

## **BILL AUBERLEN**

### **Birthdate:**

October 12, 1968

### **Birthplace:**

Redondo Beach, CA

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5-10, 165 pounds

### **Residence:**

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### **Team (Class):**

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Exercise, mechanics, family



*Series mainstay Bill Auberlen returns to the American Le Mans Series with a familiar entry. ... Part of BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team's first-year effort with the next generation-BMW M3. ... One of the most experienced drivers in all of sports car racing, he has made at least one Series start in every since its foundation with the exception of 2004. ... Scored memorable win in Panoz Esperante at Road Atlanta in April 2005.*

**2009:** At Sebring, debuted BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team BMW E92 M3 with Joey Hand. Team had to replace starter after BMW wouldn't fire on grid. Only completed 27 laps before retirement. ... At St. Petersburg, again had shortened day when car failed to restart after early pit stop. Crew tried to change ECU but to no avail. ... At Long Beach, started fourth and finished eighth in GT2 due to long stop in pits from a broken front fender, caused by contact with GT2 Corvette. ... At Utah, replaced broken right front damper and spring after making contact with sister BMW and Risi Ferrari from the start of the

race and continued to battle to an eighth place class finish. ... At Lime Rock, finished season-best third in class and ninth overall with Hand with BMW, the official car of the circuit. First trouble-free run of season. ... At Mid-Ohio, started seventh and finished eighth after contact with Porsche prototype resulted in broken right-rear wheel. ... At Road America, took first win since 2005 with full-lap victory in tandem with Hand and third of career. Both BMW M3s gained full lap on field during early-race wave-by of safety car. ... At Mosport, started second in class and finished ninth in class following several long pit stops to repair rear body damage. ... At Petit Le Mans, started fifth and finished 12th in GT2, completing 133 of the 184 laps during rain-shortened event with Hand.

**2007:** Made 12 starts for Panoz Team PTG in GT2 with one podium and two top-five finishes in Panoz Esperante GTLM; drove with Joey Hand. ... Started with Sebring retirement after 275 laps (oil leak) while adding Tom-Kimber Smith. ... Climbed podium with third-place finish in Panoz Esperante's first visit to St. Petersburg, one lap down. ... Just missed another podium with fifth-place showing at Long Beach. ... Retired at Houston (mechanical) and Utah (engine) before placing 11<sup>th</sup> in class at Lime Rock. ... Engine difficulties meant Mid-Ohio retirement with more mechanical glitches at Road America. Also retired at Mosport. ... Solid finish to season with seventh-place showing at Detroit and Petit Le Mans. ... Credited with sixth at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca after late crash while in podium position.

**2006:** Recorded three podium finishes with BMW Team PTG and Joey Hand. ... Auberlen/Hand/Ian James battled mechanical problems all day at Sebring as gearbox failure knocked entry out at 9:45 mark for 13<sup>th</sup> in class. ... Early end at Houston with brake problems but rebounded for fourth place at Mid-Ohio. ... Hit podium for first time by finishing third among 10 GT2 entries at Lime Rock, first BMW podium in Series since 2001. ... Third at Portland for second straight podium. ... Drove to season's best second at Road America as duo lost by 4.237 seconds; BMW led up to three laps from end. ... String of impressive finishes continued at Mosport while running as high as third. ... Sixth in class at Petit Le Mans following dazzling late-race duel with Panoz and Sebastien Bourdais for podium position. ... Fan as high as fourth at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca before closing season with eighth-place finish. Entry also won second annual Klein Tools Pit Crew Challenge.

**2005:** In return to Series, teamed with Robin Liddell in Panoz Esperante GTLM. Recorded one GT2 win and two podiums in eight starts. ... Sebring ended in frustration as Auberlen/Liddell/Emanuele Naspetti were forced out on lap 121 with mechanical difficulties. ... Earned first Series class win since 2001 at Grand Prix of Atlanta as he/Liddell teamed for victory highlighted by Liddell holding off Alex Job Racing's Porsche 911 GT3 RSR and Timo Bernhard in torrid two-car battle at end. Was fastest GT2 qualifier with track record 111.904 mph. ... Began Lime Rock race in 15<sup>th</sup> overall position and concluded eighth in GT2

class. ... Fifth at Infineon after race-long engine problems. ... At Road America, showed early burst but recorded another fifth-place. ... Failed to finish at both Mosport and Peitt Le Mans. ... Ended season on optimistic note with runner-up at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca after giving up lead late for fuel splash.

**2003:** Made four total appearances, three of them in role of last-minute substitute. ... Drove Lista Dallara in tandem with Didier Theys to third place podium finish at Infineon. ... Teamed with Emanuele Naspetti in Olive Garden Ferrari Maranello at Laguna Seca, finished fourth among GTS cars. ... Worked at Miami with Nic Jonsson, finishing 17th in GT in a BMW M3. ... Drove at Petit Le Mans with Boris Said/Hans Stuck, finishing sixth in GT in BMW M3.

**2002:** Ran all 10 Series events in Panoz prototype for Panoz factory team. ... Teamed with Bryan Herta/David Donohue at Sebring for seventh place finish in P900. ... Took third with Herta at Infineon as Panoz teammates David Brabham/Jan Magnussen won the race. ... Fourth at Mid-Ohio, then retired after 21 laps at Road America due to electrical malfunctions. ... Took sixth spot at Washington as Brabham/Magnussen won again. ... Just missed podiums, with fourth at Trois-Rivieres and fifth at Mosport. ... Was sixth at Laguna Seca, eighth at Miami. ... Added Gunnar Jeannette to lineup for Petit Le Mans and ended fifth overall and in class.

**2001:** Started six times and claimed first Series victory at Petit Le Mans, driving a BMW M3 GTR with Boris Said/Hans Stuck. ... Drove with Nic Jonsson at Texas, finishing seventh in GT. ... He and Jonsson were forced to retire after 57 laps at Sebring with mechanical problems but improved to fourth at Infineon. ... Mechanical woes again spelled early end and eighth place in class finish at Portland. ... Drove to fourth place finish at Laguna Seca with Said.

**2000:** Appeared in all 12 Series events. ... Drove BMW V12 LMR with Steve Soper/Jean-Marc Gounon for fourth place prototype finish at Sebring. ... He/Gounon were fourth at Charlotte, a lap down at finish. ... Blown engine after 56 laps ended their day at Silverstone. ... Took ninth position at Nurburgring. ... Improved to fourth place at Infineon. ... Season's first podium came at Mosport with third-place finish. ... Fifth at Texas and 10th at Portland. ... Damaged accelerator at Petit Le Mans sidelined the duo after 59 laps. ... Rebounded for fourth at Laguna Seca. ... Took second seasonal podium with third at Las Vegas. ... Ended season at Adelaide, driving Yokohama BMW to fourth place with Jonsson/Brian Cunningham in GT.

**1999:** Six starts, with stoppage at Sebring due to broken accelerator in car driven with Soper/Thomas Bscher. ... Drove to fifth place in prototype class and overall with Joachim Winkelhock. ... Ran fourth at Portland, then Winkelhock/Soper joined in for second at Petit Le Mans. ... He/Winkelhock were third at Laguna Seca and ran second at Las Vegas.

**At Le Mans:** Four career starts with a best finish of fourth overall in McLaren BMW with Tim Sugden/Steve O'Rourke in 1998 Le Mans debut. Fifth overall and fourth in LMP in 1999 with David Price Racing in BMW V12 LM98 partnering with Steve Soper/Thomas Bscher. . . Two starts with Panoz Motor Sports, both resulting in retirements. Drove prototype with Gunnar Jeannette/David Donohue in 2002. Moved to Esperante GTLM in GT2 for 2005 but retired after 30 laps (fuel pressure).

### **AUBERLEN PIT NOTES**

In his fourth decade as a racer. ... First race was Daytona 24 Hours in Porsche 911 RSR at tender age of 17. ... Completed just 30 laps at Le Mans in 2005 in Panoz Esperante with Liddell/Maxwell. ... Auberlen's career has been packed with awards. He has earned more than 70 victories and 130 podium finishes en route to six sports car racing championships. Four of those championships came in three fast years, from 2002 to 2004. His career score includes 52 pole positions, 40 with record qualifying laps, and 59 fastest race laps, 45 of them records. He has set 98 series and track records during the past 15 years as a professional racer. ... Made debut at Le Mans in 1998 in McLaren-BMW and finished fourth. ... Most memorable crash was backflip on Road Atlanta backstretch in 2000 while driving BMW V12 LMR. ... Was third in 2006 Grand-Am Cup. ... Won three times in KONI Challenge Cup in 2007 and once in 2008. ... Considers the 3.7 mile Sebring circuit as "my favorite track of all-time". ... Involved in power boats and when not racing, says he relaxes by training, working on boats and "making anything go faster."

## **JOHN BAKER**

**Birthdate:**

January 16, 1950

**Birthplace:**

Atlanta, GA

**Height/Weight:**

6-2, 220 pounds

**Residence:**

New York, NY

**Family:**

Wife Raquel, two children

**Team (Class):**

ORBIT Racing – Porsche 911 GT3 Cup (Challenge)

**Website:**

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**Special Interests:**

Business, rowing, cycling



*A relative newcomer to the ranks of motorsport, New York native and resident John Baker is part of the inaugural field in the new American Le Mans Series' Challenge class from 2009. ... Teaming primarily with Guy Cosmo in ORBIT Racing entry, which he also is driving in Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama. ... Enjoys driving "because it's one of the few sports where I can improve at my age."*

**2009:** At Utah, made American Le Mans Series debut with former LMP2 race-winner Guy Cosmo in ORBIT Racing Challenge class entry. Duo placed second in class but excluded postrace for violation of minimum ride height. ... At Lime Rock, crashed early in stint and forced to retire for fifth-place Challenge finish. ... At Mid-Ohio, finished second in Challenge class with class pole-winner Cosmo in No. 47 Porsche. Drove opening stint for first time. ... At Road America, led in class at the end of the first lap but quickly spun at Turn 12 forcing yellow flag. Repaired rear bumper and wing and finished fourth in class.

### **BAKER PIT NOTES**

Introduced to sports car racing through activity with Porsche Club of America. ... Competing in rookie season of 2009 Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama,

also for ORBIT. ... Finished 10th in Platinum Cup standings at second Sebring race to open season. ... Competed in both Utah rounds but did not score points. ... Fascinated with safety aspects of race car construction and engineering. ... Got first taste of Porsche Cup car in 2008. "I was absolutely hooked from the start," he says. ... Would like to one day compete in Nurburgring 24 Hours and lists the circuit alongside Watkins Glen as his favorites. ... Founder of New York-based Baker Capital, which specializes in communications for North American and European corporations. ... Serves on the board of QSC AG (German telecommunications firm) and is Chairman of the Supervisory Board for Interxion NV. ... Serves on the National Advisory Board of Youth, I.N.C. ... A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Business School.

## **MARC BASSENG**

(bass-ing)

### **Birthdate:**

December 12, 1978

### **Birthplace:**

Engelskirchen, Germany

### **Height/Weight:**

5-9, 163 pounds

### **Residence:**

Leutenbach, Germany

### **Family:**

Single

### **Team (Class):**

VICI Racing – Porsche 911 GT3 RSR (GT2)

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### **Special Interests:**

Physical fitness



*European driver Marc Basseng successfully completed his second season in the American Le Mans Series but first season for VICI Racing in 2008 in GT2. ... Set to rejoin Miami-based Florida team with Nicky Pastorelli for full season. ... One of racing's most experienced Porsche drivers.*

**2008:** Drove majority of Series event with one podium finish. ... At Sebring, drove with Dirk Werner/Bryce Miller in Farnbacher Loles Porsche. Finished 13<sup>th</sup>-place in GT2 after retiring from hit by race-leading Risi Ferrari on lap 136. ... At St. Petersburg, teamed with Werner for third-place class podium finish, the first for Farnbacher Loles. ... At Long Beach, teamed with Alex Davison for fifth-place finish in class despite in-car cool box coming loose and briefly losing power. ... At Utah, came home 30<sup>th</sup> with Werner in GT2 after car was excluded due to illegal fuel cell in Porsche. ... At Road America, returned to GT2 and made first start for VICI Racing. Teamed with brothers Nicky/Francesco

Pastorelli for eighth-place finish in team's Porsche 911 GT3 RSR after two-race absence. ... At Mosport, retired after rear suspension failure sent car off into tire wall after just 29 laps. ... At Detroit, again retired after driveshaft failure on 39th lap. ... At Road Atlanta, ran solid first half and in position for first top-five finish before tire failure sent car off hard into Turn 12 tire wall on Lap 295.

**2007:** Two starts came with Pappas/Borcheller in Team Trans Sports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. ... Debuted at Sebring with 15th in class after completing just 129 laps. ... Fourth at Petit Le Mans as trio recovered from mid-race penalty (avoidable contact) and delamination of the car's left-rear.

### **BASSENG PIT NOTES**

Placed fourth in class at 2000 Nurburgring 24 Hours. ... Spent 2001 and 2002 in Renault Clip V6 Trophy series. Took sixth place in 2001 championship and third in 2002. ... Scored A1 class win at 2004 Nurburgring 24 Hours. ... Won German championship of Renault Clio Speed Trophy series. ... Posted six overall wins in BFGoodrich Endurance championship between 2004-2006. Placed fifth in 2006 championship. ... Placed fifth in GT at 2006 Daytona 24 Hours. ... Scored victory in BelCar round at Zolder. ... Seventh in GT2 at Spa for Felbermayr-Proton Porsche in the only Le Mans Series race of 2007. ... Failed to finish in team's opening round in FIA GT in Zhuhai. Ninth for All- InkRacing.com at Silverstone in Lamborghini. ... Won class at 2007 Daytona 24 Hours and third at Nurburgring 24 Hours. ... Has served as television commentator for German Premiere TV network during Porsche Carrera Cup and Supercup races since 2003.

## **ROB BELL**

### **Birthdate:**

April 30, 1979

### **Birthplace:**

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England

### **Residence:**

Northamptonshire, England

### **Height/Weight:**

5-11, 159 pounds

### **Family:**

Single

### **Team (Class):**

Drayson Racing – Aston Martin Vantage GT2 (GT2)

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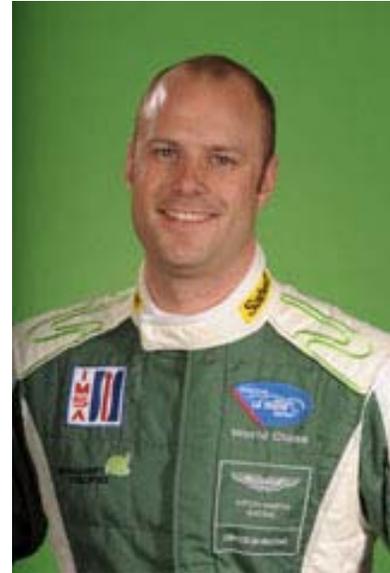
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### **Special Interests:**

Bike riding



*Rob Bell experienced a dual-team season competing first with Tafel Racing and then transitioning to Risi Competizione in a partial American Le Mans Series run in 2008. ... Has firmly established himself on international stage with two Le Mans Series GT2 championships. ... Will drive for Drayson Racing at Sebring to open 2009 in Aston Martin Vantage GT2.*

**2009:** At Sebring, started seventh in class for Drayson Racing and drove final stint in Aston Martin Vantage GT2 when engine failed causing the No. 007 car not to finish the race. ... At Petit Le Mans, returned to the grid with a P1 Lola-Judd prototype. With a rain-shortened race, started eighth with Drayson/Cocker and finished 10th due to a left-front hub failure following a heavy impact with tire wall just shy of the three-hour mark.

**2008:** Made three starts for two different teams with a top-five finish at Detroit and two other top-10s, all in Ferrari. ... At Sebring, teamed with Dirk

Mueller/Dominik Farnbacher in lead Tafel Racing Ferrari. Trio lost significant time with damage to front splitter and radiator after hitting debris on track. Recovered for seventh-place finish. .. At Road America, filled in for injured Patrick Friesacher in No. 61 Risi Competizione Ferrari with Harrison Brix, finishing sixth in class after starting at rear of field due to post qualifying tire change plus radio communication problems late in race. ... At Detroit, teamed again with Brix for Risi and placed fifth in class.

**At Le Mans:** Three career starts in GT2 with two top-five finishes. ... Placed fifth in 2007 with Lawrence Tomlinson/Richard Dean in Panoz Esperante GT-LM. ... Retired in 2008 with engine troubles after strong run in Virgo Ferrari entry. ... Finished career-high fourth in JMW Ferrari F430 GT in 2009.

### **BELL PIT NOTES**

Moved through karting ranks from 1990 through 1997 before transitioning into popular Formula Vauxhall Championship in 1998. Placed third in 1999 season. ... Was World Cup winner in 2000 Formula Ford Festival and placed third in British Formula Ford championship. ... Drove in Formula Renault with winter championships in 2001 and 2002; also fourth in 2001 British Formula Renault. ... Third in 2003 Fran-Am Formula Renault and fifth place in 2004 Renault V6 European Championship. ... Transitioned to sports cars in 2005; won in LMS Nurburgring round in Aston Martin DBR9 with Darren Turner. ... Third in 2006 LMS GT2 standings in Team LNT Panoz Esperante GT-LM. ... Won 2007 LMS GT2 title for Virgo Motorsport in Ferrari F430 GT and also saw duties in FIA GT. ... 2008 results were also stellar with Bell winning four of five races and securing GT2 Drivers' crown for Virgo Motorsport in Ferrari F430GT. Competed in FIA GT for CR Scuderia in Ferrari, winning in Bucharest and taking four further top-six finishes.

