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### **FAIETA CAPTURES POLE AT MAZDA RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA IN THE IMSA GT3 CUP BY MICHELIN**

Monterey, CA. - October 19 – The competition in the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge by Michelin is heating up, and the front runners are setting the pace in practice. This is the last weekend of 2007 competition and the first time the two practice sessions will be considered qualifying. The best time of the two practice sessions will set the field for race one of the weekend. The Championship points battle is between #33 Charlie Scardina and #4 Bob Faieta, and each driver has been fast in both practice sessions. Faieta would lead the way in the morning with a best time of 1:28:804 and Scardina was third fastest with a 1:29.928 late in the afternoon session. Faieta will sit on the pole and Scardina will start 6<sup>th</sup>.

California native Bob Faieta put pressure on his Championship points rival Charlie Scardina by pacing the field in the morning session and being conservative in the afternoon.

"The first session went good for me and I got a really good lap," said Faieta. "The second session I just waited it out and sat in pit lane for awhile, just a strategy to see what people were doing. I was monitoring the times and as people got faster I decided to go out and try another good lap and that was when they threw the red flag." Faieta continued, "I had a really good lap going. I think I could have beaten that morning time according to the data."

Pierre Ehret, in the #40 Farnbacher Loles entry, is a first time competitor and a guest driver to GT3 Cup competition and set the second fastest time in the morning session with a 1:28.842. He has never driven a GT3 Porsche Cup car but has raced various types of Porsches in Europe and GT2 in the American Le Mans series. Ehert last competed at this track five years ago in a Star Mazda open wheel race car.

Dino Steiner won at Mosport and was at the top of the time charts for both sessions. He will start third on the grid for the first race of the weekend.

The competition for IMSA GT3 Cup by Michelin will be Saturday October 20th, at 10:55 am at the Fiftieth Anniversary of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, with the American Le Mans Series.

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