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Spain

FUCHS Spain celebrated its half century at the Valencia race track

In the context of its 50th anniversary, FUCHS Spain organized the first edition of the FUCHS Silkolene Track Day. More than 120 enthusiastic riders raced on the very technical international MotoGP track at the Ricardo Tormo circuit. This great initiative allowed all the participants to test the FUCHS Silkolene lubricants. // Page 2.

Benelux

Aqua Protect Racing team fighting for the title

The five drivers of the Aqua Protect Racing team participated in the six rounds of the Belcar Endurance Championship with a Norma M20 FC. This 2017 winning team, managed by Vincent Desschans, a FUCHS' customer, has represented the FUCHS brand since 2011. // Page 8.



Germany

Actions for a good cause

For the 7th edition of the Prowin Race Day, the FUCHS driver Michael Schwall gave visitors a lift as co-drivers in his racing car for charity during a special stage of the rally. All the funds were donated to local charity associations. // Page 5.



Spain

Shining success for the FUCHS Silkolene Track Day

FUCHS Spain inaugurated the first FUCHS Silkolene Track Day to celebrate its 50th anniversary. “The Ricardo Tormo circuit has been the perfect track to welcome our guests. 120 enthusiastic riders, aged between 16 and 25, had the opportunity to train and test their skills at Valencia’s famous circuit. And even if most of these semi-professional competitors have participated in different Spanish championships, many of them took the chance to race on this legendary MotoGP track for the first time.”

An astonishing and unforgettable experience for these participants who benefited from a lot of advantages and exchanges with the FUCHS Silkolene staff. “We gave each rider a gift pack with some merchandising and FUCHS Silkolene products*. In addition, we briefed them about our products. We also proposed to change the engine oil at a very special price for all the competitors interested in using the FUCHS

Silkolene PRO 4 10W-40 XP. 25 riders benefited from this offer. We also lubricated the chains of all the participants’ bikes with the FUCHS Silkolene TITANIUM DRY GEL. Finally, the riders received a souvenir for the day: free pictures, caps, t-shirts and goodies.”

Two young Spanish riders and popular social media influencer were the guests of FUCHS Spain during this pleasant event. ‘Ironfran89’ and Adriana Pinto got the opportunity to test the official MOTO2 provided by the organization. These bikes, 100% lubricated with FUCHS Silkolene products, demonstrated the benefits and the extra performance of these lubricants to all the attendees.

A successful two-wheel event to reiterate!

FUCHS Silkolene lubricants pack*: Silkolene TITANIUM DRY GEL, Silkolene BRAKE CLEANER, Silkolene CHAIN CLEANER, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PROP PREP



Austria

FUCHS partner of the 15th Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race

In Austria, the Rupert Hollaus Memorial Race is the most important two-wheel event after the MotoGP and also one of the biggest races for historic racing motorcycles. 370 riders came to participate from all over Europe with vintage bikes from 1969 up to modern day machines.

Well known national riders like Giacomo Agostini, 15-time world champion, took part in the parade organized before the races.

The FUCHS' customers' drivers and Markus Kollenz from FUCHS

Austria represented the FUCHS Silkolene brand during this event. With his Yamaha, Markus Kollenz (#38) won 1st place in the 250cc class and 10th in the Superbike class with his Ducati (#7). The FUCHS' drivers claimed podiums in different classes.

On the Red Bull Ring track, the FUCHS Silkolene brand was visible along the circuit and at the podium. FUCHS Austria's staff was present in the pit area to show FUCHS Silkolene products to visitors and fans.

“Every year, it is a pleasure to welcome the visitors and exchange with our customers and all the fans fascinated by this racing atmosphere. Our customers are always impatiently waiting for this meeting,” said Markus Kollenz. “We are proud to have been partner of this Memorial for 15 years.”

FUCHS lubricants used by the FUCHS teams: Silkolene PRO 4 15W-50 XP, Silkolene PRO CHAIN, Silkolene ALL-IN-ONE, Silkolene PRO PREP, Silkolene PRO 2





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Germany

BLACK FALCON scores important points at the Hungaroring

BLACK FALCON won crucial points at round 4 of the 2018 Blancpain GT Series Silver Cup. The two one-hour races of this event were held in stormy conditions and the recently resurfaced track proved to be a challenge.

