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Stevenson Pontiac GXP-R Repeats First Place Finish At VIR

Stevenson's Friends And Family Share The Champagne

The #57 Stevenson Motorsports – BryanMark Financial Pontiac GXP-R, running in the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16, was once again the first GT class car to fly under the checkered flag. After the team's first ever win at Mexico City last week, drivers Andrew Davis and Robin Liddell, along with Team Manager Mike Johnson and team owners John and Susan Stevenson combined winning strategy and winning driving talents to take their second win of the 2008 season. The win gives them a 'batting average' of .500 which any baseball player would love to possess. And if not for luck having stayed away at the first two races this team could be perfect.

But perfection takes many forms and for one, the pit strategy employed by Mike Johnson at Mexico and VIR proved to be as perfect as can be.

Johnson: "It was a shame getting our first win without John and Susan at the track, but to win again at our 'home' track with their friends and family was very special as well. As for the car, tires, strategy, we are not doing anything different or better than we did at Daytona or Homestead. We have a great car, with two great drivers and we are executing very well with great pit stops, no contact and calculated pit decisions. We were only 7th quick in the race and we realized we were not going to win unless we took a gamble and the gamble paid off.

"Everyone in the paddock has the same opportunity to pit when we do and do what we do, but it's a real gut check to pull your car out of fourth place, under green to add fuel only on 40 mile tires, but someone was going to do it, and I am just glad it was us. The new yellow flag rules open up some different opportunities and I am sure people will figure it out soon enough."

Davis qualified the car second on the grid, giving him a front row starting position. He ran with the leaders throughout his stint, bringing the car in during a full course caution before 15 minutes of the race had been run. He brought the car in a second time after an hour and turned the driving chores over to Liddell. After a quick splash for fuel only during green conditions, Liddell was able to go into the lead while everyone else pitted under yellow. The lead was then his and he never gave it up.



For this race, where the Stevenson's had a full complement of guests to entertain, John Stevenson elected to also run the Crawford-built Corvette the team ran in last year's Grand-Am series. James Gue and Randy Pobst were brought on board to drive and they finished 12th in class after Gue had qualified the car right behind Davis, in 3rd on the starting grid.

Pobst enjoyed his return stint with Stevenson, after having run with the team at the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona as the start of the season.

"I had a ball! It was so nice to be back with Stevenson Motorsports and I thank them for this opportunity. They are a first class effort. The car was very well prepared. Stevenson and Crawford really worked to develop the car over the winter. Crawford re-engineered the rear suspension and Stevenson put the car together and it showed promise at the test session at Homestead Miami. The car handled great during the race. Our finishing position doesn't indicate how good the car was.

"I had a very satisfying stint. I did not have much practice in the car, so I learned how to drive it during the race. Our times were competitive with the lead pack. We just needed another yellow flag for our pit strategy to pay off and we didn't get it.

Andrew Davis shared the joy of bringing home a win in front of the team owners. "Our first victory in Mexico City was very special, but being able to stand on top of the podium again on home soil was exceptional! The only thing missing from last week's win was that fact that John and Susan Stevenson were not there to share in the celebration. So obviously, they were the first targets to get sprayed with the champagne from the podium."

"The race played out perfectly due to another great race strategy implemented by Mike Johnson. I started the Bryan Mark Financial Pontiac GXP.R from the front row, and I was able to get a good jump at the green flag. We had a pretty uneventful run to the first caution period before stopping for fuel and tires. The next part of my stint was a bit more difficult due to some nasty GT battles going on in front of me. However, I was able to get the car back up into the top five before handing it off to Robin. The big gamble came when we reached the pit window in terms of making it to the end of the race on fuel. Mike Johnson made the call to come in early for fuel, leaving the Stevenson Motorsports GXP.R to inherit the lead on the next caution period."

"VIR is basically the home track for Stevenson Motorsports, so it was great to have a crowd of friends and family to support the team. We were able to put on a good show for everyone, and prove that our first victory in Mexico City was not a fluke. Two wins in a row really breathes some life back in our fight for the championship, and we are all looking forward to the next round at Laguna Seca."

Liddell too expressed his satisfaction with the fortunate turn this season has taken when he said, "The Pontiac ran beautifully throughout the race while Stevenson Motorsport's race strategy was first class. We're the team to beat and this form bodes well for the remainder of the season."



The win moved the Stevenson Team up into a 3rd place tie (With SpeedSource – running a Mazda) overall in the Team Championship standings. The win at VIR catapulted the team up five places in this still early point in the season. And Davis and Liddell are also enjoying time near the top as they are now in a three way tie for 3rd in the Driver standings.

The Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16 includes cars competing in two classes, Daytona Prototypes and GT. The #57 Stevenson Motorsports Pontiac GXP-R competes in the GT class against other teams running cars carrying such vaunted names as Porsche, Ferrari, Mazda and the Ford Mustang Cobra.

Stevenson Motorsports operates out of a new facility located in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Fans of the Stevenson Team are invited to visit the team's website at <u>www.stevensonmotorsports.com</u>





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The 2008 Grand American Rolex Series GT calendar:

Jan. 26-27	Daytona International Speedway - Daytona Beach, Fla. 24 hours
March 29	Homestead-Miami Speedway - Homestead, Fla. 250 miles
April 19	Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez - Mexico City, Mexico 250 miles WIN!
April 27	Virginia International Raceway - Alton, Va. 250 miles WIN!
May 17	Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca - Monterey, Calif. 250 miles
May 26	Lime Rock Park - Lakeville, Conn. # 250 miles
June 7	Watkins Glen International - Watkins Glen, N.Y. 6 hours
June 21	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course - Lexington, Ohio 250 miles
July 3	Daytona International Speedway - Daytona Beach, Fla. 250 miles
July 20	Barber Motorsports Park - Birmingham, Ala. 250 miles
Aug. 1	Circuit Gilles Villeneuve - Montreal, Quebec, Canada 200 miles
Aug. 8	Watkins Glen International - Watkins Glen, N.Y. + 200 miles
Aug. 23	Infineon Raceway - Sonoma, Calif. + 200 miles
Sept. 20	Miller Motorsports Park - Tooele, Utah 1,000 km
TBA	New Jersey Motorsports Park - Millville, N.J.

