

PRESS RELEASE

23rd International Rupert Hollaus Race/Racing Days

August 1 -2, 2026, Red Bull Ring

“An epic journey through the history of motorcycling reaches its climax”

Red Bull Ring, 8724 Spielberg, Red Bull Ring Straße 1, Austria



*The Rupert Hollaus Race has long since established itself as a truly iconic event. The combination of the unmistakable sound of old two-stroke engines, the smell of engine oil, the chance to get up close to the legends and the high-speed atmosphere at the Red Bull Ring is simply unique. **Fans will have one last chance to experience and enjoy it on 1 and 2 August 2026.***

Foto: Erich Müllegger

Motorsport history up close: “The 23rd International Rupert Hollaus Race at the Red Bull Ring”

On August 1st and 2nd, 2026, the Red Bull Ring in Styria will once again become the Mecca of historic and modern motorcycling.

The ‘23rd International Rupert Hollaus Racing Days’ are sure to set motorsport fans’ hearts racing: over 400 enthusiastic participants from eleven nations guarantee thrilling racing action across a total of 14 classes.

The top-class starting grid spans a fascinating arc through the history of motorsport. Alongside renowned privateers, legends and stars will also be revving their engines – including World Championship runner-up **Bruno Kneubühler**, Ice Speedway World Championship runner-up **Franky Zorn** and the well-known actor and motorbike enthusiast **Tobias Moretti**.

Unique variety from vintage to high-tech

Whilst modern high-tech machines are pushed to the limit in the Superbike and Supersport classes, vintage motorbikes and historic sidecar combinations dating back up to 100 years evoke pure nostalgia. The races of



the “International Sidecar Trophy” also promise absolute thrills, with riders battling for valuable championship points in their powerful sidecars (Info: www.sidcar-trophy.de).

Historical exhibition “Famous Racing Motorcycles”

Here, visitors have the rare opportunity to admire historically and technically significant exhibits – usually kept behind closed doors – in action and up close. Owners and riders are happy to chat about motorbikes.

Legends and Stars

A special highlight for fans are the “Parades of Legends”!

The likeable, three-time vice world Champion **Bruno Kneubühler** from Switzerland – a regular rider at the Rupert Hollaus races since 2004 – will be on display on his legendary Honda RC 163 R (250 cc/4-cyl., built in 1962), whilst ice speedway champion **Franky Zorn** will be defending his podium position on the Yamaha 350 YPVS (he has been unbeaten in his class since 2021!), **actor Tobias Moretti** will be riding a historically significant, roaring MV Agusta 500/4-cylinder, and organiser Wolfgang Stropek will be on a Matchless G50 MK3 Seeley.



Rex-Acme 1926, Photo: Günter Weinhold

The oldest motorcycle on display will be the racing version of a 1926 ‘Rex-Acme’. The Blackburne single-cylinder OHV features, amongst other things, an external flywheel, a bored-out crankshaft, additional lubrication for the valves and rocker arms, and a 3-speed gearbox.

Also on display are historic models from the brands **Norton** (Norton Club Austria, for example **Norton ES2**, built in 1948, 500 cc, OHV, with a ‘Gardengate frame’; this single-cylinder model was produced from 1927 to 1961), **MV Agusta**, **Ducati**, **Parilla**, **MZ**, **Gilera** (collection of Giuseppe Ioannoni & friends), **Moto Guzzis** from the period 1921–1957 (collection of Antonio-Maria Frigerio) and Laverdas (collection of Willi Werndl & friends).



Norton ES2, 1948, Photo: Christian Gurtner

Fans of Japanese motorcycles will be particularly interested in the ‘Honda Dream 50’ – the limited-edition replica of the Honda 50cc racing machine RC110/111, officially unveiled by Honda in 2004, on which Luigi Taveri successfully competed in the 1962 season.

PUCH-KTM-VESPA Challenge

The “PUCH-KTM-VESPA Challenge”, organised by the PUCH Museum in Judenburg, promises plenty of fun and entertainment on Saturday. All participants need is a valid admission ticket and to register.

SPECIAL STAMPS



To mark the 23rd International Rupert Hollaus Race/Racing Days, the BSV St. Veit/Gölsen is issuing a **set of three stamps**. Collectors and anyone interested can purchase this at the Thucom bookstall in the paddock for €10, or order it by emailing gugerell@aon.at (plus postage). The designs feature the racing drivers Gerhard Föttinger/Maria Walz, Franky Zorn and Franz Kapeller/Markus Billich. **A block of eight featuring the 1986 design “Wolfgang Stropek/Peter Demling”** is also available for €24,- (plus postage).

For fans, it’s all about “being right in the thick of it”: your ticket includes access to the paddock, pit lane and exhibition pit, guaranteeing a truly up-close and personal experience!

Captions



Bruno Kneubühler competed in the World Championship for 18 (!) years – from 1972 to 1989 – as one of the most successful privateer riders, with 173 Grand Prix starts across the five (!) classes of the time. Since the Rupert Hollaus races began in 2004, “Kneubi” has been a regular rider on his 1962 Honda RC 162 GP, 250cc.