The German drivers, Hubert Haupt and Luca Stolz, shared the #6 BLACK FALCON Mercedes-AMG GT3. They made their team debut in the Sprint Cup Series race, as well as racing in the full season in the Endurance Cup. Luca gave up his normal place in the Pro-class to support Hubert in the Silver Cup. Joining a 22-strong grid of GT3 cars, the two drivers got used to a new circuit and high-level competitors.

Race 1: Encouraging first results

Despite the darkening sky and a slippery track, the whole grid started with slick tyres. After the rolling start, Hubert fought his way up to 10th place before handing the car over to his teammate, just after the halfway mark. Luca continued to battle hard and finished 9th overall and 4th in class.

Race 2: Increasingly competitive

Despite heavy rain and lightning, the pack of drivers blasted across the departure line with 50 minutes left to race. Thanks to his fine qualifying (2nd place on the grid), Luca was with the leaders while the other cars disappeared behind a wall of splash water. Over 25 minutes, he maintained a stable five-second gap from the leader while pulling away from the pack of cars fighting over 3rd place. Hubert started his second stint by blasting out of the pits with a new set of rain tyres. While he battled for 2nd place, the safety car was called out and stopped the race. After the re-start with just eight minutes left to run, the gap to his pursuers was wiped out. Nevertheless, he made a phenomenal start, almost regaining 2nd place but he was swamped by a gaggle of Pro-cars and forced back to 10th. In the end, he settled for 4th in the Silver Cup and 12th overall.

These weekend results allowed the team to leave Hungary with a 2nd place overall in the Sprint Cup Series.



Germany

Prowin Race Day: a mix of competition and charity



The Prowin Race Day is a very special event which allows drivers and the public to share strong emotions and the 7th edition was no exception. Organizers wanted to raise funds of regional charities, so they offered an entertaining framework program. In this way, visitors could accompany the race drivers as front passengers in exchange for a paid ticket. A lot of guests put on the helmet and enjoyed a spectacular experience on one of the stages of the rally. To celebrate this event, 3,000 spectators came to cheer on the drivers and speak with them.

Funds for charity

This year, the organizers collected EUR 12,000 through partnerships, donations, testing cars and selling products. These funds were donated to the regional victims of floods and to the local kindergarten.



Thrills guaranteed!

This renowned rally event gathered 60 drivers as well as the FUCHS driver Michael Schwall. He was very keen to have Henrich Vogel from FUCHS as his co-driver during a special stage. "I'm honoured to drive spectators and Henrich Vogel. I think they were very impressed. I am very happy that they could have such strong sensations on board and appreciate this sport and the adrenaline rush." More than 600 visitors tested the co-driver seat during this event.

Pictured: left to right: Henrich Vogel and Michael Schwall.



France

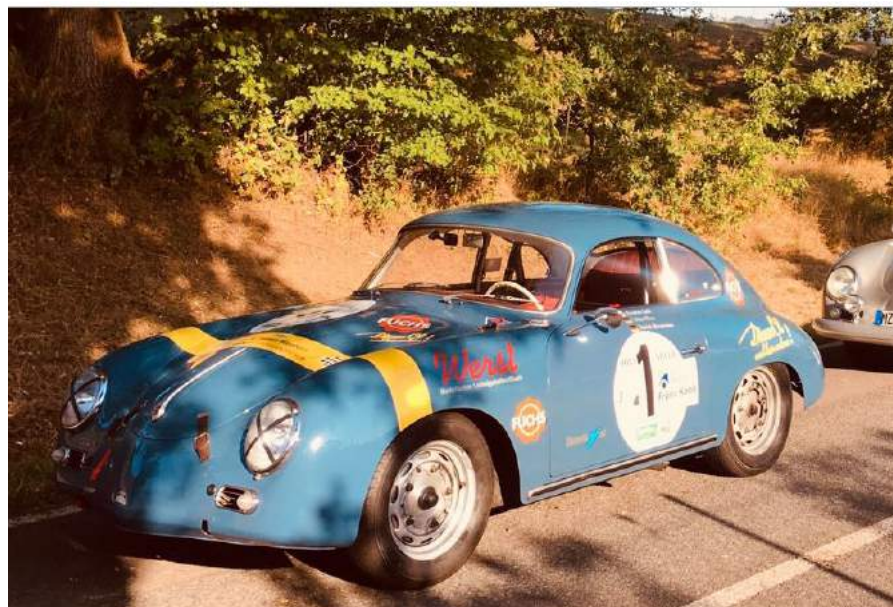
The race against time for the Turbo ABP Competition

