



Michael Schein Fourth at Road America in AJR 21 Patron Challenge 997

Elkhart Lake, Wis., (Aug. 22, 2010), Michael Schein finished fourth in the IMSA Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama race at Road America on Saturday. In the second race on Sunday Schein was hit from behind and his day ended just three turns into the 45-minute race.

AJR had Schein engaged in the extra practice session on Thursday. Schein, from Glen Cove, New York, has many laps at Road America and quickly got the No. 21 down into the 2:15 range. In qualifying, Schein posted a time of 2:15.285 which put him on the outside of the first row for race number one.

“Practice was good on Thursday,” Schein said. “We had a slight gearbox gremlin, but we got that sorted out pretty quickly. I have been here before, so I didn’t have to take the day learning the track. We were able to get right down to business with car set-up. I was able to go pretty quick right off of the trailer. In qualifying I was able to get a clean lap at the beginning and post a fast time. I went back out after Ross (Smith) ran his quick time and I tried to get through Turn One a little too fast and put it on the beach.”

In race number one on Saturday afternoon Schein had a clean start and came around on lap one in third. Following Smith into Turn One a competitor got a run on him at the exit dropping the New Yorker back a few spots.

“I got away pretty clean. No one really had a jump on me. Marco (Cirone) had a run on me out of Turn One when Ross over slowed me. Marco just kept his momentum and got by. It was unfortunate. The yellows made things interesting. I really didn’t lose or gain on the restarts. I had a nice clean and consistent race. I didn’t have any lock-ups or near spins, so I am happy with the run. For the second race we will start on new tires. Coming into the first race my tires were a little beat-up from qualifying, I am looking forward to the second race.”

In race number two, Schein started from the inside second row based upon his fourth fastest race lap in the first race. At the drop of the green Schein positioned himself on the inside going into Turn One and took the second position. Heading into Turn Three the New Yorker was hit by the 88 car under braking causing damage to the left rear wheel and suspension ending his day just three turns into the race.

“My plan was to stick to Ross (Smith),” Schein said. “I wanted to pass Amadeo (Quiros) and take second. I was able to put the plan to work and I took second going into Turn One. Going into Three Cirone locked –up his brakes and he got into me and that was it. My rim was pretty much destroyed and I was done.”

Alex Job, team owner, had another up and down weekend with the 21 car.

“We had a great day of practice on Thursday,” Job said. “Michael was really fast and he put his knowledge of this track to work and was at the top of the time sheet all day. On Friday we had a

good qualifying run to start the first race in second. He ran a good race, gave up a couple of positions early and then settled in and was able to finish in fourth. He didn't have the best tires on the car due to a spin into the gravel in qualifying. In the second race he got a good start and was putting the strategy to work following Smith. Then into Turn Three he got hit. I am not sure why the officials wouldn't let him come around so we could fix it. That aspect is very frustrating for us."

The Patron GT3 Challenge will travel to Road Atlanta for the final round on September 29 – October 2.

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