## **OLIVIER BERETTA**

### **Birthdate:**

November 23, 1969

### **Birthplace:**

Monte Carlo, Monaco

### **Residence:**

Monte Carlo, Monaco

### **Height/Weight:**

5-6, 161 lbs

### **Family:**

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### **Team (Class):**

Corvette Racing – Corvette C6.R (GT1 & GT2)

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### **Series Championships:**

5 - 1999-2000 (GTS), 2005, 2006 & 2007 (GT1)

*(all-time Series leader)*

### **Special Interests:**

Biking, physical fitness



*The most decorated competitor in the history of the American Le Mans Series, Olivier Beretta has a résumé that none in the paddock can match. ... Enters 2009 with lead in career wins (40), pole positions (22) and fastest laps (24) ... Also has five GTS/GT1 championships, five class wins in 24 Hours of Le Mans, two FIA championships and three Sebring class wins. ... With Corvette Racing, Beretta hopes to continue successful partnership with Oliver Gavin in 2009.*

**2009:** At Sebring, began on class pole position after teammate Oliver Gavin's pole run. Duo teamed with Marcel Fässler for second in GT1 as Corvette C6.R made final appearance at Sebring. ... At Long Beach, won for final time in Series GT1 competition and second time in three tries at Long Beach in tandem with

Gavin. Team testing for Le Mans before making GT2 debut at Mid-Ohio in August. ... At Mid-Ohio, finished fourth in the next-generation Corvette C6.R for GT2 debut, one lap down after getting caught behind the safety car during a full-course caution. ... At Road America, finished sixth in the GT2 class after an unscheduled pit stop to replace passenger side door (missing mirror) following contact with prototype. ... At Mosport, scored third-place class finish after leading in race's midpoint. Scored duo's first victory in the MICHELIN® GREEN X® Challenge and third straight for Corvette Racing. ... At Petit Le Mans, the No. 4 Corvette - along with sister car - dominated the first three hours of the race, running first and second consistently until a flurry of pit stops mixed the running order just as the heavy rain arrived. Team started third and finished fourth in class during rain-shortened event with Gavin/Fässler.

**2008:** Captured three class wins and 11 top-3 finishes out of his 11 starts. ... At Sebring, teamed with Oliver Gavin/Max Papis for runner-up finish in GT1, low-lighted by lengthy trip to paddock to repair failed halfshaft. Returned to finish eight laps behind sister car. ... At St. Petersburg with co-pilot Gavin, captured 21st career pole position, most all-time in Series history. Victory was pairing's second straight at St. Petersburg circuit. ... At Long Beach, ran second with Gavin to sister car finishing a lap behind the overall race winners. ... At Utah, came up second again with Gavin. Duo lost time during first pit stop with refueling rig and never made up gap. Beretta did claim 22nd Series pole, extending his all-time record. ... At Lime Rock, again finished second with uncharacteristic problems with Corvette's gearbox. Did post race's fastest GT1 lap at 53.367 (101.186 mph) ... At Mid-Ohio, served nearly eight minutes in penalties after run in with teammate Johnny O'Connell out of pitlane falling short to O'Connell with second place class finish. Posted race's fastest GT1 lap for second straight race at 1:18.068 (104.125 mph) ... At Road America, appeared destined to break through for victory until Gavin crashed in the fast Kink section in the final hour. Duo had led entire GT1 race until that point and settled for third in class. ... At Mosport, finished second with Gavin to its sister car and set fastest race lap at 1:14.57 (118.713 mph). ... At Detroit, claimed second win of the season after critical triumphs occurred out of pit lane on two occasions and a mid-race contact with slower GT2 car. ... At Road Atlanta, finished second with Gavin/Papis after losing time mid-race to malfunctioning throttle linkage. Had led twice in class. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, ended season on high note with 40th career victory, only driver to accomplish feat. Passed O'Connell with 45 minutes left for final lead change.

**2007:** Championship season saw Beretta/Gavin duo win nine times in 12 starts to tie all-time Series record. ... Dominated at Sebring to win by 18 seconds and led for nearly 11 hours. ... Won on first visits to street circuits at St. Petersburg and Long Beach. ... Sat on pole position at Houston but finished second in class behind Johnny O'Connell/Jan Magnussen sister entry. ... Returned to winning ways at Utah after starting from rear of grid (tire change). ... Won at Lime Rock by a 0.384-second margin and at Mid-Ohio in final five seconds. ...

Won fourth straight at Road America and third time in four years at circuit. ... Second at both Mosport and Detroit before closing out season with dominating showings at Petit Le Mans and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

**2006:** Teamed with Gavin for repeat GT1 championship, fourth of career for Beretta. Started all 10 events with four wins in tense battle between Corvette and Aston Martin Racing. ... Teamed with Gavin/Jan Magnussen for easy win and sixth straight dating back to Portland 2005. No. 4 Corvette took the lead just over an hour into race. ... Went on to win at Houston and Mid-Ohio to set GT1 record most consecutive wins. ... Win streak ended at Lime Rock with fourth-place finish following crash with No. 20 Dyson Racing prototype. Suffered another uncharacteristic fourth-place at Utah as two-car Corvette team failed to finish first or second for first time since October 2003. ... Captured pole at Portland and ended two-race winless streak with Gavin. ... Second place finish at Road America (behind Fellows/O'Connell) and at Mosport (behind Aston Martin). ... Third-place finish at Petit Le Mans again behind Aston Martin. ... Cemented second straight class title with Gavin by finishing second at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. ... One class pole and three fastest race laps claimed for the season.

**2005:** Won first class championship since 2000 as Beretta/Gavin won six of final seven races in first year for Corvette C6.R. ... Third in class at Sebring to open season and posted runner-up finishes at Road Atlanta and Mid-Ohio before posting season's first win at Lime Rock. Win there was their second straight at the circuit. ... Was second at Infineon before reeling off five straight events to end season - Portland, Road America, Mosport, Petit Le Mans and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. ... Secured championship lead at Mosport. ... Fastest GT1 qualifier three times with two fastest race laps.

**2004:** Returned to GTS ranks by signing with Corvette Racing. Paired with Gavin, and recorded two of four wins and nine starts to nearly miss championship title. ... Duo's debut at Sebring resulted in early retirement (mechanical). ... Second to Fellows/O'Connell at Mid-Ohio before season's first win at Lime Rock. ... Third at Infineon, second at Portland before consecutive wins at Mosport, Road America and Petit Le Mans. ... Second place at Laguna Seca meant runner-up championship finish. ... Four poles and fast laps on season.

**2003:** Returned from F1 stint to Series and raced entire year in LMP900 for JML Team Panoz with fourth place championship standing. ... Fifth at Sebring with co-drivers Max Papis/Gunnar Jeannette. ... Fourth at Atlanta with Papis and was same at Infineon with Jeannette. ... With David Saelens, team never finished below third position the remainder of the year. ... Trois-Rivieres and Mosport each produced a third-place finish, as did Miami. ... Took runner-up honors at Road America, Laguna Seca and season-ending Petit Le Mans.

**2000:** Won second consecutive GTS class driving title in Dodge Viper fielded by Team ORECA. Won nine of 12 events, setting Series record for most wins in a single season by a driver in any class (shared with Karl Wendlinger). ... Teamed with Wendlinger/Dominique Dupuy to take GTS win at Sebring. ... He/Wendlinger were GTS winners at Charlotte, seventh overall. Won back-to-back at Silverstone and Nurburgring, eighth overall at both venues. ... Settled for second place at Sears Point behind David Donohue/Tommy Archer before returning to winner's circle at Mosport. ... Second at Texas to Ron Fellows/Andy Pilgrim. ... Won at Portland, 10th overall, behind nine prototypes. ... Added Marc Duez as driver for long distance Petit Le Mans, but came in fourth. ... Closed year with wins at Laguna, Las Vegas and Adelaide. ... Also recorded six poles and seven fastest race laps.

**1999:** Inaugural GTS class driving champion in Series with five wins in six starts. ... Debuted and won at Mosport with Beretta/Donohue in Team ORECA Dodge Viper. Win was first of three for duo (Sears Point, Portland). ... Won Petit Le Mans with Wendlinger/Duez and with Wendlinger again at Laguna Seca before taking second at Las Vegas with Donohue.

**At Le Mans:** Five career wins. ... Took three straight with Corvette Racing from 2004-2006 in partnership with Gavin/Magnussen. ... Beretta/Dupuy/Wendlinger took GTS wins in 1999 and 2000 for ORECA. ... Second in GT2 in 1998 with ORECA (with Archer/Pedro Lamy) a year after accident sidelined ORECA Viper after 263 laps. ... Scored top-five P900 finishes from 2001-03, highlighted by third-place in 2001 for factory Chrysler effort with Wendlinger/Lamy. ... Debuted in 1996 with 12th-place showing in GT1 Viper. ... Finished on podium in 2008 in third place with Gavin/Papis after the No. 64 Corvette C6.R underwent repairs for alternator and engine compartments. ... Ended GT1 run with DNF when Corvette C6.R lost drive with less than two hours left. Drove with Gavin/Marcel Fässler.

### **BERETTA PIT NOTES**

One of the most well-versed competitors in the Series paddock. Born and raised in Monte Carlo, a haven for many race drivers. ... Began racing karts before moving to French Formula 3 in 1989. Third in the championship in 1990 and took third place at the Monaco Grand Prix support race that year. ... 1992 saw mix of International Formula 3000 with Formula 1 testing duties for Lotus. ... Sixth in 1994 F3000 championship for Forti while testing for the Larrousse Grand Prix team. Competed in 10 grand prix for Larrousse; best finish was seventh in German Grand Prix. ... Won FIA GT Championship from 1997-1999 driving Dodge Viper. In overall FIA competition, won 18 of 33 starts between 1996-1999. ... Also won overall title at 2000 Daytona 24 Hours. ... Has worked extensively as F1 test driver for BMW Williams team and Michelin in recent years; also was Lotus test driver in 1992. ... Cites Road America and Road Atlanta are Beretta's favorite tracks stating "they have it all."

## **2008 GT2 CHAMPION**

### **JÖRG BERGMEISTER**

**Birthdate:**

February 13, 1976

**Birthplace:**

Leverkusen, Germany

**Height/Weight:**

6-4, 176 pounds

**Residence:**

Langenfield, Germany

**Family:**

Wife, Danielle and daughter, Lucy Anna-Maria (5/29/2006)

**Team (Class):**

Flying Lizard Motorsports – Porsche 911 GT3 RSR (GT2)

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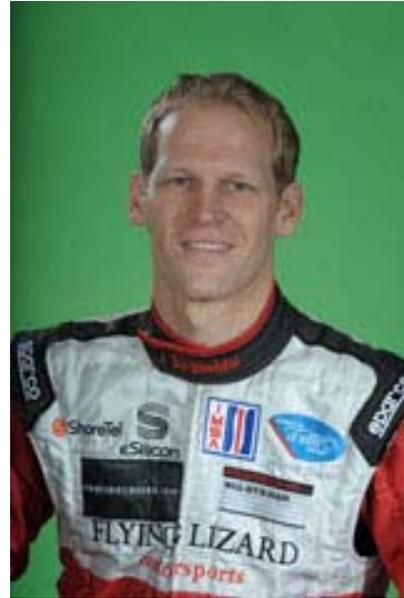
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**Series Championships:**

3 – 2005, 2006 and 2008 (GT2)

**Special Interests:**

Snowboarding



*A three-time American Le Mans Series GT2 champion, Jörg Bergmeister returns to defend his title in 2009 co-piloting the new Porsche 911 GT3 RSR with fellow factory driver Patrick Long. ... With Flying Lizard Motorsports and Wolf Henzler, the Porsche factory pilot won four times in 2008. ... Has won at least three races each season since in 2003. ... Series driving career includes competing for some of the Series most successful teams: Alex Job Racing, Petersen Motorsports/White Lightning Racing and Flying Lizard.*

**2009:** At Sebring, returned to the Series with Flying Lizard Motorsports. Pitted early after contact with Ford GT that required suspension repairs. Drove with

Patrick Long/Marc Lieb for fourth place in GT2. ... At St. Petersburg, scored victory GT2 victory with Long since 2006 in two-lap victory. Pairing started fourth in class after conservative tire choice and benefitted from misfortune of other front-running cars. Porsche waited until lone caution to pit and gained lap on rest of class during wave-by. ... At Long Beach, claimed second straight class win with Long. Pairing started second from pole but capitalized on misfortune of leading Farnbacher Loles Porsche (damaged damper) and drove to 37-second win over Risi Ferrari. Also won GT trophy in MICHELIN® Green X® Challenge. ... At Utah, claimed 26th Series victory, sixth class pole (first since Road America 2006) with teammate Long. Entry led for full race except first half of race's opening lap. ... At Lime Rock, won fourth straight in this season and fourth consecutive Lime Rock victory in GT2. Watched Long make early pass of Risi Ferrari and led rest of way. Entry won second GT trophy of season in MICHELIN® Green X® Challenge. ... At Mid-Ohio, started from pole position and led GT2 from the start. Tied class record with fifth consecutive win. ... At Road America, saw five-race class win streak end after safety car separated two BMW M3s from rest of GT2 field. Locked in battle throughout with Corvettes and Risi Ferrari for third place before finishing fourth. ... At Mosport, finished fifth in class despite early-race contact with BMW. Still retained the GT2 drivers championship lead over Risi Ferarri. ... At Petit Le Mans, started sixth and finished fifth during rain-shortened event with Long/Lieb.

**2008:** At Sebring, helped Flying Lizard Motorsports to first Sebring victory and first 1-2 class finish in tandem with Wolf Henzler/Marc Lieb. Benefitted from crash of leading two cars - Risi Ferrari and Farnbacher Loles Porsche - near halfway point. Went on to coast to three-lap win over sister car. Was his second Sebring win in four tries (2005 GT2). ... At St. Petersburg, leading late in race and in position for second straight win to start season. At wheel of Porsche when it was damaged driving through accident between Dyson Racing's Butch Leitzinger and Penske's Patrick Long. Finished ninth in class with Henzler. ... At Long Beach, rebounded for runner-up finish with Henzler, just 0.102 seconds behind class-winning Tafel Ferrari in closest class finish in Series history. ... At Utah, cemented season's second victory with Henzler early as teammate was beneficiary of wave-by. Porsche gained nearly a lap on the entire GT2 field as it was separated by the safety car. ... At Lime Rock, won at circuit for third straight season and by another full lap with Henzler. Gained time during safety car period for season's third victory. ... At Mid-Ohio, came home third in class as he/Henzler were on the wrong side of the safety car equation. Finished behind winning Tafel Ferrari and sister Lizard Porsche. ... At Road America, cushioned points lead over second-place Tafel duo with runner-up finish in four-hour event. Passed Tafel's Dirk Mueller for position on race's final lap. ... At Mosport, again gained points with third-place class finish after Tafel Ferrari penalized one position for late-race contact in battle for final podium spot. ... At Detroit, won for first time since Lime Rock with convincing class victory. After Henzler qualified on pole, duo increased championship lead to 28 points as Tafel car placed ninth. ... At Road Atlanta, scored third career class

championship with runner-up finish in tandem with Henzler/Lieb. Finished 2.317 seconds behind winning Risi Ferrari. Led as late as eight-hour mark. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, finished ninth in class after collision with fellow Porsche after pitting from lead at 35-minute mark. Set race record with fastest GT2 lap of 1:22.698 (97.424 mph).

**2007:** Made 11 starts in GT2 with Johannes van Overbeek, claiming three victories and runners-up in the class championship. ... Took second at Sebring with van Overbeek/Marc Lieb in closest finish in race's 55-year history. Race-long battle with Risi Competizione Ferrari resulted in climactic final lap that saw Bergmeister make up 1.5 seconds on Risi's Jaime Melo. Pulled alongside Melo on final stretch run and held lead going into final corner before contact with Ferrari sent Risi entry to 0.2-second victory. Runner-up at St. Petersburg again to Risi Ferrari and was same at Houston. ... Ninth in between at Long Beach after broken radiator. ... Runner-up at Utah before breaking through with second straight victory at Lime Rock. Improbable comeback followed first-lap tire puncture. Capitalized again on Ferrari follies for season's second straight win, this time at Mid-Ohio for Flying Lizard team and third since 2004. ... Fifth in class at Road America and Mosport before suffering devastating ninth-place finish at Detroit. Porsche caught fire with van Overbeek in car after a crash with another GT2 competitor before blaze erupted. Team failed to score points. ... Came through in must win situation for Petit Le Mans victory by two laps. ... Chase for third straight class title ended with fourth-place GT2 finish and a lap down to Melo/Salo. Result was good enough for second in drivers championship and gave Lizards second class runner-up championship finish since 2004. ... Recorded one fastest race lap: Petit Le Mans.

**2006:** Retained GT2 championship with three victories in 10 starts for Petersen/White Lightning. ... Opened season at Sebring with seventh-place finish with brother Tim and Nic Jonsson. Rear suspension failure and contact necessitated 12 pit stops in all and 53 minutes in repairs. ... Reunited with Patrick Long for balance of season starting at Houston, a fourth-place finish. Seventh at Mid-Ohio after broken driveshaft while leading near two-hour mark. ... Engineered one of most memorable victories of season at Lime Rock as team assembled Porsche piece-by-piece on the Monday of race week following Le Mans crash damage. ... Runner-up at Salt Lake City and Portland before scoring victory at Road America in tense late-race battle with BMW M3. Fell back to sixth at Mosport (broken shifter). ... Won at Petit Le Mans for fourth consecutive year, second in a row with Long. Narrowly avoided early-race disaster after prototype sent Porsche off, just missing contact with wall, and punctured tire an hour later. ... Took class championship with runner-up finish at Laguna Seca in race he led late before being passed by Risi Ferrari. ... One pole position (Road America).

**2005:** Won first Series championship with Long for Petersen/White Lightning thanks to five wins in 10 starts. ... Started season with class win at Sebring with Long/Lucas Luhr. ... Third at Road Atlanta spring race then runner-up finishes at

Mid-Ohio, Lime Rock and Infineon. Eighth at Portland following 14-minute delay after contact forced a puncture in the radiator. ... Closed season with victories in final four events – Road America, Mosport, Petit Le Mans and Laguna Seca. ... Mosport win came without taking checkered flag as wheel fell off car with Long driving, stranding Porsche on circuit. Awarded victory as overall leader had crossed finish line. ... Clinched championship in third hour of race win at Laguna Seca. ... Posted fastest GT2 race lap twice.

