

TRG - Ready for the 60th Sebring 12 hours

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Petaluma, CA (February 28, 2011)- Following a successful return to the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patron in 2010, taking two victories including at the famed Petit Le Mans, TRG will return in 2011 to the ALMS GTC category. Beginning with the 59th Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on March 19, TRG will field its traditional no. 66 entry for drivers' Duncan Ende, Alain Li, and Spencer Pumpelly. Ende, who has been part of TRG's development system since 2007, raced in three ALMS events in 2010 with the team, including the victory at Petit Le Mans. Joining the team for his first race in the series will be Alain Li. A successful competitor in several international series, Li will be running in his first ever Sebring 12 Hours and should be a strong addition. Finally, Spencer Pumpelly joins the team for his sixth season with TRG. Recently winning this year's Rolex 24 at Daytona, Pumpelly joins the team as a proven winner, and will take an important role throughout the season.

Petaluma, CA (March 3, 2012) – The Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring kicks of the American Le Mans Series season for The Racer's Group (TRG), and team owner Kevin Buckler has his sights set on two that got away last year.

First on the agenda is a win at Sebring. It is the only major sports car race that has eluded Buckler in his 20 years of racing, and he is focused on adding that trophy to his 150-plus race trophy display case. Second, is an American Le Mans Series championship, another feat that has eluded TRG.

A year ago, TRG went into the season finale at Petit Le Mans with a chance to pull that off, needing a win and a little misfortune to eventual champion Black Swan to claim the Series crown. Having won the previous year's Petit as well as the Rolex 24, TRG was also going for the never-been-done-before "Trifecta" of winning the three big endurance races in North America back-to-back. TRG had turned in an incredible season to date, with four victories, including one-two finishes at Mid-Ohio and Lime Rock as well as a second place finish at Sebring. A third place finish at Petit Le Mans placed the Buckler group second for the ALMS Series GTC class crown but left the team more determined than ever to change all that in 2012.

While every race is important, 2012 marks the 60th running of America's oldest endurance classic. There is certainly extra incentive to win, and Buckler is playing his cards close to the vest this year, waiting until next week to announce TRG's driver line-up for 2012.

