

## **IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge presented by Michelin**

### **Roush Back On Top at Road America**

*Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin* - **Kevin Roush and the Wheel Enhancement/Gas Motorsport (Porsche 997 GT3 Cup) car were back out in front for the fourth round of the GT3 Cup Challenge presented by Michelin at Road America Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006.**

Roush, who appeared mid-series in 2005, has accumulated more GT3 Cup Challenge victories than any other driver in this young series.

Series leader Nathan Swartzbaugh took second, Bryce Miller third and Dino Steiner fourth in race plagued by full course yellows.

A green flag hesitation by pole sitter Shawn Price allowed the outside row of Galen Bieker (2<sup>nd</sup> on grid) and Roush (4<sup>th</sup>) to immediately commandeer first and second place. Roush followed his fellow Southern Californian Bieker for only one lap, getting a jump onto the front straight that allowed for a late-brake pass into turn one.

“I’ve raced with Galen many times in POC events so I had confidence in his ability to handle close racing.” complimented Roush. But turn six was found to be too narrow for Bieker and Price, bringing out the first of five full course yellows.

“It was like running a bunch of two lap sprint races today” Roush would quip from the podium. “I was running out of ideas on how to keep from being eaten by those wolves breathing down my neck on the re-starts.”

Roush qualified fourth after being plagued with an overheating issue that forced him out of the Miller Motorsports Park event and took much of the Wheel Enhancement/ Gas Motorsport crew’s energy throughout the first two days of practice.

“I have to thank Henry and Eric at Porsche Motorsport for their help in solving our on-going water pressure issue. Once we knew we’d be running, our Wheel Enhancement/GAS Motorsport Team guys did a spectacular job of getting the suspension re-focused for me. Timo Bernhard’s assistance with data analysis and track knowledge was extremely helpful. I only wish we could have had some dry practice time with him in the car as planned.”

The series next stop will be Mosport International Raceway, Ontario Canada on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. With three events remaining in the 2006 season, it is still anyone’s throne to claim.