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## **RJ Valentine Signs with 2005 Rolex Champions TRG to run Pontiac GTO.R for 2006**

**Homestead, FL – December 4, 2005:** RJ Valentine, Boston-area entrepreneur and professional sportscar racing stalwart, has signed to drive the 2006 Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Special Reserve with 2005 team champions TRG. Valentine will team with 2005 drivers' championship runners-up Marc Bunting and Andy Lally in a factory-backed Pontiac GTO.R. Valentine sampled the potent Pontiac for the first time this past weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway, and was excited at the performance of the car.

"What a machine," he said. "Over the past few years, I've driven some of the best sportscars Europe has to offer – Porsche 911s and BMW M3s – but the Pontiac is another creature entirely. The car is phenomenal. The fit-and-finish that Pratt & Miller built it with, the big V8, and the preparation that TRG did to it make it a fantastic car to drive. It's a proper tube-frame racecar, like what I used to drive in the Trans-Am Series, and I'm glad to be behind the wheel."

2006 marks the return for Valentine as a driver to TRG, the team which he drove for the 2003 and 2004 seasons. TRG, overall and class winners at the Rolex 24 At Daytona and class winners at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, are one of the top international sportscar racing teams in the world, as demonstrated by winning four of seven races in 2005 with the new Pontiac GTO.R. TRG will return two Pontiac GTO.Rs to the field in 2006, the #64 car being driven again by former F1 star and ultra-successful sportscar ace Jan Magnussen and his teammate, Paul Edwards.

"I'm thrilled to be back with TRG," said Valentine, "Kevin Buckler runs a first-rate team, and we've had a great relationship for a lot of years. My teammates Marc and Andy are fantastic guys as well – and they're great racers. I know they'll be out from the first lap at Daytona to capture the championship they narrowly missed in Mexico in 2005."

The #65 F1 Air/TRG Pontiac GTO.R enters its first full year of competition, after a hugely successful test program in 2005. Though the GTO.Rs made their world debut halfway through the 2005 season, TRG still accumulated four wins, one 1-2 finish, and one pole position in a mere seven races – all while being handicapped by an air restrictor that limits the engine to less than 400hp.

F1 Air, a premier class jet charter service company, and MBA Group will provide backing for the team. Valentine explained, "One of the reasons I chose to drive with TRG is because of their focus on business and marketing. F1 Air has identified the racing paddock as one of the most important and target-rich environments for acquiring new business and growing the brand, and over the course of the year we'll be doing some high-level marketing and hospitality events on behalf of F1, and with TRG's additional sponsors. There's no better venue than racing to market luxury services companies like F1, and the branding value that we'll achieve for MBA Group is outstanding as well."

The GT class of the Grand American Rolex Sportscar Series presented by Crown Royal Special Reserve will race 14 times in 2006, and will officially kick off on January 4-7 at the traditional Daytona Test Days. A full schedule can be viewed at: <http://grandamerican.com/Events/Default.asp?SeriesID=13>. All Rolex Sportscar Series races will be televised in 2006 on Speed Channel.

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