The sixth of the ten rounds of the French Rally Championship – Asphalt took place on the very steep roads of the Morzine mountain. For this 70th edition of the Mont-Blanc Rally, the organizers also welcomed the Clio R3T Trophy and the 208 Rally Cup. In all, 157 teams participated in the 14 stages of this rally. With 7th place in the provisional ranking of the championship, the FUCHS driver Jordan Berfa (23) and his co-driver Damien Augustin (32), bet on this round to climb in the overall classification. But on Saturday, a hard braking on a very winding road broke his suspension. “We had to dismantle the car and assess the mechanical and body repairs,” explained the driver. The mechanics will do their best to repair the car very quickly, but Jordan is very sceptical about participating in the next rally (Coeur de France) which will take place in a few days.

Germany

Double victory for Klaes and Morgenstern at Zotzenbach

After a strong performance in the Le Mans Classic, Tobias Klaes and Patrick Morgenstern took part in the 4th ADAC/DMV Gleichmäßigkeits-Bergprüfung Zotzenbach. The drivers of the Porsche Zentrum Mannheim Penske Sportwagenzentrum / FUCHS PETROLUB team raced with their 1957 Porsche 356 A. They passed the chequered flag in the 1st and 2nd place of their class and claimed 5th and 6th place overall in this traditional event.





France

Justine Charroux crowned 2018 French Women Motocross Vice-champion

At the end of a very intense season with lots of ups and downs, Justine Charroux (25) succeeded with 2nd place on the French podium. During the ten rounds, FUCHS Silkolene's rider had to fight against 35 competitors, including five serious title contenders. The highest-level Dutch rider Courtney Duncan – competing for the WMX World Championship title – also invited herself to the first two rounds of the French season. Benefiting from her great experience in motocross racing, Justine bet on her skills to compete against her opponents. Leader of the championship during all the season, Justine lost the 2018 title during the last round, strongly penalized following an injury. "I had to stop training and everything else for one month. Of course, it has affected my performance and I was less successful in the two last rounds of the championship," said Justine.

Two points from the title

The very tight gap – two points only – between Justine Charroux and Mathilde Martinez allowed her main rival to win the title during the last round of the season. For her tenth participation in the

championship, Justine won 2nd place on the French Women Motocross podium for the fifth time.

Sharing the same challenge

Justine Charroux and her opponent Mathilde Martinez were chosen by the French Motorcyclist Federation to run together under the French flag during the 2018 Motocross of European Nations. These races took place at the Gdansk track (Poland) at the beginning of September. The riders had to unite their skills. The duo won 4th place.

Justine Charroux is everywhere

Two rounds before the end of the WMX World Championship, the French rider secured 14th position. Her next races: Assen (The Netherlands) and Imola (Italy).

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Benelux

The incredible feat of the Aqua Protect Racing team

Sponsored by FUCHS since 2012, the Aqua Protect Racing team participated in the Belcar Endurance Championship which took place on the most prestigious Belgian circuits. The team's drivers Frederic Vervisch (31), David Houthoofd (41), François Bouillon (56) and Kris Cools (44) won the 2017 Endurance Championship while Marc Goossens (48) joined the team in 2018. They raced with a Norma M20 FC.