**2004:** Made eight of nine Series starts with four GT2 wins and second place in championship. Teamed with Timo Bernhard to bring Alex Job Racing its third consecutive GT team title. ... Missed Sebring but started at Mid-Ohio with runner-up finish followed by 10th at Lime Rock. ... Took season's first win at Infineon before fourth-place at Portland. ... Closed season with wins at Mosport, Road America and Petit Le Mans. ... Claimed class pole position at Road America.

**2003:** Saw victory lane three times in nine events in GT class for Alex Job Racing, beginning with the Chevy Grand Prix of Atlanta. ... Also won at Mosport and Petit Le Mans. ... AJR team began each race either first or second in GT classification. ... Finished second in driver's championship with two pole positions and one fastest race lap.

**2002:** First year in Series produced one victory, at Road America. Was fourth in GT points after 10 starts. ... Rode with Bernhard/Lieb to ninth place at Sebring. ... Placed third at Sears Point, second at Mid-Ohio, third at Washington, second at Trois-Rivieres and sixth at Mosport. ... Laguna Seca produced seventh-place finish. ... Rebounded to second place at Miami. ... Teamed again with Lieb and ran 14th at Petit Le Mans.

**At Le Mans:** Seven career starts to date with 2004 GT win. Teamed with Long/Sascha Maassen in Petersen/White Lightning Porsche that won by five laps. ... Two runner-up finishes (2005 with Petersen/White Lightning and 2002 with Freisinger Motorsport). ... Sixth in 2008 with van Overbeek and Neiman after a series of incidents took the Porsche out of the race for a total of three hours. Set the fastest GT2 race lap. ...Fifth in 2007 with Flying Lizard after running second in class at six-hour mark with van Overbeek/Seth Neiman. Retired after 10 hours (transmission). ... Crashed out of race in 2006 with Petersen/White Lightning-Krohn Racing effort near halfway point. ... Took first Le Mans pole in 2009 with Flying Lizard Porsche. Led throughout first three hours before spin and crash in 10<sup>th</sup> hour with Darren Law at wheel. Also teamed with Seth Neiman.

### **BERGMEISTER PIT NOTES**

Third-generation driver considered a 'late bloomer' in racing ranks. ... First race car was Formula Koenig at age 16. ... Won Formula Koenig title in 1993 and switched to Formula Opel two years later. ... Oschersleben was site of first win

in German Porsche Carrera Cup (1999). ... Won seven poles and six checkered flags in 2001 in Porsche Supercup competition en route to series championship. First Supercup victory was at Indianapolis as part of US Grand Prix. ... Won 2006 Grand-Am championship with three victories and posted one race win in 2007. ... Won GT class of 24 Hours of Daytona. ... Has master's degree in economics. ... Considers Ayrton Senna as best driver in history "because of his abilities in qualifying". ... Considers his father as his ultimate racing teammate as "he is the one who taught me everything I know about racing." ... Would like to have witnessed the building of the Egyptian Pyramids. ... Wife (Danielle) was elite U.S. collegiate soccer player at University of Colorado. ... Summer of 2006 saw birth of couple's daughter Lucy Anna-Maria. She already is a regular traveler to Series events.

## 2008 LMP2 CHAMPION

### TIMO BERNHARD

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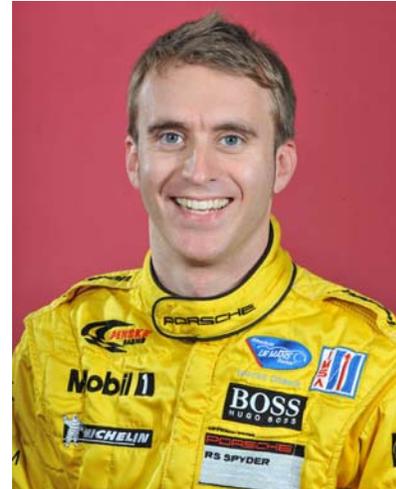
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2—2007 & 2008 (LMP2)

#### Special Interests:

Music, beach, physical fitness



*German Porsche factory driver Timo Bernhard displayed championship form again in 2008 with the second consecutive LMP2 championship of his career. ... Partnered alongside longtime teammate Romain Dumas with Penske Racing and Porsche RS Spyder. ... Duo produced four class wins with 11 starts. ... Despite being only 28 years old at season's open, already ranks among leaders in nearly every significant statistical category.*

**2008:** Completed full season with four class wins and nine top-3 finishes in LMP2 championship season. ... At Sebring, earned second career class win and

first overall victory in Porsche RS Spyder with Romain Dumas/Emmanuel Collard. Trio led seven times for 144 laps and became first LMP2 trio to win overall at Sebring. Also gave Roger Penske first overall win at 12 Hours and first class victory in 40 years. ... At St. Petersburg, scored record-setting eighth consecutive class victory with Dumas and placed second overall, just 0.818 seconds behind winning Audi with Dumas. Duo hasn't lost in LMP2 since Lime Rock of 2007. ... At Long Beach, saw eight-race class win streak come to end with runner-up finish to Patrón Highcroft Acura. Qualified on overall pole position and drove race's opening stint and led race one time. ... At Utah, scored season's second overall win with Dumas in hard-fought 96-lap contest. Qualified on overall pole position and led twice for eight laps before handing off to teammate Dumas. ... At Lime Rock, went down to the wire with David Brabham for overall race win. Led 90 straight laps before being passed by Brabham and spinning with three laps to go. Still managed runner-up overall and class finish. ... At Mid-Ohio, won for fourth consecutive year in class with Dumas and third in a row in Porsche RS Spyder. Watched Dumas hold off hard-charging Brabham for third-place overall finish. Race marked debut of new direct fuel injection RS Spyder engine. ... At Road America, car led overall race early but came home second when sister car pitted to hand finishing position to Bernhard/Dumas. ... At Mosport, lost ground in championship chase with sixth-place class finish when Dumas ran out of fuel on last lap. ... At Detroit, placed fourth in class following in-race penalty for turning down on Porsche GT2 car while chasing overall lead. ... At Road Atlanta, wrapped up third driving championship and second straight P2 crown with lead-lap, runner-up finish with Dumas. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, ended season with third-place podium finish to secure class manufacturer's championship for Porsche. ... Scored 2 fastest qualifying laps in season.

**2007:** Championship season saw eight class victories (six overall) with Dumas. Finished on podium in all 12 events, the only pairing to do so in P2. ... Third in P2 at Sebring with Dumas/Helio Castroneves and improved to runner-up at St. Petersburg with Dumas. ... Went on season-long tear starting at Long Beach with 0.76-second win over sister Penske Porsche. ... Drove to 0.49-second win at Houston over Bryan Herta in Andretti Green Acura. ... Runner-up to sister Penske Porsche at Utah and Lime Rock before closing season with six straight class victories. ... Won overall at Mid-Ohio for second straight year overall and third consecutive in class. ... Took surprising wins at fast Road America and Mosport circuits; won at Road America on late pit strategy and benefitted at Mosport by way of Audi gearbox failure in the waning seconds. ... Won overall at Detroit in late-race duel with Audi. ... Secured second driving championship with seventh P2 victory at Petit Le Mans and second-place overall in closest race finish (0.923 seconds) in event's 10-year history with teammates Patrick Long/Dumas. ... Ended season with eighth class victory at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca paired with Dumas. Victory wrapped up second driving championship. ... Scored three pole positions and two fastest race laps.

**2006:** First season of prototype racing saw four wins in 10 starts with Dumas for Penske and Porsche RS Spyder. Performance good enough for third place in LMP2 championship. ... Duo added Patrick Long for Sebring and started second in class and led before early radiator failure and broken input shaft ended day at seven-hour mark. ... Retired again at Houston (drivetrain) for fifth-place finish. ... At Mid-Ohio, won overall pole, but sent to back of grid (below minimum weight). Bernhard moved the car from last to fourth position in just over three laps, as twin Penske entries led in each of race's 119 laps overall. ... Took second straight victory by winning at Lime Rock and placing second overall. At Lime Rock, Bernhard/Dumas engaged battled Audi before winning the LMP2 class with a second place overall finish. ... Led overall again at Utah before late repair to throttle body resulted in third-place showing. Same result in Portland after contact with Highcroft P1 car. ... Road America saw revised pairings with Bernhard/Maassen taking class win over Dumas/Lucas Luhr. Also won at Mosport and Petit Le Mans (adding Emmanuel Collard) before finishing second in finale at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

**2005:** Drove final season for Alex Job Racing in GT2 with Dumas. Pairing locked in season-long fight for class title with four victories. ... Began season with retirement at Sebring (engine failure). Rebounded for runner-up finish at Grand Prix of Atlanta after torrid battle with Robin Liddell and Panoz at race's end. Bernhard penalized for contact that spun Liddell late. ... Gave AJR first win at Mid-Ohio and went on four-race win streak to take championship lead. Won again at Lime Rock and led flag-to-flag at Infineon and Portland. ... Second to Petersen/White Lightning duo of Long/Jörg Bergmeister at Road America. ... Season went downhill starting with DNF at Mosport (broken alternator). Fourth at Petit Le Mans after spending considerable time in pits. Fifth at Laguna Seca finale after being spun by Aston Martin GT1 entry. ... Duo started on class pole in each of last six races. Bernhard had four class poles and six fastest race laps.

**2004:** Championship season in GT2 saw six wins in nine starts in Alex Job Racing Porsche. ... Drove with Maassen to 12 Hours of Sebring victory to win over sister car. ... Second at Mid-Ohio with Bergmeister and finished well back at Lime Rock before winning at Infineon. ... Fourth at Portland, then took back-to-back checkered flags at Mosport and Road America. ... Added Maassen as third driver at Petit Le Mans and trio led a 1-2 AJR finish. ... Put exclamation point on class title campaign with second place at Laguna Seca. ... Earned three poles on season and three overall fast laps.

**2003:** Ran all nine Series events, finished second in championship and was a winner three times, at Chevy Grand Prix of Atlanta, Mosport and Petit Le Mans, in partnership with Bergmeister. ... Opened season with fifth place finish at Sebring and placed second to teammates Luhr/Maassen at Infineon. ... Had three races where mechanical woes played a major role, ninth at Trois-Rivieres and Laguna Seca, 13th at Road America. ... Rode on the GT pole four times, and was second on five other occasions.

**2002:** Made 10 starts in first full-time Series season including first career win at Road America with Bergmeister. Finished fifth in championship. ... Runner-up three times at Mid-Ohio, Trois Rivieres and Miami, with two other podiums at Infineon and Washington. ... Car suffered mechanical difficulties at Mosport, Laguna Seca and Petit Le Mans. ... Posted fastest GT race laps three times.

**2001:** First season saw five starts with one podium finish. ... Debuted at Sebring with Alex Job Racing claiming runner-up finish in partnership with Randy Pobst/Christian Menzel. ... Joined Petersen/White Lightning and drove with Johnny Mowlem to sixth place finish at Infineon, then another sixth spot at Portland. ... Completed only 21 laps at Mosport before retiring after accident with accelerator problems. ... Ended season with fifth place showing in Monterey.

**At Le Mans:** Three career starts with one victory and a runner-up. ... Won in debut at La Sarthe in Racer's Group Porsche teamed with Luhr/Kevin Buckler. Won in class by one lap. ... Second in class in 2005 for Petersen/White Lightning with Long/Bergmeister, a lap behind winning entry. ... Fifth with Buckler/Bergmeister in 2003. ... Made return in 2009 as part of Audi factory effort in new R15 TDI. Teamed with Romain Dumas/Alexandre Premat that finished 13<sup>th</sup> in P1 (17<sup>th</sup> overall). Lost significant time changing malfunctioning fuel pump.

### **BERNHARD PIT NOTES**

Truly a racer for most of his life, Bernhard began racing karts at the tender age of 10. ... Competed in karting through 1997 before moving to German Formula Ford in 1998 and 1999. ... Won UPS Porsche Junior Team driver selection and joined as junior factory driver. He remains the manufacturer's longest-tenured factory driver. ... Raced Porsche Carrera Cup along with the American Le Mans Series in 2001 season. Had four Carrera Cup wins: Nurburgring, Oschersleben, Lausitzring and again at Nurburgring. ... Also won at Hockenheim in Porsche competition. ... Overall win at 24 Hours of Daytona in 2003 with a Porsche GT3. ... Is a two-time overall winner of the Nurburgring 24 Hours (2006, 2007). ... Favorite racer as youngster growing up was legendary Formula One superstar Alain Prost. ... Would like to compete in rally racing as means of developing his overall skills. ... Lists getting factory contract with Porsche as best moment in racing to date. ... Considers his friend and factory teammate Dumas as his ultimate driving teammate "because he is pushing always (to go faster)." ... One moment in history he would like to have seen: "When the first car was built back in 1896. It was the birth of our profession."

## **SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS**

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*Four-time Champ Car champion and current F1 pilot Sebastien Bourdais has made multiple cross-overs from open-wheel racing to sports cars. ... Will return to Sebring with factory Peugeot squad in LMP1 for 2009. ... Part of the GT2-winning effort from Multimatic Motorsports Team Panoz at Sebring in 2006. ... Also competed at Petit Le Mans, finishing fourth in class. ... The native of Le Mans, France holds sports cars close to his heart, having competed at the 24 Hours seven times. ... Will return to Le Mans in 2009 as part of Peugeot Sport roster.*

**2009:** At Sebring, started second as runner-up on pole and fiercely contended with Audis and Acuras for 12 hours. Teamed with Stephane Sarrazin/Franck Montangy to finish 22 seconds behind winning Audi.

**2006:** Recorded one win and a podium finish in two starts with Multimatic Motorsports Team Panoz. ... At Sebring, teamed with David Brabham/Scott Maxwell for historic GT2 win for Panoz Esperante at Sebring. ... Drove final stint to hold off Flying Lizard Porsche and Risi Ferrari as top three finished on same lap. ... At Petit Le Mans, with Brabham/Maxwell, battled BMW resulting in late-race spin for BMW, putting Panoz third in class. ... In Champ Car, won third straight title with seven wins including season's first four.

**2005:** Drove Care Racing Ferrari in GT1 at Sebring with Christophe Bouchut/Fabricio Gollin. ... Trio finished 10th in class and 27th overall.

**2001:** Drove Courage-Peugeot at Sebring with Jean-Christophe Boullion and Laurent Redon – car retired after 167 laps (engine) for seventh-place P900 finish.

**2000:** Finished seventh overall and in class at Silverstone in Courage-Peugeot with Emmanuel Clerico and Olivier Grouillard in all-French entry.

**At Le Mans:** Five starts, mostly in prototypes in hometown race. ... Did not finish in 1999 with Larbre Competition and Porsche 911. ... Drove for Pescarolo Sport in 2000-2002 and 2004. ... Fourth in 2000 maiden prototype venture but retired in 2001 before placing in ninth in 2002. ... Retired again in 2004. ... Returned with Peugeot factory diesel effort in 2007 and placed second with Stephane Sarrazin/Pedro Lamy. ... Returned with Peugeot in 2009 and paired with Frank Montagny/Stephane Sarrazin, who won overall pole. Finished second, one lap down to winning team car.

### **BOURDAIS PIT NOTES**

2002 FIA Formula 3000 champion, winning three times (Imola, Monaco, Nurburgring) with six poles. ... Was runner-up on three other occasions. ... Also won the 24 Hours of Spa in 2002. ... Only driver to win four consecutive Champ Car titles (2004-2007). Drove for Newman Haas Racing. ... First driver since Ted Horn (1946-48) to win three straight Champ Car championships when he clinched his third in 2006. ... Won 31 races and 31 pole positions to go along with 34 fastest race laps, all series records. ... Began Formula One testing with Scuderia Toro Rosso in December 2006. ... Placed 17<sup>th</sup> in F1 2007 World Championship for STR. ... Best result was seventh-place at Australia and Spa. ... Claims Ayrton Senna as racing hero. ... Nominates Spa as favorite race track “but Elkhart Lake is very close”. ... Established residence near St. Petersburg, FL after racing there for first time. ... Favorite recipe is for lobster ravioli. ... “L’auberge du Pont Rouge” in hometown of Le Mans is favored European restaurant.

## **DAVID BRABHAM**

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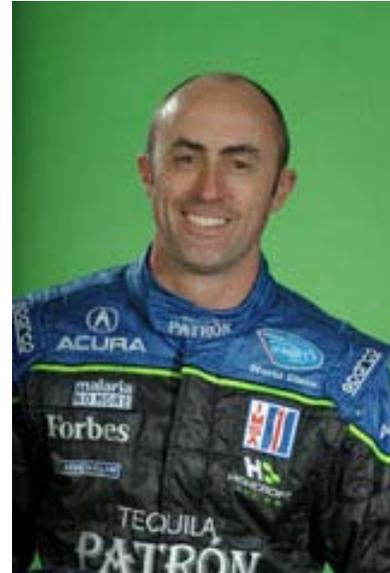
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*After taking four LMP2 class victories last season with teammate Scott Sharp, David Brabham returns to Acura and Patrón Highcroft Racing for 2009 with new Acura ARX-02a LMP1 car. ... Is the only driver in Series history to win races and pole positions in four classes. ... Ranks among the all-time leaders in virtually every statistical category. ... Won Le Mans twice in GT1. ... Collected second-place LMP2 championship trophy in 2008 along with the Most Popular Driver Award from the Series and MotorsTV. ... Son of three-time Formula One World Champion Sir Jack Brabham and is one of more than 20 Series drivers to boast F1 experience.*

**2009:** At Sebring, debuted Acura's ARX-02a featuring four same-size tires for the first time in Series history. Transmission failure after 302 laps left the team short of goal of a race finish but claimed fifth in class. ... At St. Petersburg, teamed with Sharp for first win victory in ARX-02a with decisive victory. Started

second in P1 and passed Lowe's Fernandez's Luis Diaz after race's only restart. Was first P1/P900 win since Washington DC in 2002. ... At Long Beach, after starting from pole position with LMP1 record run of 1:11.627 (98.912 mph) in qualifying, teammate Sharp handed over P1 lead after 62 minutes; 20-second penalty called on team's fire extinguisher crew member for not wearing an appropriate helmet, a matter under protest. Entry finished in second in class and overall. ... At Utah, made fourth consecutive start at Miller Motorsports Park and placed venue-best second behind de Ferran Acura. Qualified second to Simon Pagenaud. ... At Lime Rock, came within 12 minutes of repeat victory until late-race pit stop to replace punctured left-rear tire. Claimed second place in class and overall. ... At Mid-Ohio, qualified second overall and watched Sharp fight de Ferran Acura through traffic. Contact between the No. 9 Acura and GT2 car resulted in body damage that affected aero. Placed second but still maintained championship lead. ... At Road America, bounced back into victory lane with LMP1 victory over rival de Ferran Motorsports. Drove final stint against de Ferran through two restarts and won by 0.461 seconds with Sharp. Led 36 of final 40 laps. ... At Mosport, qualified on pole and gave Patrón Highcroft its second consecutive Series victory, and second successive Canadian triumph. The team also claimed its first MICHELIN® GREEN X® Challenge trophy. ... At Petit Le Mans, extended LMP1 championship lead following a 24-hour rebuild of the Patrón Highcroft Acura after accident during mid-week practice. Started in 10th place and advanced to sixth in class before race was called due to weather.

