



On Track for the Brickyard Sports Car Challenge

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Indianapolis, IN) July 25, 2014 Here at the legendary Indianapolis Motor Speedway the team was poised to take a serious run at a top ten, perhaps even a top five finish.

As the track was being shared with a NASCAR event the weekend schedule was extremely tight. Both practice sessions and the qualifying runs were held Thursday with the race Friday.

The first practice run went very well right out of the box. The car was set up perfectly leaving



#08 as the fastest Porsche on the track. Unfortunately, the car suffered some gearbox damage towards the end of the practice run with the clutch failing and damaging the bell housing. Just moments after returning to the pits the Rebel Rock Racing crew was on the car and had the gearbox out for diagnosis.

They discovered that the bell housing had a big tear in the top. Louis was able to weld up the split and repair the unit as good as new. By the mid-point

of the second practice session, working at a blinding pace, the crew had the gearbox back in the car and ready to test.

Back on the track the car was once again good to go and it was fast. At the end of the second practice session #08 was sitting in P8 in a field of approximately 23 GS cars. Drivers Martin Barkey and Kyle Marcelli both felt that they had a set up that they could race. They might not be the fastest car on the track but the set up would give them a car that would be quick over the long haul.

The Qualifying round was tough. With Martin behind the wheel for just five laps the car began experiencing fuel delivery issues. He was forced to park the car on the side of the track for the balance of the session leaving the #08 Porsche sitting in P21 for the race start.

Friday, race day came in sunny and warm. The race started off clean with only a couple cars getting tied up entering into the first turn. Martin was able to maneuver through without any issues and run with the pack. The car felt good and very competitive. Finally, it was looking like they could focus on driving the best race that they could.

For the first thirty minutes Martin laid down some respectable times and advanced his position. Then an alarm came on indicating that the engine was "overheating". After radioing in to let the team engineer know the situation Martin tried resetting the system without success. His only option was to slowly finish the lap and work his way to the pit entrance. Shutting the car down and going through a complete restart procedure while in the pits seemed to fix the issue. The car fired up and ran fine so Martin exited the Pit lane and resumed racing.

The overheating and extra pit stop put #08 a full lap down to the leaders. In spite of this Martin was able to get back in the groove running faster lap times than the next four cars ahead. Time was not on his side though and before long though the engineer was calling Martin in for fuel and a driver change. As always, the crew executed a perfect pit stop and in no time #08 had a tank full of fuel, new tires and Kyle at the wheel.

As Kyle left the pits the leaders again passed by putting the team two laps down - a situation they had never faced this season. True to form, Kyle ran an extremely strong stint with lap times considerably quicker than the traffic he was working though. Unfortunately, there were no yellows for the balance of the race. Getting a pass around would have positioned Kyle to advance his position.

Both drivers agreed that they had a car set up to compete but tech troubles put them in a position that they just could not fight back from. This could have been a top 10 finish but - "That's racing!!"

"Once again the Rebel Rock Racing crew went above and beyond to ensure that we had a great car. These guys never stop, always looking for ways to improve on the car", said driver Martin Barkey. "It's great racing with guys who, like us, are totally dedicated to performing at their very best. The Rebel Rock Racing crew ROCKS."

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