The 24H of Zolder, the fourth of the six rounds of the Belcar Endurance Championship, caused the team a lot of displeasure but also lots of adrenaline. While he was leading the race, Marc Goossens had a collision with Jochen Grindt driving a BMW GT4. "The Norma car was badly damaged and had to go back to the pit. Thanks to their professionalism and know-how, the mechanics repaired the car in less than 44 minutes," explained Vincent Desschans, the team manager and FUCHS' customer since 2011.

Kris Cools resumed the race in 27th position. More motivated than ever to show their skills and defend their title, the Norma drivers gave it their all. With

perfect speed driving, the racers joined the leading group and finally claimed 3rd place overall in the 41st edition of the 24H of Zolder. With this podium and the 1st place in the Prototype class, the team has secured 2nd place overall, two races before the end of the championship. "We are very satisfied with the lubricants from FUCHS. We compete in 3H and 24H endurance races and it is essential to have powerful and reliable products. Thanks to FUCHS who always helps us to cross the final line with success."

Next races: Spa Racing Festival at Spa-Francorchamps and the American Festival Nascar Finals at Zolder

Characteristics of the cars: 2.0 l Honda engine (265 hp) or 1.6 l Peugeot turbo engine; SADEV sequential 6-speed gearbox with paddles; full carbon monocoque, AP-Racing Formula 3000 specification.

FUCHS lubricants: TITAN SINTOPOID LS SAE 75W-90, TITAN RACE PRO S SAE 10W-60, TITAN BRAKE CLEANER



Great Britain

Freddie Housley is making his mark

Kart driver Freddie Housley had a successful trip to Rowrah, Cumbria, for round 8 of the NKF National Championship.

Practice was tough, competing against experienced older lads who had raced at this circuit for some years, as this was only Freddie's 2nd time there in a cadet Kart. On day 1 he improved his best lap time so far by almost 1 second. The heats took place during awful weather and he did not get the best draw for starting positions, but Freddie enjoys racing in the wet.

13th, 12th and 17th places in the three heats qualified him to start 14th in the Final. Driving with confidence, he crossed the line to finish 9th, which is his highest place to date in the Tough NKF Championship.

"I am happy with this result." With a rest from racing in the UK, he is about to start testing a slightly bigger kart with faster engine to European regulations that he will race in the Spanish Championships in October.



Great Britain

Paige Bellerby: Next step, the title

Bellerby Motorsports 'Sisters of Speed', Paige and Drew Bellerby, took part in round 7 of the MSA British Rallycross Championship at Lydden Hill.

Lotus Exige driver Paige was pleased with her efforts, finishing 2nd in each of her three qualifying rounds, then leading the table in her semi-final. After the podium celebration, an elated Paige explained: "That was hard work, but I'm really chuffed to finish so close to the winner. I had problems with the gears jumping out in round 2 and 3 and I never knew when it was going to happen. Furthermore the front left brake was sticking, so I was quite busy!"

Paige is now in a comfortable 2nd place in the championship, having pulled well clear of her rival in 3rd.

Sister Drew had a much more difficult day. Following a superb win in the first qualifying heat, the car could not go out for heat 2 due to faulty electrics. Back out for round 3, despite low power she scored a 6th place. Her stunning run in heat 1 meant that she progressed straight to the Final. But on the second lap of six, the car failed and Drew had to record a non-finish.

Afterwards, a plucky Drew said: "I'm gutted about that, but I can pull back at the next round at Pembrey. I had a good win the last time, so I'm starting to look forward to it."





Great Britain

Three top 10 finishes for Morgan

Ciceley Motorsport driver Adam Morgan celebrated three top 10 finishes in the British Touring Car Championship at Knockhill. In treacherous conditions on the twisty Scottish circuit, Morgan grabbed himself a 9th, a 5th and a 4th place finish across the three races.

“It was so difficult to see,” said Morgan. “It was a case of surviving as you had to judge where to brake from the lights of the cars ahead and trying not to make a mistake was really tough. The hairpin was waterlogged without much grip, so I am pleased to have made it home without damage. The car felt good considering the conditions.”

Morgan is now 7th in the standings with two rounds remaining.

