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Interview

Fred Andrews, GasGas North America Factory Racing Team Manager

Fred Andrews Racing (FAR) is managing the GasGas Factory Racing Team for the Grand National Cross-Country (GNCC) series and the National Enduro series for 2018 and 2019. The team consists of three riders: Andrew DeLong, Nick Davis and Korie Steede.

Fred Andrews has a rich history and many experiences in off-road racing. He began his career as a racer and assumed the role of a team manager in 2008.

How and when did you enter the world of motorsport?

My parents owned a motorcycle shop and raced and trailed roads. I was riding at 4 years old!

What is your best memory of racing?

Standing on top of the podium after a hard race. Meeting and talking with different spectators at the races.

Describe your path from a racer to a team manager.

I started to lose my drive in racing and wanted to give back to the sport that taught me so much. I enjoy sharing my knowledge with my riders from my 25 years in off road racing. I am still racing but it is through my riders now!

How do you see motorsport nowadays from the perspective of a team manager?

When you are a racer all you think about is racing. Being a manager you must make sure your riders have everything they need to win races. Off road racing has grown since I started in 1993. Live TV coverage is great for GasGas and sponsors.

How important are sponsors for your team and how do you see the partnership with our company?

Without great sponsors there would be no racing. Running a factory race team is very expensive. Mitas and GasGas are both well known in Europe. Now it's time to introduce both of our great products to America.

How did you build the GasGas factory racing team?

I approached Mark Berg last year about putting a team together for 2018. I already had riders wanting to join the team. Once Mark hired me I set after sponsors. I tried Mitas tires and knew the team needed to be on them!

What's your proudest achievement?

Winning America's toughest race – the Blackwater 100.

Describe yourself in one word.

Determined.



Fred Andrews

The 2018 podiums:

Nick Davis (XC2 250 Pro division):

- 3rd place at GNCC, Washington, Georgia
- 2nd place at Red Fox National Enduro, Lynnville, Indiana
- 2nd place at Dragon Back National Enduro, Arrington, Virginia



Nick Davis

Exhibitions

Motorräder Dortmund

1-4 March,
Dortmund, Germany



Beogradski auto moto sajam Motopassion

22-28 March,
Belgrade, Serbia



Motosalon Brno

8-11 March,
Brno, Czech Republic



Zagreb Auto Show

11-15 April,
Zagreb, Croatia



Ekthesi Motosikletas

18-22 April,
Athens, Greece



RAK Road Riders

21-24 March,
Ras al-Khaimah, United Arab Emirates



Motorsport

Machete Hard Enduro

27 – 29 April, Playa Cabarete, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

Wade Young (Sherco factory) is the winner of the hardest hard enduro race in the Caribbean. This three-day race begins with a prologue on the beach and continues with two days of extreme enduro racing on various types of terrain.



Wade Young, winner of Machete Hard Enduro 2018
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Events in May and June:

- 1 May, **MXGP of Russia** (Orlyonok, Russia)
- 13 May, **MXGP of Latvia** (Kegums, Latvia)
- 20 May, **MXGP of Germany** (Teutschenthal, Germany)
- 31 May – 3 June, **Erzbergrodeo** (Eisenerz, Austria)
- 3 June, **MXGP of Great Britain** (Matterley Basin, UK)
- 10 June, **MXGP of France** (Saint Jean d'Angely, France)
- 17 June, **MXGP of Lombardia (I)** (Ottobiano, Italy)

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