

Holding our Own at Road America

Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. (August 10, 2015) – Martin Barkey Racing's Kyle Marcelli and Martin Barkey wielded the No. 80 MBRP Camaro Z/28.R to a sixth-place finish overall at Road America.

A successful promoter test day allowed the team to hone in on the ideal race setup for the #80 MBRP Z28R Camaro. This proved to be invaluable when the official practice sessions were littered with red flags ultimately leading to a rained out qualification session. This resulted in starting positions being sorted based on championship points, placing the #80 car at P7 on the grid.



Weather conditions leading into the race were overcast with low probability of rain. Martin Barkey took the green flag and had this to say about his stint: "Road America, is a beautiful track setting, it's fun to race here. The team once again prepared a very good car for us to race, unfortunately I was not at the top of my game this weekend, losing position to some faster cars early, then having a moment in turn 6 where I lost two positions and was unable to regain these during the balance of my stint. Fortunately Kyle was ready to battle hard, he ran a great race making up positions, putting our #80 MBRP Camaro in P6 to finish the race."

While Martin Barkey didn't achieve the pace he had hoped for, he did keep the car in pristine condition, exactly what was needed for Kyle Marcelli to push

towards the front. Team strategist Andrew Wojteczko opted to fuel the car during the initial caution that was outside of the minimum 45 minute drive time requirements. Immediately following the restart the team was able to meet the drive time requirement and pit for the driver change and four tires; eight seconds quicker than if not having completed the prior fuel fill. A well-executed stop got Kyle back on track and in need of a yellow to get back in the mix.

Kyle Marcelli who drove a flawless stint had this to say: "Road America is a great racing circuit and one of the more challenging events on the schedule because of the length of the circuit. Strategy and fuel consumption is always a factor in the outcome of the race.

With the current BOP we knew it was going to be a challenging race for us in the Camaro Z28.R. Our top end speed is an issue and a circuit like Road America with three long straights, we knew both over taking and defending would be tough. However, I think we showed great perseverance to push hard for a respectable result. The final restart with 35 minutes remaining proved to be entertaining. I'm proud of our team to finish P6 and earn good championship points. We look forward to the remaining three races and will continue to push hard for podiums".

Kyle Marcelli used his top-notch race craft to get by and keep BMW/Aston/Shelby at bay. P6 didn't come easy. A job well done Kyle!

Virginia International Raceway is only two short weeks (August 22nd). Be sure to follow the Martin Barkey Racing website (www.martinbarkeyracing.com) for all of the latest news.

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