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JONES LOOKS TO IMPRESS ON HOME SOIL

Los Angeles, CA, USA – Nick Jones continues his 2010 Patrón Porsche GT3 Challenge by Yokohama campaign next week at Mazda Raceway, Laguna Seca (21-23 May) joining the field at the Monterey Sports Car Championship in California.

Jones will once again race for DragonSpeed, lining up on the grid in his Gold Cup class, 2008-specification Porsche 997 GT3 Cup to make up 31-entries for what looks set to be another pair of exciting races.

Following two solid finishes of 12th and ninth in class, at the 58th Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in March, Jones feels positive about his next outing:

“I’m really excited and looking forward to the next round at Laguna! Even though it’s in northern California (about six hours away), I consider it my home track. It was where I started racing single-seaters when I turned 16, got my first single-seater win and probably have done more laps there than any other circuit.”

Since Sebring, Jones has spent time with accomplished driving talent and engineer Elton Julian, who is general manager of the DragonSpeed team.

“After Sebring, Elton (Julian) and I sat down and thoroughly analyzed how we’d run and what areas we needed to work on. We came off the Sebring weekend with a top-10 finish, so I think realistically, we’re going into the Laguna round looking to start from where we left off and ultimately improve on that.”

The next round takes place on the 2.238-mile world-renowned Laguna Seca race track. Commenting on the circuit Jones continued: “It’s a very unique and challenging track for a driver; with combinations of low, medium and high speed corners, sharp elevation changes and, of course, the famous ‘corkscrew’. When you get a lap right it flows and it’s really satisfying - much like some of the older circuits in Europe.”

After a great deal of hard work and training since Sebring, Jones and the DragonSpeed team are ready for round two of the series this weekend and will be pushing hard to move further up the timesheets.

Round Two of the 2010 Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama takes place at the Monterey Sports Car Championship, Monterey, California this weekend, 21-23 May 2010. Fans can watch the races on SPEED TV at 1am ET, Sunday 20 June 2010.

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Notes to Editors

About the Patrón Porsche GT3 Challenge by Yokohama

2010 marks the Patrón GT3 Challenge's sixth season of supporting the American Le Mans Series presented by Patrón. The seven-event calendar includes classic tracks at Sebring and Laguna Seca, with a pair of 45-minute races each weekend. The 2010 Championship is comprised of 14 races, of which the best 12 finishes will count toward the Championship. Featuring Porsche's 977 GT3 Cup, the 37-strong field is split into two classes: the Platinum Cup for the latest 997 GT3 model, and the Gold Cup for 2005-2009 models. For further information on the series, please visit www.imsachallenge.com.

About Nick Jones

Nick Jones is a British-American racer competing in the 2010 Patrón GT3 Challenge with Californian-based DragonSpeed.

After successful single-seater racing in Europe with 23 top-three career finishes, across British F3 International Series, Formula Renault UK Championship and Skip Barber Race Series, Jones moved to the USA testing Champ Car Atlantics during 2006/07. In 2008 he made the switch to sportscars, testing a Porsche GT3 RSR for VICI Racing, which was more suited to his driving style.

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About DragonSpeed

DragonSpeed is a professional racing team and driver development operation formed in 2007 based in Santa Monica, California. The team provides arrive-and-drive programs in a range of cars for racing, testing, track days, and special events, all dedicated to helping clients realize their motorsport dreams and ensuring their safety as well as enjoyment. DragonSpeed's seasoned crew includes factory-trained Porsche technicians who can help customers create their ideal track car.

DragonSpeed is run by Elton Julian, who is also available as driver coach and race engineer, with business partners from the media and motorsport worlds, and also supports the fundraising efforts of the Santa Monica and greater Los Angeles chapters of the American Red Cross.

About Elton Julian

DragonSpeed general manager Elton Julian is an accomplished driving talent with engineering skills to match. Raised in the US, Ecuador, and Europe, the 35-year-old Californian's natural speed, technical acumen, and racecraft have earned the admiration of teammates and rivals wherever he has raced.

Elton Julian has raced at international level in both single-seaters and sportscars competing in British Formula 3, finishing on the podium in his first Daytona 24 Hours in 1995 and scoring top six results in each of his Barber Saab, Formula Atlantic, and Indy Lights debuts. At the age of 20 he also tested a Formula 1 car. After a six-year hiatus from driving, Julian was the highest placed rookie in the 2005 Le Mans 24 Hours with starring performances in LMP2 at the Sebring 12 Hours and Petit Le Mans confirming his focus on sportscar racing.

Julian has also worked extensively as a racing instructor and driver coach, most notably in the Ferrari Challenge series, winning universal praise for his ability to demystify the art of competition driving and deliver practical advice leading to significant and lasting improvement.

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Patrón Porsche GT3 Challenge by Yokohama 2010 Schedule

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
MARCH 18-19	12 Hours of Sebring	Sebring, Florida
MAY 21-23	Monterey Sports Car Championship	Monterey, California
JUNE 26-27	New Jersey Grand Prix	Millville, New Jersey
JULY 9-11	Utah Grand Prix	Tooele, Utah
AUGUST 6-7	Acura Sports Car Challenge	Lexington, Ohio
AUGUST 20-22	Gererac 500	Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
SEPTEMBER 30-31	Petit Le Mans	Braselton, Georgia

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