

## **BOB FAIETA**

### **Birthdate:**

October 2, 1966

### **Birthplace:**

Burbank, Calif.

### **Height/Weight:**

5-8, 155 pounds

### **Residence:**

Tujunga, Calif.

### **Family:**

Daughter Briana

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

Gruppe Orange – Porsche 911 GT3 Cup (Challenge)

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### **Special Interests:**

Flying, dirt bikes, skiing, woodworking



*Bob Faieta has been a dominating force in IMSA GT3 competition for the last three seasons. ... A two-time champion, is part of inaugural field of new American Le Mans Series Challenge class for Yokohama-shod Porsche 911 GT3 Cup entries. ... Driving Gruppe Orange entry with Wesley Hoaglund at Miller Motorsports Park.*

**2009:** At Utah, led early portions of Challenge class in partnership with Wesley Hoaglund. Engine overheating resulted in retirement just past halfway point. ... At Lime Rock, qualified on class pole and helped Gruppe Orange entry to first Series victory. ... At Mid-Ohio, started fifth in class and achieved third place finish with Hoaglund. ... At Road America, finished the race with a well-deserved third place finish. Stayed second in class championship with Hoaglund.

### **FAIETA PIT NOTES**

All-around talent and one of IMSA's leading semi-professional drivers. ... Captured 2007 IMSA GT3 Challenge by Michelin in close battle with Charles Scardina. Did not take championship lead until winning both rounds of season-finale at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. Also won races at Salt Lake City and Mid-Ohio. ... Repeated as champion in first-year Platinum Cup class in 2008. Won nine times including six straight victories. Wins came at Sebring (twice),

Montreal, Mid-Ohio (twice), Mosport (twice), Petit Le Mans and Laguna Seca. Championship gap was mere six points over Dino Steiner. ... Campaigning full 2009 Patrón GT3 Challenge by Yokohama season. Won both rounds at Sebring and placed second in pair of Utah rounds. ... The more challenging the track the better, he says. Lists Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca as his favorite venue.

## **DOMINIK FARNBACHER**

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### **Birthdate:**

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### **Birthplace:**

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### **Family:**

Single

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

Panoz Team PTG – Panoz Esperante GTLM (GT2)

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### **Special Interests:**

Physical fitness, handball, music, snow boarding



*One of the Series' talented young GT2 racing lions, Dominik Farnbacher returns for his third full season in 2009 with a new team in a new car. ... Farnbacher will be co-piloting the Panoz Esperante GTLM with Ian James for Panoz Team PTG. ... The GT2 Panoz will be his third car in three seasons. ... Had shot at 2008 driving title before disappointing Detroit result diluted championship chances but finished second in the ultra-competitive GT2 championship.*

**2009:** At Sebring, drove first race in Panoz Esperante GTLM for Panoz Team PTG. Started fifth and finished third in GT2. ... At St. Petersburg, finished on second straight podium after late pass of LG Motorsports Corvette. Teamed with James as entry came back from sixth in class on starting grid. ... At Long Beach, saw podium streak come to end with sixth-place finish with James. Started at back end of grid after contact with GT1 Corvette coming out of pitlane ripped away rear bodywork and diffuser. ... At Utah, had solid run to

fourth place finish, missing season's third season by mere seconds. ... At Lime Rock, finished sixth in class and 12th overall with James in Panoz Esperante. ... At Mid-Ohio, James started eighteenth overall before pit stop. Part of fantastic battle for top-five in class among seven cars; placed seventh. ... At Road America, teammate James forced to go behind the wall due to contact early on the pace lap. Returned 30 minutes into race, and completed 54 laps to earn 11<sup>th</sup> place class finish. ... At Mosport, finished with a strong sixth place GT2 finish with James. ... At Petit Le Mans, started eighth and finished ninth in Panoz Esperante during rain-shortened event.

**2008:** One of the most consistent top performers in GT2, finishing tied for second in driver points with teammate Dirk Muller, just eight behind class championship. ... Won four times, delivered eight podium finishes. ... Only finished outside the top three at Sebring (7), Lime Rock Park (4) and Detroit (9), results that scuttled his championship chances. ... At Sebring, drove with Dirk Müller/Rob Bell to disappointing seventh after running last in class due to radiator and front splittler damage. ... Bounced back at St. Petersburg by scoring first Series victory with Müller. Win was first for Tafel Racing. ... At Long Beach, took second straight victory and assumed GT2 championship lead. Drove opening stint and pitted after nearly 70 minutes in fourth but fuel-only stop gave Müller first place with margin of victory was 0.102 seconds, the closest finish in class history. ... At Salt Lake City, drove to third straight GT2 podium finish with Müller, one lap down to winning Flying Lizard Porsche. ... At Lime Rock, placed disappointing fourth in class due to late pit stop for fuel that put car two laps down to winning Porsche. ... At Mid-Ohio, team returned to top of GT2 podium with third victory of the season. Started fourth, drove first stint and advanced to lead thanks to team's effort in pit lane and gained nearly a lap on the field under the safety car. Posted first career fastest class race lap at 1:21.157 (100.139 mph) to set GT2 record. ... At Road America, ran third in GT2 and one class' lead lap after four hours with Müller. Set class record with fastest race lap of 2:07.958 (113.887 mph). ... At Mosport, penalized one spot post race after Müller's contact with Flying Lizard Porsche that sent Ferrari off podium to fourth-place finish. ... At Detroit, saw championship hopes damaged by ninth-place class finish when starter malfunctioned early cost team 20 minutes in pit lane. ... Came back for third at Road Atlanta to stay alive in championship hunt. ... In finale at Laguna Seca, delivered fourth victory and win over Risi Ferrari. Signed 2009 contact extension with team during weekend.