**2008:** Completed season with 10 starts, four wins, seven top-3 finishes, three fastest qualifying and fastest lap records. ... At Sebring, overcame early qualifying and race struggles to earn Patrón Highcroft Acura ARX-01b sixth overall and fourth in LMP2 with Scott Sharp/Stefan Johansson. ... At St. Petersburg, finished second in P2 and third overall as highest-finishing Acura entry for second straight year. ... At Long Beach, made Series history by winning in fourth different class. Passed Penske's Romain Dumas with three minutes left and drove to victory with Sharp. ... At Utah, could not repeat previous success, and ended with a ninth-place run in P2 (24th overall). Crash with Dyson Racing Porsche, and subsequent contact from Andretti Green Acura, severely damaged rear suspension. Crew returned car to track in time for duo to score points but could not makeup time. ... At Lime Rock, scored first overall Series victory since 2002 by driving to win with Sharp. Claimed overall pole and passed Penske's Timo Bernhard for lead with three minutes left. Win also was first for Patrón Highcroft and first overall for Acura in Series. ... At Mid-Ohio, fierce competition with Dumas, and a late spin, caused the team to settle for second in P2 and fourth overall with Sharp. ... At Road America, scored third P2 win in previous five rounds. Drove first and third stints and led overall twice for 13 laps. Benefitted when class-leading Andretti Green Acura went off after contacting slower GT2 car. ... At Mosport, earned season's fourth victory in unlikeliest of ways by taking lead on final lap when Gil de Ferran's Acura ran out of fuel. Qualified second in P2 and posted record P2 race lap at 1:06.164

(133.795 mph). ... At Detroit, earned second overall pole of season as Brabham/Sharp led for combined 49 laps. Got as close as one second behind AGR's Montagny late in race but finished second. ... At Road Atlanta, never saw seat time and watched championship hopes go down with Sharp crash after just 16 laps due to rear suspension damage. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, again scored overall pole position with record run of 1:10.103 (114.928 mph). Duo finished ninth class and 15th overall after Acura suffered power-steering issues. Finished second in championship.

**2007:** With Stefan Johansson, led Acura contingent in marque's first Series season with four podiums, one overall pole position and fifth-place P2 championship finish. ... Strong qualifying at Sebring, but late electrical issues caused fourth in class with Johansson/team owner Duncan Dayton in new Acura ARX. ... Recorded team's first podium with runner-up showing at St. Petersburg but slipped to fourth at Long Beach after late spin. ... Qualified on overall pole at Houston with stunning final-lap run to best Audi's Allan McNish by 0.006 seconds in becoming first Series driver to win poles in four different classes, but strong competition resulted in finishing fourth. ... Mid-race repairs allowed Brabham to turn final lap at Utah and qualify team for points. ... Returned to podium in home race for Connecticut-based Highcroft at Lime Rock. ... Sixth in class at Mid-Ohio before scoring another podium and third place at Road America. ... On podium again at Detroit despite minor contact early. ... Pit-stop dramas at Petit Le Mans caused lost time and a sixth place finish. ... Contact with Dyson Racing Porsche caused major damage at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, and forced retirement after 89 laps.

**2006:** Returned to Panoz marque in Esperante GTLM in GT2. Posted one victory and finished fifth in championship with Scott Maxwell. ... Opened season with victory and class pole, teaming with Maxwell/Sebastien Bourdais. Was second straight class win at 12 Hours. ... Struggled at Houston as soft tire compound led to rear suspension issues and sixth-place finish. ... Rebounded with runner-up finish to Flying Lizard Porsche at Mid-Ohio but found difficulty at Lime Rock with series of incidents for sixth-place GT2 finish. ... Fifth-place at Utah, but a ninth-place finish at Portland due to mechanical problems. ... Eighth at Road America (gearbox) and didn't see seat time at Mosport after Lap 7 crash with Maxwell at wheel. ... Added Bourdais at Petit Le Mans and returned to podium with third-place class showing. ... Ended season with disappointing 10th in GT2 after Maxwell crash.

**2005:** Limited schedule with Aston Martin Racing and its DBR9, racing just three times. ... At Sebring, made his 50th career start in Series memorable winning in GT1 with Darren Turner/Stephane Ortelli. ... Runner-up at Petit Le Mans with Turner/Jonny Kane. ... Fourth at Laguna Seca with Turner in race-long GT1 battle.

**2004:** Five starts for two teams, initially for ACEMCO Motorsports at Sebring with Terry Borcheller/Johnny Mowlem, taking third place in GTS. ... Signed on with Krohn Barbour Racing to pilot Lamborghini Murcielago. Fourth at Mid-Ohio, Lime Rock, Infineon and Portland with Peter Kox. ... Retired before halfway point at Petit Le Mans in partnership with Nic Jonsson/Kox.

**2003:** Second in GTS championship with three wins for Prodrive with longtime cohort Jan Magnussen. ... Began season with third-place finish at Sebring in Bentley prototype and at Infineon with a Prodrive Ferrari. ... Fourth at Trois-Rivieres and third at Mosport. ... Won at Road America, then declared GTS winner at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca when No. 88 Ferrari was excluded. ... Won third consecutive race at Miami and closed the season placing second at Petit Le Mans.

**2002:** Two wins and sixth in LMP900 championship for Panoz factory effort with Magnussen. ... Retired after 56 laps at Sebring before taking overall win at Infineon, besting Audi's Tom Kristensen/Johnny Herbert. ... Ran third at Mid-Ohio but did not finish at Road America. ... Highlight of season came at Washington stadium circuit, a 0.766-second win over Audi's Kristensen/Dindo Capello. ... Fifth at Trois-Rivieres with fourth at Mosport and Laguna Seca before fifth-place at Miami. ... Seventh at Petit Le Mans in final race with Panoz prototype.

**2001:** Back with Magnussen in cockpit of new Panoz LMP07 design, which was shelved after Sebring retirement despite third-place overall finish at Texas. ... Returned to previous Panoz LMP with third at Sears Point before breaking Audi dominance with win at Portland, and then followed up with second position at Mosport, and a win at Mid-Ohio. ... Dropped out at Laguna Seca after 57 laps (accelerator), then ended season eighth at Petit Le Mans.

**2000:** Started 11 events with Magnussen and placed seventh in prototype championship. ... Blew engine at Sebring before a strong run starting with placing second at Charlotte and then Silverstone. ... Turned tables with win at Nurburgring, and finished in fifth position at Sears Point. ... Did not see action at Mosport after Magnussen was involved in crash on lap 41. Third at Texas, second at Portland and third at Petit Le Mans before retiring very early at Laguna Seca (engine). ... Sixth at Las Vegas and after Magnussen ran just two laps at Adelaide (alternator), Brabham teamed with Greg Murphy/Jason Bright finished third, ninth overall.

**1999:** Second in prototype championship with pair of wins for Panoz and teammate Eric Bernard. ... Dropped out at Sebring after 103 laps (fire). ... Drove to fifth position at Road Atlanta, before runner-up finish at Mosport. ... Sears Point yielded second place finish, followed by victory at Portland. ... Brabham/Bernard/Andy Wallace then won Petit Le Mans, but mechanical

failures forced dropout late at Laguna Seca and suffered blown engine at Las Vegas.

**At Le Mans:** Sixteen career starts with three straight class victories from 2007-09, including overall win in 2009. ... Has competed in every running since 1996, when he was fourth in GT1 with McLaren. ... Drove for Panoz from 1997-2002 with best finish of seventh overall in 1998 and 1999. ... In 2007, drove with Darren Turner/Rickard Rydell for GT1 win in Aston Martin DBR9. Drove race's opening and closing stint in trouble-free run for works DBR9. ... In 2008, returned to La Sarthe in Aston Martin DBR9 with Darren Turner and Antonio Garcia to take the GT1 victory. ... Scored overall victory in Peugeot 908 HDi in 2009 with Alexander Wurz/Marc Gene. Trio won by one lap over second factory car. ... Two other podium finishes – third in 2005 with Aston Martin GT1 and second overall with Bentley in 2003. ... Class win in 1993 taken away due to post-race DQ of TWR Jaguar.

### **BRABHAM PIT NOTES**

Born in England, but grew up in Australia and is an Australian citizen. ... Now lives in London and has also lived from time-to-time in the United States. ... Has planet Earth on firesuit and back of helmet; claims no nationality but rather is a “citizen of the world.” ... Son of Sir Jack Brabham, a three-time Formula One World Champion who won a championship with a car of his make and first driver to be knighted for service to motorsport. ... Also is brother of former IMSA and open-wheel star Geoff Brabham. ... First race car, a go-kart, did not come until age 17. ... Has driven for two different Formula One teams. ... In 1990, drove for Brabham F1, starting eight times with five DNFs. Did finish 15th at French Grand Prix at Paul Ricard. ... Returned to F1 during 1994 season, working for Simtek team. Posted 10th place finishes at Hockenheim and Catalunya. ... Early racing successes include fourth place overall in 1986 Formula Ford 1600 competition, followed by 1987 championship in Australian Gold Star Formula 2 series. ... Took 1989 British Formula 3 title. ... Won the Formula 3 World Cup at the Macau Grand Prix. Also has competed in Formula 3000 and Formula 3. ... Won 1991 Spa 24 Hours touring car event. ... Won Rallycross event at Brands Hatch in 1993. ... Most memorable Formula 3 was victory at Macau when he turned back eventual Formula One champion Michael Schumacher. ... Avid soccer player who follows the English leagues religiously, notably the fortunes of Manchester United. Saw Man U when team played at Giants Stadium in 2003. ... Lists in-season residence as “aeroplanes”. ... Considers Ayrton Senna as greatest all-time driver because “he just drove at a different mental level”. ... Once involved in farming business. ... Owns Brabham Performance Clinic and is force behind MSA British Race Elite, which offers the most promising British racing drivers the opportunity to join a program to develop their skills and give them the best possible chance of making the step up to the highest levels in motorsport. ... Patrón Highcroft team supports Africa through its Miles to End Malaria Campaign. For every mile completed in competition, team raises money for a good cause.

## **ED BROWN**

### **Birthdate:**

January 18, 1963

### **Birthplace:**

Colorado

### **Height/Weight:**

5-9, 150 pounds

### **Residence:**

Las Vegas, NV

### **Family:**

Wife Lisa

### **Team (Class):**

ORBIT Racing – Porsche 911 GT3 Cup (Challenge)

### **Website:**

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### **Special Interests:**

Golf, reading, family



*Patrón Spirits CEO Ed Brown is in his second year of IMSA competition as part of Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama. ... Will make his first American Le Mans Series start at Utah as part of the new Challenge class. ... Set to team with fellow ORBIT Racing driver Bill Sweeter in one of team's Porsche 911 GT3 Cup entries.*

**2009:** At Utah, came home third in Challenge class during first Series start but relegated to fifth due to ride height violation and exclusion in post-race technical inspections. ... At Lime Rock, placed career-best second in class with local favorite Sweedler. ... At Mid-Ohio, knocked off track after being hit from behind at start, sending Porsche flush against concrete wall. Transported to local hospital for observation but quickly released and returned to track. ... At Road America, was hit early by spinning No. 47 challenge, but continued handing off to Sweedler to finish fifth in class.

### **BROWN PIT NOTES**

First year of IMSA Challenge competition saw 10 starts in rookie year. ... Best result came at season-ending Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca round with 12<sup>th</sup>-place class finish. ... Also in top-15 in both Petit Le Mans rounds at Road Atlanta. ... Campaigning full 2009 Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama season

for ORBIT Racing. ... At Sebring, drove both rounds on weekend in ORBIT Racing Porsche. Best finish was 27<sup>th</sup> in opening round. Placed 13<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Utah rounds. ... Graduated from University of Texas with business degree and would welcome opportunity to spend time with Bill Gates and Warren Buffett. ... Favorite personal car is Mercedes SL65 black edition. ... Lists Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca as favorite venue. ... Lists Patrón Highcroft Racing pilot Scott Sharp as mentor and Series driver he admires most. ... Pre-race ritual includes a Diet Mountain Dew.

## **TONY BURGESS**

### **Birthdate:**

August 22, 1955

### **Birthplace:**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

### **Height/Weight:**

6-1, 165 pounds

### **Residence:**

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

### **Family:**

Wife Camilla, five children

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Autocon Motorsports – Lola B06/10-AER (LMP1)

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### **Special Interests:**

Engineering, aerospace



*Tony Burgess will return to the LMP1 ranks in the American Le Mans Series as a driver for Autocon Motorsports in 2009. ... Veteran Canadian road racer has been a semi-regular competitor in the American Le Mans Series since its inception in both prototype and GT ranks. ... Ended 2008 totaling 35 career starts, one top-3, nine top-3 and 25 top-10 finished in eight years.*

**2009:** At Sebring, started ninth and finished seventh for Autocon Motorsports. Did not run at the finish due to electrical problems on Lap 151. ... At Lime Rock, finished fourth in class with McMurry and sixth overall in first race since Sebring. ... At Mosport, drove in home country. Started fourth in P1 and finished fourth. Mechanical issues caused early retirement after 63 laps, 68 laps behind leading prototype. ... At Petit Le Mans, while weather caused first red-flag finish (due to rain), started ninth and finished eighth in class with teammates McMurry/Willman.

**2008:** Made four starts with two top-five finishes. ... At Sebring, made first 12 Hours start since 2005. Drove to fifth-place P1 finish in Autocon Creation-Judd with Chris McMurry/Bryan Willman. ... At Mosport, rejoined Autocon in Creation-Judd prototype. Completed just 42 laps before mechanical failure. ... At Road Atlanta, helped debut new Autocon Lola-AER but crashed while at wheel on Lap 123. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Lola saw broken suspension and Turn 2 'off' that resulted in only 87 laps completed and sixth-place P1 finish with McMurry.

**2007:** Made two starts in Autocon Motorsports' Judd-powered Creation CA06H prototype in season. ... At Mosport, finished third in P1 with Chris McMurry after driving final hour-long stint. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, was at wheel late when terminal driveline failure forced sixth-place P1 finish.

**2005:** Made four starts, with best finish of fifth at Mid-Ohio. ... Teamed with Mike Rockenfeller/Martin Jensen for eighth class position at Sebring in Porsche. ... Seventh in class with Sascha Maassen at Road Atlanta before season-best fifth at Mid-Ohio with Rockenfeller. ... Returned at Petit Le Mans, with eighth-place showing for J3 Racing with Michael Cawley/Leh Keen.

**2004:** Retired after 47 laps at Sebring with Philip Collin/Grady Willingham.

**2003:** Raced with Collin at Atlanta Grand Prix and finished 12th in GT. ... Paired up with David Shep at Mosport but bowed out after 49 laps. ... Teamed with Collin/Andrew Bagnall at Petit Le Mans for 15th in class.

**2002:** Entered only five races, highlighted by fourth at Road America. ... Sixth in GT at Laguna Seca, sixth at Petit Le Mans and eighth at Portland. ... Retired after 93 laps at Mosport (crash).

**2001:** Ran seven times, with best finish of fifth place at home Mosport track.

**2000:** Finished fifth at Laguna Seca and Petit Le Mans in eight overall starts.

**At Le Mans:** Competed twice in 24 Hours of Le Mans, both in Seikel Motorsport Porsches in GT2/GT. ... Third in 2000 with Max Cohen-Olivar/Michel Neugarten after 303 laps. ... Fourth in 2004 with Philip Collin/Andrew Bagnall. Was 15th overall.

### **BURGESS PIT NOTES**

Raced in Canadian F2000 series in 1999. ... Ran one Le Mans Series event in 2006, fifth-place in LMP2 at Donington for Kruse Motorsport in Courage-Judd. ... Placed 10th in 2007 Le Mans Series LMP2 championship. Fifth at Monza and Valencia in Kruse Motorsport Pescarolo. ... Earned degree in aerospace

engineering from Ryerson University. ... Calls Jackie Stewart's battle with Ronnie Peterson at Mosport in 1973 GP of Canada greatest race he has seen.

**DINDO CAPELLO**

(ka-pello)

**Birthdate:**

June 17, 1964

**Birthplace:**

Asti, Italy

**Height/Weight:**

5-8, 143 pounds

**Residence:**

Canelli, Italy

**Height/Weight:**

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**Family:**

Wife Elisabetta, son Giacomo (8/30/1999)

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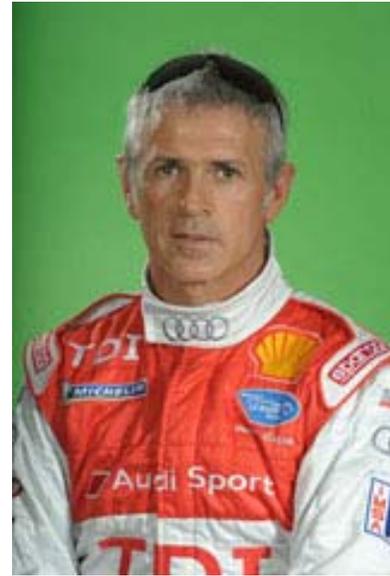
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**Series Championships:**

2 – 2006 & 2007 (LMP1)

**Special Interests:**

Soccer



*Associated with Audi since 1992, factory driver Dindo Capello is part of manufacturer's newest project with launch of R15 TDI. ... Will drive at Sebring with longtime teammates Allan McNish/Tom Kristensen behind wheel of first-year diesel-powered prototype. ... Two-time American Le Mans Series LMP1 champion also is a three-time winner at 24 Hours of Le Mans. ... Owns more career LMP1 wins (33) and career overall wins (25) than any driver in Series history.*

**2009:** At Sebring, in first running of Audi R15 TDI, started second on the grid and battled against Peugeot to claim season-opening overall victory. Teamed with Allan McNish/Tom Kristensen. Trio set records for distance covered and average race speed. ... At Petit Le Mans, started third and finished third while battling the Peugeots and Acuras with defending champion McNish as weather caused first ever red-flag finish (due to rain).

