



Winning the FIA World Cup for Cross Country 2012
Team Photo – Pharaons Rally 2012

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2012

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Winning 2010, 2011, 2012 FIA World Cup for Cross Country Rallies

The Cockpit:



2012 with Khalifa al Mutaiwei
2011 and
2010 with Leonid Novitskiy



Khalifa al Mutaiwei – 2012
Fazza Team, powered by X-Raid Mini



Leonid Novitskiy - 2010, 2011
X-Raid Team

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FIA World Cup for Cross Country Rallies Winner 2010 - 2012

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<http://www.fia.com/en-GB/sport/championships/Pages/xcountry.aspx>

In the 2001 series Jutta Kleinschmidt had been some 64 kms shy of winning her first FIA title then. But, while leading the last stage of the last rally of 2001, the car's engine expired and stopped us. Our overall victory vanished in dust. **We came in overall 2nd in 2001 while Schlessler grabbed the championship title.**

What a story in 2012. Again we needed to finish first at this very demanding Pharaons Rally. And again Schlessler was the man to beat. This time Schlessler did not have the luck. But, we did.

I am the first German Co-Pilot ever to win this prestigious title. And I won it three times – 2010, 2011 and 2012.

After winning with Leonid in 2010, we hoped to be able to go for the title in 2011 again. With the injury Leonid suffered during Dakar 2011, we were not sure how the season of 2011 would develop. We did it again - Leonid Novitskiy, myself and all of the X-Raid service team landed in 2011 a back-to-back win.

In early 2012 I teamed up with the FAZZA Rally Team of Dubai and in the driving seat is my dear friend Khalifa al Mutaiwei. Khalifa won this world cup title himself back in 2004. While being the champion, Khalifa decided to drop out of rally sport at all and only came back after 8 years of absence again in 2012 as a member of the FAZZA team. I recommended to the team to stay with X-Raid's rally cars, because of the proven technology and top service provided.

In 2012 we banked on to come in top five; but we focused on top three. It turned out that we had to battle during the season with competitors, obstacles and annoying other events.

But, we finished the season of 2012 as the Winner of the Fia World Cup for Cross Country Rallies.

Statistics:

Year 2012	Rally	Rank
March	Baja Italia	7th
April	Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge	2nd
April	Sealink Qatar	3rd
July	Baja Spain	2nd
August	Baja Hungary	7th
September	Baja Poland	6th
October	Pharaons International Cross Country Rally, Egypt	1st

Note: As one can see – gaining the title in 2012 was quite an effort. We could not afford to miss a single event. The Pharaons Rally was very demanding on people and cars – a true Championship Rally.

Year 2011	Rally	Rank
March	Baja Italia	2nd
April	Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge	2nd
May	OilLibya Rally of Tunisia	1st

Note: After the May Rally we started training with the new Mini, to prepare for Dakar 2012. With the three results we had enough lead to secure our title again and be able to not compete in the remaining rally events

Year 2010	Rally	Rank
April	Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge	1st
May	OilLibya Rally of Tunisia	3rd
June	Rally TT Vodafone Estoril-Portimão-Marrakech	1st
July	Baja Espana Aragon	2nd
October	OiLibya Rally of Marocco	2nd

Note: With a significant lead in our hands we did not start at the Pharaons Rally and started instead preparations for the upcoming DAKAR 2011.

FIA World Cup for Cross Country

former known as

Marathon World Cup

2001 Series



Year 2001 Rallies	Team Mitsubishi Motorsport Driver - Jutta Kleinschmidt	Rank
	Baja Italia	1st
	Orpi Marocco	2nd
	Baja Portugal	2nd
	Master Rally	2nd
	Portugal Las Pampas Rally	2nd

Note: Marathon World Cup 2nd overall; 1st in T2 classification. Although Jutta and her co-pilots in 2001 Fabrizia Pons and Bobby Willis had splendid results, it came down to a showdown at the very last event. For the last race I joined Jutta as co-pilot to make sure she can win the title. We had to win this Rally to win the overall Marathon World Cup. While in lead and facing almost the finish line, the engine stopped working.

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Champions [\[edit\]](#)

Season	driver	Co-driver	Car
1993	 Pierre Lartigue	 Michel Périn	Citroen
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1995	 Pierre Lartigue	 Michel Périn	Citroen
1996	 Pierre Lartigue	 Michel Périn	Citroen
1997	 Ari Vatanen	 Fred Gallagher	Citroen
1998	 Jean-Louis Schlesser	 Philippe Monnet	Buggy Schlesser
1999	 Jean-Louis Schlesser	 Philippe Monnet	Buggy Schlesser
2000	 Jean-Louis Schlesser	 Henri Magne	Buggy Schlesser
2001	 Jean-Louis Schlesser	 Henri Magne	Buggy Schlesser
2002	 Jean-Louis Schlesser	 Henri Magne	Buggy Schlesser
2003	 Carlos Sousa	 Henri Magne	Mitsubishi
2004	 Khalifa Al Mutaiwei	 Alain Guehennec	BMW
2005	 Bruno Saby	 Michel Périn	Volkswagen
2006	 Sergey Shmakov	 Konstantin Meshcheryakov	Buggy ZIL
2007	 Carlos Sainz	 Michel Périn	Volkswagen
2008	 Nasser Al-Attayah	 Tina Thörner	BMW
2009	 Guerlain Chicherit	 Tina Thörner	BMW
2010	 Leonid Novitskiy	 Andreas Schulz	BMW X-Raid
2011	 Leonid Novitskiy	 Andreas Schulz	BMW X-Raid
2012	 Khalifa Al Mutaiwei	 Andreas Schulz	Mini All4 Racing X-Raid

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