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Valentine is a top driver on the endurance racing circuit, while he receives instruction during the race.



## R. J. Valentine Inducted Into RRDC

**HILLIARD, Ohio (Nov. 7, 2013)** – Race-car drivers and motorsports professionals have been voted into the Road Racing Drivers Club in 2013. This group includes 13 Regular Members from the open-wheel and sports-car racing ranks, 20 Associate Members and four Honorary Members. The current roster of RRDC members now numbers 440. Voting was held among all current RRDC members.

"This year's crop of new Regular Members truly represents the spirit of the RRDC, as each driver has demonstrated his or her outstanding conduct on and off the track. And the Associate and Honorary new members are major contributors to the success of motorsports around the world," said RRDC president Bobby Rahal. "We are honored that each of them has enthusiastically accepted membership in the RRDC. We look forward to working with them as the RRDC continues to

pursue its goals of lending its expertise to up-and-coming drivers through a variety of programs."

While Regular RRDC members are race-car drivers who have competed successfully at the championship level, Associate membership includes drivers who have participated successfully in major professional events or in lesser and/or historic events, as well as drivers who have significant ties to racing, such as in the corporate, sponsorship, mentoring, patronage and promotion arenas.

Honorary members are distinguished senior international motorsports champions, team owners and others who have demonstrated a life-long commitment in support of racing through active volunteerism, officiating and/or promotion of the sport generally.

For additional information and driver head shots, go to [www.rrdc.org](http://www.rrdc.org).

**R.J. VALENTINE:** Started in SCCA in '75 at age 32, and won a number of A-Production races in '76. In '78 commissioned the building of two IMSA GTX tube-frame Corvettes with Rick Hay. From '79 to '81, drove in 90 IMSA events, before joining Pickett Racing in '92, competing in 127 Trans-Am races over the next decade, scoring top-10 finishes in 74 percent of them. From '03, notched 20 podiums in Grand-Am GT, winning both Driver and Team Championships in '06. 28-time Daytona 24 driver, including second in '06 and GT class win in '09. Has scored two podiums in Daytona Prototypes. Driving for both TRG and PTG, has 18 GT victories, scored numerous podiums winning the 24 Hours of Daytona. Career has spanned more than 380 professional starts. Did all this while running the MBA Group where he started and ran 18 businesses in various industries.