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VETERANS AND ROOKIES LOOK FORWARD TO CHALLENGING ROAD AMERICA CIRCUIT

ELKHART LAKE, WISCONSIN (August 16, 2010) – For some drivers, Road America invokes memories of beautiful vistas and hard-fought victories. For others, it's a four-mile monster they need to learn in a desperately short amount of time. These worlds collide in Rounds 11 and 12 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama at the Time Warner Cable Road Race Showcase.

Darrell Carlisle looks forward to bringing his #92 Kelly-Moss Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car back to the famed Wisconsin track, having won and finished second in the two races here last season. It's no surprise then that Carlisle, running second in a tight Championship battle with Ross Smith (#5 Maxwell Paper Racing), is full of admiration for the famed circuit.

"I love Road America," says Carlisle. "It's a classic track and beautiful in terms of the area, with a lot of nice scenery. The track should serve the high horsepower Platinum cars well - it'll be fun to take the car out here!"

"There are a couple of good passing areas – going up into turn one and down into turn five, for example. And it's a fast track! The carousel is fun; if the car is set up right, it pushes just a little bit as it goes around – you just keep it on throttle and manage the turn with the throttle.

"Visually, it's all right in front of you, there's very little that's blind - what you see is what you get. You get to see it well in advance of coming upon it, so it's an easy track to pick up rather quickly."

On the other end of the spectrum is Henrique Cisneros, driving the #26 NGT Motorsport Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car at Road America for the first time. Leading the Gold Cup standings over Kendall Smith (#4 Maxwell Paper Racing) by 13 points with four races to go, Cisneros knows he has some work ahead of him.

"I have never been to Road America before but I am very excited to drive on such a legendary circuit," says Cisneros. "Like most drivers, I really enjoy the challenge of learning a new track. It's better for your self-esteem when you improve your lap times by seconds rather than tenths! I am sure my biggest struggle will be finding the proper balance between speed and comfort - I like to drive the car as close to the edge as possible in a manner that won't be too tiring during a race.

"But I would never have dreamt that I would be leading the championship in my rookie year! A lot can happen in four races so all I can do is focus on being safe and having fun. Kendall has been a fantastic competitor all season long and we've become great friends through racing. I wish him the best of luck at Road America and may the best driver win!"

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A promoter test day is scheduled for Thursday, with practices scheduled for 10:00 am and 4:10 pm Friday and qualifying at 11:25 am on Saturday. The green flag will drop on Round 11 Saturday at 4:20 pm and on Round 12 at 11:00 pm Sunday.

Road America celebrated its Golden Anniversary in 2005, 50 years after the track was first carved out of 525 acres of Wisconsin farmland. Many improvements have been made throughout the years, but the original 4.048-mile, 14-turn configuration has never been altered.

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 11 and 12 of the Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama is scheduled to air on Sunday, September 19 1:00 am EDT (Rounds 9 and 10 from Mid-Ohio is scheduled for Sunday, September 5 at 1:00 am EDT). The 2010 season comes to a close at the legendary Petit Le Mans, September 29 – October 2 at Road America. Follow along on the race weekend at www.gt3timing.com and visit www.imsachallenge.com for the latest track schedule, television information and updates.

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