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## TRG The Chase for the Championship



**September 4, 2007** -- As TRG enters the home stretch of the "Chase for the Championships" it is involved in an intense battle for the 2 available crowns that will come right down to the last race. The team is tied for the Rolex GT Team Championship with the Farnbacher-Loles team and is only 5 points back for the Rolex GT Drivers Championship for team drivers RJ Valentine and Andy Lally. TRG has

won the last 2 consecutive team championships in 2005 and 2006 as well as last year drivers championship. 3 GT championships in a row would be another record for the TRG squad and one that they would relish.

“Here we are again--down to the wire-- but I don’t know what could be more exciting,” said Team owner Kevin Buckler. “The pressure will be intense but this seems to be when the entire TRG squad is at its best. Make ‘em longer, harder, more difficult or more complex and it just seems to suit our style.”

TRG won the inaugural Miller Nine Hour race last year and will have their hopes set high as they take the green flag for this year’s event. The team has had an absolutely stellar year with 5 wins on the season and several incredible last lap passes that made for some great racing.

TRG Driver RJ Valentine had this to say, “This has been a year beyond belief. The TRG “magic touch” that you hear about, well let me tell you, it’s for real!! The combo that these guys have put together with the team infrastructure, the preparation, the hospitality, the race strategy,--no one does it like this team. Andy has been the perfect co-driver all year and done a lions share of the driving duties. I love being a part of this organization and they have 100% delivered for me. To be this close to a Championship---well I can almost taste it. This has been a dream year for me.”



RJ's teammate Lally agreed, "Nobody has the depth that TRG has to draw from. Our crew has been on top of this car from the day we got it and they have applied the same dedication and professionalism that TRG is known for having throughout the entire squad. RJ has been absolutely great all year long. He has been a rock and we have been able to rely on him to start this car every race and not put a scratch on it.

I'm also looking forward to returning to Miller with Spencer, the last time he ran in the #66 with us earlier in the year we ended up with a win at Watkins Glen. It will be cool to head to Utah as the defending Champions and trying to not only repeat as race winners but as GT Champions. Kevin has been flat out as he always is making sure that every detail is looked after for this event so that we can roll off the trailer and be fast and reliable from the first session all the way to the checker."

TRG is leading the Grand American Record Books with 23 wins to date and hopes to add another win to their total when they are finished in Utah. RJ Valentine, Spencer Pumpelly and Andy Lally will pilot the 66 car for the finale. This is the same combo (minus Marc Bunting) that won last year.

Team owner Kevin Buckler had these final thoughts. "Obviously we can't predict what will happen in this final race but I do know that it will be very, very exciting. One side of me says that I wish we had a comfortable lead & all we had to do was to take the green flag but the other side says---Let's get it on!!! Grand Am has put together great racing all year and most all of our competitors have raced us clean.

To have it come down to the end like this is spectacular. RJ and Andy have been simply tremendous. RJ has been fantastic. He has qualified and started 10 of these races this year. He has driven well & driven smart & turned the car over to Andy in perfect shape—that was his job & he nailed it. Andy has been absolutely flawless and seems to really have almost ascended to a new level as a driver. From the team side I am so proud of our guys. Their preparation and execution has been flawless. Many of these same guys have been with us for years, through thick and thin and will for sure deserve this shot at another championship.

I might be most proud of the fact that we are back with Porsche and winning in a big way. In 2005, we started with Porsche and won the Championship. We were tapped for the GM factory deal with the GTO-R's and we won the championship with them in '06.

When we went back to our roots with Porsche for 2007, we all recognized that there would be a lot of hard work in front of us to build on the previous years' successes and to be tied for the team championship and a close second in the driver championship at this point--- We are over the moon excited. We are all in, all focused,

and looking forward to the Chase for the Championship at the Season ending Miller Event.

TRG is a manufacturer and distributor of high-performance auto parts. The group specializes in engine and chassis building as well as full service professional race car preparation. The company also provides electrical and mechanical engineering services, driver development and arrive-and-drive services. TRG is based in Petaluma, Calif., near its home track of Infineon Raceway in Sonoma.

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