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KTM X-BOW BATTLE STARTS SECOND SEASON: RECORD ENTRY, GUEST START AT DTM IN LAUSITZ

2010 was an impressive first year for KTM's new one make series, the X-BOW BATTLE. No less than 16 drivers were on the grid for the opening race at Austria's Salzburgring, a fantastic start for the 2011 season, which finished in style as part of the German Touring Car Masters (DTM) at the Adria Raceway in Italy with an amazing 30 starters! Now it seems there will be an absolute record entry list for the 2011 season and it looks like that there might be a waiting list even for the first race.

It is a top priority for KTM and BATTLE organizer Georg Silbermayr to ensure continuity in terms of regulations, while at the same time incorporating the experience already gained during the first season. Georg Silbermayr on this subject: "I think we have managed to further improve our system with three different classes while at the same time not making major changes. Too many changes would have meant higher costs for the teams and drivers without improving anything from the competitive side."

The second cornerstone for a successful continuation of the KTM X-BOW brand trophy was putting together an attractive program for the season. Despite many requests from other racing series and event organizers, in the end it was decided to again spend another year competing together with the Porsche Alpenpokal. "The cooperation in the first season worked very well and I think we were all satisfied," said Georg Silbermayr. "So it was naturally obvious to us and the organizer of the Porsche Alpenpokal that we should continue to work together. I am pleased about this and I think that in 2011 we have a great mix of challenging and spectacular racing circuits, which are all located in the Central European region so not too far away for any of the participants."

The responses that are coming in almost on a daily basis are proof that the right decisions seem to have been made about these arrangements. Almost all the starting places for the first race at the Salzburgring (April 29-30, 2011) are booked out – one of the reasons is the restriction of a maximum of 35 cars per round on this circuit. Georg Silbermayr is obviously more than satisfied and appealed especially to those who want to compete in the entire season to submit their entries as soon as possible. "It would be a shame for someone who wants to be part of the overall standings not to be on the grid for the first race. Unfortunately we are restricted to 35 cars because this is all that is allowed according to the circuit regulations. As it stands now, it's going to be really tight."

Keyword season's standings: Naturally the KTM X-BOW BATTLE 2011 is still sanctioned by the Austrian National Motorsport Federation (OSK) and again there will be an OSK Champion as well as winners in the various classes. What will be new this year is that there will be an OSK title in each class. The format of the races will also change slightly: free training runs, qualifying and two races all spread over Friday and Saturday. The only exception is the guest appearance in the DTM, which takes place this year at the Lausitzring on June 17-19. This will certainly be the highlight of a spectacular racing season.

THE REGULATIONS FOR THE KTM X-BOW BATTLE 2011:

The arrangement for classes in the KTM X-BOW BATTLE continues to be designed so that all those with an X-BOW – regardless of which model they own – can take part in the race. “This year even more consideration has been given to this aspect,” said Silbermayr. “We will control things even more closely and make sure that the regulations in Class 1 (Rookie) ensure that it is fair and that chances are further increased for newcomers. To this end, the ground clearance is to be clearly defined and we will strictly monitor the standard performance of 240 hp. Among other things, the first three in each training run will later have their ECU fitted with a seal!” Class 2 in future will be called “ProAm” and is limited to 315 hp. Class 3 is called “Unlimited” and admits a performance of up to 375 hp! By the way, it is possible to race from Class 2 upwards with the new KTM X-BOW R, which is celebrating its premiere in the spring.

Class 1 (“Rookie”):

- All standard models (Street, Clubsport, Dallara or Superlight)
- All parts from the KTM PowerParts program may be used to modify
- Ground clearance at the front and rear axle to be stipulated
- Performance: 240 hp (Series conform)

Class 2 (“ProAm”):

- All standard models (Street, Clubsport, Dallara, Superlight or R)
- All parts from the KTM PowerParts Program may be used to modify
- Performance: up to 315 hp
- Turbo: Series or specific types with air restrictors (as specified by KTM)
- X-BOW R always with restrictor

Class 3 (“Unlimited”):

- All standard models (Street, Clubsport, Dallara, Superlight or R)
- Free choice of transmission
- Free choice of turbo
- Performance: up to 375 PS

The KTM X-BOW BATTLE Calendar for 2011:

April 29-30: Salzburgring / Austria
May 20-21: Slovakiaring / Slovakia
June 17-19: Eurospeedway Lausitzring / Germany (support series DTM)
July 1-2: Eurospeedway Lausitzring / Germany
July 22-23: Hockenheim / Germany
September 16-17: Red Bull Ring / Austria
October 7-8: Brno / Czech Republic