

TRG Rallies for 11th Place Finish at Grand Prix of Miami

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Homestead, FL (March 7, 2011)- Running the fastest time of any Porsche in the field, TRG's Steve Bertheau and Spencer Pumpelly overcame adversity early on to finish 11th during Saturday's Grand Prix of Miami, the second round of the GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series.

Running at a track known for challenging tire wear, particularly for the heavier, rear-engined Porsches, the team came in to the race knowing that rear tire wear would be an on-going issue. Despite that, the team continually set competitive times throughout the race weekend, including the fourth fastest lap during the race, however early misfortune would put the team down early.

Running solid and competitive times, driver Steve Bertheau has some bad luck early when a tire failure on lap 17 would cause his right front tire to come apart, causing the no. 67 Sargent & Lundy/TIC Porsche to limp back in to the pits for a quick tire service and damage observation.

Bertheau stayed in and soldiered on to continue laying down some strong lap times but it was difficult to make up the ground lost with the green flag stop. A subsequent driver change with Pumpelly and some excellent teamwork kept the car in position, and the 67 would eventually finish two laps down in 11th.

For TRG Team Owner, there were a number of strong elements seen during the weekend.

"The ultimate finish isn't quite what we'd hoped for, but the team did a great job," stated Buckler. "Steve gets better with every session, and he really was looking good as the race went on. It's unfortunate to have had the bad luck that we did with the right front tire. It's pretty tough to come back from a deficit like that, but everyone fought hard and kept their head down to gain every spot we could. We'll be back and ready to race at Barber."

TRG will return to GRAND-AM competition on Saturday, April 9 at Barber Motorsports Park and will be broadcast live on SPEED at 12PM ET.

TRG is a full-service motorsports company offering a total driver ladder approach. This approach starts with track days, goes to club events, up into street stock series and culminates in the ultimate goal of professional motorsports. With sports car focused facilities in Petaluma, California and Millville, New Jersey (New Jersey Motorsports Park) the team can offer turn-key support as well as arrive-and-drive programs.

The company's NASCAR operations are headquartered in Mooresville, North Carolina. The team fields a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series entry and has the capacity to run ARCA, Nationwide and the Camping World Truck Series.

The Racer's Group was founded in 1993 and has been competing at the top level of motor racing. The team boasts Rolex Series GT championships in 2005 and 2006 and holds the record for the most wins in Grand-Am with 32. The team's resume is highlighted by five championships, four Rolex 24 Hour at Daytona victories, and a Le Mans 24 Hour win.