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**For Immediate Release:**

## **Stevenson Unleashes Pontiac Power For Best In GT Ranking Davis And Liddell Rising To The Top In GT**

In the GT class of the Grand-Am Rolex Series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16, one team has been consistently up front finishing on the podium 5 times in the last 6 races. And in the three races since the Rum Bum 250 race at Laguna Seca, the No. 57 Stevenson Motorsports – BryanMark Financial Pontiac GXP.R has collected 94 team and driver championship points, 9 more than any other team during the same period.

Drivers Andrew Davis and Robin Liddell are currently third in the driver's championship standings, just a single point out of second place and 32 points behind the leaders. The Stevenson Team holds the same position, and same point's variance, in the Team Championship standings.

Team Manager Mike Johnson illustrated just how successful the Stevenson Motorsports Team efforts have been of late when he said, "To date, our team has scored more Pontiac manufacturer points this season than any other Pontiac team. And since the second race at Homestead-Miami Speedway, we have been the second highest scoring team in the entire GT class."

Since that second race, where a steering rack failure knocked them out early, the Stevenson entry has collected 178 championship points, just two shy of the GT leaders. Andrew Davis points out what has driven the team to achieve such positive results.

"Our goals going forward are what we started focusing on after the setback at Homestead. That is, we all said the gloves were coming off and we were going for the wins. Since we switched to that focus we have been getting the results. Going forward we still have catching up to do but we intend to keep pressure on anyone who might be driving up front. We sure would like to continue the point's trend from the last few races right into the next five. The keys have been great race strategy and execution of the race plan, some great driving, and keeping our mistakes to a minimum.

"I am really proud of this team. We've worked really well together and our results have been exciting so now we just need to keep the pressure on!"



Johnson feels this team has overcome adversity with distinction.

“I am very proud of everyone on this team. The rules changes implemented by Grand-Am - adding weight and changing the front to rear balance - have made it difficult to find an ideal set-up. However, our team is on such a strong roll right now that we are finding ways to finish up front.”

The momentum has indeed been building ever since that Homestead-Miami Speedway setback and Johnson is convinced that the Stevenson team will be sustaining that momentum right through to the last race at Miller Motorsports Park.

“We are proud of the accomplishments we have made this year and we feel we are going to be the team to beat for the rest of the season.” Johnson said, “32 points is a lot to make up in just five races, but we are not just going to give anything to the competition. They are going to have to earn the championship!”

Team owner Johnny Stevenson echoed Johnson’s sentiments.

“I could not be happier with the way this team has worked together this season to produce such an outstanding record of performance. In every race this group of talented individuals has demonstrated they all have a single vision of where Andrew Davis and Robin Liddell should go after the checkered flag waves. That place is the podium and we have been fortunate to have our team represented there in five of the eight races run to date.

“I am extremely enthusiastic about what we have done as a team and I can’t help but feel we will be there in the end!”

The team next heads to the Brumos Porsche 250 at Daytona International Speedway on July 3rd, where they will look to build on their recent string of high octane performances. Outside of the Rolex 24 Hours, this will be the first race run in partial darkness as the start time is 8:00 PM.

Stevenson Motorsports operates out of a new facility located in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Fans of the Stevenson Team are invited to visit the team’s website at [www.stevensonmotorsports.com](http://www.stevensonmotorsports.com)



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## The 2008 Grand American Rolex Series GT calendar:

Jan. 26-27 — Daytona International Speedway — Daytona Beach, Fla. 24 hours 9<sup>th</sup> (Hit by DP)  
March 29 — Homestead-Miami Speedway — Homestead, Fla. 250 miles 24<sup>th</sup> (Mechanical)  
April 19 — Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez — Mexico City, Mexico 250 miles WIN!  
April 27 — Virginia International Raceway — Alton, Va. 250 miles WIN!  
May 17 — Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca — Monterey, Calif. 250 miles 17<sup>th</sup> (Hit by GT car)  
May 26 — Lime Rock Park — Lakeville, Conn. # 250 miles 3<sup>rd</sup>  
June 7 — Watkins Glen International — Watkins Glen, N.Y. 6 hours 2<sup>nd</sup>  
June 21 — Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course — Lexington, Ohio 250 miles 2<sup>nd</sup>  
July 3 — Daytona International Speedway - Daytona Beach, Fla. 250 miles  
July 20 — Barber Motorsports Park - Birmingham, Ala. 250 miles  
Aug. 1 — Circuit Gilles Villeneuve - Montreal, Quebec, Canada 200 miles  
Aug. 8 — Watkins Glen International - Watkins Glen, N.Y. + 200 miles  
Aug. 23 — Infineon Raceway - Sonoma, Calif. + 200 miles  
Sept. 20 — Miller Motorsports Park - Tooele, Utah 1,000 km  
TBA — New Jersey Motorsports Park - Millville, N.J.