Photo: Erich Müllegger



Actor Tobias Moretti is a passionate motorcyclist and collector; he will be riding an MV Agusta 500/4-cylinder during the parades and will be happy to pose for autographs and selfies.

Photo: neumayr.cc



Franky Zorn unbeaten for years

Ice speedway ace Franky Zorn has already won at the Red Bull Ring in the under 400cc class in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 on his fast 2-stroke Yamaha 350.

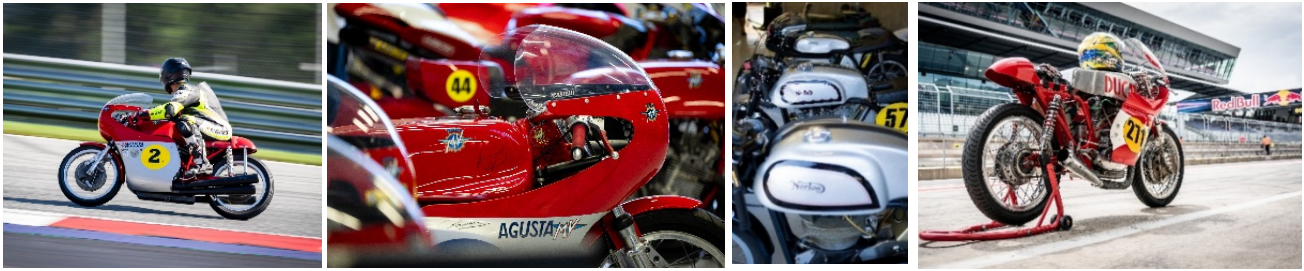
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Parades and the “Famous Racing Motorcycles” exhibition

Giuseppe Ioannoni, Antonio Frigero, Norton Club Austria, Willi Werndl and friends present historic racing motorcycles – which are rarely seen (or heard!) these days – in the pit exhibition and during the parades.

Photo: fuernholzer.com



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*There are also **20 fast women** on the starting grid – in the parades, in the solo classes or as daring pillion riders in sidecars.*

Laura-Valentina Ioannoni is arguably the fastest woman at the Red Bull Ring. She's racing on a 2015 Ducati MotoGP bike.

Foto: Erich Müllegger



Highlight „historic and modern sidecars“

Sidecar racing has been enjoying a resurgence in popularity in recent years. The sidecar passengers, formerly known as ‘Schmiermaxe’, use their immense strength and physical control to influence the cornering technique of the three-wheeled vehicles. The International Sidecar Trophy holds championship races at the Red Bull Ring.

Photo: Erich Müllegger



PUCH-KTM-VESPA Challenge

The PUCH Museum in Judenburg is once again organising a fun ride on the popular ‘mopeds and scooters’.

Photos: Erich Müllegger, Alfred Pech

About us

The IGFC club (IG Formel Classic), based in Behamberg near Steyr, has been organising national and international classic car events and motorcycle races since 2003, and the “Rupert Hollaus Rennen/Racing Days” since 2004. The road and hill climbs in Großraming, Behamberg and Goldberg were legendary, but have sadly been discontinued for legal and liability reasons.

The chairman is former motorcycle racer **Wolfgang Stropek**, one of only four riders worldwide to have scored World Championship points in both solo and sidecar classes.

Info: www.igfc.at, www.racingdays.at

Quote

Wolfgang Stropek – organiser, club chairman and Austrian motorcycling legend:

“The 23rd International Rupert Hollaus Race/Racing Days organised by the IG Formel Classic (IGFC) helps to ensure that old traditions and technology are not lost, that new technologies demonstrate progress, and that all interested parties can experience this first-hand. Unfortunately, 2026 will be the last time.”



Photo: Erich Müllegger

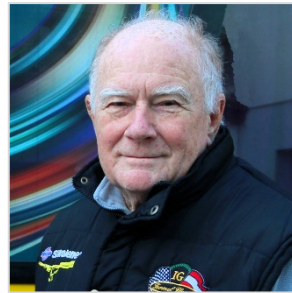
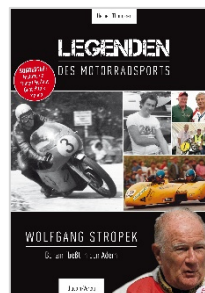


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- ❗ **Race times:** Saturday, august 1 and sunday, august 2, 2026 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

- !** **Admission:** One-day ticket € 35,-, two-day ticket € 45,-
including access to the paddock, pit lane and the exhibition
“Famous Racing Motorcycles”
People with disabilities who use wheelchairs and children and young people up to
the age of 14 enjoy free admission

- !** **Advance ticket sales:** in person or online www.racingdays.at

- !** **Race directors:** DI Kevin Kaltenegger, Mario Stropek
- !** **Track announcer:** Peter Bauregger