

**# 31 – 27 AUGUST 2010**

## **ROUTE TO: OSCHERSLEBEN, GERMANY**

Rounds 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of the FIA WTCC will take place next week in Germany, at Oschersleben's Motorsport Arena on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

The German track, located in the Bode region some 30 km from the city of Magdeburg, is a traditional venue for the FIA Touring Cars having hosted the European Touring Car Championship from 2001 to 2004 and the World Touring Car Championship from 2005. The WTCC meeting is also one of the fans' favourites as it usually attracts large crowds.

Oschersleben is regarded as BMW's home circuit. Not only because it is in Germany, but also because the BMW drivers have managed to win nine out of the ten WTCC races held there so far, with Andy Priaulx and Augusto Farfus claiming three victories apiece. The Bavarian cars were only defeated at Oschersleben once by SEAT in 2007's Race 1, when Yvan Muller scored the first win of the León TDI car.

Priaulx and Farfus shared last year's glory, with the Briton coming first in Race 1 and the Brazilian winning Race 2.



The WTCC resumes next week at Oschersleben after the summer break

## **CHEVROLET EAGER TO WIN IN GERMANY**

The Chevrolet team are facing the most difficult racetrack. Never so far a Chevrolet car has managed to win a WTCC race at Oschersleben. And yet the team come to Germany with the strongest determination to keep the lead in both the Drivers' and Manufacturers' championships. In view of the German event, Chevrolet spent three days testing in Magny-Cours.

*"We have prepared well, and the test we made in Magny-Cours a couple of weeks ago was very useful to further fine-tune some technical options,"* explained the championship leader Yvan Muller, the only Chevrolet driver who won in Oschersleben, in 2007 when he was driving for SEAT.

Chevrolet Motorsport manager Eric Nève added: *“For the first time we enter the final part of the season as leader of both championships. We are clearly determined to do well. Taking into account the transport times to Japan and China, the calendar is going to be extremely tight from now up until the end of the season. This is why it was extremely important to use the summer weeks to continue working and advancing in the development of the Cruze, and I am very happy with the work done so far by the team.”*



Chevrolet are looking to claim their first victory at Oschersleben

## **NO SUMMER BREAK FOR ROMANOV AND MICHELISZ**

WTCC competitors Andrei Romanov and Norbert Michelisz did not stop their racing during the summer break.

The Russian driver dominated the event of the German ADAC Procar series at Lausitz's Eurospeedway. At the wheel of a Liqui Moly Team Engstler BMW 320si, Romanov won both races under pouring rain.

Michelisz was invited to take part in the Lamborghini Trophy round on his home racetrack, Budapest's Hungaroring; in the first race he completed a brilliant recovery from eighth to fourth, but then retired in the second race.

## **KEVIN CHEN TESTS FOR PROTEAM**

Taiwan's Kevin Chen completed his first laps in a WTCC car last Tuesday at Mugello, driving a Proteam Motorsport BMW 320si.

Chen – 31 years old from Taipei – will join the Italian team for the two final race meetings of the season at Okayama and Macau. This will mark Chen's return to his racing roots, as he began his motorsport career claiming two US titles in the SCCA Regional Touring Championship, back in 2003 and 2004. After finishing runner up in the 2005 Show Room Stock Car Series he moved to single seaters, competing in the Formula V6 Asia (2007/08), GP Asia (2008/09) and British Formula 3 (2009).

*“Kevin has a lot of potential, but he needs to test to get used to touring cars again. Our aim is to give him the chances to become competitive in view of his WTCC debut. Together we look forward at Okayama and Macau as the first step in view of a possible full time involvement in the 2011 WTCC,”* team principal Valmiro Prezzenini explained.

Chen will test again this weekend at Magione, together with Fabio Fabiani who will make his third WTCC appearance of the year next week at Oschersleben.



Kevin Chen will race for Proteam Motorsport at Okayama and Macau

## **MENU AND MULLER TO RACE IN BUENOS AIRES**

Chevrolet WTCC drivers Alain Menu and Yvan Muller will take part in the 200 Km of Buenos Aires, a round of the Argentine TC2000 Championship, on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Muller and Menu will be at the wheel of Chevrolet Vectra cars run by the Chevrolet Elaion team, teaming-up with Guillermo Ortelli and Christian Ledesma respectively.

Chevrolet WTCC drivers have already taken part in the event; Menu won in 2006 and finished on the podium in 2007, 2008 and 2009, while Muller will make his first appearance.

Wayne Brannon, CEO of Chevrolet Europe commented: *"For a global brand like Chevrolet, it is particularly positive to build bridges between the continents. This is true for motorsports programmes as in any other area. We are glad that the cooperation between our WTCC and TC2000 teams is going on this year too and we are sure that the presence of two great drivers like Alain and Yvan will be a plus for our brand in Argentina."*

## **MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR VALENCIA**

Rounds 17 and 18 of the 2010 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Valencia, Spain, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Please be reminded that media passes issued by National Sporting Authorities and/or any other series (except the FIA Formula 2 permanent media passes) will NOT be valid.** Accreditation forms can be downloaded from [www.fiawtcc.com/Accreditation.asp](http://www.fiawtcc.com/Accreditation.asp).

