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Paddock radar from the ADAC GT Masters at the Red Bull Ring

- DTM driver Lucas Auer at Red Bull Ring
- KTM CEO Stefan Pierer pays a visit to ADAC GT Masters
- Zakspeed win ADAC soap-box derby

DTM driver Lucas Auer in Spielberg: Mercedes-Benz DTM driver Lucas Auer did not want to miss the ADAC GT Masters at the Red Bull Ring. Auer followed the ADAC GT Masters and ADAC Formula 4 races and presented trophies in both series at the awards ceremony. The nephew of ex-Formula 1 driver Gerhard Berger made himself available to fans during the autograph session on Saturday afternoon. Auer was immediately taken with the new ADAC Formula 4: “What has been achieved here is certainly very impressive. As far as I can see, this is the best entry level class in motor racing. 15 and 16-year-old junior racing drivers should gain experience in the ADAC Formula 4 and then move up to Formula 3.”

KTM boss invited to the ADAC GT Masters: On Sunday, Stefan Pierer, CEO of KTM AG and KTM Motorcycle AG also came to Spielberg along with KTM chairman Hubert Trunkenpolz. The two KTM managers followed a number of events, including the GT4 Euro Series. A spectacular KTM X-Bow GT4, developed by KTM in conjunction with Reiter Engineering is lining up in the GT4 Euro Series which is at the Red Bull Ring for the first of three starts this year along with the ADAC GT Masters. Pierer and Trunkenpolz, who are responsible for development of the KTM sportscar, were delighted with a KTM victory by the two Austrians, Peter Ebner/Sascha Halek in the first race.

ADAC soap-box derby: On Friday evening, the Red Bull Ring was the venue for the first ADAC Masters soap-box derby. ADAC GT Masters team principals and team managers fought for victory, racing identical soap-boxes in team colours over a circuit on the start-finish straight in a knock-out competition. Zakspeed team principal and ex-racing driver Peter Zakowski won through in the final against the team fielded by BMW Sports Trophy Team Schubert. The team bosses then enjoyed a barbecue together to round off the evening.

Reiter celebrate: The paddock party organised by Reiter Engineering on Saturday night at the Red Bull Ring has become a nice tradition. The Lamborghini team had every reason to celebrate after Saturday’s victory by David Russell and Tomas Enge which made Team Principal Hans Reiter change his plans. He had been at a race in Belgium but arrived in Spielberg late on Saturday night to celebrate his team’s first ADAC GT Masters victory in four years.

Track presentation by C Abt Racing: ADAC GT Masters fans should pay a visit to C Abt Racing on Youtube. During the season, defending champion Kelvin van Linde will present video clips, showing an onboard view of the tracks at upcoming events. The Audi driver will use the ADAC GT Masters Experience racing simulation developed by official ADAC GT Masters series partner, RaceRoom.

Speedy departure: Klaus Bachler, Jeroen Bleekemolen and Nicki Thiim will be in a hurry on Sunday evening. The three ADAC GT Masters drivers will travel directly from Austria to France for the Le Mans 24-hours race. The ADAC GT Masters drivers must be at public technical scrutineering on Monday. Bachler will be in a Porsche, Bleekemolen in a Dodge Viper and Thiim in an Aston Martin next weekend in Le Mans, battling for victory in the GT class.

MEDIA INFORMATION

Tickets, including access to the paddock, start at 20 euros

Fans who want to experience ADAC GT Masters action live at the track can now purchase tickets in advance. Prices start at 20 euros and include access to the paddock. ADAC members can take advantage of the ADAC preferential scheme. Tickets are available online at www.adac.de/gt-masters and at www.eventim.de, from any ADAC branch office and from more than 20,000 Eventim outlets throughout Europe.

The eight events and 16 races of the 2015 ADAC GT Masters season are to be staged at venues in Germany, Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands. ADAC GT Masters races will again be shown live by ADAC new live-TV exclusive partner SPORT1, who will broadcast all 16 ADAC GT Masters races live and in their entirety in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Broadcasts will normally begin at 1 pm on race weekends.

Race schedule and venues for the 2015 ADAC GT Masters:

24/04 – 26/04/2015	etropolis Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
05/06 – 07/06/2015	Red Bull Ring (A)
19/06 – 21/06/2015	Circuit Spa-Francorchamps (B)
03/07 – 05/07/2015	Lausitzring
14/08 – 16/08/2015	Nürburgring
28/08 – 30/08/2015	Sachsenring
18/09 – 20/09/2015	Circuit Park Zandvoort (NL)
02/10 – 04/10/2015	Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg

Further information available at www.adac.de/gt-masters

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