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Central Wisconsin Region – Porsche Club of America

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FALL COLOR TOUR, LAKE MILLS to MAPLE BLUFF 2 SHORES CARS & COFFEE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 9:00 AM



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First we will all meet at 2 Shores Classic Cars at 9:00 am. and park in the exhibit area in front of their shop. 2 Shores is located at 119 Church St. in Lake Mills WI. Lake Mills is approximately 30 miles east of Madison, just off I-94. Take the Lake Mills exit, Hwy 89 south into the center of town. Go right on W. Lake St. and Church St is the next street you will find.

We will attend the Cars & Coffee event until 10:00. Then we will head out on the tour through the back roads of Jefferson and Dane Counties, and finish up at the Maple Bluff Country Club for a cookout lunch.

Lunch will consist of: fresh herb marinated chicken breast or bratwurst with caramelized onions, or Italian sausage with peppers onions and marinara sauce, or sirloin burgers or jumbo hot dogs, deli condiments tray of lettuce, sliced tomato, sliced onion, pickles, sliced American cheese tray, baked beans, coleslaw and potato salad, buns and sausage rolls, seasonal fresh fruit, assorted kettle chips, mustard and ketchup, cookies and brownies, coffee and tea. Cost of the lunch is \$18.00 per person. Cash bar is available.

Please RSVP by Wednesday Oct 14 to Trevor Passmore, TSPassmore@aol.com, or 608-848-5799. See you in Lake Mills! A pdf copy of the tour map will be on the CWI web site this week.

CWI-PCA Calendar

Oct 18 (Sun) Fall Color Tour and Lunch

Oct 21 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,
Lees Automotive

Nov 18 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,
Lees Automotive

Dec 16 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,
Lees Automotive

Jan (undecided) CWI Holiday Party

Come join us for Pizza and car talk!



Writers Block *Mach Schnell Editor, Chuck Schmeling*

PORSCHE SAYS IT IS WORKING ON ALTERNATIVE POWERED SPORTS CAR

ATLANTA, September 15, 2009 - Speaking publicly for the first time at the Frankfurt Auto Show, Porsche's new president and CEO, Michael Macht, revealed that Porsche is considering and working hard on an electric-powered sports car that would meet the high demands of the Porsche brand.

"I am also convinced that one day Porsche will have an electric sports car in its line-up," said Macht at the company's press conference today. While he cautioned that so far the available battery technology is not "sufficient to meet Porsche's strict requirements," he said "our engineers are already working hard on this challenge."

"An electric sports car would therefore only make sense for Porsche if it offers performance and a cruising range similar to that of current sports cars in the market," he said. "We are therefore taking the first step in this direction with a full hybrid - in the Cayenne, the Panamera and maybe in the not too distant future also in a racing car or a production 911. Why not?"

How about that Toyota!

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PORSCHE CLINCHES MANUFACTURERS, MICHELIN GREEN X CHALLENGE TITLES

FLOWERY BRANCH, Georgia - September 26 - After almost four hours of red flag track condition due to lightning and a flooding downpour, the rain-shortened Petit Le Mans presented by Mazda 6 at Road Atlanta was given the checkered flag when the rain refused to quit, but the race ran long enough for Porsche to clinch the GT2 manufacturers title over Ferrari.

It was the third place finish for Dirk Werner and Wolf Henzler (both Germany) in their #87 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche 911 GT3 RSR that gave Porsche a 26-point lead over Ferrari, with only 25 points available at the final event in two weeks at Laguna Seca Raceway. Despite the less-than-ideal conditions, Porsche Motorsport North America President Paul Ritchie was pleased with the year-long efforts of all the 911 teams.

"Although they are not in contention for the drivers or team championship this year, Farnbacher Loles Racing, Dirk Werner and Wolf Henzler put forth outstanding efforts today, and earned the podium position that put us over the top for the manufacturer's title," said Ritchie, noting that Werner is in contention in two weeks for the Rolex Grand-Am GT title and Henzler won the ALMS GT2 drivers title last year.

Ritchie pointed out that Porsche has now won the manufacturers championship in eight of the 11 years of the American Le Mans Series, and is in contention to clinch its ninth drivers championship in those 11 years.

Speaking of drivers titles, Patrick Long (USA) and Joerg Bergmeister (Germany), along with fellow Porsche factory driver Marc Lieb (Germany) who were running as high as second place in GT2 just before the red flag flew, settled for fifth in their #45 Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. Long/Bergmeister retained their driver points lead, however, even though the Melo/Kaffer Ferrari finished first. Long/Bergmeister now have 156 points, while Melo/Kaffer have 137 - a 19-point lead with 25 points available for the last event.

Long was philosophical about the finish as he sat in the paddock waiting for the rain to stop.

"We ran really well today, and pressured to GT2 leaders for the whole race. I have to offer congratulations to the Ferrari for coming in just at the right time for rain tires. In those last two laps in the rain, they went from fourth to first, and we went from second to fifth as we had to skate into the pits for rains. We are still in the drivers seat for the championship, and we will now turn our attention to Laguna.

Long shared the ALMS GT2 title with Joerg in 2005, and Joerg won it alone in 2006 when Patrick took one race off to drive the Penske Porsche RS Spyder. Then Joerg won with Flying Lizards and Wolf Henzler last year.

The #44 Flying Lizard Porsche team car, which ran Ethanol E85 fuel for the first time, finished first in the Michelin Green X Challenge GT competition. The car, driven by Johannes van Overbeek/Seth Neiman/Darren Law (all USA) finished seventh in the GT2 class, was rated the best Green Achievement score from a formula which measures performance efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions, and petroleum displacement.

The #44's win clinched the Michelin Green X Challenge GT manufacturers title for Porsche over Chevrolet (Corvette). Both the #44 and #45 Lizard Porsches, along with the #87 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche, have a chance to win the Michelin Green X Challenge team title at Laguna Seca in two weeks.

The other Porsche 911 GT3 RSR in the event, the Team Falken Tire entry of Bryan Sellers and Dominic Cicero (both USA), finished 11th in GT2 in only its second event.



In the LMP2 class, the Cytosport Porsche RS Spyder, driven by Klaus Graf and Sascha Maassen (both Germany), and team owner Greg Pickett (USA), took its third podium finish in three races by finishing third in class, but the team had quite an adventure on the wet Road Atlanta track. Graf started the car from the pit lane, and quickly carved his way through the field, catching all the LMP2 cars and most of the LMP1 cars, finally passing the eventual overall winning Peugeot to run fourth overall. But then, things started to happen.

"Obviously I don't want a race to end like that weather-wise with these conditions. Everybody wants to race but it's a podium for us and we'll take it. We found the problem actually which was really difficult so hats off to the engineers, it's not easy to locate the issue. So we fixed it and we brought it back out, but we had lost 48 laps. We ran really strong lap times again after that. I'm happy for everybody on the team, it was great to have Sascha (Maassen) on board and I can't wait to get to Laguna Seca," said Graf.

The Porsche RS Spyder has won both the manufacturers and drivers championship the last three years in the American Le Mans Series.



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