

# ***Action Express Racing***

## ***Action Express Racing Announces Plans for 2010 Grand-Am Rolex Season***

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Pre-season testing at Daytona International Speedway is always an eagerly anticipated event – not only for the drivers and teams ready to get back on track, but for many curious spectators hoping to catch a preview of the upcoming season. This year's December test brought out one of Grand-Am's most anticipated new DP teams, Action Express Racing, for their first public appearance. Competitors and fans alike got their first glimpse of the new team's #9 Porsche-based V-8 Riley as 2010 full-time drivers Joao Barbosa and Terry Borcheller put in some serious track time at Daytona. Appearing in low-key gray primer while finalizing a paint scheme, the new #9 car nonetheless attracted a great deal of attention.

As the familiar Brumos Racing team focuses in 2010 solely on their #59 car, Daytona businessman and long-time Brumos affiliate Bob Johnson indicated that the time was right to form a new team with a Riley chassis he owns independently. (The Brumos 2009 Rolex 24 Champion #58 car remains parked at their raceshop, available for display and still race-ready). "The advantages were many," Johnson explained. "There were several Brumos key team members available to lead the team, along with two of the top drivers in the series. I was able to make arrangements to share raceshop space with the Brumos team and keep the group intact in what developed into a win-win situation for everyone. We are now working hard on preparations for the Rolex 24 and investigating potential sponsors. I believe that our new #9 Riley Porsche V-8 by Lorenzo Brothers is going to be very competitive this season."

Joao Barbosa, following up on his 2009 Homestead finale win, was excited about the challenge, saying, "It's great to be back again in 2010 with a competitive team. Our new team is mostly the same crew as we had last year, so they really know the car. We have some learning to do about the Porsche V-8 the Lozano Brothers are preparing, but it ran really well at the December test. I am really looking forward to getting on track with the rest of the competitors this week to see how we do. Terry is a great co-driver – he's very competitive. We drove together at Daytona last year and were on the podium, so I feel we can be very strong in the Rolex 24 again this year."

Former Rolex champion Terry Borcheller was also enthusiastic. "It's been a while since I had a full season effort at this level, so when I got the call I was ecstatic", he said. "I'll be putting in training over the winter and getting back into the rhythm of a DP car. Haven driven with Barbosa many times, even before our Brumos days, I'm really looking forward to the Rolex 24 this year. After that race, I'll have quite a bit of track time under my belt so I'll be ready for Homestead and the rest of the season. Starting with a new car is always a challenge, but I've been in that position before. Plus, this car is still a Riley DP, so while the engine is being developed, the package is not new. Having the same crew is also a big advantage, because we already communicate and work well together. For me, it's kind of like coming home."

Other former Brumos teammates making the move to Action Express include Crew Chief Gary Penission, Team Strategist Mike Evans, and Team Engineer Joe La Joie, all veterans of 2009's Rolex 24 and Homestead victories. Rounding out the driver lineup for the 2010 Rolex 24 will be Mike Rockenfeller and Ryan Dalziel. Rockenfeller, Grand-Am's 2006 Rookie of the Year, was also a former Porsche Carrera Cup and FIA-GT Champion, as well as 2008 Le Mans Series Champion. Dalziel, a veteran of Grand-Am since 2005, is also a proven endurance racer, scoring a second place finish in two Grand-Am endurance races of 2007, the SunChaser 1000 at Miller and the Rolex 24. They will join the team at Daytona for the "Roar Before the 24" test days January 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> as final preparations are made for the 2010 Rolex 24.

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