



## Garage Racing – Checkered Flags at Sebring

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (Huntsville, Ontario) February 12, 2013** – Huntsville's Martin Barkey and the Garage Racing team have been burning up track at the world class road course in Sebring, Florida. Last season saw Garage Racing crowned as the CASC-OR GT Challenge GT2 champions. On top of that team owner and driver Martin Barkey was named as the race division's Rookie of the Year. Now the team will be competing at an even higher caliber in The Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada. This series is held along with some of the biggest racing events in the world including the Formula 1 racing in Montreal and the American Le Mans Series at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.

The first week of winter testing was January 9-13. It was Martin's first chance to really learn the team's new Porsche 911 and work with his race engineers, led by legendary Giovanni Panico. Giovanni (Gianni) brings more than 25 years of race experience, with multiple championships including a multi-time 24 hour Daytona winner.

As well, Kyle Marcelli, Barrie's ALMS racing phenom joins the team as driving coach. In spite of his youth Kyle has already positioned himself as one of the premier drivers on the American Le Mans Series circuit.

The first week's highlight was a 90 minute enduro race with a seventy-five car field. Martin qualified 14<sup>th</sup> and drove the first leg of the race. He had a great run including setting his fastest lap of the week, A flawless pit stop put co-driver Kyle Marcelli in a strong position to go on and complete the race with a first place finish in class and very respectable 5<sup>th</sup> overall.



The second week at Sebring followed January 31-February 5. The highlight was again a 90 minute enduro race with a field of sixty cars.

Martin was able to qualify 5<sup>th</sup> in class and 16<sup>th</sup> overall. He also ran the first leg of the race in good form. By the time all the teams had completed their pit stops and with Kyle at the wheel, Garage Racing found itself 4<sup>th</sup>

in class. Working through traffic Kyle was able to move into the class lead and hold on for the final four laps to take the checkered flag - 1<sup>st</sup> in class and 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

These enduro races were vitally important as they put to the test the whole team, drivers and crew. Now with winter testing complete the team gets ready for the Mar 14-15<sup>th</sup> the U.S. Porsche GT3 Cup by Yokohama season opener also at Sebring. Martin and Garage Racing will appear at U.S. series races twice this season.

Garage Racing has been joined by two additional cars for a unified pursuit of the 2013 championship. 2011 Porsche GT3 Cup Gold Champion Shaun McKaigue, also in Sebring where he placed 4<sup>th</sup> and another Cup veteran Tim Sanderson who will come on board starting with the first race of the Canadian season, the Victoria Day SpeedFest at Bowmanville the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada is held along with some of the biggest racing events in the world including the Formula 1 GP at Le Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal and the American Le Mans Series race at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park north of Bowmanville.

If the tests are any indication we can expect lots of high octane action from Garage Racing this season.

Check out [www.garageracing.ca](http://www.garageracing.ca) to follow Garage Racing in its hunt for the 2013 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Michelin. The most recent pics, videos, drivers bio's and up to date racing news is all there.

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