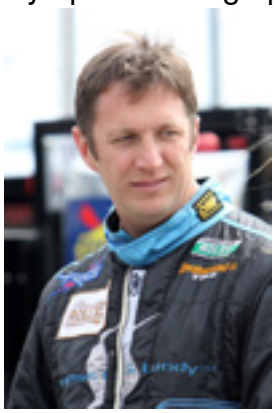
Petaluma, CA (June 7, 2012) - TRG's inaugural run on Belle Isle at the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Am 200 showed signs of real promise for the No. 67 Sargent & Lundy Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car of Steve Bertheau and Spencer Pumpelly. The duo which shared a winning car twice on the Grand-Am circuit last year seemed poised to make a run for at least a podium on the 2.1-mile island street course, but alas a punt by an errant prototype and a flat tire in the final 10 minutes did the duo in for the day.

"It was a real shame," said team owner Kevin Buckler. "We had a really good car. Steve was posting some amazing times despite being spun by the prototype, and Spencer was working his way up the through pack before the tire issue reared its head."



The race was only eight laps old when Bertheau took his hit, spinning him off the course. He did a great job saving the car and getting restarted, but the shunt pushed him toward the rear of the field. Fortunately, there was no damage to the car, and he began to work his way back into contention. With the help of a couple of yellow flags, the TRG gang got a lap back before Pumpelly jumped into the car.

The veteran sports car driver began the arduous task of overtaking on the tricky road course and, with the help of yet another yellow, moved the No. 67 onto the lead lap and into the Top 10. But with less than 10 minutes left in the race, Pumpelly reported an unstable condition in the rear which was eventually attributed to a tire going down, forcing him to pull off the track.

"The good news is that we all had a wonderful time racing at Belle Isle" said Buckler. "The organization worked really hard to put on this event and we hope it continues. We are off to Mid Ohio and looking for a strong finish."

Bertheau and Pumpelly now head to Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course for Saturday's EMCO Gears Classic. Green flag is 4:30 p.m. EDT. SPEED will carry all the action live