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## RJ Valentine – The Calm Before the Storm

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RJ Valentine wrapped up three days of extensive testing at Daytona International Raceway in preparation for the 2006 Rolex 24 At Daytona today; Valentine and teammates Andy Lally, Marc Bunting and Johnny O'Connell finished the weekend second in lap times among the extremely deep GT field. Driving the #65 F1 Air/TRG Pontiac GTO.R, RJ logged extensive seat time at the World Center of Racing, and worked with TRG and Pratt & Miller's expert technical teams to fine-tune the setup on the Pontiac.

”Getting back behind the wheel at Daytona is a great way to ring in the new year for me,” said Valentine, “this is the 20<sup>th</sup> year I’ve driven in the Rolex 24, and it’s a pleasure to be doing so in such a great car. Pontiac, GM and Pratt & Miller have built a great race car that suits my style very well – it’s incredible in the corners with boatloads of torque, and it’s very predictable to drive. The fit and finish on the car straight from Pratt & Miller is fantastic, and the engineering talent that the team has is excellent.”

”Driving on a team full of people who have won 24-hour races – from Kevin Buckler the team owner to Jan Magnussen and Johnny O’Connell my co-drivers – gives me a great deal of confidence about our chances in the race. I was able to acclimate to the car very well over the weekend, and was able to get very close to the top guys in the class. We ran an incident-free test and learned exactly what the weak points are in the car. I’m happy to say that there aren’t many to begin with, and we have a world-class group of guys waiting to get things right before the race here in a few weeks.”

Helping to extend the F1 Air brand for Valentine is the focus on him and his life in a six-part documentary about the team currently being filmed for broadcast on the basic cable channel InHD. Sean Heckman, erstwhile History Channel producer for the “Modern Marvels” program, has been busy shooting footage of Valentine and the team for a program on the development of the Pontiac GTO.R. The program will tentatively air in April on InHD, a new basic cable channel offering from InDemand. Heckman will travel to Boston immediately after the test days to witness Valentine in his native habitat.

The 2006 Rolex 24 At Daytona runs on January 28-29. Live television coverage will be on Speed Channel. To learn more about the event, visit <http://www.grandamerican.com>

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