

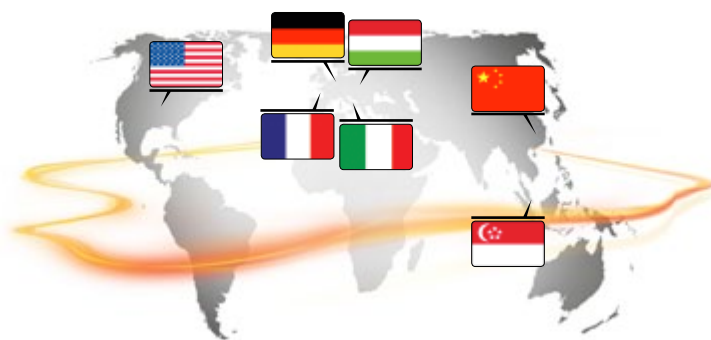


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## Bonneville Speed Week / Bonneville



Yokohama Syunji / Honda R&D / Honda 650 CBR

### ***Honda sets a new speed record in 650 cc***

Honda R&D has just chalked up another fine achievement to its already very long list of achievements. During Speed Week which takes place every year on Bonneville Salt Flats, USA, the Japanese manufacturer indeed beat one more record. Riding a 650 cc production machine, Shunji Yokokawa reached 170.821 mph, i.e. 274.91 km/h, on the courses imposed to get the performance ratified. As the surface is slightly damp and slippery, reaching such a speed with an 'almost production' machine is a genuine exploit! The previous record remained unbeaten for nine years.

It was Bonneville Speedway's 65th anniversary (when it was designated an official record track) when Honda decided to try and beat the record. Motul was of course present as Honda R&D's technical partner.



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## FIM World Superbike Championship / Magny-Cours

Round 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 **13** 14



European Junior Cup / Honda CBR 500R

### ***Guarnoni clinches his first win of the season in Superstock!***

The penultimate round of the World Superbike Championship, on 6 October, on the Magny-Cours circuit saw the win by Tom Sykes, who now becomes a serious contender for the title. Motul provided its technical support to Ducati Alstare, whose riders fought with determination. In race one, Ayrton Badovini finished ninth, but Michele Pirro, who was replacing the injured Carlos Checa and who had himself fallen in the trials, took an excellent sixth place. Unfortunately, race two again saw him suffer a fall, his teammate Badovini showing great steadiness by crossing the arrival line tenth. *'We weren't very lucky,'* commented Pirro, *'and my physical condition after my fall yesterday in no way helped me. But despite that and the tricky weather conditions, we made great progress this weekend.'*

In Superstock 1000, Motul partnered technically team MRS Kawasaki, whose weekend ended with a superb

success: not only did Jeremy Guarnoni bag pole position in this category, but in addition he secured a superb win on home turf, on the circuit where he already enjoyed his first success in Superstock 1000 last year. He led throughout the entire race, which was shortened to nine laps following several falls. For team MRS, Romain Lanusse came seventh and Axel Maurin, who enjoyed a wild card, managed a very fine thirteenth place.

Last, this Magny-Cours weekend also saw the seventh round of the European Junior Cup, partnered technically by Motul. The race lived up to the reputation of this Honda CBR 500 monotype series, with a fierce battle the outcome of which could only be seen in the last lap. Augusto Fernandez won, ahead of Peter Sebestyen and Javier Orenalla.

The last event of the season will now be on 20 October on the Jerez circuit, Spain.

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## Italian Superbike CIV Championship / Mugello

Round 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 **09** 10

### ***Eddi La Mara crowned Italian Champion already in the ninth round!***

Having suffered, a month earlier, a serious fall on the Misano circuit at the time of the private trials with Ducati, Eddi La Marra couldn't participate in the last two rounds of the Italian Superbike Championship on 21 and 22 September at the Mugello circuit. Yet the rider of Barni Racing Team, supported technically by Motul, had secured such a lead over his rivals that he was crowned Italian Champion at the end of the ninth round. Today, as he is in a specialist rehab centre and still too weak to move, his father received this amply deserved cup. We wish Eddi a quick recovery so he can once again express his track talent.



#### **Standings**

**01 / E. La Marra, 182 pts**

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02 / L. Mercado, 170 pts

03 / M. Magnoni, 146 pts

## Motul Cup Drag Series / Kunmadaras

### ***Ultra-powerful machines pulverised the records***

The Motul Cup held in Kunmadaras, Hungary, saw riders and drivers of several categories compete on board more than 200 cars and motorcycles. In front



of several thousand spectators, Donát Lencsés set a new national record by exceeding 303 km/h on 400 m, finishing among the four best European pilots! With his 1,600 hp machine, Csaba Erdős covered the distance in 7", and Szabolcs Borsay, for Tomracing Motorsport Team, went under the 8" bar and reached 274 km/h on his Suzuki dragster. He set a new national class record and proved to be the best Hungarian rider of his speciality: *'The machine worked perfectly well and, as I was spared technical problems this time, I could improve my personal record,'* stated the rider.

The event also saw the participation of an impressive car fitted with a reaction engine, which managed to clinch the fantastic time of 6.5" by reaching 314 km/h at the end of 400 m!