Great Britain

Congratulations to the winners

F1 British Sidecar team comprising rider Steve Kershaw and passenger Stuart Clark were crowned F1 British Sidecar champions after a dominant opening win at Cadwell.

The pair have had an amazing season, storming to the top of the table with an enormous lead. Ahead from the start, the duo was able to steadily pull away from the pursuing pack across the 12 laps to eventually take the win by 25 seconds.



Great Britain

Standing ovation for Scott Beaumont

For the 9th time in his career and the 7th time in a row, FUCHS Silkolene cycle ambassador Scott Beaumont is the 2018 4X National champion. After an amazing race, Scott was able to defend the championship. He said: “Anybody in the fields could have won and it was such a strong race. There are some really good riders out there. I’m so stoked to have won my 9th national title. I absolutely love 4X and live for this sport.”

To add to that success, Scott was also able to regain the British 4X Series title which will mean he races with the #1 plate throughout 2019.



Great Britain

From victory to victory

JG Speedfit Kawasaki team with rider Leon Haslam took another step closer to the 2018 British Superbike Championship as they won all three races at Silverstone. These amazing three victories ensure he extends his title lead even further. This means Leon now has a total of 568 points and is now 45 points ahead of Jake Dixon.

Leon Haslam said: "It was an unbelievable weekend, it started pretty badly with a huge crash on Friday but turned around really well with three wins. We secured another 15 podium credits which is important, but we had some great battles with so many riders. It was really fun to take part in these races. I'm looking forward to Oulton as we've had some good results there in the past and the final three races of the year are the most important."



Great Britain

Unfortunate timing

Due to rounds 6 and 7 of the 2018 FUCHS LUBRICANTS MSA British Historic Rally Championship being cancelled, the BHRC will now run over six rounds, with the sixth and final round on the Trackrod Rally.

The cancellation of Rally Isle of Man was a significant blow for both the BHRC and the FUCHS RACRMC Historic Asphalt Rally Championship.

"We had nearly 30 crews going over to the island to support the event. I wish the organizer well for the future and hope they can resolve the situation," said BHRC manager Colin Heppenstall.

Rules state that competitors will now count their best four scores from the six events for final championship positions and the changes mean that Paul Barrett is confirmed as British Historic Rally champion for 2018.





Great Britain

Back to the podium

The 9th round of British Superbike Championship took place at the Silverstone track. Be Wiser Ducati's Glenn Irwin, fresh from his podium in race 1, added another one to his collection as well as a 4th placed finish to consolidate his position in the championship.

