

PCA Club Racing 2013 Can/Am Challenge presented by Braidan Tire and Michelin

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Bowmanville, Ontario) July 5, 2013 – The annual Can/Am Challenge featured two sprint events followed by a ninety minute enduro with a Porsche only field of thirty-seven cars. With overcast cast skies and very little rain, conditions were right for a serious test of cars, drivers and crew. The weekend also served as a valuable opportunity for the team to fine tune its skills in preparation for the balance of the Ultr94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge by Michelin season.

Qualifying for race 1 had its own session, and the grid for race 2 and the enduro being determined by a driver's best lap time during race 1 and race 2 respectively. In Martin's qualifying run he was able to deliver an extremely good time in just his second lap so to conserve tires for the race the team decided to park the car just one lap later. The strategy proved to be the right one with Garage Racing holding the pole position until the last lap of the session when the No 22 RSR posted its best lap, less than half a second faster. With the grid now set, Garage Racing was sandwiched behind the No. 22 and in front of No. 241 for the start of the first sprint.

It began with the three cars jockeying for position less than a car length apart. Martin was able to move into first on Lap 3 but spun in turn 2 on the 6th lap dropping him twenty-six seconds behind the leader. He was able to finish in third place but this race established that No. 22 and No. 241 were without question the cars to beat.



The second race again became a three way battle between Garage Racing and the No. 22 and No. 241 cars. It was the No. 241 car that made the move into first place on the third lap and at times the three were less than a second apart. Things became more difficult as the race progressed as they contended with lapping slower cars. In the end Martin had to settle for another third place finish.

The event climax, the Enduro, began with Garage Racing again starting second on the grid. Wasting no time Martin jumped into the lead on Lap 1 and drove hard opening up a five second lead over the No. 241 car by Lap 10. That gap was maintained until a full course yellow that lasted 6 laps where Martin found the No. 241 on his bumper once the race went green. The battle continued with No. 241 and Martin trading the lead over the next six laps. It was when the mandatory five minute pit stops cycled through the field that Garage Racing was able to seize an advantage. Pitting on Lap 34 with about thirty minutes remaining in the race the crew did a flawless pit stop, re-fuelling and changing the two front tires. Martin was then able to get out in front of the pack with a sufficient gap and claim the checkered flag.

"The PCA event was a great team building opportunity as well as another chance to help us dial in our car as we prepare for the upcoming ALMS / GT3 Cup event", said Martin Barkey, Garage Racing's team owner and driver following the weekend's event. *"The team prepared the car very well, it performed flawlessly all weekend. It was easy to drive fast set up as it was. More races, more seat time and more podium finishes, it was a great weekend for Garage Racing. Thanks to all the crew for a great race event."*

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Garage Racing's next action will be the third event of the 2013 Ultra 94 GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Michelin Series July 19-21 at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.

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