**2007:** First full season of Series competition produced two podiums and fifth-place GT2 championship finish in Tafel Racing Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. ... At Sebring, drove with team owner Jim Tafel/Ian James to fifth-place class finish. ... At St. Petersburg, experienced early-race vibration in Porsche and just missed second straight top-five finish with sixth place. ... At Long Beach, seventh in class with Tafel in route-going effort. ... At Houston, made first visit to Texas road course but finished ninth in class following partner's broken suspension after 98 laps. ... At Utah, eighth with Tafel after teammate/owner

suffered contact from other competitors twice. ... At Lime Rock, Porsche suffered two collisions with the second putting car hard into the wall at turn seven, resulting in sixth place finish. ... At Road America, contact with another competitor airborne trip into gravel trap and eighth place class result with new teammate Nathan Swartzbaugh. ... At Mosport, had contact with a prototype resulting in a lengthy pit stop to repair damage and eighth place GT2 finish for Tafel/Farnbacher duo. ... At Detroit, had contact with another GT2 car and finished fifth in class. ... At Petit Le Mans, finished race in style after a heated battle with the Porsche GT2 foe resulted in second place podium spot. ... Drove home second again in Laguna Seca finale this time paired with Wolf Henzler in sister Tafel Ferrari No. 71.

**2006:** Visited Series for first time making two starts. ... Teamed with Pierre Ehret/Lars Erik Nielsen in Farnbacher Loles Porsche in GT2 at Sebring, but day ended after just 151 laps (driveline failure). ... Eighth in GT2 at Petit Le Mans teamed with Robin Liddell/ Marcel Tiemann for Alex Job Racing.

**At Le Mans:** Two career, both for Farnbacher Racing in GT2. ... Made first appearance in 2006. Was in position for victory with Pierre Ehret/Lars Erik Nielsen before gearshift broke in 23rd hour. Could not make up time to winning Panoz Esperante at race's end. ... Returned in 2009 with Hankook-Team Farnbacher Ferrari. Ran out front in class early before retirement after 183 laps.

### **FARNBACHER PIT NOTES**

Father (Horst) is one of the most respected technical and engineering minds in sports car racing. ... Started his racing career in karts (1992), and then moved to motocross (1998) . ... Joined Formula BMW ranks in 2000, then moved to sports cars in 2001. ... Was eighth in German Porsche Carrera Cup in 2004 and seventh Porsche Supercup. ... Part of winning GT effort in 2005 Daytona 24 Hours with Henzler/Ehret/ Shawn Price that placed 10th overall. ... Fifth in GT (15th overall) at 2006 Daytona 24 Hours. ... Ran five races in the Le Mans Series in 2006 with a best finish at Istanbul of sixth position. ... Recorded eight starts with Rolex GT Series, claiming two podium finishes (2007). ... Placed fifth in class at Daytona 24 Hours in 1999. ... Says he drives race cars with one hand. ... Considers Road Atlanta to be his favorite racing venue.

## **MARCEL FÄSSLER**

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### **Birthdate:**

May 22, 1976

### **Birthplace:**

Einsiedeln, Switzerland

### **Height/Weight:**

5-8, 172 pounds

### **Residence:**

Gross, Switzerland

### **Family:**

Wife Isabel, children Shana, Elin, Yael

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

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

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### **Special Interests:**

Mountain biking, skiing.



*Talented Swiss racer and former Audi factory driver, is now Corvette Racing works pilot for 2009. ... Will be third driver with three-time GT1 Series champions Oliver Gavin/Olivier Beretta at Sebring, Le Mans and Petit Le Mans. ... Made Series debut in 2008 at Road America with Audi Sport North America. ... Has front-running driver credentials in DTM, F3 as well as sports cars.*

**2009:** At Sebring, made 12 Hours debut with Corvette Racing and teamed with Oliver Gavin/Olivier Beretta to finished second in GT1 and a lap down. ... At Petit Le Mans, two Corvettes 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/Beretta.

**2008:** Made two starts in Audi R10 TDI at Road America and Detroit, teamed with veteran Emanuele Pirro. ... Drove final two-plus hours in debut at Road America to post impressive second place overall finish. ... At Detroit, saw first Series victory disallowed when race car was disqualified in post-race technical inspections for not meeting minimum weight requirement.

**At Le Mans:** Four starts, with all but one in prototypes and all retirements. ... Drove Swiss Spirit entries in 2006 and 2007 but retired shy of 130 laps in both. ... Teamed with Olivier Panis/Simon Pagenaud in works ORECA Courage in 2008. Team retired after 147 laps (mechanical). ... Moved to Corvette Racing and GT1 in 2009. At wheel when Corvette C6.R lost drive near 22-hour mark while running second in class.

### **FÄSSLER PIT NOTES**

Began racing at age seven in go-karts. ... Won a round of European karting championship before moving to Formula Renault Campus France in 1995 where he was third. ... Followed with same championship finish in 1996 in French Formula Renault as well as winning Rookie of the Year. ... Won Formula Campus Invitational race in Macau in 1997 and was 11th in French F3. ... Fourth in 1998 French F3 and second the next year in German F3. ... Spent 2000-2005 in DTM with three career victories and third-place finish in 2003 season for AMG Mercedes. ... Was Opel pilot in 2004 and 2005 before joining Swiss Spirit for 2006 Le Mans Series. ... Second at 200 Spa 24 Hours won sat on pole position. ... Drove for Team Switzerland in 2007 A1GP and took Spa 24 Hours victory and pole position.

## **JOEL FEINBERG**

**Birthdate:**

May 31, 1977

**Birthplace:**

Hollywood, FL

**Height/Weight:**

5-10, 190 pounds

**Residence:**

Miami, FL

**Family:**

Single

**Team (Class):**

Primetime Race Group – Dodge Viper Competition Coupe (GT2)

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**Special Interests:**

Sports, business



*Primetime Race Group team owner and driver Joel Feinberg competed as a full-season competitor in 2008 and is ready for another go-around in 2009. ... Will drive Dodge Viper Competition Coupe again this season in highly competitive GT2 class. ... Eager to sharpen his competitive skills and gain on-track experience, has also competed in SPEED World Challenge and IMSA Lites in recent seasons, including a runner-up championship finish in the Lites L1 class in 2008.*

**2009:** At Sebring, completed 251 laps before problems with clutch causing early retirement. Teamed with Chris Hall/Ritchie Holt in Dodge Viper Competition Coupe that was ninth in GT2. ... At St. Petersburg, moved up through field before crash 39<sup>th</sup> lap that retired Viper. ... At Long Beach, started ninth in class but picked up two spots in race for seventh-place in class, best showing since Detroit 2008. ... At Utah, in position for second straight race completion before car was stranded on course in final 10 minutes. Credited with

ninth-place class finish with Hall. ... At Lime Rock, finished eighth in class and fourteenth overall with Hall. Also posted podium finish in IMSA Lites championship. ... At Road America, returned Dodge Viper to grid with ninth-place GT2 finish despite late-race off. ... At Mosport, started eighth overall and finished eighth in Dodge Viper. ... At Petit Le Mans, started 12th and finished 13th in GT2 class during rain-shortened event.