**2008:** Made five starts in part-time Series duty. ... At Sebring, took second class victory in three years with Allan McNish/Tom Kristensen in Audi R10 TDI. Failed to extend Audi's unbeaten overall winning streak after team changed front brake rotors after 10 hours. Penalized early for contact with Flying Lizard Porsche and watched as team erased three-lap deficit in final two hours to finish on lead lap, third overall. ... At Lime Rock, returned in partnership with Emanuele Pirro and took over midway through in race-leading car. Involved in crash with Bell Aston Martin GT1 entry that left severe damage to No. 1 entry. Car returned to complete 137 laps (of 168) and third-place class finish. Did post race's fastest lap at 48.007 (112.484 mph). ... At Mid-Ohio, ran second with Pirro behind winning Audi teammates Marco Werner/Lucas Luhr. Qualified Audi seventh overall. ... At Mosport, set Series record with fastest all-time average qualifying speed (138.116 mph) in run to overall pole position. Came home second with Pirro to Audi mates Luhr/Werner, 21 seconds back. ... At Road Atlanta, teamed with McNish/Pirro for remarkable victory after coming from two laps down at start of the race. One of two drivers (McNish is the other) to win P1 at Sebring, Le Mans and Petit Le Mans in the same year.

**2007:** Again joined McNish with duo winning nine times in 12 starts to easily win second straight LMP1 championship together. ... Started with second place at Sebring with McNish/Kristensen before winning nine of final 11 races. ... Drove stellar final stint on old tires at St. Petersburg to hold off teammate Emanuele Pirro in sister car for 0.426-second overall win ... Took P1 class win at Long Beach but saw R10 TDI's winning streak of overall wins come to end on tight, twisty Long Beach circuit. ... Third overall and first in P1 at Houston after left front tire puncture early in stint and mid-race off. ... Won again in class at Utah but second overall. ... Fifth overall and one lap down to winning Penske Porsche at Lime Rock although did win in class. ... String of consecutive class wins ended at five with runner-up finish to teammates Pirro/Marco Werner. ... First in class at Road America but again short of overall victory with second-place finish. ... Victory snatched away at Mosport as Audi's gearbox failed late with McNish leading in closing minutes. Scored P1 class win. ... At Detroit, finished second in class and encouraging third-place overall finish as top seven cars finished on lead lap. ... Won at Petit Le Mans, first overall victory since St. Petersburg with McNish in finish for the ages. After nine-plus hours, finished with 0.923-second victory over Penske's Romain Dumas. Running second after caution period with 30 minutes left and used R10 TDI's power and torque to make pass on Road Atlanta's long backstretch. Victory also clinched second

consecutive P1 driving title. ... Capped championship run with another classic duel with Dumas down to the checkered flag at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. Used power and torque of Audi diesel to hold off Porsche pilot for 0.41-second victory in thrilling final 40 minutes. Win at Laguna kept Capello/McNish pairing unbeaten at circuit. ... Recorded four class pole positions and two fastest race laps.

**2006:** Won first Series championship paired with McNish with dominating season that saw eight wins (seven overall) in 10 starts. ... Returned to full-time Series duty at Sebring and piloted new Audi R10 TDI to victory with McNish/Kristensen. First Series win for Capello since 2002 season. ... Continued to write the legacy of the legendary Audi R8 with fastest race lap and victory in first race at Houston by five laps. ... First in P1 but third overall to two Penske Racing Porsche LMP2s. ... At Lime Rock, Capello and McNish gave the Audi R8 a more-than-proper sendoff into retirement, piloting the legendary machine to victory in spite of an afternoon-long battle against the No. 7 Porsche Spyder. Capello/ McNish grabbed the lead for good on lap 140 and maintained their advantage to the checkered flag after a race-record 177 laps, finishing 11 seconds in front. ... Fourth overall and second in class at Salt Lake following late tire puncture. ... Won at Portland despite early-race contact on first turn. ... Second overall at Road America in duel with sister Audi; held lead until the race's final half-hour when Pirro overtook him on a restart. ... Wrapped up P1 title at Mosport with overall race win against hard-charging Dyson Racing Lola. ... At Petit Le Mans, continued dominance for second endurance win of season. Car took lead in seventh hour and led rest of the way. ... Capped title season with 18.5-second win at Laguna Seca, first of four cars to finish on lead lap.

**2003:** Made only Series start driving for Bentley in the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, finishing fourth with teammates Tom Kristensen/Guy Smith, same trio that won at Le Mans.

**2002:** Ran full season for factory Audi R8 factory effort its final year. ... Won at Sebring for second straight year, joined by Johnny Herbert/Christian Pescatori in Audi R8. ... Joined eventual Series champion Kristensen for the rest of the season and won races at Road America, Trois- Rivieres, Mosport and Petit Le Mans. ... Runner-up at Mid-Ohio and Washington. ... Finished second in driver standings, a mere two points behind Kristensen.

**2001:** Second full season with factory Audi team for third-place in P900 championship. ... Started year with win at Texas with new partner Kristensen, then won Sebring with Laurent Aiello/Michele Alboreto. ... Paired with Kristensen for rest of season and won again at Sears Point. ... Runner-up at Mid-Ohio after passing the pace car by mistake while leading. ... Four poles on the season (Texas, Sears Point, Mosport and Laguna Seca).

**2000:** First full season of Series action with factory Audi team and new Audi R8. ... Paired with eventual champion McNish for entire year. ... Started season with runner-up at Sebring, then had problems at Charlotte before taking third at Silverstone and winning back-to-back at Sears Point and Mosport. ... Second at Texas before winning Portland, Petit Le Mans and Laguna Seca consecutively. ... Second at Las Vegas then finished season with big win at Adelaide, Australia. ... Four poles on season and second in driver championship.

**1999:** Raced in America for the first time in career. ... Debuted new factory Audi team with Audi R8R prototype and finished third at Sebring with Alboreto/Johansson.

**At Le Mans:** Ten career starts with three overall victories for three different factories. ... Debuted in 1998 with DNF in McLaren F1 GTR (with Tomas Bscher/Pirro). ... Scored first win in Bentley prototype with Kristensen/Guy Smith in 2003 and followed with upset victory for private Team Goh in Audi R8 in 2004. ... Has finish on podium six times, most recent being third-place in 2006 with McNish/Kristensen in debut for R10 TDI. Second in 2001 and 2002 for Audi to go along with third-place finish in 2000. ... Led in 2007 by two laps into 16th hour when left rear tire suspension failure sent Capello off hard at Indianapolis Corner and ended hopes of third Le Mans win. ... In 2008, scored third overall win with Kristensen/McNish in Audi R10 TDI. ... In 2009, finished on overall podium with third-place finish with Kristensen/McNish in first race at Le Mans for R15 TDI. Lost time having to change suspension and cleaning out air intakes. ... Overall pole position in 2001, 2002 and 2006.

### **CAPELLO PIT NOTES**

Personality has made him popular with fellow drivers and fans. ... Began racing career in open-wheel formula competition. ... Won Italian F3 races in 1987 at Vallelunga and 1988 at Monza before going back to touring cars in 1990. Had 11 touring car wins for Audi between 1994-96. Won Italian Touring Car titles in 1992 and 1993. ... Teamed with Kristensen to win European Le Mans Series races in 2001 at Donington and Jarama. ... Won 2008 Le Mans Series race with McNish at Silverstone as Audi clinched manufacturer championship. ... Spoke little English when he came to America in 1999 but quickly became fluent after competing and traveling with the American Le Mans Series. ... Would someday like to meet the Pope and would like to play himself in a movie. ... Admires cycling exploits of Lance Armstrong. ... Past recipient of Italian "Golden Helmet" award, given to Italy's top driver. ... Once worked as car dealer and auto alarm salesman. ... Nickname 'Dindo' came about when he was a youngster and family had difficulty pronouncing his given name (Rinaldo).

## **DOMINIC CICERO**

### **Birthdate:**

September 25, 1980

### **Birthplace:**

Vancouver, WA

### **Height/Weight:**

5-5, 145 pounds

### **Residence:**

Portland, OR

### **Family:**

Single

### **Team (Class):**

Team Falken Tire – Porsche 911 GT3 RSR (GT2)

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### **Special Interests:**

Movies, fitness



*A worldwide traveler in motorsport, Dominic Cicero has landed in the American Le Mans Series for the 2009 season. ... Will join Bryan Sellers with first-year effort for Team Falken Tire with Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. ... Team eyeing partial season while preparing for 2010 championship run. ... Found success in European formula development championships.*

**2009:** Announced in March as primary driver for first-year Team Falken Tire Porsche in highly competitive GT2 class. ... Teaming with Bryan Sellers for three-race schedule that includes Long Beach, Petit Le Mans and Monterey Sports Car Championships. ... At Long Beach, competed for the first time in No. 17 entry. Pairing drove flawlessly until one-hour mark when forced into early retirement due to transmission problems. ... At Petit Le Mans, returned to Series competition with Sellers in Team Falken Tire Porsche. Started and finished 11th in GT2 during rain-shortened event.

**CICERO PIT NOTES:**

Only 30 as 2009 opens but has had life of ups and downs. ... Left Vancouver, Wash., home at age of 17 to attend Winfield Racing School in France. ... Won 1998 Winfield Pilote Elf by record margin and moved to La Filiere Campus championship with support from Elf Oils and Renault in 1999, where he finished fourth. ... In line for F3 factory ride before moving back home to care for ailing father and nearly lost life in karting accident in 2000. Spent month in medically induced coma before recovery and return to Europe in 2002. ... Ran UK Formula Renault championships before taking wins in North American Formula Renault in 2003 (Mexico City and Phoenix). ... Again returned to Europe in 2004 to compete in Formula Renault V6 Eurocup Championship; best result was ninth place after starting 22<sup>nd</sup> at Monaco as support race for F1. ... Moved to Grand-Am for partial 2005 season, where he spent 2006 and 2007. ... Favorite circuits include Monaco and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

## **JONNY COCKER**

**Birthdate:**

August 24, 1986

**Birthplace:**

Manchester, England

**Height/Weight:**

5-9, 141 pounds

**Residence:**

Guisborough, England

**Family:**

Single

**Team (Class):**

Drayson Racing – Aston Martin Vantage GT2 (GT2)

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**Special Interests:**

Physical fitness, automobiles



*Jonny Cocker has established himself as one of Britain's elite young drivers, and for 2009 he hopes to add to his rookie successes with teammate Lord Paul Drayson in the American Le Mans Series under Drayson Racing. ... In 2008, Cocker and Drayson, a member of the British House of Lords, finished their season with Top-10 finishes in all completed events. ... Will be returning behind the wheel of the Aston Martin 007 running on E85 for Sebring, Petit Le Mans and Monterey Sports Car Championships.*

**2009:** At Sebring, returned with co-pilot Paul Drayson and was joined by Rob Bell under the banner of Drayson Racing. Finished 10<sup>th</sup> in class as a result of early retirement caused by engine failure. ... At Petit Le Mans, returned to the grid with a P1 Lola-Judd prototype. With a rain-shortened race, started eighth and finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the No. 88 with Drayson and Bell, who crashed after left-front tire came off car and sent Lola hard into outside wall prior to three-hour mark.

**2008:** First full season of series competition saw four top-10 finishes in 11 starts driving bio-ethanol fueled Aston Martin Vantage GT2. ... At Sebring, debuted with Drayson-Barwell Motorsport. Drove opening stint before car was retired after Turn 1 crash on Lap 71 with teammate Drayson driving. ... At St. Petersburg poised to take green flag but never saw race start after DBRS9's gearbox failed on second pace lap. ... At Long Beach, drove new Aston Martin Vantage GT2 in highly anticipated debut. Teaming with Drayson, finished a race for the first time and placed 11th in class. ... At Utah, ran into mechanical issues with Vantage GT2. Car was retired from the race after 27 laps (engine) with Cocker completing all the laps. ... At Lime Rock, suffered throttle issues early on, and retired for second straight race (engine) after only 24 laps. ... At Mid-Ohio, scored first point-paying finish with 10th-place showing and completed second race of the season. ... At Road America, in contention for second-straight top-10 finish before car was hit by leading Andretti Green Acura in final minutes. Final result was 11th place in class. ... At Mosport, had season-best result with eighth-place class finish teaming with Drayson. ... At Detroit, never saw seat time after early-race crash for Drayson. ... At Road Atlanta, again cracked top-10 with ninth-place finish but retired following a driveshaft failure. Trio of Cocker/Drayson/Darren Turner ran as high as third in class in race's opening half. Retirement also robbed opportunity to win GT portion of Green Challenge. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, the Cocker/Drayson team concluded rookie season on upbeat note with season's best showing, a seventh-place finish.

**2007:** Announced in November his plans to contest the 2008 American Le Mans Series season with Drayson and Drayson-Barwell Motorsport.

**At Le Mans:** In 2009, made 24 Hours debut with Drayson/Marino Franchitti in Aston Martin Vantage. Trio ran consistently before electrical failure with two hours left.

### **COCKER PIT NOTES**

Began professional racing career in 2003 by placing fourth in British Porsche Carrera Cup. ... Became youngest British GT Champion at just 18 years old. Recorded 14 podiums out of 16 races including six wins and clinched title with two rounds remaining. ... Added another record by becoming youngest winner of Porsche Infineon Carrera Cup Asia. Took three wins and eight podium finishes. ... Competed in Aston Cup and British GT Championship in 2006, taking six victories and 14 podiums in 18 combined starts. ... Placed second in Aston Cup with teammate Leo Machitsky and was third in British GT Championship in GT3 class. ... Claimed two wins and second-place championship finish in 2007 British GT championship; race wins at Snetterton and Thruxton were the first in a British national series for a bio-ethanol car. ... Also recorded pole positions at those venues plus Oulton. ... Scored victory in 90-minute night race at Brands Hatch with Drayson. Qualified on pole position

and set fastest race lap. ... Drove in two 2007 FIA GT races. Placed eighth at Silverstone and 10th at Zuhai in Aston Martin DBR9. ... Was voted by Autosport magazine as top British GT driver in 2007. ... Says favorite circuits are Shanghai in China and Donington Park in England. ... Is managed by former American Le Mans Series competitor Tim Sugden.

## **GUY COSMO**

**Birthdate:**

March 12, 1977

**Birthplace:**

Port Jefferson, Long Island, NY

**Height/Weight:**

6-1, 150 pounds

**Residence:**

West Palm Beach, FL

**Family:**

Single

**Team (Class):**

ORBIT Racing – Porsche 911 GT3 Cup (ALMS Challenge)

**Website:**

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**Special Interests:**

Music, fitness, rollerblading, coaching



*With a background in open wheel race cars, Cosmo has been a fixture in North American sports car racing since 2005. ... Broke into American Le Mans Series with B-K Motorsports and Courage-Mazda effort with one class victory in LMP2. ... Set to return as part of new ALMS Challenge class for ORBIT Racing.*

**2009:** At Utah, originally finished second in Challenge class but later was excluded for ride height violation with teammate Baker. Posted fastest Challenge lap of race in return to Series. ... At Lime Rock, finished fifth in Challenge class after leading early. Set race's fastest lap. Entry crashed in the first half of the race due to stuck throttle and could not continue. ... At Mid-Ohio, claimed first Series pole, and took second place class finish behind Snow Racing entry. Also posted class' fastest race lap. ... At Road America, qualified on pole with 2:16.098 and also took record for fastest lap with 2:18.092. After early run-off into gravel, claimed a fourth place finish.

**2006:** Made just five starts in abbreviated season in LMP2. Drove Courage C65-Mazda for B-K Motorsports with Jamie Bach. ... Placed fourth in pairing's first race together at Sebring with Raphael Matos. ... Improved to second at Houston in first race with Kumho rubber. ... Fourth at Mid-Ohio before hard crash at Lime Rock sidelined entry for four events. ... Returned to competition at

Petit Le Mans with Bach/Elliott Forbes-Robinson for fourth place. ... Ran fourth again at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. ... Placed fifth in P2 championship.

**2005:** A former Star Mazda Series champion, Cosmo and Jamie Bach were named at Sebring as drivers for B-K Motorsports' Mazda-powered Courage C65. Duo and car made Series debut at Grand Prix of Atlanta, finishing second in LMP2. ... Pairing recorded first Series victory at Mid-Ohio, and first victory for Mazda in the American Le Mans Series. ... At Lime Rock, Bach/Cosmo battled mechanical difficulties, completing 114 laps for third in class. ... At Infineon, claimed third podium in four starts, third place in P2 behind Intersport and Miracle Motorsports entries. ... Again battled mechanical problems at Portland but finished second in class. ... Completed but two laps at Road America when drive train failure ended the day at team's home track. ... Returned to podium at Mosport with third-place P2 finish. ... Cosmo/Bach were joined by Elliott Forbes-Robinson for Petit Le Mans and finished second in class to Intersport Racing Lola. ... Ended season with another podium finish at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, behind Penske Motorsports and Miracle Motorsports. ... Cosmo/Bach finished third in P2 drivers points and were named Series Rookies of the Year.

**2003:** Maiden Series appearance came at Sebring. Finished 12th overall and ninth in LMP900 for American Spirit Racing with Mike Lewis/Tomy Drissi.