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Andrew Davis

Robin Liddell

Johnny Stevenson

Team Bios:

Robin Liddell

Born: Edinburgh, Scotland. **Resides:** Northampton, England. **Other Interests:** Road rallying, skiing, tennis music, shooting, home improvements. **Website:** <u>www.robinliddell.com</u>

Professional Racing Career:

Followers of sportscar racing around the globe know the name Robin Liddell very well. A native of Scotland, Liddell has raced in virtually every major North American and European road racing series one could attempt to compete in. Robin started his racing career in 1994 and he won his first-ever race at Europe's Donington Park circuit. After several years competing in Formula cars he turned his attentions to sportscar racing, and here again he started out winning the European Le Mans Series in 2001.

His extensive racing resume includes the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona, the 24 Hours of Le Mans, SPEED World Challenge Series, Nurburgring 24 Hours, American Le Mans Series, FFSA GT Championship, Formula Renault 2000 Championship, BRDC British GT Championship, European Le Mans Series, Privilege Insurance British GT Championship, FIA GT Championship, BRSCC Radical Enduro Championship, Formula Palmer Audi Winter Series, Slick 50 Formula Ford Championship Premier Division, Slick 50 Formula Ford Eurocup, Alliance and Leicester Formula 2000 Championship, and the first professional series he competed in, the Formula Vauxhall Junior Championship.

For the 2008 season, Liddell will team with Andrew Davis in the all-new Stevenson Motorsports Pontiac GXP-R running in the GT Class of the Grand-Am Rolex Series.



Andrew Davis

Birth date: 11/2/1977 Birthplace: Lilburn, Ga. Hometown: Bogart, Ga. Personal: Is married to Lindy. Enjoys skiing and mountain biking.

Professional Racing Career:

Andrew Davis has taken advantage of several opportunities to demonstrate his considerable talent behind the wheel. Davis posted 11 top ten finishes in 13 starts in the Rolex Series GT class in 2005. He also piloted the No. 39 Silverstone Racing Pontiac Crawford Daytona Prototype to third on the grid at the Barber Motorsports Park round, earning a best class result of ninth.

His successful career began with the overall championship in the SCCA South Atlantic Sports 2000 series, in 1997. He went on to win the championship in both the SCCA Southeast Division Sports 2000 and Formula Continental series. He raced with Robin Liddell in the 2006 KONI Challenge series so this season will see them reunited in pursuit of a championship for Stevenson Motorsports.

John Stevenson – Team Owner

Birth date: May 11, 1948 Height: 5' '7" Weight: 165 lbs. Residence: Swansboro, North Carolina Family: Wife – Susan Daughters - Shelley and Booth Interests outside of racing: Boating and Labrador Retrievers

Off-Track Career: John is the President and Owner of Stevenson Automotive Group located in Southeastern North Carolina, comprising eleven new car franchises - Honda, Acura, Toyota, Scion, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Jeep, Hyundai, Suzuki, Mazda, and Kia.

Professional Racing Career:

John (Johnny) Stevenson is a very successful businessman, and he, and his wife Susan, are the owners of Stevenson MotorSports. John ran in his first professional race in 2003, as a newcomer to the Grand American Road Racing Series. In that first race, driving a Porsche GT3RS at Watkins Glen, he finished on the podium, in second place.

In the team's first full season of competition, they finished 6th in GT team points. In 2007, two Chevrolet Corvettes wore the Stevenson colors of red, white and blue, running in the GT class of the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series. For the 2008 season, the team will compete in a brand new, Pratt& Miller Pontiac GXP-R.



<u>Mike Johnson – Team Manager</u>

Birth date: July 17, 1973 Residence: St. Louis, MO

Family: Wife Cheryl, Son Connor Feb 7, 2005, born on the Monday right after the Rolex 24, Daughter Olivia, DUE April 28, 2008, one day after VIR next year.

Professional Racing Career:

A former racer – having run two seasons in the US F2000 series in the late 1990s – Mike Johnson decided to move over to the managerial side of the sport. It was an incredibly fortuitous decision as he has led a number of race teams to great success in his career as a team owner and team manager. He owns and manages Archangel Motorsport Services, which took the 2000 and 2001 Team and Driver's Championships in the Grand-Am SRPII class. He managed a Grand-Am SGS class championship team (TPC Racing) which finished 1-2 in the 2004 team championship and an outstanding 1-2-3-4-5 in the driver championship. His teams finished on the podium at the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona four straight years running, including the SRP-II Victory in his first attempt in 2001.

In Europe, Johnson led the Intersport Racing effort to a win at the 24 Hour of Le Mans race, only his second time at the famed circuit in 2004.

Johnson's professional resume also includes time spent as a television and radio personality. He appeared as a cast member of the MTV program "Real World, IV," filmed entirely in London. He also appeared in the TV show, "The Real World / Road Rules Challenge".

In 2006 Johnson was signed on as a commentator on SPEED for the Grand-Am Rolex Series broadcasts. In addition he was a commentator for the SCCA Runoffs in 2004, 2006 and 2007, plus the 2007 12 Hours of Sebring.



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