**2008:** At Sebring, welcomed new teammate Chris Hall and duo drove entire 12 hour event, placing fifth in GT2 in inaugural Sebring start for both. ... At St. Petersburg, watched Hall start and gain three positions before driver change. Ran well before shunt with Penske Porsche on lap 10 meant disappointing 12th place finish. ... At Long Beach, never saw seat time as car suffered broken differential just minutes into race. ... At Utah, again made early exit with faulty alternator wire clamp. ... At Lime Rock, scored hard-earned 10th-place class finish in tandem with Hall after hard crash early in race that bent Viper's roof. ... At Mid-Ohio, mechanical retirement (driveshaft) meant end of day after 43 laps. ... At Road America, four-hour race cut short with retirement after 47 laps (mechanical). ... At Mosport, duo completed 105 laps for 10th-place class finish, first such result since Lime Rock. ... At Detroit, posted season's best result since Sebring with seventh-place GT2 finish. ... Race marked one year anniversary of teams move to Series. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, forced to retire again after 112 laps (mechanical).

**2007:** Made major move to American Le Mans Series and targeted final three events at Detroit, Petit Le Mans (Road Atlanta ) and Laguna Seca. ... Finished eight in GT2 in inaugural outing at Detroit despite electrical woes. ... Did not start at Petit Le Mans after practice incident but used event to announce full-season GT2 commitment in 2008. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, ended season with points-paying ninth-place finish.

### **FEINBERG PIT NOTES**

Successful and creative Miami based business man. ... CEO of multiple businesses, ranging from real estate to sports marketing to mass media. ... Youngest recipient of the Diamond CEO Award presented by the South Florida Business Journal. ... Former president and CEO of 790 the Ticket, a Miami sports-talk radio station. ... As racer, says best racing moment in 2007 was "qualifying on pole at Laguna Seca in IMSA Lites." ... Fourth in 2007 IMSA Lites L1 championship after runner-up finish in 2006. ... Three 2007 World Challenge starts with best race a 17th place finish at Sebring. ... Finished 28th in GT at 2008 Daytona 24 Hours. ... Won twice in 2008 IMSA Lites championship with victories at Utah and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. ... Also busy with offseason racing in SCCA and NASA national events with Lites DP02.

## **ADRIAN FERNANDEZ**

### **Birthdate:**

April 20, 1963

### **Birthplace:**

Mexico City, Mexico

### **Height/Weight:**

5-9, 145 pounds

### **Residence:**

Paradise Valley, AZ and Miami, FL

### **Family:**

Wife Catalina, daughter Valentina (4/29/2007),  
son Niko (5/12/2008)

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

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

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### **Special Interests:**

Golf, SCUBA, tennis, racquetball



*One of the most versatile drivers to test his talents and experience in the American Le Mans Series, Adrian Fernandez and his Lowe's Fernandez Acura supported prototype racing team faces the biggest challenge of its three-year Series involvement in 2009 as the "flag-bearer" for Acura's push for its first LMP2 manufacturer, team and drivers title. ... Will compete in new Acura ARX-01b, the latest version from Honda Performance Development and will again be joined by fellow countryman Luis Diaz. ... Cockpit duo ran with leaders all season long but finished tied for eighth in points race a year ago. ... Will be lone Acura factory-supported entrant in LMP2 and will be tested by revamped Mazda program in year-long championship chase.*

**2009:** At Sebring, completed all 12 hours to claim long-awaited first class win with co-pilot Luis Diaz. Led all but two LMP2 laps, and posted fastest race laps

and was class' fastest qualifier. ... At St. Petersburg, watched Diaz qualify on first class pole and won 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, won again with Diaz in tight contest with Chris Dyson/Guy Smith. Qualified on class pole and posted fastest race's P2 lap. Entry went seven minutes longer on first fuel stint and retained lead on stop. ... At Utah, scored tight and tense fourth straight victory. Took over from Diaz at one-hour mark. Took late-race lead when leading Dyson Lola-Mazda pitted for late splash of fuel. Caught between lapped Dyson car and second-place entry but won by a half-second. Posted race's fastest P2 lap. ... At Lime Rock, saw four-race win streak end with gearbox issues early in race. Rebounded for runner-up class finish and seventh overall. ... At Mid-Ohio, claimed fifth 2009 class win using pit stop strategy to take P2 lead. 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, claimed sixth class win in seven races on season and a third place overall result. Efficient pit strategy held off the lead Dyson Lola-Mazda. Won second MICHELIN® GREEN X® Challenge award. ... At Mosport, clinched LMP2 driver championship with class win, first in any championship. Race looked lost following late-race penalty for speeding in pit lane but ran down No. 20 Lola-Mazda before the latter blew engine with less than 15 minutes left. ... At Petit Le Mans, finished second in class and 21st overall after battling power steering issues which began during Diaz's 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:** Always fast and competitive, struggled with consistency. ... Race car qualified in top three in class six times, but managed only two podium finishes despite competitive team and drivers (Mid-Ohio, Mosport). ... At Sebring, captured second place overall position as he and Luis Diaz handled all 12 hours, but car was excluded after failure to pass post race technical inspection. ... At St. Petersburg, finished seventh in P2 after losing time and track position after bumping incidents. ... At Long Beach, commuted between Series race and Mexico City Nationwide Series driver assignment in Mexico City. Saw Diaz qualify and start Acura second overall but entry fell back after pitting with lead. Struggled in his stint with under steer and lack of grip to finish sixth in class. ... At Utah, took over from Diaz who pitted from overall race lead. Stayed in contention for first Series win before colliding with Dyson Racing Porsche. Wound up fifth in class and overall. ... At Lime Rock, progressed to fourth-place class finish. ... At Mid-Ohio, had first podium finish since Laguna Seca in 2007. Diaz challenged for pole position and strong start by Fernandez set pieces in place for run to third-place P2 finish. ... At Road America, suffered rough-and-tumble weekend that ended with Acura stuck in gravel off turn 2 with suspension failure while running second in class. ... At Mosport, climbed back on podium for second time with lead-lap effort in 1-2 Acura LMP2 finish. ... At Detroit, found more bad luck with suspension and tire issues that set team back

