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**Porsche Motorsports Event Notes. Chevrolet Grand Prix of Belle Isle**

**Dateline.** Detroit, Michigan

**Circuit.** The Raceway at Belle Isle Circuit

**Track Length/Turns.** 2.3-miles/14-turn temporary Street Course

**TUDOR United Sports Car Championship Round.** GT Daytona Class 4 of 10, TUDOR United SportsCar Championship

**Pirelli World Challenge Round.** GT/GTA: Rounds 10 & 11

**Next Round. TUDOR United Sports Car Championship:** Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen, Watkins Glen International, Watkins Glen, New York, June 25-28 – All Classes

**Next Round. Pirelli World Challenge:** Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, June 26-28 – All Classes

**Porsche Events.**

**TUDOR United SportsCar Championship**

**Date.** Saturday, May 30, 2015, 12:05 p.m. EDT/ 9:05 a.m. PDT

**Race Duration.** 100-minutes

**Classes.** GT Daytona class (Porsche 911 GT America)

**Pirelli World Challenge**

**Date.**

GT/GTA Classes:

*Race 1: Saturday, May 30, 9:50 a.m. ET/6:50 a.m. PT*

*Race 2: Sunday, May 31, 11:55 a.m. ET/8:55 a.m. PT*

**Race Duration.** 50-minutes

**Classes.** GT (Porsche 911 GT3 R)

**Porsche Profile. Event Story Lines**

*Porsche Cars North America Public Relations will be happy to provide additional information, images and help schedule interviews to facilitate these and other Porsche related stories. Thank you for your interest and coverage.*

**Partners, Brothers and Friends. GTD and the Pro-Am Approach**

The GT Daytona class is considered a "Pro-Am" category, meaning you can pair a professional driver with an "amateur" or "Gentleman driver. From that, great partnerships are born as the "gentleman", many times a team principal, part of the equation is eager to move towards the professional ranks and the professional is eager to move towards the

front of the field. Therefore, the pro driver becomes a mentor and coach as well as a co-driver. One of the most successful such partnership is at Magnus Racing with Driver/owner John Potter (Salt Lake City, Utah) and Andy Lally (Dacula, Georgia). Since Lally joined the program in 2012, Magnus has been a perpetual front-runner with its No. 44 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car. That first year, one year after Lally earned NASCAR Sprint Cup Rookie of the Year honors; they won the GT class at the Rolex 24 At Daytona and the inaugural race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, successes that took them to victory in North American Endurance Championship.

#### John Potter, Driver/Owner, No. 44 Magnus Racing Porsche 911 GT America, GTD class

“Even though most people know Andy [Lally] and I started as teammates at Magnus in 2012, we actually go all the way back to 2008 when we met at another team, and were even full-season teammates in the Continental Tire series in 2009. It’s obviously been a great relationship that transcends just being teammates, as he’s become a very good friend. My driving has definitely benefited from his experience. He’s very good about going through data, and given his experience in such a variety of machinery, he’s incredibly intelligent on the dynamics involved in a car. That helps a lot with explaining the best ways to position each corner of the car as you’re thinking your way through a lap. He goes way beyond just the ‘brake here, get on the gas here’ style of teaching, and it’s definitely helped.

#### Driver Change. EFFORT Racing Recruits van der Zande to Sub Le Mans-Bound Dalziel

EFFORT Racing will make a driver change for this weekend’s Detroit round of the Pirelli World Challenge. With the GT class team’s regular driver Ryan Dalziel (Scotland) off testing for the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the two-car operation will call-in the services of Renger van der Zande to pilot the No. 31 Porsche 911 GT3 R. Born in the Netherlands, van der Zande was a regular on the podium and in victory lane in the international Formula 3 Euroseries, British F3, A1GP, GP2, GP3 and DTM. He joins Michael Lewis (Laguna Beach, California) in search of the team’s first GT class victory of 2015.

#### True World Car. Porsche Debuts Next Generation of 911 GT3 R

On May 15, Porsche unveiled a true “world car” at the Nürburgring circuit in Germany. The Porsche 911 GT3 R, based on the 911 GT3 RS production sports car, was designed for customer GT3 series around the world. In developing the more than 500 horsepower racing nine-eleven, special attention was paid to lightweight design, better aerodynamic efficiency, reducing consumption, improved handling, and further optimized safety as well as lowering service and spare parts costs.