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## MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR MACAU

Applications for Media Accreditation for the 57<sup>th</sup> Macau Grand Prix and rounds 21 and 22 of the FIA World Touring Car Championship are now open.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October.**

- **International Press** must send applications to Fabio Ravaioli  
tel +39 06 39729497, fax +39 06 39729470, email: [media@fiawtcc.com](mailto:media@fiawtcc.com)
- **Press, TV and Radio from China, Macau, Hong Kong and Taipei** must apply on-line at: <http://www.macau.grandprix.gov.mo>
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**COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS**



to the 2010 FIA WTCC Race of Germany – 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> September in Oschersleben

# 2010 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



## ROUNDS 15 & 16 - OSCHERSLEBEN, 5 September - ENTRY LIST

#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		SR-Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
2		SR-Sport	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
3		SR-Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
4		SR-Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
5		Zengő-Dension Team	Norbert Michelisz (HUN) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
6		Chevrolet	Yvan Muller (FRA)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
7		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
8		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
10		BMW Team RBM	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
11		BMW Team RBM	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
15	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Franz Engstler (GER)	BMW 320si
16	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Andrei Romanov (RUS)	BMW 320si
17		SUNRED Engineering	Michel Nykjær (DEN) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
18		SEAT Swiss Racing by SUNRED	Fredy Barth (SUI) *	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
19	/	bamboo-engineering	Harry Vaulkhard (GBR) *	Chevrolet Lacetti
20	/	bamboo-engineering	Darryl O'Young (HKG) *	Chevrolet Lacetti
21	/	Wiechers-Sport	Mehdi Bennani (MAR) *	BMW 320si
24	/	Poulsen Motorsport	Kristian Poulsen (DEN)	BMW 320si
25	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
26	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
33	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Fabio Fabiani (ITA)	BMW 320si

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

\* Drivers eligible for the WTCC Rookie Challenge

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## ROUNDS 15 & 16 – MOTOSPORT ARENA OSCHERSLEBEN



**Lap distance – 3,696 m**  
**Race distance – 2 x 14 laps**

- Location:** 30 km South West of Magdeburg
- Contacts:** Motosport Arena Oschersleben, Motopark Allee 20-22, 39387 Oschersleben  
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- Airports:** Leipzig-Halle (100 km), Hannover-Langenhagen (150 km), Berlin-Tempelhof (150 km), Berlin-Schönefeld (150 km), Berlin-Tegel “Otto Lilienthal” (160 km)
- Lap records:** Qualifying - 1:35.675/139.07 kph, Robert Huff (Chevrolet Lacetti), 30 Aug 2008  
Race - 1:36.699/137.59 kph, Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si), 31 Aug 2008
- Previous winners:** 2005 Race 1: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320i)  
2005 Race 2: Alessandro Zanardi (BMW 320i)  
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2006 Race 2: Jörg Müller (BMW 320si)  
2007 Race 1: Yvan Muller (SEAT León Tdi)  
2007 Race 2: Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si)  
2008 Race 1: Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si)  
2008 Race 2: Félix Porteiro (BMW 320si)  
2009 Race 1: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320si)  
2009 Race 2: Augusto Farfus (BMW 320si)



## Rounds 15 & 16 – Oschersleben (GER) EVENT TIMETABLE

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

09.00 – 09.30	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 1
09.45 – 10.15	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 1
10.30 – 11.10	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Free Practice 1
11.30 – 12.00	MINI Challenge	Free Practice
13.00 – 13.30	FIA Formula Two Championship	Free Practice 2
13.45 – 14.15	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 2
14.30 – 14.55	ADAC Procar	Free Practice 1
15.10 – 15.50	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Free Practice 2
16.15 – 16.45	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 1
17.00 – 17.30	SEAT León Eurocup	Qualifying

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010

<b>08.30 – 09.00</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 1</b>
09.15 – 09.40	ADAC Procar	Free Practice 2
10.00 – 11.00	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Qualifying
11.45	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 1 (max. 40 min.)
<b>12.40 – 13.10</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 2</b>
13.20 – 13.50	MINI Challenge	Qualifying
14.20	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 1
<b>15.00 – 15.35</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Qualifying</b>
16.00 – 16.30	ADAC Procar	Qualifying
16.45 – 17.15	FIA Formula Two Championship	Qualifying 2
17.45	MINI Challenge	Race 1

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010

<b>08.30 – 08.45</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Warm up</b>
09.15	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Race 1
10.25	MINI Challenge	Race 2
11.30	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 2
12.10 – 12.25	ADAC Procar	Warm up
<b>13.05</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 1 (14 laps)</b>
13.40	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 1
14.00	FIA Formula Two Championship	Race 2 (max. 35 min)
<b>15.20</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 2 (14 laps)</b>
15.55	FIA WTCC	Podium Race 2
16.15	Trofeo Maserati Gran Turismo MC	Race 2
17.35	ADAC Procar	Race 1
18.35	ADAC Procar	Race 2