in opening hour. Eventually struggled to ninth in class. ... At Road Atlanta, running strong in tandem with Diaz/Michel Jourdain Jr. before Diaz had an incident near halfway point after contact with a slower car. Credited with eighth. ... In Laguna Seca finale, faulty starter erased front-running effort after posting race's fastest lap at 1:11.156 (113.227 mph).

**2007:** Made 11 starts in initial Series season with Diaz. ... Delivered three podium finishes and sixth-place championship finish. ... Debuted with runner-up class finish and third-place overall. ... At St. Petersburg, Fernandez/Diaz duo started race third but lost a lap due to penalty for fourth-place class finish. ... Ran third overall at Long Beach but then coasted down pit lane in closing minutes, three quarts shy of enough fuel to finish the race. Placed seventh in class. ... Seventh in Houston but retired (mechanical) but completed enough laps for points at Utah. ... Did not see time at Lime Rock as the No. 15 was officially retired after 49 minutes (suspension). ... Qualified third overall at Mid-Ohio and battled the Penske Porsches and Audi R10s for overall lead before settling for third in class for first podium since Sebring. ... At Road America, car could not start from grid due to electrical issues, and after green flag co-driver Diaz served a stop-and-go penalty for avoidable contact. Eventually finished sixth. ... At Mosport, heavy traffic resulted in contact with a GT car leaving a large piece of debris. Subsequent pit sequence for repairs relegated him to sixth in class. ... At Detroit, battled a major lap of grip late in race and finished just off the podium in fourth place in LMP2 for the team's fifth top-five finish of the year. ... At Petit Le Mans, Lola-Acura suffered major body damage after a three-car accident at the two-hour mark, resulting in retirement. ... Third in class at Laguna Seca for the team's third podium finish of the year.

**At Le Mans:** Made debut in 2007 in factory Zytek LMP2 entry. Swept to class pole position and finished second in P2 despite myriad of mechanical and electrical problems. Did not compete in 2008.

#### **FERNANDEZ PIT NOTES:**

A former 'Athlete of the Year' in his native country. ... First raced in motocross at age eight. ... Entered first auto race at age 16, the 24 Hours of Mexico. ... Made permanent move to racing cars in 1982 at age 15. ... Competed in Formula Vee Championship (1982-84), and won championship twice (1983 & 1984) and also raced in Formula K Series (1984). ... Spent bulk of early years racing in Europe including Formula Ford 1500 and Formula 3 Championship where he won title (1991). ... Returned to U.S. (1992) to compete in Indy Lights, won four times – a rookie record – and honored as 'Rookie of Year' (1992). ... Enjoyed a 12-year career in the top levels of open-wheel competition in the Champ Car and IndyCar Series that began with CART run (1993). ... Won three times in 2004 IRL season and placed fourth in championship. ... Partnered with motorsports veteran Tom Anderson to launch Fernandez Racing as team owner in 2000. ... The duo joined forces with Lowe's to enter the sports car racing ranks under the Lowe's Fernandez Racing banner (2006). ... He added to his

extensive resume in 2005, making his debut in the NASCAR Busch Series with six starts for Team Lowe's Racing and Hendrick Motorsports. ... Considered one of Mexico's most influential sports personalities and celebrities. ... Cites Road America as favorite track. ... Cites Ayrton Senna as the greatest race driver of all time stating "he was the best behind the wheel of race car I have ever seen."

## **CLINT FIELD**

**Birthdate:**

June 16, 1983

**Birthplace:**

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**Family:**

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Intersport Racing – Lola B06/10 AER (LMP1)

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**Series Championships:**

1 – 2005 (LMP2)

**Special Interests:**

Business, real estate, racing team



*Clint Field already has scored a victory in the world's major endurance races – the 24 Hours of Le Mans, Sebring and Petit Le Mans – and is clearly one of the most talented independent team drivers in the Series. ... Just 25, but with more than seven seasons of Series experience. ... Intersport Racing started last season with new AER-powered Lola chassis in LMP1 and added second team car at mid-season, but late season on-track shunts delivered major damage and uncertainty for 2009. ... Will again partner with father (Jon) for full-season LMP1 competition plans with new Lola plus third driver Chapman Ducote. ... Team will continue to run E85 after pioneering that fuel move in 2008 prototype class. ... Now serves in role as team Intersport Racing team owner. ... Youngest prototype champion in history of Series and IMSA in 2005.*

**2009:** At Sebring, teamed with father Jon Field/Chapman Ducote in shortened day. Oil in engine and fuel pick-up problems caused early retirement and eighth-place class finish. ... At St. Petersburg, drove final stint in runner-up P1 finish in tandem with J. Field/Ducote. ... At Long Beach, took third straight P1 finish with J. Field/Ducote. Entry ran third overall early before pit stop cycle. Finished street race for second straight event. ... At Utah, claimed fourth consecutive podium with J. Field/Ducote. Drove middle stint in Lola-AER that finished fifth overall. ... At Lime Rock, finished fifth in class after drivetrain failure. ... At Mid-Ohio, home track showing earned third-place podium finish, just three laps behind the leading de Ferran team. ... At Road America, entered car after 19 minutes following J. Field's stint. Started eighth and finished sixth overall. ... At Mosport, drove second stint with co-pilot/father Jon. Finished fourth overall and third in class completing 125 of 131 laps. ... At Petit Le Mans, while weather caused first ever red-flag finish (due to rain), Intersport Lola-AER started seventh and finished seventh in P1 class with J. Field.