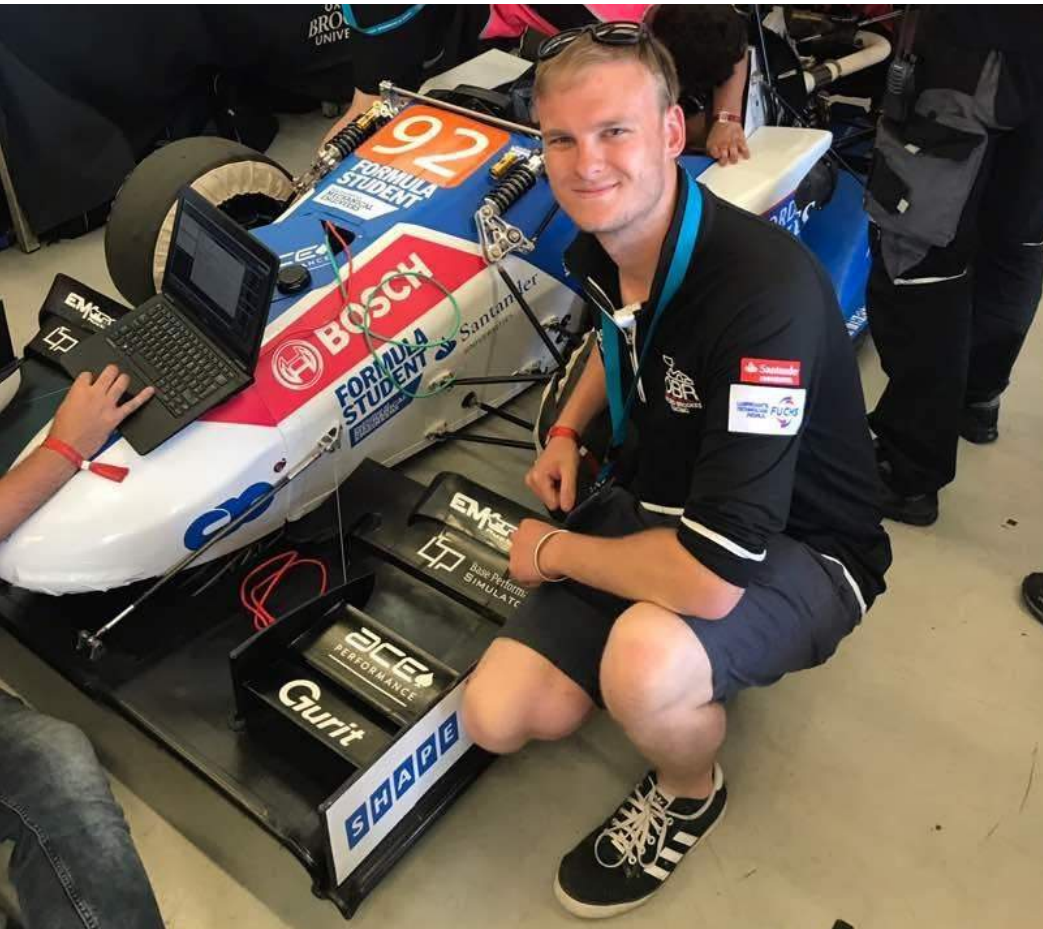
After a hectic few opening laps in the first 30-lap race on the Ducati Panigale R, he battled up to 5th by lap 20. There was also drama on the final lap which saw two riders crash out, allowing him to claim the final podium position.

The 2nd race was only a lap old when it was red flagged due to a crash, but it was restarted over 26 laps with Glenn starting from 4th on the grid. Once again, he found himself down the order in the early stages, but he was quickly up into 6th place as another superb battle at the head of the field ensued. There was never more than a couple of seconds covering the leading group and he settled for 4th place at the flag.

Nevertheless, it was a good haul of points from the three races with a 2nd, a 3rd and a 4th place and now he's going to the final three-round Showdown with 16 podium credits to his name.



Johnny Mowatt, team co-ordinator said: "It was nice to win two podiums from the three races. We've made progress with the bike all weekend. We are satisfied with the results and look forward to have a real good go in the Showdown where anything can happen."



Great Britain

Oxford Brookes Racing, the best British team at Silverstone

Formula Student is a series of international competitions, where universities from around the globe design, build and compete with their own single-seater race cars. It is seen by many in the automotive industry as the proving ground for the next generation of engineers who will one day pioneer innovation. Formula Student not only brings together the best young minds in engineering, but also world-renowned businesses, such as FUCHS, who use Formula Student as a testing ground for their latest technologies.

2018 was the second year in which FUCHS backed Oxford Brookes Racing, one of the UK's top FS teams. OBR had a new car featuring many exciting developments which the team and its partners were keen to show off. The five days competition began well for the team with Business, Cost and Design presentations where they showcased their work to industry experts. The team got into the finals in both

Cost and Design, snatching the 2nd place trophy in the latter. They also were one of the first to get through Scrutineering, the stringent process of ensuring cars are safe to compete and rules compliant, as well as securing solid results in Acceleration and Autocross.

The final day was an endurance round of 22km, featuring a driver change half way which is the ultimate challenge for cars' speed, reliability and efficiency. But after just one lap the car stopped because of problems with the gearbox. Fortunately, the driver restarted the car and remarkably was still able to deliver incredibly quick lap times despite a driver change.

OBR finished 2nd overall at Formula Student UK and was crowned top British team. With the support of FUCHS and their other partners, FSUK* was the team's most successful competition to date.

*Formula Student UK