

# Porsche Second in GT at COTA

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The #99 Corvette DP of GAINSCO Racing took the overall first place victory.



Magnus Racing's #44 Porsche GT3 finished second place in the GT class and was Porsche's best result at the new COTA race track in Austin, TX.

Austin, TX – March 2nd, 2013 – On the 175th anniversary of the Texas Independence Day, the inaugural GRAND-AM of the Americas promised Texas-sized excitement as the GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series came to the new Circuit of the Americas (COTA) in Austin on March 2. Fans at the 3.4-mile, 20-turn road course were not disappointed during the two-hour and 45-minute race. Porsche customer teams performed admirably at the track with Magnus Racing finishing second in GT class followed by BruMos Racing in third. Texas owned Park Place Motorsports was awarded fourth with its No. 73 and sixth with its No. 72. The No. 18 of Muehlner Motorsports gave Porsche its fifth car in the top-10 with a ninth-place result.

The No. 44 Magnus Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car of Andy Lally and John Potter finished second after leading late in the going. The second-place result moves the team and

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its drivers into the GT class point lead. The team won the 2012 North American Endurance Championship.

“The guys put together a really fast Porsche today,” said Lally after the podium celebration. “We weren’t sure how today was going to go. So to be leading with just a few laps left, get knocked off the road twice and still take second shows just how good our car was. Heading to the Porsche 250 in Birmingham as the GT point leaders is still a major positive, we’ll be ready.”

The Brumos Racing #59 carried Andrew Davis and Leh Keen to 2013’s first podium. While they never led the race, Brumos Racing ran near the front most of the day after starting the race third.

Park Place Motorsports brought three entries from its Dallas headquarters to Austin and all three cars impressed. Leading the way was the No. 73 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup of Patrick Lindsey and Porsche factory driver Patrick Long. The car had the most adversity of the Porsches today having both led laps and running near the back of the field. Lindsey was penalized for avoidable contact during his stint dropping the car in the pack. Long fought back to the lead and finished fourth.



Top: Turner Motorsports’s #94 BMW M3 was awarded the GT class victory when the checkered flag capturing #63 Ferrari 458 of Scuderia Corza was penalized one lap and 90 seconds after the race. Bottom: The #01 BMW/Riley of Chip Ganassi Racing finished in third place overall.

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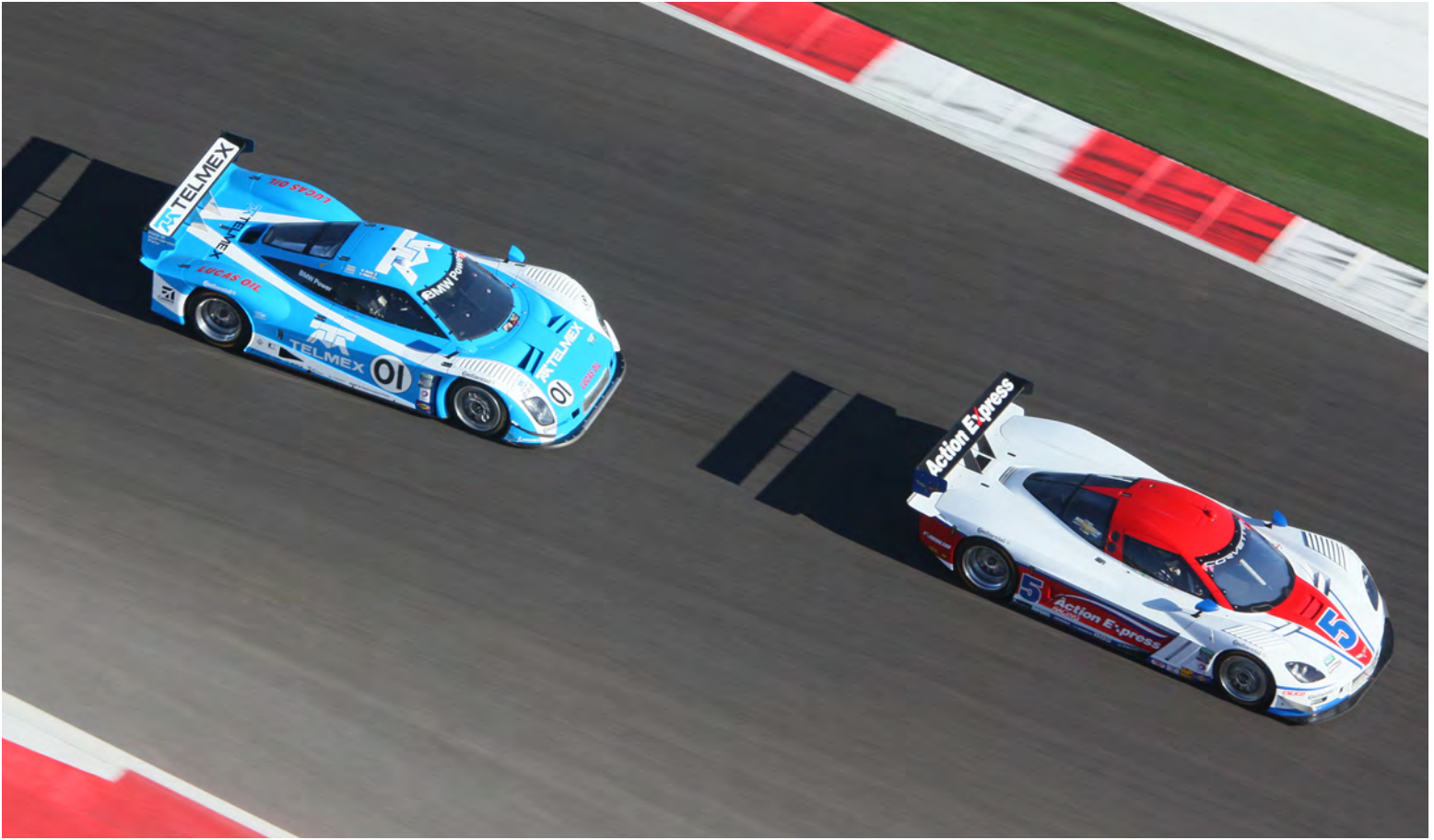
“We were 12th on my last restart with about 25 minutes to go,” reflected Long. “I knew I had a fastest racecar, but I also knew that track position was going to be difficult because this track doesn’t make it easy to get around guys. A lot of cars got together and we were able to avoid all the melees and make a couple of passes. This was this team’s first top-five finish. We’re excited because this is our home race and to have two cars in the top-10 is exciting.”

Having led the race and eventually taking sixth at the checkered flag, the No. 72 Park Place Motorsports entry of Mike Skeen and Mike Vess was one of the great surprises of the day.

The No. 18 Muehlner Motorsports America machine earned a ninth-place result with Canadian Kyle Marcelli and Dion von Moltke. The No. 38 BGB Motorsport Porsche Cayman driven by Rolex 24 At Daytona winner Jim Norman, Jeff Mosing and Spencer Pumpelly won both the pole position and the race in the GX class.

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