**2008:** Delivered competitive and productive season as LMP1 independent entry, including a victory, seven top 3 finishes and tie for fourth in driver points yet finished the season on the sides due to devastating late season on-track team incidents. ... First prototype in Series history to compete on E85 fuel. ... At Sebring, qualified a fast fourth and finished third overall behind factory Audi, thus producing the first podium for an E-85 prototype in history. ... At St. Petersburg, never had chance to drive as father Jon was involved in lap 33 shunt. ... At Long Beach, took over for father Jon at 45-minute mark and pitted again at 70-minute mark, forced to return to pits with under tray issues and then spun at exit of final turn and missed podium with a fourth. ... At Utah, finished runner-up in P1 highlighted by father Jon's run to overall lead at race's start. ... At Lime Rock, trio of Fields/Berry handled traffic and chaos well enough to earn second-place P1 finish for second straight race. ... At Mid-Ohio, engine misfortunes on lap 23 ended anticipated front-running effort at hometown venue. Team also debuted second Lola P1 entry that wound up third in class (J. Faulkner/R. Lewis). ... At Road America, climbed back on P1 podium with a third in class/seventh overall. Picked up driving from father Jon, who led early in race. ... At Mosport, day came to end after 86 laps and mechanical failure but still a third-place P1 finish. ... At Detroit, awarded first LMP1 victory when class-winning Audi was disqualified for exceeding minimum weight in post-race inspections. ... At Road Atlanta, trio completed just 160 laps before day ended with turn 12 spin/crash that heavily damaged car. ... Did not compete at Laguna Seca finale as Ryan Lewis joined Jon Field and Richard Berry in cockpit.

**2007:** Made 11 starts with six podiums and fourth-place championship finish in LMP1. ... At Sebring, debuted Intersport's Judd-powered Creation with Berry/Jon Field. ... Forced to start from rear of grid but finished a solid third for podium. ... At St. Petersburg, returned to podium in season's first street race. ... At Long Beach, jumped in car with less than 40 minutes to go and finished third again despite late pit penalty. ... At Houston and Salt Lake City, string of strong

finishes ended with retirements due to faulty alternator and gearbox, respectively. ... At Lime Rock, team experienced eventful run with an accident involving co-driver John Field and the No. 1 Audi but still managed to finish second in P1. ... Wrestled with myriad of mechanical woes for remainder of season: Starter failure at Mid-Ohio; electrical issues at Road America; Gearbox failure at Mosport and engine problems at Detroit. ... Debut new Lola chassis at Petit Le Mans but a series of mishaps including involvement in a three-car shunt ended his race early . ... Problems continued at Laguna Seca, when drive shaft issues ended race after 40 laps.

**2006:** Major independent challenger to Penske factory Porsche RS Spyder in LMP2 recording three wins in 10 starts. Finished second in championship with Liz Halliday. ... Won at Sebring with Halliday/J. Field and placed second in overall. Trio rallied Intersport Lola from back-of-pack start. ... Practiced more patience and won in class on streets of Houston, then ran third at Mid-Ohio and Lime Rock. ... Runner-up in P2 at Utah before winning again in Portland heat. ... Saw championship lead dwindle with third at Road America and failed to score points at Mosport. ... Ran fourth in class at Petit Le Mans before third-place finish at Laguna Seca finale.

**2005:** Became youngest prototype champion in Series and IMSA history with five wins in eight LMP2 starts. ... Teamed with several different drivers in title run. ... Worked only 62 laps at Sebring with Gareth Ridpath/Halliday. ... Drove with Jon Field to victory at Road Atlanta and runner-up at Mid-Ohio. ... Missed Lime Rock but reeled off back-to-back wins at Infineon with Halliday and Portland with Gregor Fisken. ... Didn't see seat time after fire at Road America but took championship control with class wins at Mosport and Petit Le Mans. ... Locked up championship at Laguna Seca despite starting from back of grid and spending extensive time in pits. ... Four pole positions and three fastest race laps in title run.

**2004:** Barely missed LMP2 championship with six wins in nine starts for Intersport team. ... Disappointing 27th overall at Sebring before taking P2 win at Mid-Ohio with Robin Liddell. ... Retired at Lime Rock following crash. ... Won at Infineon with J. Field/Liddell. ... Trio won again the next week at Portland. ... Teamed with Liddell for another win at Mosport before being excluded at Road America (pit crew violation). ... Field/Liddell added Milka Duno for Petit Le Mans and produced another P2 win. ... Won at Laguna Seca with Liddell/Rick Sutherland to finish third in class championship.

**2003:** Ninth in P900 championship with five top-five finishes. ... Season's best finish was fourth in class at Miami with Michael Durand. ... Fifth-place showings at Road Atlanta with Durand, at Mosport with Georges Forgeois, and Laguna Seca and Road America with Sutherland. ... Excluded at Sebring after Intersport entry received unauthorized help while stopped on course.

**2002:** Rookie season saw nine starts and emotional LMP675 win at Washington with father Jon. Marked first win for father/son duo in Series history. ... Other top-five finishes were fourth at Mid-Ohio in P675 and fourth overall at Road America, both with J. Field, and fifth at Infineon in P900 with Mark Neuhaus.

**At Le Mans:** Has two career starts . ... As 24 Hours of Le Mans rookie in 2004, swept to unprecedented LMP2 victory with Rick Sutherland/Bill Binnie to become one of the youngest champions in the long history of the prestigious event . ... Returned in 2006 and finished fourth in P2 despite making more than 40 pit stops and battling mechanical difficulties.

