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THE KTM X-BOW BATTLE STARTS ON 23rd AND 24th APRIL: SKI-STAR HANS KNAUSS TACKLES THE SALZBURGRING!

Just three more days to go - then KTM starts into the motor sports season 2010 with the "X-BOW Battle"! The first two runs of the one make series take place on the spectacular and traditional Salzburgring, where organiser Georg Silbermayr will guest with the "Battle" at the Porsche Alpenpokal Trophy on Friday and Saturday. And he can be more than satisfied with the starting field on his big premiere: „It's still not one hundred percent certain how many vehicles will be at the start, some participants are out on business a lot and not quite sure if they will make it to Salzburg. But no matter if we have 20 or 25 vehicles in the end, it certainly will be a spectacle and a thrilling race in any case“, KTM's sales and motor sports manager is convinced.

Already the first free driving last Saturday, which was handled perfectly by the Porsche Alpenpokal Trophy organisers, was attended by no less than 18 X-BOW owners/drivers, who wanted to experience an unforgettable day in perfect spring weather on the one hand, and on the other wanted to prepare for the race at the coming weekend. After all the „KTM X-BOW Battle“ has been officially sanctioned by the OSK and the starters can, after they have competed with like-minded drivers on six racing weekends, win an official champion's title!

The most famous starter on the ultra-fast Salzburgring is a man, who knows how to handle speed: Ex-World Cup ace and ORF co-commentator Hans Knauss takes over the steering wheel! The likeable Styrian was active in motor sports after his career as a World Cup ski downhill racer and drove among others a Lamborghini in the FIA GT3 European Championship. After a break he now has taken the opportunity to let it rip: „I haven't thought about it for very long, when I was presented the opportunity to do the 'Battle'“, so Knauss, who was absolutely thrilled after his first contact with the KTM X-BOW: „The X-BOW is not only unusual in its looks, it's also very impressive to drive. The speed in the turns is amazing, the car allows for ultra-late braking here on the Salzburgring. And it's sensational how agile this car reacts to every steering and braking command. I am really looking forward to this racing weekend, it's going to be so much fun!“

The timetable for the „KTM X-BOW Battle“ on the Salzburgring:

FRIDAY, 23rd APRIL 2010:

08:35 – 09:05 Hrs: Free Practice
09:50 – 10:25 Hrs: Free Practice
11:30 – 11:55 Hrs: Qualifying 1
15:10 – 15:40 Hrs: Race 1

SATURDAY, 24th APRIL 2010:

09:10 – 09:35 Hrs: Qualifying 2
14:35 – 15:00 Hrs: Race 2