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IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, round 10 in Austin/USA

Porsche festival in Texas

Stuttgart. At the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, sports car fans can again expect an unforgettable motorsport experience. The tenth and penultimate round of the IMSA SportsCar Championship will be contested on the Grand Prix circuit on 17 September with the Porsche North America works team fielding a pair of 911 RSR. Also contested on this weekend in the capital of Texas in addition to the most important sports car racing series in the USA and Canada is the WEC Sports Car World Endurance Championship, the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge as well as the SportsCar Challenge. Spectators can enjoy five races with around 45 Porsche racing vehicles including the 911 RSR, 911 GT3 R, 911 GT3 Cup, Cayman GT4 Clubsport as well as 919 Hybrid models.

The race

This marks the third time for the IMSA SportsCar Championship at the Circuit of the Americas. The Formula 1 racetrack with its distinctive observation tower is located in the hills not far from downtown Austin. The racetrack is part of a modern entertainment complex, which also hosts other sporting competitions and concerts.

The Porsche drivers

The IMSA GT champion Patrick Pilet (France) and Nick Tandy (Great Britain) again share the cockpit of the #911 Porsche 911 RSR for the Austin round. Their works driver colleagues Earl Bamber (New Zealand) and Frédéric Makowiecki (France) tackle the race in the sister 911 RSR with the starting number 912. Recently, the pair clinched their fourth podium result this season with third place at Virginia. American

customer teams take on the GTD class with the new Porsche 911 GT3 R. Jörg Bergmeister (Germany) contests this category for Park Place Motorsports, with the former Porsche junior Alex Riberas (Spain) and Mario Farnbacher (Germany) driving for Seattle/Alex Job Racing.

The Porsche vehicles

Tackling the IMSA SportsCar Championship are the Porsche 911 RSR and the Porsche 911 GT3 R. After securing victories at the long distance classics in Le Mans, Daytona and Sebring as well as numerous championship titles, the 470 hp 911 RSR has become the most successful GT racing car of recent years. The 911 RSR is based on the seventh generation of the iconic 911 sports car, with 2016 marking its last season of racing as a works car. Its successor is expected to make its race debut in January 2017 at the Daytona 24-hour race. Porsche built the 500 hp Porsche 911 GT3 R for GT3 series worldwide based on the 911 GT3 RS production sports car. The new customer racer scored its first victory in the IMSA SportsCar Championship at Laguna Seca.

The schedule

The Austin round of the IMSA SportsCar Championship takes off on Saturday, 17 August, at 11:35 hrs local time (18:35 hrs CEST) and runs over 2:40 hours. The race can be viewed live outside the USA on www.imsa.com.

Pre-race quotes

Dr Frank-Steffen Walliser, Head of Porsche Motorsport: "Austin has always been one of the highlights of the season for Porsche. With the IMSA SportsCar Championship, the Sports Car World Endurance Championship WEC, the SportsCar Challenge and the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge, four top-class racing series will hold championship rounds in the capital of Texas. On this weekend, many Porsche fans will be treated to a very special motorsport experience, after all, it's not every day that you can admire almost the entire range of Porsche's racing cars at one race event. After a brief dry spell, we were back on the podium recently in Virginia and now we aim to

build on this performance in Texas. The Circuit of the Americas is a fantastic, extremely demanding circuit and hence a real challenge for all of our drivers and teams – regardless of which championship they contest.”

Patrick Pilet (911 RSR #911): “The Circuit of the Americas is one of my favourite racetracks in the USA. But a victory there is still missing from my collection. We got very close to winning last year, but while we were in the lead we had to pit briefly two laps before the finish. I hope we can do better this time. Our chances look good, because Austin has traditionally been good turf for us.”

Nick Tandy (911 RSR #911): “I always particularly look forward to Austin. Part of the reason for this is the demanding racetrack – I especially enjoy the first fast sector. But the city has a very special flair and it’s always worth a visit. As for the race, we have a score to settle. This year I hope that we can bring home the victory that we lost last year just a few kilometres from the finish line.”

Earl Bamber (911 RSR #912): “I have great memories of Austin. In 2014 I won the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup title there, and we were also looking good last year with the 911 RSR. Austin is one of my favourite American cities. Since the Circuit of the Americas also hosts a round of the WEC, I’ll be able to catch up with many Porsche teammates and old friends. I’m really looking forward to that.”

Frédéric Makowiecki (911 RSR #912): “Finally I get to go racing on a familiar US racetrack. The Circuit of the Americas has an interesting layout and I’m very confident that we can match the pace of the frontrunners. We should be able to make the most of the 911 RSR’s traction advantages, especially in the slow corners. The most important thing will be to find the optimal balance for our car during the practice session.

Jörg Bergmeister (911 GT3 R #73): “After skipping the race in Virginia I’m now looking forward to Austin. The Circuit of the Americas is a very modern racetrack, but it’s still a lot of fun to drive there. I hope that we can repeat our result from Elkhart Lake where we secured second place.”

This is the IMSA SportsCar Championship

The IMSA SportsCar Championship is a sports car race series contested in the USA and Canada, which was run in 2014 for the first time. The series was formed from the merger of the American Le Mans Series and the Grand-Am Series. Sports prototypes and sports cars start in four different classes: GTLM (GT Le Mans), GTD (GT Daytona), P (Prototype) and PC (Prototype Challenge). The Porsche 911 RSR runs in the GTLM class, with the new Porsche 911 GT3 R contesting the GTD class.

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Please note: Photo and video material from the IMSA SportsCar Championship is available for journalists from the Porsche Press Database on <https://presse.porsche.de>. The Twitter channel @PorscheRaces provides live updates with the latest information and photos from race tracks around the world. Journalists also have access to the digital Porsche Motorsport Media Guide on <https://presse.porsche.de/motorsport>. Porsche Communication provides a new service for journalists, bloggers and online multipliers under www.newsroom.porsche.com. Up-to-date video news can be downloaded from www.vimeo.com/porschenewsroom.

911 GT3 RS: Fuel consumption combined 12.7 l/100 km; urban 19.2 l/100 km; extra urban 8.9 l/100 km; CO₂ emissions 296 g/km; efficiency class (Germany): G