### **C. FIELD PIT NOTES**

Youngest driver to win in history of American Le Mans Series when he joined his father Jon in victory in inaugural Washington, DC Grand Prix (2002) at age of 19 years, 35 days. ... First raced prototypes in the Series at age 18. ... Lists Le Mans victory and 2002 Washington win with father his best racing moments. ... Along with Jon, Fields were first two Series drivers to agree to experiment with driver helmet cameras for television in 2002. ... Has taken over a number of day-to-day team details in operations end of Intersport Racing. . Early racing action came in American Cities Racing League, Skip Barber Pro Series, Motorola Cup and Grand-Am. ... Favorite sports team is the Ohio State Buckeyes. ... Says he patterns his driving style after his mentor and friend, his father Jon, and adds: "there's something about the way he drives. He never leaves anything on the table".

## **JON FIELD**

### **Birthdate:**

September 18, 1955

### **Birthplace:**

LaRue, OH

### **Height/Weight:**

5-9, 165 pounds

### **Residence:**

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### **Family:**

Wife Wendy, sons Taylor, Clint, John

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Ohio State football, family, golf



*A versatile and fast independent racer, Jon Field is one of only five drivers in American Le Mans Series history to win with four different race cars or chassis/engine combinations. ... A mainstay dating back to the inception of the Series in 1999 and a former champion (2002). ... Ranks toward the top of every significant Series statistical category including all-time starts, LMP2 victories, top-three, top-five and top-10 finishes. ...Has focused on LMP1 in recent seasons. ... In 2009, teaming with son Clint in an AER-powered Lola chassis in LMP1, similar to 2008; will add third driver Chapman Ducote. ...Partnering with Clint has long been a focus on his racing efforts at the top levels of prototypes.*

**2009:** At Sebring, Intersport's Lola B06/10-AER plagued with mechanical issues. Retired shortly after Field turned in car's fastest lap and finished eighth in P1. ... At St. Petersburg, teamed with C. Field/Ducote for runner-up finish in clean result for Lola-AER. Drove race's middle stint. ... At Long Beach, storming start saw advancement from sixth to third on race's opening lap. Held position

for entirety of stint. Finished with third straight P1 podium. ... At Utah, made storming start from seventh to second using speed to AER turbo. Finished on P1 podium for fourth straight race with son Clint/Ducote. ... At Lime Rock, completed 138 laps but forced into early retirement due to drivetrain issues. Finished fifth in class. ... At Mid-Ohio, father-son duo completed with a strong showing staying consistently among the top prototypes. Started fifth and finished third in P1. ... At Road America, despite problem with left front tire halfway through race made podium finish. Very impressive on pace in practice and qualifying. ... At Mosport, following a report that the car was losing front grip, team changed the front nose on the No. 37 Lola and remained at the front of the grid finishing fourth overall and third in class, six laps behind overall leader Patron Highcroft. Swapped lead several times in opening laps with de Ferran Acura. ... At Petit Le Mans, while weather caused first ever red-flag finish (due to rain), Intersport Lola started and finished seventh in P1. Had two instances of contact and retired before red flag.

**2008:** A front-running/competitive and at times disconcerting season for one of the Series long-time veteran independent team campaigners. ...Delivered a win in Detroit, seven LMP1 podium finishes and a four-place tie in points with son Clint. Ran upfront with potent factory-supported efforts at St. Petersburg, Salt Lake city, Lime Rock and Road America. ... At Sebring, finished ninth overall and third in LMP1 for third consecutive podium at grueling 12 hour event. Joined son and Richard Berry in E85-powered effort and produced first podium for fuel in Series history. ... At St. Petersburg, battled Penske's Sascha Maassen in opening laps before running wide and hitting outside wall forcing car to retire on lap 33. ... At Long Beach, came in fourth in class with Clint after lost time in pits due to speed limit and under tray problems. ... At Utah, made dramatic run to overall lead at race's start, moving from eighth to second at green flag and passed both Audis to lead four laps before being shuffled back by Audis. Wound up second in P1. ... At Lime Rock, drove opening stint in what became team's second straight P1 runner-up finish. ... At Road America, stormed to early overall lead and led for seven laps before being passed by race-winning Audi, but returned to podium with third-place P1 finish. ... Third in class at Mosport despite mechanical failure after 86 laps . ... At Detroit, awarded first P1 victory when class-winning Audi was disqualified for exceeding minimum weight in post race inspections. ... At Road Atlanta, trio completed just 160 laps before mechanical retirement. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, drove just two laps in car that finished required 70 percent of race. Wound up fourth in class with Berry/Ryan Lewis.

**2007:** Made 11 starts in P1 with seven podium finishes. ... Trio of J. Field/C. Field/Berry persevered at Sebring for third-place finish and repeated result at St. Petersburg. ... At Long Beach, started from fourth position on the LMP1 grid before penalty during driver change resulted in a third place LMP1 class finish for the team. ... Saw little time at Houston due to damaged alternator but returned to podium at Utah. ... At Lime Rock, contact with Allan McNish in the

No. 1 Audi resulted in rear body damage but still finished second in LMP1. ... Drove a strong Mid-Ohio stint and was in contention for podium until last pit stop when car would not restart. ... Moved to third overall at Road America after storming start. Electrical gremlins and pit penalties gave way to retirement with 30 minutes left. ... Retired at Mosport after 39 laps (gearbox) and did same at Detroit on first lap (engine). ... At Petit Le Mans, debuted Lola-AER package but three-car accident resulted in retirement after 60 laps. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, car was retired after 40 laps (driveshaft).

**2006:** A quiet yet competitive year that saw one LMP2 class victory in four starts. ... Began season with class win and overall runner-up finish at Sebring in tandem with C. Field/Liz Halliday after starting from rear of field after tire puncture during qualifying. ... Drove final stint at Road America and finished third, on heels of Penske Porsche RS Spyders. ... Closed season with fourth-place finish at Petit Le Mans and third at Laguna Seca.

**2005:** Started five times and produced a pair of victories as son Clint won LMP2 drivers title. ... Two class wins came at Road Atlanta, scoring pole positions both times. ... Won for sixth time of career at Road Atlanta by taking Petit Le Mans win with C. Field/Halliday and fifth place overall. ... Gearbox failure squashed hopes for home win at Mid-Ohio. ... Fifth at Laguna Seca finale, good enough for Intersport team championship and drivers title for C. Field. ... Three LMP2 poles and three fastest race laps on season.

