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### DÉJÀ VU FOR SMITH, QUIROS

MILLVILL, NEW JERSEY. June 26 – Another day, another pole position, as Ross Smith took his fifth straight pole for Round 5 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama at the Mazda Festival of Speed Presented by VisitFlorida.com at New Jersey Motorsports Park.

“We were pretty close in qualifying, so we made a small change to the car,” explained Smith, driving the #5 Maxwell Paper Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup Car in the Platinum Class. “It had a pretty good understeer, so we made a small change that didn’t feel as though it improved it a whole lot. I thought it was worse, but we actually ended up a little quicker. We’ll go back and look at the data and see how it made a difference, but we’ll definitely leave it for the race now.

“As a driver, you always want to win, you always want to be on the pole – 15 out of 15 races. I want to make a living as a race car driver and I want to be fast.”

Amadeo Quiros II enjoyed a continuation of his success in the Gold Cup class at last month’s event in Monterey, his first race weekend in the car (as Uncle Amadeo moved from Gold Cup class to Platinum Cup). Leaving Monterey, he had no expectations of racing again, but results are results.

“Thanks to a good race at Laguna, my father and the team helped me to put this together,” smiled Quiros, driver of the #14 AASCO Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 Cup Car. “I’m happy to be back! And now, a pole position – I feel better with the car now, since last race was my first time in the car. I tried to go faster on cold tires, so I got to have that feeling, in those conditions, then with new tires on, the car was great, so thanks to the team. The car’s perfect now, it’s only me!”

The Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama features semi-professional drivers racing head to head in one of the world’s most successful race cars, the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car. As a developmental series designed to prepare drivers and teams for professional careers in sports car racing, the multi-class structure of the series teaches drivers essential skills for an eventual career in the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón.

The series is broken into two classes, with the Platinum Cup Class featuring the more powerful 2010 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup Car. The Gold Cup Class includes 2005 ½ - 2009 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars.

The Speed TV production of Rounds 5 and 6 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama is scheduled to air on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00am EDT. The season continues July 9 - 11, with Rounds 7 and 8 held in conjunction with the Larry H. Miller Dealerships Utah Grand Prix at Miller Motorsports Park. Please visit [www.imsachallenge.com](http://www.imsachallenge.com) for the latest track schedule, television information and updates.

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