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## **RJ Valentine Closes Book on Highly Successful 2007 Rolex Grand-Am Season** *Best Ever 5 GT Victories for TRG Highlights Record Setting Performance*



Braintree, MA (September 24, 2007) – A season of thrilling come-from-behind victories, record setting performances and a gut-wrenching twist of fate in the final race epitomized RJ Valentine’s wildly successful 2007 Rolex Grand-Am season in the #66 TRG CRG/Maxter Porsche GT3. The list of accomplishments is impressive, highlighted by series-record 5 wins spanning 8 races, including the first ever back-to-back victories in consecutive races.

Valentine and teammate Andy Lally earned the checked flag with victories including:

- **May 19: Thrilling victory at the U.S. Sport’s Car Invitational Grand-Am race at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca (CA)**
- **June 9: Along with teammate Spencer Pumpelly, Valentine and Lally took the Sahlen’s Six Hours of The Glen at Watkins Glen (NY)**
- **June 23: Victory at the EMCO Gears Classic at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, in Lexington, Ohio**
- **July 14: Winning from a lap down at the Crown Royal Special Reserve GT race at Iowa Speedway**
- **August 3: From the 15<sup>th</sup> position, a thrilling come-from-behind victory at the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve in Montreal, Canada.**

He and Lally also won a series record 8 “Improve Your Position” Awards for best qualifying performances, and earned the most podiums of any team in 2007.

“This season was by far the greatest experience in my three decades of professional racing,” stated Valentine. “Being teamed up with Andy Lally – arguably the best driver on the circuit – was a dream come true. His speed is blinding; I’ve said it before – as far as our competition is concerned, Andy’s in a different zip code.”

Valentine and Lally, along with Pumpelly entered the season finale – SunChaser 1000 at Miller Motorsports Park – a mere five points out of the lead for the Drivers Championship with sights firmly set on a championship ‘three-peat’ for the TRG team. But the normally bullet-proof Porsche misfired and immediately suffered a race-ending catastrophic engine failure. Just that quickly, all hopes for a championship were dashed as the No. 66 would end up finishing the race in 23<sup>rd</sup> position.

“To have accomplished what we did during the first year after changing marks – from Pontiac GTO.R to the Porsche GT3 – is truly amazing. Even with the bad break of in the last race, it was a great experience not just for me, but especially for our sponsors CRG Karts,

ArrayWorks Software, Trust International, SSC East and MBA Group,” he continued. “The entire TRG team, led by Team Engineer Lars Giersing and Owner Kevin Buckler, did an outstanding job race-in and race-out – a great car set-up and pit strategy, it’s the best crew in the Rolex GT Series.”

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