**2004:** Made eight starts with pair of P2 wins with C. Field/Robin Liddell in Intersport Lola. ... Trio won for first time at Infineon, then followed a week later with second straight victory at Portland. ... Second overall and in P1 at Road America with Duncan Dayton. Other P1 starts came at Mosport and Laguna Seca with Dayton, both early retirements. ... Left Sebring race with just 30 minutes left (engine).

**2003:** Won three times in LMP675, equaling 2002 total while never starting a race from the pole. ... Joined Dayton/Michael Durand at Sebring with a second place finish in P2 at Sebring, then he and Dayton rode that momentum to victory at Atlanta's Chevy Grand Prix. ... After Infineon fire, ran rest of season with borrowed chassis from England. ... Won at Trois-Rivieres and Petit Le Mans for second straight year. ... Ran third at Laguna Seca, fourth at both Road America and Miami.

**2002:** En route to the P675 class driving championship, took three class wins in 10 starts, winning at Sebring with Dayton/Durand for Intersport's first Series victory. ... Teamed with son Clint to win at inaugural Series event in Washington, DC, becoming the first father-son duo in Series history to win a race. ... Was third (with Rick Sutherland) at Sears Point and fourth (with Clint) at Mid-Ohio. ... Paired with Durand at Road America but forced to retire after 48 laps. ... Teamed with Clint at Trois-Rivieres and Mosport but left early both times. ...

Third spot and ninth overall at Laguna Seca. ... Scored impressive class victory at Petit Le Mans.

**2001:** Raced five times. ... Teamed with Dayton/Sutherland to finish fifth at Sebring in P900 class for Intersport's best finish in Series competition to date. ... Was sixth at Laguna Seca (Sutherland). ... Raced with Joe Field at Mid-Ohio, finishing ninth in class. ... Field/Sutherland took seventh at Laguna Seca but were excluded at Petit Le Mans for sporting regulations violation when the car received assistance on the circuit after crashing on the opening lap.

**2000:** Competed seven times in the 12 Series' events. ... Teamed with Dale/Don Whittington for eighth place at Sebring. ... Took sixth (with Sutherland) at Sears Point and eighth at Texas. ... Field and Sutherland were ninth at Portland. ... Teamed with Oliver Gavin at Petit Le Mans, finishing 11th. ... Went back with Sutherland to Laguna Seca and ended in sixth position, followed by eighth at Las Vegas.

**1999:** Opened inaugural Series season with 19th overall at Sebring, pairing with Ryan Jones/Chris Goodwin in Lola B98/10-Ford. ... Field/Jones then ran 17th at Road Atlanta due to engine failure. ... Teamed with Nic Jonsson at Sears Point, but forced out after 38 laps due to gearbox failure. ... Forced out of action at Portland (differential) after 124 laps and Petit Le Mans after 188 laps (engine). ... Drove with Paul Debban at Laguna Seca, finished 12th. ... Gearbox knocked Field from Las Vegas field after 35 laps.

**At Le Mans:** Two career starts but retired both times. ... Teamed with Duncan Dayton/Rick Sutherland in 2003 before engine expired. ... On-track shunt led to retirement in 2004. ... Competed in LMP2 (formerly LMP675) on both visits to Le Mans.

## **J. FIELD PIT NOTES**

Considers his father "who raised seven kids with my mom through tough times" as the person having the biggest influence on his life. ... Never sat in a race car before age 35. ... Initially, tested racing skills in Barber Saab Pro Series (1993-94). ... Also ran in American IndyCar Series in 1994, winning twice and finishing eighth in points. ... First 12 Hours of Sebring start was in 1997. ... Drove in 12 1998 races, four USRRC events and eight in IMSA WSC. ... Raced in all three Can-Am events in 1999 with fifth position finishes at Lime Rock and Mid-Ohio. ... Competed at Le Mans in 2003 as part of inaugural Le Mans Endurance Series and ran seventh in 1,000-kilometer race. ... Lists 2002 win at Sebring and Washington, DC race victory with his son as racing career highlights so far. ... Favorite pro team is Cleveland Browns and is avid follower of Ohio State football. ... Twin brother Joel is also a former Series competitor.

**DARIO FRANCHITTI**

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**Birthdate:**

May 9, 1973

**Birthplace:**

Edinburgh, Scotland

**Height/Weight:**

5-9, 155 pounds

**Residence:**

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**Family:**

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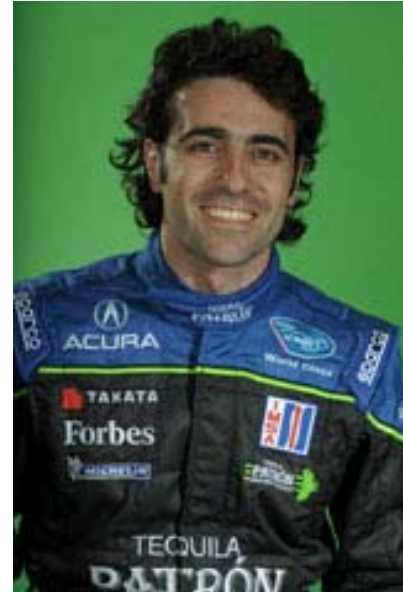
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**Special Interests:**

Flying helicopter, radio-controlled airplanes, work out, reading

*One of the most talented and well-known motorsports personalities in the world, Dario Franchitti is returning to the American Le Mans Series and Acura on a part-time basis for 2009. ... Will be part of Patrón Highcroft Racing's lineup at Sebring in team's debut of Acura ARX-02a LMP1 entry. ... Part of winning P2 lineup for Andretti Green Racing at Sebring in 2007. ... Brother of Dyson Racing's Marino Franchitti. ... Focusing full season on IndyCar circuit with Target Chip Ganassi Racing.*

**2009:** At Sebring, started sixth in first LMP1 appearance in new ARX-02a. Mechanical failure 10 hours and 10 minutes into the race left Patrón Highcroft with a fifth in class finish. ... At Petit Le Mans, teamed with Brabham/Sharp in Patrón Highcroft Acura for first time since Sebring. Ended sixth in class after starting from back of grid due to accident in mid-week practice.



