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Petaluma, CA, February 22, 2012 - Some opportunities come around only once. Although each year, The Racers Group opens its doors to local regions of the Porsche Club of America. This year, Redwood Region has incredible timing.

A perfect confluence of events has the entire race team back from Daytona and the Sebring winter test, the arrival of a brand new 911 GT3 Cup car, and a chance to visit with CEO Kevin Buckler in the TRG World Headquarters.

A few local PCA members will have an opportunity to have their cars inspected by the TRG

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race team, and everyone will have the chance to tour the facility and hear how America's most successful sports car team prepares to go racing. Additionally, visitors will have a first glance at the new GT3 Cup car, which arrived from the factory this week. Seeing how a brand new factory race car is transformed into a

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team car will be just an added bonus in what will be a busy and informative day.

Performance parts will be available for purchase, including a host of newly available spares from the recent race at Daytona. Team members will be available to consult on anything from the installation of performance parts to the purchase and application of vinyl graphics from TRG's in-house design staff.

At the end of the event, Kevin Buckler will deftly move from his role as race team owner to winery owner and will open up the Adobe Road Winery tasting room for a taste of an impressive lineup of award winning wines.

For more information about the event, visit <http://red.pca.org>

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"The test is going really well for us." Stated Gomez. "TRG is the right team to be with; I have great teammates and the car is perfect. We started with a great platform and we've been developing and trying new stuff from that. I am very confident in our car and our lineup and really looking forward to my first 24."

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Petaluma, CA (January 11th, 2012) - TRG's five-car armada for the 50th Anniversary of the Rolex 24 at Daytona showed it's cards at the The Roar Before the 24 held this weekend at Daytona International Speedway. Consistently landing at or near the top of the time sheets, the

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