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## Blancpain Endurance Series / Nürburgring

Round 01 02 03 04 **05**



Lucas Ordonez - Alex Buncombe / RJN Motorsport Team / Nissan GT-R GT3

### ***Team RJN wins the title in Pro-Am and Kessel Racing comes third in Pro-Cup***

As could be expected, the Nürburgring circuit was the setting of a race held for the last round of the Blancpain Series, on 22 September. While HTP Motorsport flew to victory, the teams supported by Motul defended vigorously their position. So, at the wheel of a McLaren MP4-12C, the trio Leclerc/Parisy/Soucek began by clinching for ART Racing third time in the trials, and then crossed the arrival line in the same position. The team therefore finished the season like it had started it in Monza: on a podium. For Kessel Racing, things proved more difficult, with unforeseen incidents: an accident in the trials, then two penalties during the event which delayed Ramos, Rigon and Zampieri, meaning they could do no better than fourteenth. Yet its good results throughout the season allowed Kessel Racing to bag third place in the championship teams standings, a well deserved result for the Swiss team. In passing, note can also be made of the fine performance of JRM Motorsport, another team supported by Motul, which finished fifth in Nürburgring: this result allows it to progress in the championship and rank just behind Kessel, in fourth place.

A week-end soon to be forgotten, on the other hand, for team Hexis Racing (McLaren MP4-12C), which suffered misfortune and was forced to quit following contact with two BMWs.

So, among the Motul teams, Nissan GT Academy Team RJN was no doubt happiest at the end of this last round. In effect, not only was its driver Lucas Ordonez crowned champion of the Pro-Am drivers, but the team itself won the teams title. Incidents did not however spare this team managed by Bob Neuville, which had sufficient luck in that the points secured during this last race allowed them to bag the crown at the end!

So that's the end of the Blancpain Endurance Series 2013, which entirely lived up to its competitiveness reputation.

#### **Pro-Cup Team Standings**

01 / BMW Marc VDS, 99 pts

02 / Belgian Audi Club WRT, 60 pts

03 / Kessel Racing, 54 pts

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## China Touring Car Championship / Guangdong

Round 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08



China Touring Car Championship

### ***Motul teams take top honours once again***

On 22 September 2013, the sixth round of the China Touring Car Championship was held in Zhaoqing, Guangdong Province, China. Three Motul-partnered racing teams – Haima Family, Beijing Hyundai and Guangzhou Toyota Yaris – swept the podium and put Motul on all three steps once again.

The incident-plagued race had nearly everything that drivers didn't want to happen. From disastrous mechanical failures, to devastating accidents and safety car periods, the events greatly messed up the teams' strategy. However, the experience of the Motul-partnered teams saw them adapt accordingly to stay ahead.

Finally, Haima's He Zixiang crossed the finish line first place – leading from pole to finish. The win also saw

Haima Family return to the top of the Manufacturers Cup standings. Beijing Hyundai's Cui Yue and Toyota Yaris's Zhang Hanbiao finished in second and third place, respectively.



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## Pan Delta Championship / Zhuhai



Dan Kruger / Kawasaki

### ***Dan Kruger claims remarkable victory despite injuries***

The Fall Race of the 2013 Pan Delta Super Racing Festival took place on Zhuhai International Circuit on 14 September. Motul-supported rider Dan Kruger had a miraculous recovery after undergoing surgery to repair and stabilise fractures the evening before, and eventually even qualified in second.

Starting in pole, Yamaha rider Huang Shizhao maintained his position as he entered the first turn. Dan Kruger followed closely behind with a gap of less than 0.2 seconds, with Ramdan, Hou Xiaoqiang, Li Zhengpeng and Hu Zhao completing the leading six.

As the midpoint in the race approached, Huang's motorcycle lost its speed advantage and allowed Dan to quickly catch up to take the lead. With Huang frequently running into the backmarkers, the gap between him and Dan gradually grew wider.

Despite his injuries, Dan maintained his pace and crossed the line to take the second race, and was also crowned the overall champion of the Fall Race.



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## Motul Bike Festival 2013



Moto Gymkhana participants

### *Inaugural Motul Bike Festival proves to be a hit*

"Four wheels move the body, two wheels move the soul". If there was an event to prove that the passion for motorcycles in Singapore is stronger than ever, then the Motul Bike Festival 2013 was the perfect one to do so. The first such event to happen in Singapore, the festival was dedicated solely to motorcyclists and was organised to celebrate Motul's launch of their new MCO range. But it wasn't just a regular bike festival you'll usually see elsewhere, as the headlining act was none other than Leah Petersen.

As one of the top female stunt riders in the world, Leah's performances were in a class of their own. From rolling burnouts and drifts, to multiple variations of the wheelie, Leah worked the crowd with both her charm and immense talent.

Other highlights of the event also included the SMSA Moto Gymkhana. With the conclusion of the popular Kallang Carpark Rally, this event was high anticipated by motorcyclists. The two categories – below 200cc and above 200cc – saw slots being snapped up quickly and the competition was exceptionally intense. Specially catered to pamper the fans who turned up, Motul had an MC Care Station where two-wheelers were



given the TLC they deserve. Motul's dedicated range of motorcycle interior and exterior care products quickly became the talking point of the event, with many becoming converts of these range-topping products.

There was also a Best in Show competition, where over 40 bikes entered four different classes and sought to impress the judges. To show appreciation of each owner's efforts, both class and overall winner received an attractive MC Care package and trophy.

Through months of planning and with the support of the various partners, Motul Bike Festival 2013 was a huge success and attracted over 3,000 attendees in a single day. It was indeed an event to remember for all motorcycling enthusiasts and fans of Motul.

