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Montreal, QC, Canada (June 12, 2011)- When TRG unloaded their three Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars on to the famed Circuit Gilles Villeneuve for the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge Series presented by Yokohama, everyone was quietly confident that this would be the weekend to show the team's true potential.

Following the first four rounds of the series, the team's full season drivers of Dr. Jim Norman and Randy Oswald had continued to show strong form, however some bad luck and unfortunate incidents had masked their true form headed in this weekend's Canadian Grand Prix. As an event run in conjunction with the FIA Formula One World Championship, the team also added Carlos Gomez from Bogota, Colombia, to make this weekend's event a three-car assault during this highly attended race.

Running competitive lap times throughout practice, the team would grid for the race in the 9th, 11th, and 12th positions, with newcomer Gomez setting the fastest time for the team, as part of an astonishingly close field that positions 2-10 within a second of each other.

In a strange change of fortune, as the cars took to the grid for the event the skies over Montreal darkened and the rain came, forcing IMSA officials to declare a "wet race," meaning all cars would have to start on wet weather Yokohama tires. As the green flag flew, the traditionally chaotic field failed to disappoint, and several cars would run off course facing any number of directions.

For Dr. Jim Norman, who had been a victim of bad luck in prior rounds, patience was the name of the game as the Montreal-newcomer drove a brilliant and steady race. Running a relatively error free race, Norman would eventually take fifth place honors during the race, a true testament to a resurgent form.

Just one place back, Carlos Gomez's debut with TRG would finish just two seconds behind Norman, having similarly endured brilliantly on a track he'd never been to.

For local hero Randy Oswald, residing in Toronto, an up and down day would lead to a respectable 13th place in front of his fellow Canadian fans, a strong result to round out the

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team's effort.

For TRG Team Owner Kevin Buckler, the opportunity to get the team's IMSA Cup program back on form was a great showing.

"I'm really, really proud of our guys today—drivers and crew," stated Buckler. "When the rain came, the guys were constantly reminding everyone to just stay patient and focused, and it worked perfectly. Dr. Jim has been really fast all year, and I'm so happy to see him finally get the finish he's deserved. Patience was super critical for Dr. Jim, and he delivered like a true professional. I was really pleased to see Carlos gel so perfectly with everyone as well. He was cool under pressure and drove smart and was a perfect blend inside of our team. He showed great form all weekend and I'm glad we could deliver on our first weekend together. A real shout out on this one to Spencer Cox and the guys from Speedsport who partnered with us on this one and prepared a hell of a race car for Carlos. Randy had a great qualifying and drove a super steady race this weekend. I think he half of Canada cheering for him!!! I hope he's happy with the eventual result, as he showed great form and brought it home. This was a great weekend for everyone, and I'm glad to have our program really shine like this."

The next round of the IMSA GT3 Cup challenge will take place at the historic Lime Rock Park circuit in Lakeville, Connecticut, with the feature event being run on Saturday, July 9.

TRG is a full-service motorsports company offering a total driver ladder approach, as well as comprehensive sponsorship and business opportunities. For drivers, this approach starts with track days, goes to club events, up into street stock series and culminates in the ultimate goal of professional motorsports. For sponsors and business partners, this method starts with everything from executive events, to traditional sponsorship models, all the way to comprehensive business-to-business opportunities and experiential marketing. With facilities in Petaluma, California and Mooresville, North Carolina the team can offer turn-key marketing programs as well as arrive-and-drive support.

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.

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