For more information on the Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series visit:  
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Andrew Davis



Robin Liddell



Johnny Stevenson

## **Team Bios:**

### **Robin Liddell**

**Born:** Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Resides:** Northampton, England.

**Other Interests:** Road rallying, skiing, tennis music, shooting, home improvements.

**Website:** [www.robinliddell.com](http://www.robinliddell.com)

### **Professional Racing Career:**

Followers of sportscar racing around the globe know the name Robin Liddell very well. A native of Scotland, Liddell has raced in virtually every major North American and European road racing series one could attempt to compete in. Robin started his racing career in 1994 and he won his first-ever race at Europe's Donington Park circuit. After several years competing in Formula cars he turned his attentions to sportscar racing, and here again he started out winning the European Le Mans Series in 2001.

His extensive racing resume includes the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona, the 24 Hours of Le Mans, SPEED World Challenge Series, Nurburgring 24 Hours, American Le Mans Series, FFSA GT Championship, Formula Renault 2000 Championship, BRDC British GT Championship, European Le Mans Series, Privilege Insurance British GT Championship, FIA GT Championship, BRSCC Radical Enduro Championship, Formula Palmer Audi Winter Series, Slick 50 Formula Ford Championship Premier Division, Slick 50 Formula Ford Eurocup, Alliance and Leicester Formula 2000 Championship, and the first professional series he competed in, the Formula Vauxhall Junior Championship.

For the 2008 season, Liddell will team with Andrew Davis in the all-new Stevenson Motorsports Pontiac GXP-R running in the GT Class of the Grand-Am Rolex Series.



### **Andrew Davis**

Birth date: 11/2/1977

Birthplace: Lilburn, Ga.

Hometown: Bogart, Ga.

Personal: Is married to Lindy. Enjoys skiing and mountain biking.

### **Professional Racing Career:**

Andrew Davis has taken advantage of several opportunities to demonstrate his considerable talent behind the wheel. Davis posted 11 top ten finishes in 13 starts in the Rolex Series GT class in 2005. He also piloted the No. 39 Silverstone Racing Pontiac Crawford Daytona Prototype to third on the grid at the Barber Motorsports Park round, earning a best class result of ninth.

His successful career began with the overall championship in the SCCA South Atlantic Sports 2000 series, in 1997. He went on to win the championship in both the SCCA Southeast Division Sports 2000 and Formula Continental series. He raced with Robin Liddell in the 2006 KONI Challenge series so this season will see them reunited in pursuit of a championship for Stevenson Motorsports.

### **John Stevenson – Team Owner**

Birth date: May 11, 1948

Height: 5' 7"

Weight: 165 lbs.

Residence: Swansboro, North Carolina

Family: Wife – Susan Daughters - Shelley and Booth

Interests outside of racing: Boating and Labrador Retrievers

**Off-Track Career:** John is the President and Owner of Stevenson Automotive Group located in Southeastern North Carolina, comprising eleven new car franchises - Honda, Acura, Toyota, Scion, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Jeep, Hyundai, Suzuki, Mazda, and Kia.

### **Professional Racing Career:**

John (Johnny) Stevenson is a very successful businessman, and he, and his wife Susan, are the owners of Stevenson MotorSports. John ran in his first professional race in 2003, as a newcomer to the Grand American Road Racing Series. In that first race, driving a Porsche GT3RS at Watkins Glen, he finished on the podium, in second place.

In the team's first full season of competition, they finished 6th in GT team points. In 2007, two Chevrolet Corvettes wore the Stevenson colors of red, white and blue, running in the GT class of the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series. For the 2008 season, the team will compete in a brand new, Pratt & Miller Pontiac GXP-R.



## **Mike Johnson – Team Manager**

**Birth date:** July 17, 1973

**Residence:** St. Louis, MO

**Family:** Wife Cheryl, Son Connor Feb 7, 2005, born on the Monday right after the Rolex 24, Daughter Olivia, DUE April 28, 2008, one day after VIR next year.

### **Professional Racing Career:**

A former racer – having run two seasons in the US F2000 series in the late 1990s – Mike Johnson decided to move over to the managerial side of the sport. It was an incredibly fortuitous decision as he has led a number of race teams to great success in his career as a team owner and team manager. He owns and manages Archangel Motorsport Services, which took the 2000 and 2001 Team and Driver's Championships in the Grand-Am SRP II class. He managed a Grand-Am SGS class championship team (TPC Racing) which finished 1-2 in the 2004 team championship and an outstanding 1-2-3-4-5 in the driver championship. His teams finished on the podium at the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona four straight years running, including the SRP-II Victory in his first attempt in 2001.

In Europe, Johnson led the Intersport Racing effort to a win at the 24 Hour of Le Mans race, only his second time at the famed circuit in 2004.

Johnson's professional resume also includes time spent as a television and radio personality. He appeared as a cast member of the MTV program "Real World, IV," filmed entirely in London. He also appeared in the TV show, "The Real World / Road Rules Challenge".

In 2006 Johnson was signed on as a commentator on SPEED for the Grand-Am Rolex Series broadcasts. In addition he was a commentator for the SCCA Runoffs in 2004, 2006 and 2007, plus the 2007 12 Hours of Sebring.





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