



Randy Pobst and his K-PAX Racing Porsche win the pole position for SPEED World Challenge GT race in Road Atlanta

Michael Galati qualifies 3rd in his K-PAX Racing Porsche after winning Touring Car pole

Braselton, Georgia (October 4, 2007): Randy Pobst, of Gainesville Georgia, buckled up into his K-PAX Racing Porsche 911 GT3 and buckled down to win the pole position for Friday's Round 9 of the SCCA SPEED World Challenge GT Championship Series here at Road Atlanta. The pole was his 20th career World Challenge pole and his 2nd GT pole for the K-PAX team this season.

"I'm just thrilled, we had a good run today," said Pobst after getting out of his #22 K-PAX Racing Porsche. "Yesterday (in practice) we were good but not great but today the K-PAX Racing guys turned my Porsche back into a winner!"

Randy knew that he needed a strong performance in qualifying today because there are championship points to be won in qualifying as well and he had Team Cadillac's Andy Pilgrim, who won this race last year, only 4 points behind him going into this weekend and Pilgrim was once again showing pole capable speed in practice.

Randy did what he had to do and on his first hot lap he clocked a record setting time of 1:25.689 which lowered the existing World Challenge GT qualifying track record by .722 seconds. Pilgrim qualified a scant 2 tenths behind in 2nd with Michael Galati qualifying 3rd in his K-PAX Racing Porsche. The top three qualifiers all broke the existing track record.

Pobst came into today's qualifying session with a lot of questions as he and his K-PAX Racing Porsche were good but not great in practice as they were having trouble finding just the right balance.

"We had a decent car in practice but we weren't able to show it because the car was having trouble turning in and to be honest I was getting a bit frustrated in practice," Pobst said.

"We had a team meeting late last night. Jim Haughey has a great team here because my crew chief Will Moody and these 3R Racing guys got busy and my K-PAX Racing Porsche was just super! The car had great balance today!"

"The added weight that SCCA put on the GT cars across the board has us a bit concerned particularly about tire wear on the front tires," said 3R Racing's Bob Raub.

"I also found some extra speed today by being a little less aggressive and driving smoother," Pobst said. "I think I was pushing a bit too hard and over driving the car in practice yesterday."

"This was big for Randy because Pilgrim qualified so well," said Raub. "Randy only added one point to his lead but every point counts when you only have two races left. The manufacturers' point for Porsche keeps us in the hunt but with the three Cadillacs and those two strong Corvettes we are a long shot to win that title. But we are still in it!"

"I have to thank Jim Haughey and Will Moody and the 3R Racing guys for giving me a great car today and I also thank my personal sponsors WeatherTech, Team Janica Racing and APR Tuning," Pobst concluded with a huge smile.



“I know a lot of them are here today so I am sure that they are as thrilled as I am with this result! Now all we have to do is keep it going and win the race tomorrow.”

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Michael Galati, of Olmstead Ohio, qualified his #23 K-PAX Racing Porsche GT3 Cup car into the 3rd position with a time of 1:26.036.

“I think we could have had an all K-PAX Racing front row today but in these things (World Challenge GT qualifying sessions) you only have that one shot at it and I made a little mistake today,” Galati said of his qualifying lap.

“I got the car a little sideways going into turn 6. I caught it easily enough but it cost me some valuable time and then I caught Lawson (Aschenbach) at the end of the lap and that was enough to keep me off the front row.”

Galati went out later in the session in an attempt to better his lap time but came up a couple of tenths short.

“My K-PAX Racing Porsche was good today and the 3R guys did a great job today,” Galati concluded of his qualifying run. “It could have been better but overall I am pretty happy with what we got.”

Bob Raub of 3R Racing said that qualifying well today was critical to any possible success during tomorrow’s race, saying, “With Randy and Michael in positions 1 and 3 they will be lined up together so hopefully that can get strong starts and work together at the front.

“The other GT cars have the capability of passing on the straight but we don’t so for us to have any shot tomorrow Randy and Michael have to go out hard and try to stay up front,” said Raub. “If we get behind it will be almost impossible to pass.”

Round 9 of SCCA Pro Racing’s SPEED World Challenge GT Championship Series here on the Road Atlanta Raceway will go green for 50 minutes of ground pounding action on Friday October 5th at 4:45 PM Eastern Time.

The action can be followed live via live timing at www.World-Challenge.com and can be seen on tape delayed broadcast on SPEED TV on Saturday October 13th at 3:00 PM Eastern Time.