



Petit Le Mans presented by MAZDA2
Thursday September 30, 2010



Round 9 - Pit Notes *Presented by Porsche*: Page 10

- (17) #02-GT2 Guy Cosmo (Ferrari 430 GT) 1:20.202
- (20) #3-GT2 Olivier Beretta (Chevrolet Corvette ZR1) 1:20.376
- (21) #62-GT2 Gianmaria Bruni (Ferrari 430 GT) 1:20.400

- (23) #911-GTH Mike Rockenfeller (Porsche 911 GT3R Hybrid) 1:20.566

- (35) #54-GTC Jeroen Bleekemolen (Porsche 911 GT3 Cup) 1:25.516
- (36) #63-GTC Andy Lally (Porsche 911 GT3 Cup) 1:25.648
- (37) #77-GTC Andrew Davis (Porsche 911 GT3 Cup) 1:25.886

Raceday notes: Nathan Deal, the Republican gubernatorial candidate for Georgia, will be the Grand Marshal for the 13th annual Petit Le Mans powered by MAZDA 2, which returns to Road Atlanta this Saturday. Deal, a Hall County resident, will be recognized in pre-race festivities and also wave the green flag to start the race.

Petit Le Mans is shaping up to be arguably the most anticipated North American endurance race in a generation. The annual 1,000-mile/10-hour sports car classic is the cornerstone event of the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón and features the most technically advanced sports cars in the world. It's also the largest annual international sporting event in Georgia.

Diversity has never been lacking in the American Le Mans Series. All totaled, 15 auto and chassis marques dot the entry – Audi, BMW, Chevrolet, Ferrari, Ford, Honda Performance Development, Jaguar, Lola, Mazda, ORECA, Panoz, Pescarolo, Peugeot, Porsche and Radical – in addition to tire manufacturers Dunlop, Falken, Michelin and Yokohama.

That trend though has carried through to on-track performance. So far this year, 13 different drivers, five entrants and six manufacturers have won overall races this year. An astounding 34 drivers have won at least once in their respective class.

Seven different drivers – Marc Gene, Adrian Fernandez, Guy Smith, Simon Pagenaud, David Brabham, Jonny Cocker and Klaus Graf – have claimed overall pole positions in eight different events; Cocker is the only multiple pole-winner. Six different drivers – Sebastien Bourdais, Pagenaud, Smith, Emanuele Pirro, Brabham and Cocker – have posted fastest race laps as well. In GT, six different drivers have won class pole positions.

From volunteers around the track “This crowd is huge. There is no parking in the RV spots and campers are crammed into places we’ve never seen used before”. And its just Thursday.

Next session: 9:30 am EDT Friday October 1 (tomorrow).