### **COSMO PIT NOTES**

Already a motorsports veteran, Cosmo's racing career goes back age 11 in a go-kart given by his father. ... Won the 2002 Star Mazda North American Championship with four victories in nine events. ... Also has won championships in USF 2000 (1999) and Formula Ford 1600 Southeast Division (1997). ... Posted four top-10 finishes in 2001 Toyota Atlantic Championship. ... Has tested for Indy Lights and Panoz Motor Sports. ... Posted three podiums in five Grand-Am races in 2003. ... Nine Grand-Am starts in 2006 with runner-up finish at Utah and overall pole at VIR. ... Two top-10 finishes in both 2007 and 2008. ... Considers his best racing moment to be winning very first Formula Ford event at Bridgehampton on Father's Day when his father was hospitalized. ... Would like to attend the Olympic Games one day. ... Says Roger Penske is the one living person he would like to meet because "he is a hero of mine". ... Considers James Weaver as the Series driver he most admires because "he is the best driver out there" and lists Ayrton Senna as his ultimate racing teammate. ... Interests include music (plays the drums), weight training, roller-blading, music (drums) art and writing.

## **ERIC CURRAN**

### **Birthdate:**

June 8, 1975

### **Birthplace:**

Springfield, MA

### **Height/Weight:**

6-0, 180 pounds

### **Residence:**

Easthampton, MA

### **Family:**

Single

### **Team (Class):**

LG Motorsports – Corvette C6 (GT2)

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### **Special Interests:**

Karting, driver coaching



*American racer Eric Curran is set to return to Series action at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring behind the wheel of the re-built Riley Corvette C6 in GT2. ... Had first taste of Series in 2008 also with LG Motorsports and ran as high as second at Miller Motorsports Park. ... Has competed in more than 20 professional races each year since 2000 but began career in 1994.*

**2009:** At Sebring, made encouraging Sebring debut in LG Motorsports Corvette C6 before retirement and mechanical issues occurred on Lap 89. ... At St. Petersburg, teamed again with Lou Gigliotti in impressive run that saw Corvette second late in GT2 before finishing fourth, just off podium.

**2008:** Made American Le Mans Series debut in the Riley Corvette C6 in GT2 with LG Motorsports at Miller Motorsports Park. Ran as high as third until contact with another GT2 car resulted in a sixth place finish.

## **CURRAN PIT NOTES**

Eric has competed professionally in the NASCAR Camping World, American Le Mans, Grand Am Rolex, Koni Challenge, & World Challenge series since 2000. ... Has turned more than 10 pole-qualifying laps, and over 14 wins in his professional career. ... Qualified on pole at a Daytona Rolex race over 196 mph. ... Has qualified on the pole 13 times and won over 22 races in his professional racing career since 2000. ... Has also driven over 30 different types of race cars ranging from front wheel drive to rear wheel drive and from 150 hp-750 hp and over 40 total wins under his belt. ... Owns a Volvo dealership in Hadley, Mass. ... Has competed on over 40 different racetracks but cites Lime Rock Park as his favorite circuit.

## **GIL de FERRAN**

### **Birthdate:**

November 11, 1967

### **Birthplace:**

Paris, France

### **Residence:**

Fort Lauderdale, FL

### **Height/Weight:**

5-11, 187 pounds

### **Family:**

Wife Angela, son Luke, daughter Anna Elizabeth

### **Team (Class):**

de Ferran Motorsports – Acura ARX-02a (LMP1)

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### **Special Interests:**

Family, physical fitness



*Open-wheel champion and legend Gil de Ferran is embarking on his first full season in the American Le Mans Series in 2009. ... Former Indy 500 and CART championship winner announced in January 2008 his return to racing with the formation of de Ferran Motorsports. ... Went on to field an Acura ARX-01b in LMP2 with Simon Pagenaud. ... Prior to competitive return to cockpit, served as Sporting Director for the Honda Racing F1 team until July 2007.*

**2009:** At Sebring, debuted XM Radio de Ferran Acura ARX-02a to a disappointing sixth-place class finish. Early retirement due to front suspension failure. Teamed with Simon Pagenaud and overall pole-winner Scott Dixon. ... At St. Petersburg, drove opening stint after Pagenaud pole position. Opened commanding lead early before entry developed electrical issues that forced retirement after 66 laps for third-place class finish. ... At Long Beach, battled against Patrón Highcroft in both qualifying and race. Earned long-awaited first Series victory and first at Long Beach in tandem with Pagenaud. Benefitted from

pitlane penalty to Patrón Highcroft entry. Victory was first since final IndyCar race in 2003. Also won prototype trophy in MICHELIN® Green X® Challenge. ... At Utah, took second Series victory as well as second in a row. Teammate Pagenaud qualified on pole position and led all but three laps on the day. Was first repeat winner in MICHELIN® Green X® Challenge on season. ... At Lime Rock, third straight overall victory with Pagenaud. Started on pole, and dramatic duel with Patrón Highcroft Acura lasted entire race until latter suffered punctured tire. Entry also won MICHELIN® Green X® Challenge among prototype entries for third race. ... At Mid-Ohio, won fourth straight overall pole position (dating back to 2001 CART race) and drove No. 66 to a fourth consecutive overall victory. Announced retirement from driving at the end of 2009 season to concentrate on management of de Ferran Motorsports. Captured MICHELIN® GREEN X® Challenge award. ... At Road America, qualified on pole for first time at track in career but placed second in nail-biting sprint to the finish against Brabham in Patrón Highcroft Acura. Set fastest race lap on lap 45 with 1:50.873. Saw four-race win streak end. ... At Mosport, topped the time sheets in the final pre-race warm-up session under damp conditions, and then established an early lead. Developed a leak in the gearbox, and had to make numerous pit stops resulting in second in class and overall. ... At Petit Le Mans, fought Audi and Peugeot at front until suffered suspension damage due to contact and later bodywork damage due to slick racing conditions. Claimed a ninth place finish with Dixon/Pagenaud.

**2008:** Made eight starts with three top-three finishes in his first season with Acura. ... At Utah, made Series debut with impressive weekend-long showing. Just missed overall pole position but forced to start from rear after tire change following late 'off' in qualifying. Teamed for third-place overall and class finish with Pagenaud. ... At Lime Rock, watched Pagenaud qualify second before going off track and colliding with another Acura prototype. Completed 151 laps to take seventh in class and 14<sup>th</sup> overall. ... At Mid Ohio, scored first Series pole position and third straight at Mid-Ohio dating back to 2001. Led early and locked in battle for overall and class victory until horrific fire in the pit lane injured re-fueler Keith Jones. Car was retired for ninth in class. ... At Road America, involved in two separate incidents with slower GT2 cars in opening stint. Resulting penalty and crash damage led to eighth-place P2 finish. ... At Mosport, de Ferran Motorsports in line for its first class victory before running out of fuel halfway through the final lap. Entry dropped back to sixth in class. ... At Detroit, de Ferran/Pagenaud climbed back on class podium with an overall third-place finish in Acura sweep. ... At Road Atlanta, loose bodywork and faulty ignition contributed to a fifth-place in class and eighth overall position. Trio of de Ferran/Pagenaud/Scott Dixon did have the accolade of being the only Acura to finish the endurance race. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, ended season with runner-up P2 position. Started fourth on the grid but jumped to overall second at the first turn. Duo led for 21 laps and finished behind class-winning Andretti Green Racing Acura by 0.054 seconds, closest finish in class history.

**2007:** Final season as Sporting Director for Honda Racing F1 team with drivers Rubens Barrichello and Jenson Button. ... de Ferran oversaw the team's most successful period to date with three podiums and a win during his time at the team. ... Proudly watched Jenson Button take Honda's first Grand Prix victory since 1967 at the Hungarian GP.

### **de FERRAN PIT NOTES**

A household name who was inspired by fellow Brazilian, Emerson Fittipaldi's successes, de Ferran has carved out his own place in the racing hall of fame. ... Born to Brazilian parents in Paris, began racing at the age of five in a go-kart. ... Moved to England to race professionally in 1988 and captured the British Formula 3 Championship in 1992 winning seven races en route. ... Went on to drive for Paul Stewart Racing's Formula 3000 team in '93 and '94 before moving to the United States to drive for Jim Hall in the CART Champ Car World Series in 1995. ... Took CART Rookie of the Year Award in 1995 with his first victory in the season finale at Laguna Seca. ... Career highlights came during the fruitful Penske years where he won two CART World Series titles in 2000 and 2001 and won the Indy 500 in 2003 before announcing his retirement.

## **BEN DEVLIN**

### **Birthdate:**

April 8, 1982

### **Birthplace:**

Norwich, England

### **Residence:**

Norwich, England

### **Height/Weight:**

5-6, 143 pounds

### **Family:**

Single

### **Team (Class):**

Dyson Racing – Lola B09/86-Mazda MZR-R (LMP2)

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### **Special Interests:**

Football, extreme sports, golf, biking, traveling



*Ben Devlin brings his experience with Mazda to Dyson Racing in 2009 as a driver of the new Mazda-powered Lola coupe in LMP2. ... Part of lineup at North America's premier sports car team for full season. ... Englishman has competed in Series since 2001 with every start coming in prototypes. ... Owns two career LMP675 victories, both in Lola entries.*

**2009:** At Sebring, suffered mechanical problems in Mazda-Lola B09/86 coupe but still had podium finish with a second place finish in LMP2. ... At Petit Le Mans, started first in class and was in seat when rain caused race to end prematurely. It was the first Petit Le Mans victory for the team and first class win for Mazda.

**2008:** Season saw nine starts with eight top-10 finishes and fifth-place finish at Road America in tandem with Gerardo Bonilla in B-K Motorsports Lola-Mazda.

... At Sebring, clipped inside of Turn 1 during qualifying causing Lola to barrel roll and end up on top of outside tire barrier. Cracked tub forced B-K Motorsports crew to build new car and took track Saturday morning in warm-up. Car never started race as team couldn't find source of fuel leak. ... At St. Petersburg, made season's first start and posted impressive sixth-place P2 finish (seventh overall) in tandem with Bonilla. Drove opening stint and handed off to Bonilla in final 40 minutes. ... At Long Beach, donned livery in tribute to new Speed Racer film and drove home 10th overall and eighth in class, just off lead lap. ... At Salt Lake City, drove home to eighth-place class finish and ninth overall in Lola-Mazda with Bonilla. Struggled throughout race to keep pace with front-runners. ... At Mid-Ohio, battled more gearbox and engine problems but completed race with eighth-place P2 finish. ... At Road America, had season's best showing with fifth-place class finish and eighth overall. Put aside concerns about engine malfunction to end with three-position gain from starting on grid eighth in class. ... At Mosport, mechanical problems delayed second straight top-five finish at venue. Placed ninth in class and six laps down. ... At Detroit, placed seventh in P2 but just one lap down to lead pack. Picked up three spots from starting position. ... At Road Atlanta, never saw seat time in new Lola coupe after entry was withdrawn following warm-up crash with Bonilla at wheel. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, drove coupe in race for first time. Forced to serve penalty for avoidable contact and also weathered engine issues before finishing 10th in LMP2.

**2007:** Started all 12 races for B-K Motorsports in new Lola-Mazda combination. Placed ninth in competitive P2 championship teamed with Jamie Bach. ... Tough start to season with eighth-place showing at Sebring and DNF at St. Petersburg. ... Ran third overall and in P2 at Long Beach before running out of fuel on pitlane. Managed to get car to pits for eighth-place class showing. ... Eighth again at Houston and seventh at Utah. ... Hard-luck results at Lime Rock (eighth after late-race shunt) and Mid-Ohio (engine retirement). ... Placed 11th place overall at Road America, still eighth in class. ... Recorded season's best finish with fourth-place showing in P2 at Mosport. ... Sixth in class at Detroit but eighth overall and just one lap down to overall winner at race's end. ... Gearbox failure late put damper on Petit Le Mans showing that saw Lola run second in P2. ... Ended season with loss of power during third hour at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

**2006:** Made just five starts for van der Steur Racing in two different chassis. ... Fourth in P2 on bumpy Houston circuit. ... Fifth at Mid-Ohio before retirement at Lime Rock after 32 laps. ... Returned at Petit Le Mans in AER-powered Radical and completed only six laps. ... Better run at Laguna and led P2 early before retiring after 100 laps (mechanical).

**2005:** Six starts for van der Steur Racing Lola. Posted pair of runner-up finishes. ... Lime Rock and Road America held second-place class finishes. ...

Broken turbocharger early on at Mosport signaled retirement after 26 laps. ... Left Petit Le Mans after seven laps. ... Fourth in Laguna Seca finale.

**2004:** Made one P2 appearance at Petit Le Mans. Blown engine sidelined Marshall Cooke-entered Lola after 107 laps.

**2003:** Retired at Sebring (mechanical) in only start of season in P675.

**2002:** Competed in nine Series races for Marshall Cooke Racing/Archangel Motorsports in Lola B2K/40-Millington. ... Took first LMP675 class win at Infineon and then won again at Road America. ... Finished in runner-up spot in driver standings.

**2001:** Made Series debut by finishing second in LMP675 class at Petit Le Mans in Lola for Archangel team.

**At Le Mans:** Made debut at the historic event in 2008 with the Bruichladdich Radical LMP2 team. ... Teamed with Marc Rostan/Gunnar Jeannette and finished in sixth place in class.

### **DEVLIN PIT NOTES**

Began his race career karting at the age of 12. ... At 15, joined Jim Russell Racing School and won his first five races following graduation. ... In 2000, received a career boost by becoming the “Young Star” in the Lotus Autobyte Elise championship, racing on various European circuits and winning once. ... Drove a Dodge Viper in the 2001 season in Britain’s BRDC GT Series. ... Moved on to SRP II class following year in Grand-Am, driving for Archangel and winning his debut race at Road America, followed by a victory at Watkins Glen en route to finishing sixth in drivers standings. ... Landed job of initial testing of new A1GP car for Sheik Maktoum, followed by a trip to Dubai to drive the car around the streets for the launch. ... Also has helped specialist manufacturer Breckland Technology in development of new GT car in preparation for racing debut. ... Cites Road Atlanta as favorite Series venue. ... As for future dining partners, selected Charlize Theron, Tara Reid and Paris Hilton. ... Would have liked to race with Steve McQueen. ... Once worked as carpet fitter. ... Place he would like to visit would be Oz. “I just keep hearing how nice it is!” ... Always puts on right driving boot before left boot.

## **LUIS DIAZ**

### **Birthdate:**

December 1, 1977

### **Birthplace:**

Mexico City, Mexico

### **Residence:**

Mexico City, Mexico

### **Height/Weight:**

5-9, 144 pounds

### **Family:**

Wife Carolina, son Luis Pablo (2/2/2009)

### **Team (Class):**

Lowe's Fernandez Racing – Acura ARX-01b (LMP2)

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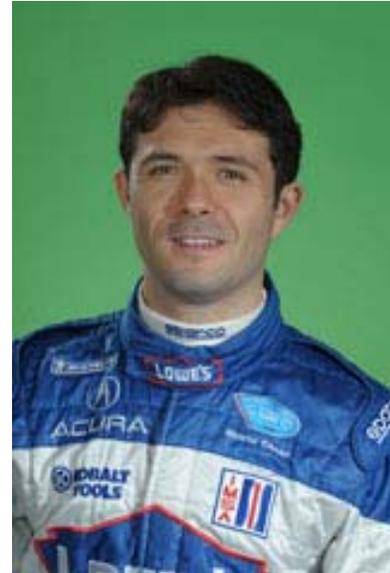
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### **Special Interests:**

Remote control race cars, golf, go-karts, computer racing games.

*Mexico's Luis Diaz's sophomore year in the American Le Mans Series with Lowe's Fernandez Racing co-owner Adrian Fernandez resulted in four top-five and two podium finishes in the 2008 season. ... Will rejoin his fellow countryman in Lowe's Acura ARX-01b for LMP2 in search of class championship. ... Talented young driver with championship background in both open-wheel and sports cars.*

**2009:** At Sebring, watched Fernandez claim LMP2 pole and went on to score first victory for Lowe's Acura ARX-01b. ... At St. Petersburg, won first class pole and second straight race with one-lap victory over nearest Dyson Racing Lola-Mazda. Never trailed in race and also won prototype trophy in MICHELIN® Green X® Challenge. ... At Long Beach, continued unbeaten start to season with third straight P2 victory. Started on class pole but ran second during entirety of stint in fuel-conserving run. Went seven minutes longer than closest Dyson Racing pursuer before handing over to Fernandez. ... At Utah, claimed second



P2 pole and won for fourth straight event with Fernandez. Fell behind Dyson Lola-Mazdas early but ultimately won out on fuel strategy and watched Fernandez win by a half-second. ... At Lime Rock, started first in class after Fernandez pole but gearbox and understeer forced lengthy stop. Rebounded for second-place finish as four-race win streak ended. ... At Mid-Ohio, qualified on P2 pole but fell back to third in class while maintaining consistency. Team call to short-fill on fuel during last stop put Acura out of pits ahead of overall leader during caution, which gave entry nearly a full lap lead. ... At Road America, drove opening stint in sixth LMP2 win of season in seven races. Difference was team call for no tires on final pit stop. Entry won second MICHELIN® GREEN X® Challenge prototype award. ... At Mosport, recorded seventh win with Adrian Fernandez, and clinched LMP2 driver championship, the first for both drivers in Series. ... At Petit Le Mans, finished second in class and 21st overall after battling power steering issues which began during first stint \while he was running first in class and ninth overall. Results were enough to clinch team championship honors for Lowe's Fernandez Racing during rain-shortened event.

