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## **Hingham's Richard J. Valentine & Teammate Andy Lally Score Third Grand-Am Victory Sunday in EMCO Gears Classic at Mid-Ohio** *Wins 3 of Last 4 Races; Team Within Seven Points of Championship Series Lead*

Braintree, MA (June 25, 2007) – Boston entrepreneur and Hingham resident Richard J. Valentine was once again on victory lane yesterday at the EMCO Gears Classic at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, in Lexington, Ohio – his third victory in the last four races in the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series. He and teammate Andy Lally, piloted their #66 TRG CRG/Maxter Porsche GT3 to victory recently at the Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca (May 19),

and, along with teammate Spencer Pumpelly, won the Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen at Watkins Glen (June 9). The win puts Valentine and Lally into third place in the championship point standings – only seven points out of the lead.

Lally, who took over from Valentine during the first caution, grabbed the lead from Leighton Reese with an outside pass on Turn 7 on Lap 61. From there, Lally led by as many as 37 seconds before the race's last caution, but pulled away from Sylvain Tremblay over the final six minutes to post a 1.195-second advantage.

In the post-race media conference, Valentine explained his role heading into this race did not differ from any other race this season. "Our strategy is always that I get out on the first yellow. Andy's blinding speed is considerable – as far as our competition is concerned, he's in a different zip code," stated Valentine. "We're sticking with the strategy that's served us well. With three wins and a second to our credit, it's hard to dispute it. Team Engineer Lars Giersing and Owner Kevin Buckler did an outstanding job as always – a great car set-up and pit strategy, plus the best crew in the Rolex GT Series carried every aspect of the race with precision and speed."

The car was handling so well the team didn't change tires on the final stop of the race. Lally entered the pits on Lap 70 for fuel only and returned to the track in the lead. Cautions forced his lead to dwindle, and his only challenge came when Tremblay tried a pair of outside passes in the final 10 minutes.

"We had no radio with 20 minutes to go, but TRG gave us the best car in the field again," said Lally, who led a race-high 34 laps averaged 84.297 mph. "Our guys did a phenomenal job in getting everything going. Win No. 3 this year, and we're moving up in the points. We set up a pretty neutral car, so it wasn't too dramatic."

The Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Special Reserve resumes action July 5 with the Brumos Porsche 250 at Daytona International Speedway.

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