Adopted from its production sibling, the 911 GT3 R features the distinctive double-bubble roof, and the wheelbase, which had been lengthened by 3.27-inches, compared to the previous generation 911. This ensures a more balanced weight distribution and more predictable handling particularly in fast corners in comparison to the previous GT3 R. By applying systematic lightweight solutions for the body, add-on parts, and suspension, the engineers significantly optimized the center of gravity position of the GT3 R compared to the previous model. The lightweight body design of the 911 GT3 RS production sports car featuring intelligent aluminum-steel composite construction has proven to be the ideal basis for the race car. The roof, front cover and fairing, wheel arches, doors, side and tail sections as well as the rear cover are made of particularly light carbon-fiber composite

material (CFRP). All windows – and for the first time even the windscreen – consist of polycarbonate.

Powering the new 911 GT3 R is a cutting-edge four-liter flat-six unit which is mainly identical to the high-performance production engine of the road-legal 911 GT3 RS. Direct gasoline injection, which operates at pressures up to 200 bar, as well as variable valve timing technology ensure a particularly efficient use of fuel. Moreover, the normally aspirated engine offers significantly better drivability and a broader usable rev range. Power from the rear engine is transferred to the 12.2-inch (310 mm) rear wheels via a Porsche sequential six-speed constant-mesh gearbox. As in the GT road-going models of the 911, the driver changes gears via shift paddles conveniently positioned on the steering wheel.

The new 911 GT3 R will debut early in 2016.

Learn more at: <http://press.porsche.com/news/release.php?id=924>

### **Porsche History – Detroit Belle Isle**

Key Victories.

2007 – Timo Bernhard/Romain Dumas – Penske Racing Porsche RS Spyder – overall and LMP2 winner – defeated LMP1 Audi with last lap pass

2008 – Wolf Henzler/Joerg Bergmeister – Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR – GT2 class winner en route to class championship – Pilet/van Overbeek were second for the Lizard one-two finish

### **Porsche Point of View.**

Jens Walther, President/CEO, Porsche Motorsport North America

“In Detroit, our customer teams will be the main attraction of the weekend for sports car fans. The five Porsche 911 GT America efforts will be the headline GT class for the Tudor Championship while in Pirelli World Challenge, the 911 GT3 R will have that honor. To do so at the center of North America's auto industry is a fitting reward for these programs. The timing is appropriate as this will be the final time fans will get to see the 911 GT America and the current generation of 911 GT3 R together on the same weekend. With the new 911 GT3 R (type 991) announced recently at Nürburgring and the two series not sharing a weekend together again this season, we are seeing a bit of history in Detroit for each car.”

Patrick Lindsey, Driver, No. 73 Park Place Motorsports Porsche 911 GT America, GTD class

“Detroit is an awesome circuit. Every year they've made improvements in leaps and bounds so my excitement is peaked to head back this year. Detroit has the most enthusiastic fans as well. I really appreciate that. The Porsche 911 is a jack of all trades, but certainly has the edge in a street fight like Detroit's Belle Isle. The rear engine platform helps the Porsche put power down quickly and shoot out of those tight corners and the braking performance of the 911 is always exploited by Porsche drivers in the tight confines of the street races. Passing is very difficult at Detroit, but not impossible. At the end of the day, track position is still key at a street circuit. So we will hopefully have a strong

qualifying result, execute on pit road like we did at Laguna and then see where the chips fall with traffic and that intangible we call 'luck'. The simplest explanation of how to carry success over to the next event would be to give you a "Taco Bell" analogy: It's all the same ingredients, just put together differently to create another awesome result. We will take the preparation, our fast Porsche and the execution aspect of what we accomplished at Laguna and roll those same ingredients into Detroit. We had a strong car here last year and I'm planning on unloading a very dialed-in Porsche 911 GT America."