**2008:** Second season in Series saw starts in all 11 rounds and a pair of podiums with Adrian Fernandez. ... At Sebring, duo placed second overall but car was excluded after failing post-race technical inspection (too much air into the engine). ... At St. Petersburg, finished three laps down to place seventh in class and 10th overall after contact with an Audi prototype in race's second half. ... At Long Beach, qualified second overall on grid but finished eighth overall and sixth in P2 after battling handling issues ... At Utah, started race second overall and led for 23 laps. Incident with Dyson Racing Porsche resulted in fifth in class and overall. ... At Lime Rock, continued progression to fourth-place class finish (fifth overall) with Fernandez, two laps down to overall race winning-Acura due to an electrical problem. ... At Mid-Ohio, battled Penske Porsche RS Spyder to climb onto P2 podium for first time in season with stellar third-place showing in class and fifth overall. ... At Road America, duo qualified second in P2 and second overall. In contention for overall victory in final hour when rear suspension broke on Acura and sent Fernandez off hard into gravel trap resulting in ninth place in class and 25th overall. ... At Mosport, climbed back on podium with runner-up finish. Duo ran among top three all weekend. ... At Detroit, finished disappointing ninth in class, 21 laps down, with suspension damage near the one-hour mark setting the team back. ... At Road Atlanta, accident after 281 laps resulted in rear suspension damage, and eliminated the Acura team ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, qualified second overall and among class leaders for race's first half before having to replace battery on Acura. Final race of the season ended in a seventh-place finish in P2 and ninth overall for the duo.

**2007:** Started all 12 races in Series rookie campaign in tandem with Fernandez behind wheel of Acura-powered Lola. Duo posted three P2 podium finishes and sixth-place championship finish. ... Started with a bang and runner-up P2 finish at Sebring. ... Fell back to fourth at St. Petersburg after avoidable contact

penalty. ... Ran solidly in third overall at Long Beach but finished seventh in class after a gamble on fuel strategy; held same finishing position at Houston with handling issues. ... Contact at Utah resulted in fifth-place class finish with entry eliminated at Lime rock early (suspension failure). ... Battled to finish fourth-place overall and third in P2 at Mid-Ohio for first podium since Sebring. ... Eventful day at Road America included an electrical problem at the start and stop-and-go penalty for contact that resulted in a sixth-place class finish. ... Contact with a GT car at Mosport dropped the pair off the lead lap and a resulting sixth-place finish ... Fourth-place class finish at Detroit after slow in-lap for a pit stop due to traffic. ... Retired after early accident at Petit Le Mans before making podium return with third-place P2 finish at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

### **DIAZ PIT NOTES**

Began career racing go-karts at age 12 and won numerous national karting titles in Mexico before moving to racing cars in Mexico at age 18. ... Named Rookie of the Year in 1997 in Mexican Formula 3 series. Won championship the next year ... Earned Rookie of the Year honors driving for Team GO in a partial season of Pan-American Indy Lights with one win and five additional top-fives in 1999 ... Spent next two seasons in Indy Lights with best championship finish of seventh in 2001. ... Fourth in 2002 Toyota Atlantic Championship with two wins and eight top-six in 12 starts. ... After substituting for an injured Fernandez in the 2002 Champ Car race in Mexico City, Diaz was named the team's official test driver in 2003. Also placed eighth in Toyota Atlantic. ... Moved to sports cars in 2004. Spent three seasons in Grand-Am with eight victories from 2005-2006, winning the 2006 team championship and placing second in the drivers championship. ... Nicknamed "Chapulín" meaning "grasshopper" in Spanish. ... Has worked at an amusement park and car company as a consumer aide. ... Wants to attend Super Bowl game.

## **SCOTT DIXON**

**Birthdate:**

July 22, 1980

**Birthplace:**

Brisbane, Australia

**Height/Weight:**

5-10, 160 pounds

**Residence:**

Indianapolis, IN

**Family:**

Wife Emma

**Team (Class):**

de Ferran Motorsports – Acura ARX-02a (LMP1)

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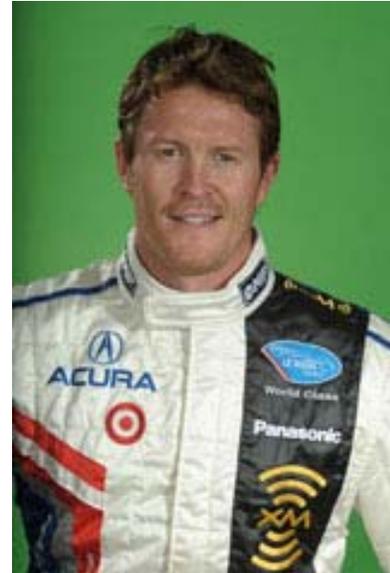
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**Special Interests:**

Triathlons, lemon drops, rugby



*A national hero in his home country of New Zealand, Scott Dixon is one of the most celebrated drivers in the world. ... A standout in IndyCar racing, is making an impact in prototypes as well. ... Two-time IndyCar champion and reigning Indy 500 winner. ... Joined de Ferran Motorsports lineup in Acura P2 at Petit Le Mans in 2008 and will be part of roster at Sebring as team moves to LMP1. ... Made Series debut in 1999 at Petit Le Mans.*

**2009:** At Sebring, made first Sebring appearance and put the No. 66 XM Radio de Ferran Acura ARX-02a on pole. Placed sixth in class and eighteenth overall. Suffered early retirement due to front suspension failure with co-pilot Gil de Ferran/Simon Pagenaud. ... At Petit Le Mans, returned to Series for first time since Sebring in battle with Audi and Peugeot. Entry suffered three mishaps on the course due to slick racing conditions, including a damaging spin with Dixon at wheel. Claimed a ninth place finish with de Ferran/Pagenaud.

**2008:** At Petit Le Mans, made first Series start since 1999. Teamed with Gil de Ferran/Simon Pagenaud in Acura ARX-01b but faced number of issues including ignition and handling. Finished fifth in class.

**1999:** Made first Series start at Petit Le Mans in tandem with Stefan Johansson/Jim Matthews in a Ferrari 333 SP prototype that retired after 225 laps with a gearbox problem.

### **DIXON PIT NOTES**

Greatest level of success has come in single-seat ranks. ... Son of two dirt-track racers and began racing at age of 13. ... Won New Zealand Formula Vee title after organizers granted special license. ... Began racing in North America in 1999. ... Competed for Johansson Motorsports, owned by F1 and sports car veteran Stefan Johansson, in Indy Lights championship with win at Chicago. ... Won 2000 championship and graduated to CART in 2001. ... Became youngest driver to win open-wheel race at Nazareth and finished as CART Rookie of the Year. ... After 2002 season in CART, moved to IndyCar in 2003. ... Won championship in rookie season with three victories (Homestead, Pikes Peak and Richmond). Also earned five pole positions. ... Fell to 10<sup>th</sup> in 2004 championship but earned pair of F1 tests with Williams-BMW. ... Won at Watkins Glen in 2005 and 2006, same season where he also took Nashville victory and placed fourth in championship. ... Runner-up in 2007 standings with four victories including three in a row (Watkins Glen, Nashville and Mid-Ohio). ... Dominating 2008 season with second championship and first Indianapolis 500 victory. Tied series record with six victories. Also added 14 top-five championships. ... Also won 2006 Daytona 24 Hours with Ganassi racing. ... First job was as a sign writer and decaler. ... Enjoys triathlons.

## **PAUL DRAYSON**

### **Birthdate:**

March 5, 1960

### **Birthplace:**

Greenwich, England

### **Height/Weight:**

5-7, 150 pounds

### **Residence:**

London/Gloucestershire, UK

### **Family:**

Wife (Elspeth), five children

### **Team (Class):**

Drayson Racing – Aston Martin Vantage GT2 (GT2)

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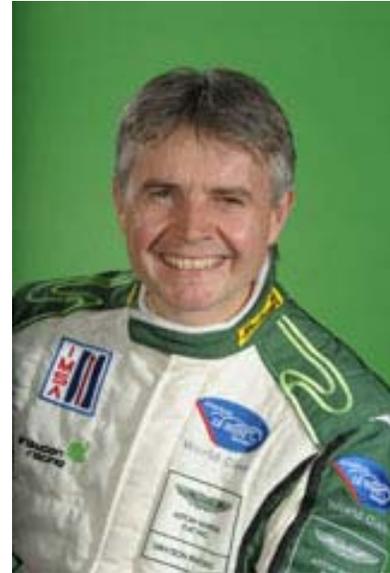
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### **Special Interests:**

Family, science and technology, music



*Lord Drayson is a member of the British House of Lords and newly named Minister of Science and Innovation for the United Kingdom. ... Competing in 2008 with Drayson-Barwell in his rookie year with the Series, Drayson teamed with British star Jonny Cocker and together made strides on the race track both in the racing statistics as well as in support of the use of alternative fuels. ... Drayson will be teaming again alongside Cocker in cockpit of an Aston Martin Vantage GT2 under the team name Drayson Racing in the 2009 season, running on E85.*

**2009:** At Sebring, drove Aston Martin Vantage GT2 with teammates Jonny Cocker/Rob Bell. Completed 204 laps before engine failure meant 10th in GT2 class. ... At Petit Le Mans, returned to the grid with a P1 Lola-Judd prototype. With a rain-shortened race, started eighth in the No. 88 with Cocker/Bell and finished tenth due to a left-front hub failure following a heavy impact with the Road Atlanta tire wall prior to three-hour mark.

**2008:** First season of Series competition saw nine starts and four Top-10 finishes, with a season-ending best finish of seventh at Mazda Raceway. ... At Sebring, debuted in Series with co-pilots Jonny Cocker/Tim Sugden in E85 bio ethanol-powered Aston Martin DBRS9. Car was retired after 70 laps due to crash on Lap 71. ... At St. Petersburg poised to take green flag but never saw race start after DBRS9's gearbox failed on second pace lap. ... At Long Beach, teamed with Cocker in highly anticipated debut race of Aston Martin Vantage GT2. Entry was strong enough to give pairing their first complete Series race and an 11th-place finish in class. ... At Utah, ran into mechanical issues with Vantage GT2 and never started the race due to retirement after 27 laps (engine). ... At Lime Rock, started race yet retired for the second time after 24 laps due to engine issues. ... At Mid-Ohio, completed second race of the season with a 10th-place finish. ... At Road America, in position for second straight points-paying finish before crash with P2-leading Andretti Green Racing at Turn 12. Retirement caused 11th-place class finish. ... At Mosport, teamed with Cocker for an eighth-place GT2 finish in first visit to Canadian venue. Also scored Founder's Cup award as one of race's top gentlemen drivers. ... At Detroit, race lasted just one lap after hard crash into tire wall at Turn 12 eliminated Aston Martin in early going. ... At Road Atlanta, added Aston Martin driver Darren Turner to lineup. Earned second top-10 finish in three races. Qualified season-best eighth in GT2 and ran as high as third before crash in eighth hour, which caused a second-place finish in Green Challenge among GT entries. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Drayson/Cocker duo ended rookie year with season-best finish of seventh in GT2. Drove first and third stints. Won Promoter's Award, as voted on by race organizers, for significant contribution to promotion of events.

**At Le Mans:** In 2009, made 24 Hours debut with Cocker/Marino Franchitti in Aston Martin Vantage. Trio ran consistently before electrical failure with two hours left.

### **DRAYSON PIT NOTES**

Did not begin racing until age 43. ... Raised near Brands Hatch Grand Prix circuit and idolized drivers such as Graham Hill and Jackie Stewart. ... Competed in historic sports cars and single-seaters in 2004 and 2005. ... Competed in 2005 Formula Palmer Audi. ... Moved to British GT Championship in 2006 with Barwell Motorsport and placed sixth in GT3 class championship. ... Also competed in Britcar endurance series. ... Teamed with Cocker for two wins and second-place championship finish in 2007 British GT Championship; race wins at Snetterton and Thruxton were the first in a British national series for a bio-ethanol car. ... Had five other podium finishes. ... Scored victory in 90-minute night race at Brands Hatch with Cocker. ... Earned PhD in robotics at Aston University in 1985. ... Founded Powderject Pharmaceuticals in 1993 as a company to specialize in the production of vaccines. Served as CEO until 2003. Appointed to post as Minister of State for Defense Procurement in May 2005. ...

Former Chairman of the British BioIndustry Association. ... Chairman of the Oxford Children's Hospital Campaign since 2002. ... Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the Said Business School, Oxford University since 2003. ... Named Minister of Science and Innovation for the United Kingdom in 2008, same weekend as Petit Le Mans. ... Enjoys listening to American rock band Green Day. ... Favorite circuit is Brands Hatch. ... Will race at Le Mans for first time in 2009.

## CHAPMAN DUCOTE

**Birthdate:**

March 17, 1976

**Birthplace:**

New Orleans, LA

**Height/Weight:**

5-11, 190 pounds

**Residence:**

Miami, FL

**Martial Status:**

Single

**Children:**

None

**Team (Class):**

Primetime Race Group –  
Dodge Viper Competition Coupe (GT2)

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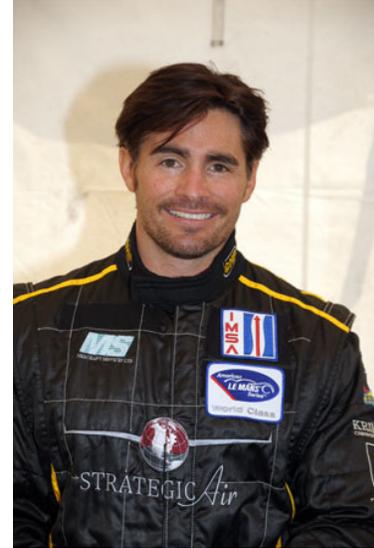
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**Special Interests:**

Diving, spear fishing, cycling, snowboarding



*Sporting a background with multiple motorsport disciplines, Chapman Ducote transitioned into the American Le Mans Series in September of 2007 with Primetime Racing Group and its Dodge Viper Competition Coupe in GT2. ... Will join Intersport Racing's LMP1 effort with an AER-powered Lola for 2009 with former Series champions Clint and Jon Field. ... Has raced karts, formula cars, Porsches, Ferrari Challenge cars, sports racers and Radical SR3 prototypes. ... Also competed in IMSA Lites' L1 class in 2007 season. ... Established real estate developer in Miami area.*

**2009:** At Sebring, made prototype debut in Intersport Lola with Jon/Clint Field. Entry retired with oil issues and eighth in P1. ... At St. Petersburg, drove

opening stint in runner-up P1 finish in tandem with Fields. ... At Long Beach, teamed with the Fields to complete the race five laps behind leader, claiming a top-three finish with Intersport.

**2008:** At Sebring, made transition to GT1 class in Bell Motorsports` Aston Martin DBR9. Drove to third-place class finish with Terry Borcheller/Antonio Garcia despite missing mid-week track time due to bent side frame rail. ... At Lime Rock, returned to Series but found more misfortune as car was damaged in crash with Audi before he saw seat time. Team missed Mid-Ohio but expected to return for Road America.... At Road America, teamed with Borcheller for runner-up class finish in between two Corvettes. ... At Mosport, placed third in GT1, only a lap behind runner-up Corvette entry. ... At Detroit, returned to site of Series debut and again completed race and placed third in class.

**2007:** Made two starts in debut season with Primetime`s Dodge Viper Competition Coupe in GT2. ... At Detroit, teamed with Joel Feinberg for eighth-place showing as electrical issues hampered initial race effort. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, ended season with points-paying ninth-place finish.

### **DUCOTE PIT NOTES**

An established developer, day-trader and entrepreneur residing in Miami. ... Began racing in 1994 (Skip Barber Race Series). Raced SCCA Sports Renault Cars and shifter karts in two Regional Series simultaneously since 1999. ... Has accumulated more than 50 pole positions, 32 wins, and several podium finishes. Sports Renault champion from 2004-2006. ... Ninth in 2007 IMSA Lites L1 class with season-best fifth-place showing (Salt Lake City). Sixth in four other events. ... One World Challenge GT start in 2007, 20th at Mid-Ohio. ... Closely follows Formula One and idolizes retired World Champion Michael Schumacher and works Ferrari team. ... Would like to experience Monaco Grand Prix. ... A student and friend of Emerson Fittipaldi. ... In-season residence in Miami Beach with offseason home in Aspen. "It's very healthy and provides serious outdoor activity." ... Not surprisingly, enjoys snowmobiling, skiing, spear fishing, boating and cycling. ... Has had careers in real estate development, owned a skin care company and in day-futures trading. ... Would like to dine with Ernest Hemingway, Henry Ford and Howard Hughes. "Eclectic group with sharp business brains, a zest for life and artistic vision." ... Series driver he admires most is Max Papis. "His long list of racing accomplishments are goals that are on my roster." ... Favors Detroit (the 'wow' factor) and Mosport (pure driving perspective) as best Series venues.

## **2008 LMP2 CHAMPION**

### **ROMAIN DUMAS**

(row-ma do-ma)

#### **Birthdate:**

December 14, 1977

#### **Birthplace:**

Ales, France

#### **Height/Weight:**

5-7, 134 pounds

#### **Residence:**

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#### **Family:**

Single

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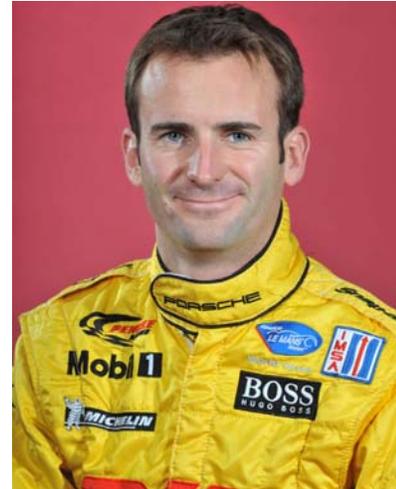
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#### **Series Championships:**

2 – 2007 & 2008 (LMP2)

#### **Special Interests:**

Squash, jet-skiing, running



*Porsche factory driver Romain Dumas did nothing to detract from his superstar status in 2008 as he and Timo Bernhard made history. ... Claimed second consecutive LMP2 championship for Penske Racing and Porsche in 2008. ... Has recorded at least three class pole positions each of the last five years. ... Is one of more than 20 Series competitors boasting Formula One experience.*

**2009:** At Petit Le Mans, while weather caused first ever red-flag finish (due to rain), started sixth and finished fifth in LMP1 with Team ORECA entry.

