dakar Rally for the fourth time in a row. In 2020, this famous race will take place in Saudi Arabia for the first time. The departure will be from Jeddah on January 5th, finishing on January 17th at Al-Qiddiya. The racers will tear through canyons, wadis, desert, mountains, and dunes.

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Portugal

Ricardo Teodósio crowned national rally champion

Ricardo Teodósio and his teammate José Teixeira are the new national rally champions after an intense battle with other race leaders. The Skoda Fabia R5 duo's brilliant season culminated in 2nd place at home in the decisive "Rally Casinos do Algarve".

Ricardo Teodósio reached the 9th and final race of the championship with even greater confidence against very strong adversaries: no one would take his title as national rally champion. The popular Guia driver, who had already won the races in Fafe and Mortágua, as well as taking the podium in the Azores, Rally Portugal, Castelo Branco, and Vidreiro, knew that maintaining his position against his main rivals was enough to win the title in the most important rally in 2019. And that's exactly what happened, through a 2nd-place finish and two qualifier victories, culminating in one of the most contested championships in the Rally National since it was created in 1956.

Ricardo Teodósio said: "It's like reaching the top of the mountain at the most important moment of my career. On the first day, we wanted to see how our adversaries were doing, but afterward we tried to move faster and won two sections. As we passed the stopwatch for the last stretch, I thought of a lot: my family, my friends, all the people who helped me get here, the affection and support I feel in all rallies, especially in the Algarve Casinos. It is a difficult feeling to explain. We worked hard to be champions and thanks are due to the ARC Sport team, which has done a fantastic job over the years. Thanks also to our sponsors; they were all crucial to this title."

The young Algarve driver displayed natural talent, even in karting and the formula championships.



Germany

BLACK FALCON celebrates overall victory and multiple championship titles at the VLN season finale

The European motorsport season ended with a highlight for BLACK FALCON. The team from Meuspath won its 4th overall victory in round 9, the last race of the 2019 VLN Endurance Championship at the Nürburgring circuit. Patrick Assenheimer and Maro Engel took 1st place with the BLACK FALCON Team AutoArena Mercedes-AMG GT3 #6. They won a four-way battle for 2nd in the penultimate lap and went into the final lap chasing car #911. Under pressure, car #911 crashed and Engel took the flag as the winner, thus securing the team the VLN Speed Trophy as well as the SP9 Pro Championship title for Assenheimer. The sister car, the AM Solutions Mercedes-AMG GT3 #16 of Adam Christodoulou, Hubert Haupt, and Dirk Müller finished 5th overall. In the SP10 class, Tobias Müller, Tim Scheerbarth, and Tristan Viidas won with the Mercedes-AMG GT4 #162 for the fourth time this season after an intensive fight for the day's victory. Thanks to this success, they and the BLACK FALCON Team IDENTICA secured the championship title in the GT4 class. In the SP8T class, Nico Bastian, Mustafa Mehmet Kay, and Mike Stursberg won with the BLACK FALCON Team Knuffi-AMG GT4 #152. Their teammates Marek Böckmann, Axel König, and Tobias Wahl finished 4th in their class with the Knuffi-AMG GT4 #155. There was also reason for celebration in the strongest production car category: Alexander Akimenkov, Ronny Lethmate, and Vasilii Selivanov took 2nd place in the V6 class with the BLACK FALCON Team TEXTAR Porsche 991 Carrera #395. Their teammates Uwe Lebens and Michael Lindmayer finished 7th in the Porsche Carrera 911 #394.

Team Principal of BLACK FALCON GT Sean Paul Breslin said: "After the problems in the first lap, victory seemed far away. However, we didn't give up because a lot can happen on the Nordschleife at any time. Many thanks to the whole team for the successful finale and our best VLN season so far."

Head of Motorsport BLACK FALCON customer racing Timo Frings said: "We achieved another good result at the end of the season and, thanks to a great performance by the whole team, we achieved our 4th victory in the SP10 class and thus the championship title. We also celebrated the 6th SP8T class win with the Knuffi-AMG #152. Many thanks to our drivers, our partners, and the whole team for the most successful VLN season in BLACK FALCON's team history."

Zambia

FUCHS fighting to preserve wildlife

FUCHS Elephant Charge is a 4x4 challenge organized to collect funds for preserving wildlife and the environment through conservation, education, and anti-poaching. Since 2008, the Elephant Charge has raised \$1,031,640 and supported 18 conservation organizations and projects.

FUCHS Zambia has been the title sponsor of this event for the past three years and has given further commitments for the future. This year's challenge took place 55 km south/southeast of Lusaka, down a dusty dirt road, on September 28th.

For this edition, 28 teams of six men and women took the challenge of traversing the wilds of Zambia's bushland and the exquisitely wild Miombo woodland, through ten checkpoints. At four in the morning, the first engines started up and the teams began to snake down the hillsides and maneuver through the thick bush. The challenge was to achieve the fastest time or choose the shortest route.

FUCHS Elephant Charge shifted up a gear in 2019, clocking the highest contribution to Zambian conservation projects on record at \$139,193.

"FUCHS feels strongly about the conservation through education ethos and will continue to support this event, as all funds collected go directly toward these programs," said FUCHS Zambia Managing Director Alasdair Watson.