Erin Gahagan, Team Manager, EFFORT Racing, Pirelli World Challenge

"We are happy to be entering into the half way point of a very tight beginning to a challenging season. EFFORT has temporarily moved into a shop better located for the mid-season races, as the schedule has left us with minimal prep time. Fortunately, with the experience the team has with the Porsche 911 GT3 R and the quality of drivers we have in Ryan and Michael, we have been able to make the tight schedule work. Thus far, the street races have resulted in strong finishes for the Porsche 911 GT3 R, so we are hopeful that will continue at Detroit. We are happy to welcome Renger van der Zande to the team."

### **Where to Watch.**

#### **TUDOR United SportsCar Championship**

##### Television Race Broadcast:

Saturday, May 30

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. ET FOX Sports 2 (Live)

Sunday, May 31

2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. ET FOX Sports 1 (Replay)

##### Re-Air of Race Highlights Package

NA

##### Live Race Streaming:

FOX Sports Go

##### Live Qualifying Streaming:

IMSA.com

##### Audio Streaming

IMSA.com

##### Live Timing and Scoring:

<http://scoring.imsa.com/>

#### **Pirelli World Challenge**

##### Television Race Broadcast:

Sunday, May 31, 11:00 a.m. ET, Live on CBS Sports Network

##### Live Race Streaming:

WorldChallengeTV.com

##### Live Timing and Scoring:

<http://www.world-challenge.com/liverace>

### **Social Media.**

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## **Race Weekend Schedule.** (All times ET)

### Friday, May 29, 2015

Pirelli World Challenge Practice Session 1 – All Classes – 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

TUDOR Championship Practice Session 1 – All Classes – 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Pirelli World Challenge Practice Session 2 – All Classes – 12:10 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.

TUDOR Championship Practice Session 2 – All Classes – 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

TUDOR Championship Qualifying Session – GTD Class – 5:10 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

### Saturday, May 30, 2015

Pirelli World Challenge Practice Session 3 – All Classes – 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

TUDOR Championship Warm-Up – All Classes – 8:15 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.

TUDOR Championship Autograph Session – Paddock – 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Pirelli World Challenge Race 1 (50-minutes) – All Classes – 9:50 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

TUDOR Championship – Pre-Race Ceremonies/Recon Laps – 11:05 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

TUDOR Championship – Sports Car Classic – Race (100-minutes) – 12:05 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

### Sunday, May 31, 2015

Pirelli World Challenge Warm-Up – All Classes – 8:35 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Pirelli World Challenge Race 2 (50-minutes) – All Classes – 11:55 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

## **Porsche Entries.**

### **TUDOR United SportsCar Championship (5 total entries)**

#### **GT Daytona Class (5) Porsche 911 GT America**

No. 22 Alex Job Racing  
(Atlanta) Cooper MacNeil (Hinsdale, Ill.)/Leh Keen

No. 23 Team Seattle/Alex Job Racing  
(Germany) Ian James (Phoenix)/Mario Farnbacher

No. 44 Magnus Racing  
(Dacula, Ga.) John Potter (Salt Lake City, Utah)/Andy Lally

No. 58 Wright Motorsports  
(Lehi, Utah) Jan Heylen (Tampa, Florida)/Madison Snow

No. 73 Park Place Motorsports  
California)/Spencer Pumpelly (Atlanta) Patrick Lindsey (Santa Barbara,

### **Pirelli World Challenge (2 total entries)**

#### **GT (2) Porsche 911 GT3 R**

No. 31 EFFORT Racing Ryan Dalziel (Scotland)

No. 41 EFFORT Racing Michael Lewis (Laguna Beach, California)

## **Porsche North America Livery Delineation.**

No. 911 White windshield banner with red lettering, White rear wing

No. 912 Black windshield banner with red lettering, Black rear wing

## **Past images from the venue.**

***TUDOR United SportsCar Championship. 2014 Sports Car Classic images.***

<http://press.porsche.com/media/gallery2/v/photos/motorsports/happenings/2014-+Detroit+Grand+Prix/>

***Pirelli World Challenge. 2014 Cadillac V-Series Challenge images.***

<http://press.porsche.com/media/gallery2/v/photos/motorsports/happenings/2014-+Pirelli+World+Challenge-+Detroit/>

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