**2008:** Championship season saw 11 starts, four wins, nine top-3 finishes. ... At Sebring, led final 31 laps in history-making overall victory for Penske Racing and Porsche RS Spyder. Teamed with Timo Bernhard/Emmanuel Collard for Penske's first overall triumph at Sebring and first class win there in 40 years. ... At St. Petersburg, extended Series record with eighth consecutive class victory in partnership with Bernhard. Led race overall two times for 35 laps and lost lead on restart with three minutes left before finishing 0.818 seconds behind Lucas Luhr in winning Audi. Qualified on class pole. ... At Long Beach, saw eight-race class win streak come to end with runner-up P2 finish. Led race overall for nine laps before giving way to two Audis and watched David Brabham in Patrón Highcroft Acura make class-winning pass with three minutes left. ... At Utah, took first overall victory since Sebring and returned to LMP2 win for first time since St. Petersburg in impressive showing with Bernhard. Led twice in final hour including final 22 laps. ... At Lime Rock, witnessed Brabham make winning pass with three minutes left in race as two Penske teammates finished second overall and in P2. ... At Mid-Ohio, again engaged Brabham in torrid race down the stretch. Passed Simon Pagenaud for class lead early in stint and withstood another furious charge from Highcroft's Brabham. Win at Mid-Ohio was pairing fourth straight and third in a row with RS Spyder. ... At Road America, finished second behind Brabham/Sharp after four hours. Led overall early in race and twice in class. ... At Mosport, suffered uncharacteristic sixth-place class finish for first non-podium finish together since Houston round in 2006. Ran out of fuel on final lap. Qualified on pole with all-time P2 record speed of 137.635 mph. ... At Detroit, ran fourth in class after leading early. Had to replace front dive plane early on. ... At Road Atlanta, wrapped up second straight P2 championship with Bernhard by way of runner-up class finish. Led race twice overall for 14 laps and was one of five cars to finish on lead lap. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, secured third straight manufacturers title for Porsche with third-place podium finish. Led overall for 15 laps. ... Scored four fastest qualifying laps and three record race laps throughout season.

**2007:** Dumas/Bernhard never finished off class podium in 12 races in championship-winning season. Set a Series record with eight LMP2 victories and captured six overall race wins, one off the all-time Series mark. ... Opened season with third-place P2 run at Sebring behind two Acuras; lost time to electronic issues but posted fastest LMP2 race lap of 1:46.638, only 0.004 seconds behind overall fastest race lap set by Audi's Tom Kristensen. ... Improved to runner-up at St. Petersburg following overall pole position before going on tear to close season. ... Won overall on street races at Long Beach and Houston. Won by just 0.76 seconds over sister car at Long Beach and 0.49 seconds over Andretti Green Acura in Houston. ... Runner-up finish in P2 at Utah and Lime Rock behind sister cars. ... Won overall at Mid-Ohio for second

straight result there and led 41 laps. ... Won again overall at Road America with Bernhard in rain-filled four hours. Late fuel-only stop proved to be difference over leading Audi diesel, 1.783 seconds behind. ... Benefitted from Audi misfortune at Mosport after leading Audi's gearbox failed in waning seconds. ... Took season's sixth overall win at Detroit in thrilling late-race scrap with Audi's Emanuele Pirro. ... Clinched first driving championship with season's seventh P2 win, this one with Bernhard/Patrick Long. Led overall race on four different occasions including following caution period with 30 minutes left. Passed by Audi's Dindo Capello and came up 0.923 seconds short for closest race in event's 10-year history. ... Again battled with Capello down to the wire at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca for overall win and came up 0.41 seconds short. Scored eighth class win for He/Bernhard. ... Scored four pole positions and three fastest race laps.

**2006:** Full season of prototype racing for Penske Racing was paired mostly with Bernhard. ... Duo added Patrick Long at Sebring but did not finish following broken radiator and later terminal broken input shaft. ... At Houston, after leading overall, suffered another early retirement with broken drive train for fifth-place finish. ... At Mid-Ohio, fulfilled Porsche promise with overall and class win; Dumas picked up for Bernhard after latter had brought Spyder from back of grid to second position. Dumas took the lead for first overall victory for Porsche. ... At Lime Rock, scored class victory and a second-place overall finish in heavy traffic. ... Suffered misfortune at Salt Lake City (throttle malfunction) and Portland (crash damage) for consecutive third-place finishes. ... Paired with Lucas Luhr for balance of season, starting at Road America. Duo finished second in class to sister Porsche but took victory at Mosport. ... Dumas/Luhr added Mike Rockenfeller at Petit Le Mans for runner-up class finish before winning at Laguna Seca to close season with lead-lap finish. ... Had three class poles and four fastest race laps.

**2005:** Scored four GT2 wins in 10 starts with Bernhard in Alex Job Racing Porsche and finished second in championship. ... Did not finish at Sebring (engine) before runner-up finish at Road Atlanta to winning Panoz Esperante after Porsche failed to qualify. ... Gave AJR first win at Mid-Ohio, the start of four-race win streak. Also took class wins at Lime Rock, Infineon and Portland, where duo took championship lead. ... Second at Road America to Petersen/White Lightning Porsche in epic duel before broken alternator wire forced sixth place finish and loss of championship lead. ... Lost more ground at Petit Le Mans with fourth-place finish due to crash damage. Ended better than fifth-place finish at Laguna Seca finale. ... Three class poles and one fastest race lap.

**2004:** Fifth in GT championship during first full-season Series campaign. ... Teamed with Luhr/Marc Lieb under the AJR banner at Sebring and came in second to teammates Sascha Maassen and Bernhard. ... Setup problems at Mid-Ohio resulted in non-memorable afternoon, but Dumas/Lieb team earned

podium recognition at Lime Rock with third-place GT finish and same at Infineon. ... Earned win at Portland, third straight race on class pole. ... Did not finish at Mosport and Road America before finishing second at Petit Le Mans with Lieb/Wolf Henzler. ... Ended season with victory at Laguna Seca. ... Four pole positions and three fastest GT race laps.

**2003:** Entered Sebring with Nasamax, an alternative fuel prototype, but the car retired from the race before Dumas could drive a stint. ... Returned in October as a third driver with Bernhard/Jörg Bergmeister in winning AJR Porsche at Petit Le Mans.

**2002:** Made Series debut at Sebring but car fire put Porsche out only 19 laps into 12 Hours.

**At Le Mans:** Eight career starts with pair of runner-up finishes in GT (2001 and 2002). Seventh overall in 2001 for Freisinger Motorsport, same team he drove for in 2002 and 2004 (third). ... Did not finish for Team Nasamax in 2004 before returning to GT2. Fourth in 2005 for Raymond Narac and eighth for IMSA Performance in 2006. ... Drove for Pescarolo in 2007 and finished third overall in race's highest-finishing petrol-powered entry. ...Piloted the Pescarolo again in 2008 but engine problems resulted in retirement of the car 15 hours into the race. ... Moved to Audi factory squad with new R15 TDI. Teamed with Timo Bernhard/Alexandre Premat in tough going that saw car's fuel pump malfunction and require lengthy stop for repairs. Ended 13<sup>th</sup> in P1 (17<sup>th</sup> overall).

### **DUMAS PIT NOTES**

A second-generation racer who has raced karts, formula cars, GTs and prototypes throughout his career. ... Won Elf ACO Scholarship at Le Mans in 1994 as up-and-coming pilot. ... Competed in karting from 1992-94 with 11 wins. ... Has driven in several French series – notably French Formula 3 and French FFSA GT Championships, with a third-place championship finish in 1997 French Formula Renault Series. ... Drove both open-wheel and sports cars in 2001. GT winner in European Le Mans Series round at Estoril and was a Toyota works driver in Japanese GT Championship. Also was fifth in European F3000 with two podiums in six races. ... Tested with F1 Renault operation in 2002, same year he won Spa 24 Hours (first of three straight), Suzuka 1,000-K and was runner-up in European F3000 with three wins. ... Joined Porsche in 2003. Won three times and finished third in 2003 German Porsche Carrera Cup standings; two of those victories came at Hockenheim. ... Ran selected events in CART Toyota Atlantic series in 2003. ... Tested in Champ Car in 2004 and was LMES class winner at Monza. ... Won 2007 Nurburgring 24 Hours. ... Would like to dine with Henry Ford, Madonna and Formula One impresario Bernie Ecclestone and spend a day with Angelina Jolie “because I would like to compare myself to Brad Pitt,” he says.

## **CHRIS DYSON**

### **Birthdate:**

February 24, 1978

### **Birthplace:**

Poughkeepsie, NY

### **Residence:**

Pleasant Valley, NY

### **Height/Weight:**

6-2, 189 pounds

### **Family:**

Wife Joy, son Nicholas

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Dyson Racing – Lola B09/86-Mazda MZR-R (LMP2)

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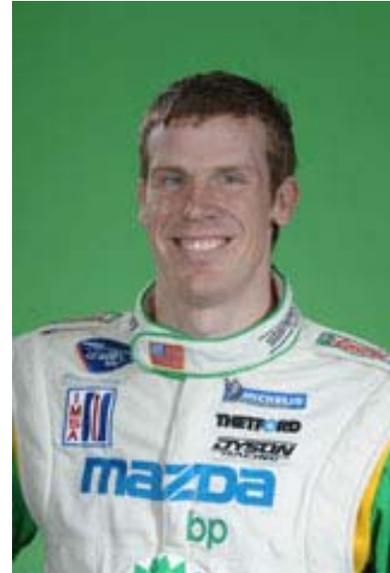
1- 2003 (LMP675)

### **Special Interests:**

Traveling to Italy and the Middle East, reading, finance, history

*Chris Dyson has established himself as a key figure in the American Le Mans Series paddock as both a driver and sporting director for Dyson Racing. ... Already a championship-winning driver having won the 2003 LMP675 championship. ... Paired with Guy Smith in 2008 and will drive together again for fourth year in 2009 in the new Lola B09/86 Mazda MZR-R as contenders for the LMP2 crown.*

**2009:** At Sebring, team owner started eighth but mechanical issues plagued Dyson Racing and caused the Mazda-powered Lola coupe to retire early but still earn third-place P2 finish. ... At St. Petersburg, teamed with Smith for second place in P2 as both Lola-Mazdas finished race. Minor setback with post-pit stop penalty. ... At Long Beach, battled against Lowe's Fernandez Racing



throughout race. Watched teammate Smith lead entirety of opening stint before finishing second in class in team's strongest run to date. ... At Utah, led early in partnership with Smith as Dysons waged terrific battle with Fernandez Acura. Lost laps due to mechanical issues mid-race and placed third in P2. ... At Lime Rock, entry retired an hour into race (electrical). Watched sister Lola-Mazda score first class victory. ... At Mid-Ohio, ran second in class at the start behind sister car, but suffered turbo issues on lap 62 resulting in retirement and fifth place finish in class. ... At Road America, received stop-and-go penalty for working on the car in closed pits and was hit from behind near the two-hour mark. Damage to rear of car caused him to go behind the wall and forced to retire (electrical). ... At Mosport, after 52 minutes made contact with Turn 1 wall shortly after assuming P2 lead. Caused rear wing and body damage, and early retirement. Finished third in class. ... At Petit Le Mans, was not running for points since team as team competed with BP blend of ethanol and biobutanol. Finished seventh overall, nine laps ahead of their sister car, which claimed P2 win during rain-shortened event.

**2008:** Started all 11 events with Guy Smith, and the duo claimed eight top six finishes driving a Porsche RS Spyder. ... At Sebring, recorded an overall podium finish with third-place P2 effort. Finished one lap down to overall leaders including No. 20 sister car that was second overall and in P2. ... At St. Petersburg, fought with the Lowe's Fernandez Acura of Luis Diaz and suffered late-race tire puncture to lose class podium and claimed fourth-place finish. ... At Long Beach, again battled Diaz's Acura for ninth place overall and seventh in class finish. ... At Utah, started from rear of grid after changing tires following qualifying. Moved up 16 places in the first 10 laps and advanced to eventual sixth-place finishing position with Smith. ... At Lime Rock, celebrated team's 25th anniversary in professional racing. Car was retired with a cracked tub after crashing with Flying Lizard GT2 Porsche shortly after driver exchange with Smith at the wheel. ... At Mid-Ohio, Dyson team performed minor miracle by assembling new RS Spyder chassis in one day and had the car on track for Thursday's test session. Car improved throughout the weekend, and duo finished with lead-lap finish and fifth in P2. ... At Road America, placed sixth in class. Lost time due to penalty for not shutting down engine before pit service. ... At Mosport, ran seventh in class and just ahead of sister entry. Had to replace front nose and clear intake early. ... At Detroit, finished just off lead lap and in sixth place overall after starting from rear of grid (post-qualifying tire change). ... At Road Atlanta, placed sixth in class after having to change rear diffuser midway through 1,000-mile race. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, ended season with top-five finish as one of eight cars on lead lap after four hours.

**2007:** Started all 12 events with Smith, taking fourth place in P2 championship. ... Drove first race in Porsche RS Spyder at Sebring and finished sixth in P2 despite contact with GT2 car and problems with power-steering rack. ... Sixth in class at St. Petersburg following separate shunts with fellow prototype and GT2

car. ... Finished fifth in P2 and overall at Long Beach as one of four RS Spyders to finish in overall top-five. ... Battled with Acura's Luis Diaz at Houston to post second straight top-five class finish. ... At Utah, another solid performance for fourth-place class finish, right behind third-place sister car. ... Finished fourth in class and overall at Lime Rock, one lap off pace despite two penalties. Dyson called in for having moved out of line before crossing the start-finish line at race's start. ... Fifth in P2 and seventh overall after late penalty at Mid-Ohio. ... Just missed Road America podium with fourth-place class showing on same lap as third-place Highcroft Acura. ... Fifth in class at Mosport and Detroit, where car was on lead lap at race's end. ... Recorded season's best finish at Petit Le Mans with runner-up P2 result and third place overall. Dyson and Smith drove entire distance between the two of them. ... Capped season off with 10th straight top-five class finish and was one of seven cars on lead lap at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

**2006:** Started full slate of 10 races in LMP1 class with new Lola B06/10-AER. ... Day-long difficulties (tire puncture, electronics, overheating) at Sebring spelled early retirement. ... Began from rear of grid at Houston and was running in fifth before spinning in oil slick. Dyson/Smith duo recovered for third-place podium finish despite broken rear pushrod. ... Left Mid- Ohio race after three laps (transmission) and retired early at Lime Rock (damaged steering rack). ... Finished race at Utah with fifth-place effort and ascended to P1 podium for first time at Portland. ... Suffered tire puncture on first lap at Road America. Rebounded to run second overall late before penalty in pits resulted in fifth-place P1 finish. ... Overall runner-up at Mosport, the duo was only three seconds from overall win. ... Ran strong early at Petit Le Mans before broken wheel and subsequent heavy impact forced retirement. ... Closed season fourth in class at Laguna Seca with James Weaver, one lap down to winning Audi.

**2005:** Runner-up in P1 championship and overall pole position at Mosport highlighted season. ... Fourth in P1 at Sebring with Smith, then joined Andy Wallace for runner-up, lead-lap finish at Grand Prix of Atlanta. ... Second overall at Mid-Ohio, trailing sister Dyson Lola for team's first 1-2 overall finish in Series. ... Retired after 121 laps at Lime Rock before finishing string of runner-up finishes at Infineon, Portland and Road America. ... Captured pole at Mosport but tire puncture set tone for disappointing fourth-place class finish. ... Second overall at Petit Le Mans with Smith. Closed the season third at Laguna Seca with Wallace.

**2004:** Achieved podium finishes in seven of nine overall events. ... Retired at Sebring in tandem with Didier de Radigues/Jan Lammers at Sebring. ... Teamed with Wallace for second at Mid-Ohio and third at Lime Rock. ... Battled Audi's JJ Lehto/Marco Werner close at Infineon for runner-up finish. ... Season's highlight was tight dual with Lehto again at Portland to deliver a podium finish at Portland, and finished on podium again at Mosport. ... Ran only 13 laps at Road

America before retirement (mechanical). ... Third overall at Petit Le Mans with Lammers. ... Spent engine resulted in retirement after 54 laps at Laguna Seca.

**2003:** Drove new Dyson Lola P675 to class championship. Ran seven of nine Series events with Wallace and long-distance events with Chad Block/de Radigues. ... Opened year with Sebring class win for first of career and for Dyson Racing. ... Made his championship move in second half of season with victories at Mosport and Road America in August. Also won at Miami and followed up with a runner-up finish at Petit Le Mans. ... Finished in class at Infineon and third at spring Atlanta race.

**2002:** Competed four times in LMP900 class, his first Series experience. ... Teamed with father Rob and Dorsey Schroeder for eighth in class at Sebring. ... Fourth in class and overall at Infineon, partnered with Weaver and 1999 Series champion Elliott Forbes-Robinson. ... Seventh at Washington and sixth at Trois-Rivieres with Weaver.

**At Le Mans:** Two career starts, both in prototypes. ... Highest American finisher in 2004 as part of Racing for Holland Dome-Judd effort with Lammers/Katsutomo Kaneishi. Duo finished with impressive seventh-place overall showing, sixth in class. ... Teamed with Tommy Erdos/Mike Newton in RML Mazda-powered Lola coupe in P2. Retired late in race after running in top-three throughout.

### **DYSON PIT NOTES**

In addition to driving duties, also manages much of the day-to-day operations of Dyson Racing team. ... First got in race car cockpit at age 17 in Skip Barber Formula Dodge at Lime Rock Park, just 45 minutes distance from Dyson family residence. ... Won five Grand-Am races in 2002, missing championship by two points. Competed in periodic events with father Rob through 2006. ... Competed in partial Toyota Atlantic seasons in 2004 and 2005. ... Drove the Zytek prototype sports car to fourth in the Le Mans Endurance Series race at Silverstone in 2004. ... Lists Andy Wallace as the American Le Mans Series driver he admires most because he is “ the most accomplished and well-liked guy in the paddock”. ... Cites a memorable racing moment was debuting in a prototype with his father at Watkins Glen in 2001 . ... Graduated magna cum laude from Washington and Lee University, where he earned degree in history. ... Considers Mario Andretti the most well-rounded driver of the 20th Century. ... Lists former Dyson teammate Weaver as biggest influence of his racing life. ... Cites Mosport as favorite American Le Mans Series venue stating “it is the most dramatic test of skill and commitment”. ... Considers the Normandy beach invasion on June 6, 1944 the one moment in history he would like to have seen “because it was a major turning point in history.”