

## **Rockin' at Sebring**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Sebring, Florida) March 14, 2014** The Rebel Rock / MBRP Racing team arrived on Monday with a practice session set for the next morning. Things were going very well with driver Kyle Marcelli laying down a top three fastest lap of the session.

The weather was perfect at the Sebring International Speedway, sunny, warm and just a few rain drops on Wednesday but nothing that required a change to rain tires.

On the practice session Wednesday morning the drivers noted some handling issues with an unstable feeling to the car. In spite of several adjustments the crew could not dial this out of the car, leading drivers to think it was track conditions taking its toll. Late in the session, with Martin Barkey driving, the lower control arm broke, in turn puncturing the rear tire, as he came out of Turn 16. The car was sent sliding toward the wall but with some smooth driving Martin was able to save it from what would have been a serious collision.

By the afternoon practice the crew had everything ready to roll with new suspension parts and a very well handling car. Martin was able to improve his lap times over his Tuesday session leaving no doubt that the car was set up where it needed to be.

With Martin at the wheel for Thursday's qualifying the car was without question prepped to race. He was able to shave a full second off his times from the previous day achieving his fastest lap time of the week on his first out lap.



Friday, race day arrived to find #08 Rebel Rock / MBRP Racing in position 21 on the grid with 26 GS cars in class. After a fortyfive minute fan grid walk where fans poured in to check out the cars and meet the drivers Martin again took the wheel to start the race.

#08 was perfectly setup to out accelerate the competitor beside him. As the drivers maneuvered for position Martin was able to settle into a grove running consistent laps for the first fifty minutes of the race and getting the car up to as high as P15 at one point.

After a very quick driver change, Kyle took over. With new tires and a full tank of fuel he was charging hard, improving the team's position lap after lap. He was able to move up to P11 until the last twenty minutes when an accident put the race under a series of yellow flags on through to the checkered.

"Once again I am extremely impressed with the Rebel Rock race team." said Martin, following the weekend's event. "Without question they are always bringing their "A" game handling everything with an extreme level of professionalism and an intense determination to win. I can hardly wait for Laguna Seca on May 3<sup>rd</sup>."

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