All the teams entered are required to pledge to the conservation charities and every single dollar that the teams gain is passed directly to the Zambians. The money raised will support conservation through education at the Wildlife and Environment Conservation Society of Zambia, Birdwatch, Conservation Lower Zambezi, Conservation South Luangwa, to name but a few. All the projects involve schoolchildren and communities in conservation education and activities to help sow the seeds for the next generations of conservationists in Zambia. "It's vital work for Zambia's wildlife and we are proud to support it."

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Great Britain

PBM left its mark in the BSB for the seventh time!

FUCHS Silkolene-sponsored Paul Bird Motorsport's rider Scott Redding was crowned 2019 British Superbike champion following a consistent performance at the final triple-header round at the Brands Hatch circuit.

With PBM teammate Josh Brookes finishing 2nd in a season to remember for the team, Redding became the first ever rookie to win the BSB title following three calculated podium finishes to add to his eleven wins, sealing the title by five points.

The newly crowned champions have praised the quality and performance of the lubricants used in their engines.

Team owner Paul Bird said: "A quality team with quality bikes needs a quality product – and that's exactly what we have with FUCHS Silkolene."

Australian rider Brookes said: "I've always been familiar with FUCHS Silkolene's performance and quality. Those engines are taken apart every race weekend, so you can see the protection. I'm still using FUCHS Silkolene at the highest level of superbike racing."

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Great Britain

Bellerby Motorsport team at the top

Racing hotshot Drew Bellerby has triumphed in the BMW Mini Rallycross Championship at Croft. Her dreams came true as she came out on top of the ultra-competitive championship. Drew's weekend did not get off to a great start as she could only manage 7th place in the first final, but the Northallerton ace romped home in the second final, securing maximum points to end the season six points ahead of runner-up David Bell.

The good news didn't end there for the FUCHS Lubricants-backed Bellerby RX team. Steve Brown, in his rookie season in the competition, crossed the line 2nd behind Drew in the final race to finish 3rd in the championship overall. Drew's sister Paige was all smiles as well, after securing 2nd place overall in the Supernational Championship.

FUCHS UK Marketing Manager Sally Travis said: "We are so proud of the 'Sisters of Speed' Drew and Paige, and of Steve as well. It is so good to see them achieving at this very high level of motorsport. Bellerby Motorsport is a fantastic team and we're delighted to have been involved in this journey."



Great Britain

Double podium for the FUCHS Silkolene drivers

The F1 Sidecar Championship is firmly established in the British Superbike (BSB) race weekend experience and attracts participation by world-class teams and crews.

The Brands Hatch circuit held its breath for the final two races of 2019, with double points on the table. FUCHS Silkolene-sponsored team Todd Ellis and Charlie Richardson were crowned champions. Also racing for FUCHS Silkolene, Steve Kershaw and Stuart Clark took victory in the final British sidecar race to place 2nd in the championship.

After the event, Steve Kershaw said: “Thank you very much to FUCHS Silkolene for all its help in 2019. The championship went down to the final race of the season, which we won but it wasn’t enough to clinch the title. Our teammate Todd Ellis pipped us to the post. Nevertheless, we had a great season, taking nine wins and beating the reigning world champions five times. FUCHS Silkolene products have once again been second to none... a top-quality product. Neither Todd nor I suffered any mechanical breakdowns and between us we won 20 out of 21 races!”



Hungary

A 7th gold medal for the HTS KTM team

In 2019, the HTS KTM team left its mark in the 2019 National Gold Fren. Bence Szvoboda won his 10th championship title in the MX Open category and his teammate Erik Hugyecz came in 2nd. Imre Varga took the honors in the MX2 category with a 5th championship title in front of his teammate Kristóf Jakob, who closed the season in 2nd place.

The team also achieved a remarkable success in the National WAGNER-HOME Motocross Team Championship in Ajka. The riders of Pereszteg, Bence Szvoboda, Imre Varga, and Erik Hugyecz collected their 7th gold medal thanks to superior racing, catching up with the motocross club results of Honvéd Budapest.

The HTS trio have forged ahead with three team race

victories. The Czech and Hungarian MX1 champion Bence Szvoboda won two races, Erik Hugyecz contributed with 1st and 2nd place and Imre Varga collected two 2nd places. The final battle was memorable for the spectators. Szvoboda and Hugyecz offered a great show, riding head-to-head until the final lap where Szvoboda overtook his teammate.

Team owner Lajos Horváth said: "We have once again raced to victory. I am proud of our drivers because in this situation they strived for maximum individual performance, demonstrating their tenacity to the public. I thank them for this success and congratulate the other teams as well as the organizers."



Italy

Congratulations to Michele Magnoni for his 2019 title

For his first season with the FUCHS Silkolene family, Michele Magnoni and the TMF Racing team managed by Claudio Grazia won the 2019 National Trophy SuperSport Championship title just two races before the end of the season.

Even though he had no real opponents, the 30-year-old rider raced with audacity and determination, managing some impressive times.

In 2010, Michele ranked 3rd in the SuperStock 1000 World Championship, taking several podiums in this international event. After a bad accident, he became the test driver for the Honda Superbike World Championship.

FUCHS Italy Automotive marketing assistant Cristina Delmastro said: "We are happy to announce that Michele Magnoni will race for FUCHS Silkolene in the 2020 season."

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