

## PORSCHE LEAD ALL BUT ONE LAP IN SECOND STRAIGHT 2009 ALMS GT2 WIN; FLYING LIZARD MOTORSPORTS 911 GT3 RSR OF BERGMEISTER/LONG EXTEND POINTS LEAD

-Pole-sitting Farnbacher Loles Porsche leads until suspension problems just short of halfway-

LONG BEACH, Calif. – April 18 – The #87 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche 911 GT3 RSR of Wolf Henzler/Dirk Werner (both Germany), the GT2 class polesitter, and the #45 Flying Lizard Porsche 911 GT3 RSR of Patrick Long (USA) and Joerg Bergmeister (Germany) gave the huge crowd at the Long Beach Grand Prix street circuit tense bumper-to-bumper competition for the first 45 minutes of the Tequila Patron American Le Mans Series race.

But, just as both teams were planning their mandatory mid-race pit stop, Henzler's car slowed considerably, victim of a broken right front suspension. That left Patrick Long and the Lizard Porsche in the lead, with almost a one-minute margin over the Melo/Kaffer Ferrari, which had moved into second place. After both cars pitted, and Bergmeister replaced Long in the lead car, the #45 maintained a 30-second lead until the very end, when the 100-minute race ended under a yellow flag as the GT2 Corvette Riley caught fire with five minutes to go. The Milner/Mueller BMW was third.

The #45 Flying Lizard Porsche also won the GT class for the event's Michelin Green X Challenge, which measures a combination of performance, efficiency, and fuel economy.

The race will be televised by ABC-TV on a tape-delayed basis on Sunday, April 19, at 12:30 PM EDT, with Greg Creamer and Bill Adam doing the commentary.

Fourth with its best showing in last two years was the T-Mobile VICI Racing Porsche of Richard Westbrook (England)/Johannes Stuck (Austria), which finished fourth in Stuck's first ALMS race. The #44 Flying Lizard Porsche of Seth Neiman/Darren Law (both USA) finished fifth after Law brought the car to its final position from the back of the pack. The Henzler/Werner Porsche finished tenth after their suspension problems, and the Team Falken Tires Porsche of Dominic Cicero/Bryan Sellers did not finish because of transmission woes.

Long told a crowded post-race news conference that his car was perfectly set-up for the race, and he could get right up on Henzler's tail, but could not get by him, and seemed to back off a little.

"I know people might have thought I was getting close and then backing off to entertain the crowd, but, if I followed too close for too long, I wouldn't get enough air to the radiators, and the car would have overheated," said Long.

Bergmeister, like when he took over the car at the St. Petersburg victory two weeks ago, inherited the lead, but this time there was more pressure.

“At St. Pete, we had a two lap lead, and here, we were only ahead by 30 seconds. I had to keep pushing, and we got a break that the yellow flag ended the race. A restart and more green flag racing would have produced a very close finish,” said Bergmeister.

Bergmeister and Long now lead the GT2 drivers points with 60, with the Melo/Kaffer Ferrari drivers with 42 and the Farnbacher/James Panoz drivers with 42. The Seth Neiman/Darren Law Lizard Porsche duo has 34 points. Porsche holds that same 60-42 lead over Ferrari in the manufacturers points.

The next American Le Mans Series race is May 17 at Miller Motorsports Park near Salt Lake City, Utah.

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American Le Mans Series Race – Long Beach Results

Pos	Num	CL	Driver Car	Laps Comp	Behind Leader	CP	Last Lap Lap Time	Best Lap Lap Time	BL Num	Pit Lap	Fastest Driver
1	66	P1	de Ferran/Pagenaud <i>Acura ARX-02a</i>	76	---	1	2:11.373	1:14.189	6	47	Simon Pagenaud
2	9	P1	Brabham /Sharp <i>Acura ARX-02a</i>	76	-1.016	2	2:10.894	1:14.053	55	45	David Brabham
3	15	P2	Fernandez/Diaz <i>Acura ARX-01B</i>	75	-1 lap	1	1:41.848	1:15.606	56	44	Adrian Fernandez
4	16	P2	Dyson/Smith <i>Lola B09 86 Mazda</i>	75	-1 lap	2	1:41.968	1:16.360	5	39	Guy Smith
5	20	P2	Leitzinger/Franchi <i>Lola B09 86 Mazda</i>	74	-2 lap	3	2:11.050	1:16.228	6	38	Butch Leitzinger
6	4	GT1	Gavin /Beretta <i>Corvette C6.R</i>	73	-3 lap	1	1:42.140	1:18.847	9	29	Olivier Beretta
7	37	P1	Field/Field/Ducote <i>Lola B06/10 AER</i>	71	-5 lap	3	1:42.035	1:15.738	5	51	Jon Field
8	45	GT2	Bergmeister /Long <i>Porsche 911 GT3 RSR</i>	71	-5 lap	1	1:41.947	1:21.727	8	45	Patrick Long
9	62	GT2	Melo /Kaffer <i>Ferrari F430 GT</i>	71	-5 lap	2	1:42.229	1:21.371	57	47	Jaime Melo
10	92	GT2	Mueller /Milner <i>BMW E92 M3</i>	70	-6 lap	3	2:11.335	1:21.752	54	45	Dirk Mueller
11	18	GT2	Westbrook /Stuck <i>Porsche 911 GT3 RSR</i>	70	-6 lap	4	1:42.177	1:22.559	6	41	Richard Westbrook
12	44	GT2	Law /Neiman <i>Porsche 911 GT3 RSR</i>	70	-6 lap	5	1:42.766	1:22.643	24	19	Darren Law
13	21	GT2	Farnbacher/James <i>Panoz Esperante GTLM Ford</i>	69	-7 lap	6	2:12.813	1:22.982	60	43	Dominik Farnbacher
14	11	GT2	Feinberg /Hall <i>Dodge Viper Comp Coupe</i>	68	-8 lap	7	1:46.015	1:24.086	15	38	Joel Feinberg
15	12	P1	Lewis /Willman <i>Lola B06/10 AER</i>	67	-9 lap	4	2:11.786	1:19.284	14	47	Michael Lewis
16	90	GT2	Auberlen /Hand <i>BMW E92 M3</i>	67	-9 lap	8	2:12.514	1:22.544	10	53	Bill Auberlen
17	40	GT2	Robertson /Murry <i>Doran Ford GT MK 7</i>	67	-9 lap	9	1:41.499	1:23.562	3	43	David Murry
18	87	GT2	Henzler /Werner <i>Porsche 911 GT3 RSR</i>	67	-9 lap	10	1:42.128	1:21.877	6	31	Wolf Henzler
19	28	GT2	Boris Said <i>Chevrolet Riley Corvette C6</i>	64	-12 lap	11	1:25.932	1:23.234	39	34	Boris Said
20	17	GT2	Dominic Cicero <i>Porsche 911 GT3 RSR</i>	43	-33 lap	12	5:31.823	1:23.255	4	42	Bryan Sellers
21	3	GT1	Johnny O'Connell <i>Corvette C6.R</i>	42	-34 lap	2	1:25.125	1:18.896	10	12	Johnny O'Connell



