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Pikes Peak International Hill Climb

Volkswagen completes first tests on original route in the USA

Preparations for the 96th Pikes Peak International Hill Climb (PPIHC) are in full swing. The Volkswagen I.D. R Pikes Peak impressed from the word go at the first tests on the original route in the US state of Colorado. The focus of Romain Dumas' (F) practice runs was on chassis set-up, tyre tests and optimal use of battery charging and energy recovery when braking. As the 19.99-kilometre route to the summit at 4.302 metres is a public road, it was only available to the team for three hours.

On 24 June – in precisely three weeks – Dumas, a three-time winner of the most famous hill climb in the world, will set his sights on breaking the record for electric cars. The current record of 8:57.118 minutes was set in 2016. The 40-year-old will get just one attempt. As well as the technically extremely demanding route, with a change in elevation of 1,440 metres between the start and finish, the team also face many unknowns. The race has had to be cancelled or shortened due to adverse weather on several occasions in the past. In June, it snows or hails around the area of the summit on average 18 out of 30 days, while the temperature is often around freezing point.

Romain Dumas (F), Volkswagen I.D R Pikes Peak

"If even the slightest little thing goes wrong during the race, then a new electric record is hardly realistic. However, the I.D. R Pikes Peak is the best car I have ever driven up this mountain. Acceleration and cornering speeds are really impressive, and the car is also very comfortable: The electric powertrain means I do not need to shift gear, so I can focus fully on the racing line. However, there is obviously always room for improvement. We will fine-tune the set-up over the course of the remaining tests, and I am very confident ahead of the race on 24 June."

More information: www.ppihc.org



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TCR Asia

Wins for Cheah and Moran in the Golf GTI TCR

Franz Engstler's team remains the dominant force in TCR Asia. The team from the Allgäu region of Germany won both races again at the second race weekend in Buriram (Thailand), and has now claimed one-tuos in all four of this season's races so far. Mitchell Cheah (MAL) won the opening race in his Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR, ahead of team-mate Diego Moran (EC). The day's unluckiest person was Luca Engstler (D). The 18-year-old led the race comfortably in the third Liqui Moly Team Engstler car until a puncture forced him to retire with just two laps remaining.

In race two, Moran and Engstler were embroiled in a fierce battle for the win. The Ecuadorian eventually had his nose in front at the finish, beating Engstler by just 0.277 seconds. Cheah, on the other hand, suffered the same fate as Engstler did the previous day. He had to settle for eleventh place following a puncture. However, he was able to defend his lead in the overall standings. After two of this season's race weekends, Cheah has 83 points to his name, followed in second place by Engstler with 68 points.

From Thailand, Engstler now heads back to Germany, then straight on to Austria. Spielberg hosts races five and six of the ADAC TCR Germany season next weekend. The team from Bavaria then returns to Thailand in July. Races five and six of TCR Asia will be held at the Bangsaen Circuit from 13 to 15 July.

Diego Moran (EC), Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR #32

"I narrowly missed out on victory in the opening race, but got the win in race two. The reverse grid always makes it difficult. I started from ninth, but made a good start. I was already leading by lap three. Luca put me under a lot of pressure, but I was able to hang on to my lead. Thank you to the Engstler team, who provided me with a super car again following the crash in the last race in Sepang."

More information: www.asia.tcr-series.com

TCR UK

He did it again! Daniel Lloyd claims his third brace of wins in a row

The inaugural season in TCR UK is rapidly developing into a one-man show. Daniel Lloyd, in a Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR, once again scored the maximum 91 points at the third race weekend of the year. First in qualifying. First in race one. First in race two. The former Scirocco R-Cup driver claimed his third brace at Brands Hatch and remains unbeaten in the



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series. The pole-sitter initially dropped back into second place in the opening race, but produced a considered overtaking manoeuvre in the Clark curve to retake the lead on lap four. He then pulled clear and went on to take a relatively comfortable win.

The fans at the iconic British circuit were treated to another impressive display from Lloyd in race two. From tenth place on the grid, the Volkswagen driver ploughed his way through the field, dictating proceedings seemingly at will. Jessica Bäckman (S) finished fourth and runner-up to round off the fine result for Westcoast Racing. Second place in race two was the 20-year-old Swede's first podium of her fledgling touring car career. After three of seven rounds, Lloyd has a clear lead in the overall standings with 273 points. TCR UK returns to action on 14 and 15 July in Castle Combe.

Daniel Lloyd (GB), Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR #23

"Six races, six wins! That is incredible! It may look easy from the outside, but it is most certainly not. Everyone in the Westcoast Racing team is working very, very hard to achieve this success. This is a fiercely-competitive racing series and the other drivers are making life extremely difficult for me. We must now hope that these good results will allow us to attract a few more sponsors, so that I can continue driving for the rest of the season."

More information: www.tcr.uk

FIA Formula 3 European Championship

Red Bull Junior Ticktum claims maiden win in the Formula 3 European Championship

Daniel Ticktum (GB) of the Motopark team claimed his first win in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship. The Red Bull Junior won the first of three races at the Hungaroring in Hungary. As at the season-opener in Pau (France), Ticktum started from pole position. This time, however, he only surrendered the lead briefly before fighting back to take victory "powered by Volkswagen". The 18-year-old also started race two from the front of the grid. However, he was forced to retire with a brakes issue. Ticktum bounced back in race two at the demanding circuit near Budapest, finishing second behind his compatriot Enaam Ahmed (Hitech Bullfrog GP) to claim his next podium result. After six of this season's 30 races, Ahmed leads the championship with 83 points. Ticktum is the best-placed Volkswagen in third place, 20 points off the lead. Races seven to nine will take place at the Norisring from 22 to 24 June.

More information: www.fiaf3europe.com



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▪ **Chinese Touring Car Championship (CTCC)**

The SAIC Volkswagen 333 Racing team suffered a set-back at the third race weekend of the Chinese Touring Car Championship (CTCC) in Guangdong. In a second race that was overshadowed by many collisions, Yang Fan (CHN) finished eighth in a Volkswagen Lamando GTS. His three team-mates failed to finish. Rodolfo Avila (MAC) claimed the result of the weekend from a Volkswagen perspective, finishing fourth in the opening race. Zhang Zhendong, in fourth place, is the best-placed Volkswagen driver in the overall standings. The next round takes place at the Shanghai Tianma Circuit on 22 July. More information: www.ctcc.com.cn

▪ **TCR Russia**

Following race three of TCR Russia, Roman Golikov (RUS) has lost contact with the top of the overall standings in the Russian national touring car series – for now at least. Golikov travelled to the NRing in Nizhniy Novgorod in third place in the championship and battled to a respectable sixth place in the opening race in his Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR. Hopes of a top result in race two were dashed as early as turn one. Golikov lost a lot of time when he was forced onto the grass and then had to take a detour through the gravel bed. He eventually finished eleventh. Round four of TCR Russia takes place at the Kazan Ring on 21 and 22 July. More information: www.raf-rcrs.ru

Next up:

08.06.–10.06.2018,
FIA World Rallycross Championship (WRX), Hell (N)

08.06.–10.06.2018,
TCR Benelux, Spa-Francorchamps (B)

08.06.–10.06.2018,
TCR Europe, Spa-Francorchamps (B)

09.06.–10.06.2018
TCR Germany, Red Bull Ring (A)

08.06.–09.06.2018,
Fun-Cup France, Magny-Cours (F)

08.06.–09.06.2018,
Fun-Cup Great Britain, Snetterton (GB)



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08.06.-09.06.2018,
British Touring Car Championship (BTCC), Oulton Park (GB)





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