

BRP-ROTAX MAKES HISTORY: THE ROTAX THUNDER SETS A NEW MILESTONE



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Gunskirchen, 2nd July 2018 – From June 30th to July 1st, BRP-Rotax brought the future into the present and started off at full throttle at the very first race of the DEKM (Deutsche Elektro-Kart-Meisterschaft). The eagerly awaited race was held on one of Germany's most modern motorsport arenas, Oschersleben.

Under the motto „Race like never before“, 17 young pilots started with the high-performance-racing-eKart Rotax THUNDeR. In bright sunshine, the electric-kart pioneers between the ages of 15 and 18 delivered four hotly contested races and let the numerous spectators experience a weekend of high-quality electric karting from its most electrifying side.

The new Rotax THUNDeR, developed by IET and BRP-Rotax is the first electric powerpack for Rotax racing karts. It accelerates in just 3,5 seconds without emissions to 100 km/h and sets a milestone at this historical racing premiere concerning electric racing.

Peter Ölsinger, BRP-Rotax GmbH & Co KG Vice President Finance and Rotax Propulsion Systems: „We are very proud to be able to set a milestone in kart racing with the Rotax THUNDeR. It is a confirmation for our innovative course towards the future.“

Manuel Adam, General Manager RIC TECH GmbH: „We successfully entered a new terrain and are looking forward to the next races in Kerpen and Genk, which will take place in July and August.“

Samuele Mazzini, CEO von S.M.R.E. „We achieved our common, ambitious goal: we laid the foundation for electric karting in a real racing environment.“



The Rotax THUNDeR is a product of the RIC TECH GmbH. It is a joint venture of the S.M.R.E.S.p.A., a leading company which is specialized in the development of highly technological solutions within the field of electrical mobility and the BRP-Rotax GmbH & Co KG, the leader in the production and development of engines and recreational vehicles.

We congratulate the winners:

Philipp Britz, 16-year-old young racer from Saarbrücken won the two races on Saturday.

Dennis Siemens, 16-year-old, from Bielefeld won the first race on Sunday, whereas **Lukas Hortsmann** from Meerbusch won the second race.

The upcoming races of the DEKM 2018:

28th to 29th July 2018 in Kerpen

24th to 26th August 2018 in Genk (BE)

About RIC TECH GmbH

RIC TECH GmbH, based in Gunskirchen, Austria, is a joint venture between BRP-Rotax GmbH & Co KG, a subsidiary of BRP Inc. and leader in the production and development of engines for recreational vehicles and SMRE S.p.A., a leading company specialized in the development of highly technological solutions within the field of electrical mobility.

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About BRP-Rotax

BRP-Rotax GmbH & Co KG, a subsidiary of BRP Inc., located in Gunskirchen, Austria is a leader in the development and production of innovative 4- and 2-stroke high performance Rotax engines for BRP products such as Ski-Doo and Lynx snowmobiles, Sea-Doo watercraft, Can-Am all-terrain, side by-side vehicles and Can-Am Spyder lineup as well for motorcycles, karts, ultra-light and light aircraft. In the last 50 years, the company has developed more than 350 engine models for recreational vehicles and produced over 7 million engines.

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About BRP

We are a global leader in the world of powersports vehicles and propulsion systems built on over 75 years of ingenuity and intensive consumer focus. Our portfolio of industry-leading and distinctive products includes Ski-Doo and Lynx snowmobiles, Sea-Doo watercraft, Can-Am on- and off-road vehicles, Evinrude and Rotax marine propulsion systems as well as Rotax engines for karts, motorcycles and recreational aircraft. We support our lines of product with a dedicated parts, accessories and clothing business to fully enhance your riding experience. With annual sales of CA\$4.5 billion from over 100 countries, our global workforce is made up of around 10,000 driven, resourceful people.

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