**2008:** Scheduled to compete at Petit Le Mans with David Brabham/Scott Sharp in Patrón Highcroft P2 Acura but never saw seat time after early crash.

**2007:** Made immediate impact in first-year Andretti Green Racing Acura-supported effort in LMP2. ... Part of LMP2 class-winning lineup at Sebring with Bryan Herta/Tony Kanaan. Duo led Acura 1-2 finish at 12 Hours and finished second overall, trailing only Audi P1. ... Qualified on overall pole position at Long Beach and led twice for 41 laps in stint. Eventually fell back to sixth-place overall and in P2. ... Also claimed first IndyCar championship and Indianapolis 500 victory.

### **DARIO FRANCHITTI PIT NOTES**

Born and raised in Scotland, but of Italian descent. ... Licensed helicopter pilot and flies a Eurocopter AS350 3. ... Finished second to Juan Montoya in 1999 CART championship. Finished on podium a series-leading 11 times. ... Posted three podium finishes in 2000 CART championship at Japan (second), Michigan (third) and Vancouver (second). Set qualifying record at Road America. ... Won seventh career win in CART at Cleveland in 2001. Earned three additional podiums at Detroit, Michigan and Houston. Received the 2001 Greg Moore Legacy Award. ... Collected 11th CART-career pole at Chicago in 2002. Posted three victories at Vancouver, Montreal and England. ... Due to an off-track motorcycle accident in 2003, only started three IndyCar Series events. ... Finished sixth in 2004 IndyCar Series championship. Recorded four podium finishes with two wins at Milwaukee and Pikes Peak. ... Collected six podium finishes in 2005 including third-place results at the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg and at Watkins Glen. ... Posted his third win in the IndyCar Series at Nashville. ... Finished eighth in 2006 IndyCar Series driver championship. Scored second place finish at Infineon. ... Began racing in the Scottish Junior Karting at the age of 11. ... Admires fellow Scotsman Sean Connery and is a fan of James Bond movies. ... Wed actress Ashley Judd in 2001 Scotland ceremony. Brother Marino, now AGR teammate, served as Best Man. ... A collector of Ferraris. ... Full name: George Dario Marino Franchitti.

## **MARINO FRANCHITTI**

(ma-ree-no frang-kee-tee)

### **Birthdate:**

July 7, 1978

### **Birthplace:**

Edinburgh, Scotland

### **Height/Weight:**

5-10, 160 pounds

### **Residence:**

Edinburgh, Scotland

### **Family:**

Engaged (Holly)

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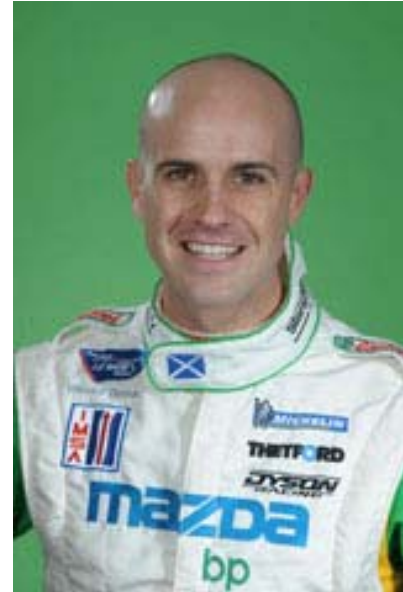
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Historic cars, reading, physical training, computer games



*A skilled and experienced road racer, Marino Franchitti returns to Dyson Racing and LMP2 competition for a second straight season in 2009 and with a new challenge as the team moves to factory-supported Lola Mazda prototype coupes in pursuit of a class championship. ... Fast and competitive a year ago when paired with veteran Butch Leitzinger in Dyson's Porsche RS Spyder program – finished tied for fifth in driver points. ... While his Series resume boasts 40 career starts, has finally found a top-level competitive home and chance to display his considerable talents. ... Will co-pilot the No. 20 BP Dyson Racing Lola Mazda with Leitzinger. ... Jumped back into Series prototype ranks in 2007 with Andretti Green Racing.*

**2009:** At Sebring, started tenth with Butch Leitzinger/Ben Devlin in Dyson Racing's Mazda-powered Lola coupe. Mechanical problems caused early retirement on lap 149 but still claimed second in LMP2 class. ... At St.

Petersburg, posted LMP2 fastest race lap in Lola-Mazda en route to third-place finish. ... At Long Beach, came home third in P2 with Leitzinger in most competitive form of season. Drove final stint but finished a lap down to class-winning Acura. ... At Utah, involved in thrilling battle with Lowe's Acura that resulted in runner-up finish by a half-second. Drove race's opening stint and took lead at 30-minute mark before handing off to Leitzinger, who narrowly missed catching and passing winning Acura. ... At Lime Rock, won first career Series race with storming stint that saw Scot take early lead. Entry led class 166 out of 172 laps and set race's fastest P2 lap. ... At Mid-Ohio, led LMP2 before last caution period and didn't get wave-by around overall leaders while Lowe's Fernandez Acura did. Running comfortably in second late, collision with 20 minutes remaining in race suffered rear suspension failure. Finished third in class. ... At Road America, started from pole (fastest qualifier with 1:48.216) and raced No. 20 BP Mazda-Lola to second place in LMP2 and fourth overall in a race of speed and tactics. ... At Mosport, qualified on second consecutive pole and claimed second in class. Dominated race before blown engine with 15 minutes remaining, resulting in second place. ... At Petit Le Mans, won pole and in class during rain-shortened event. It was the first Petit Le Mans victory for the team and first class win for Mazda.

**2008:** Delivered best performances of season at Sebring and Road America. ... At Sebring, finished race in second place overall and second place points in LMP2. ... At St. Petersburg, unfortunate contact ended a promising run just 10 laps before race end, and a disappointing ninth place class finish. ... At Long Beach, started seventh and battled traffic and deep LMP2 class for solid fifth place class finish. ... At Salt Lake City, ran upfront in tight battle before settling for fourth in class. ... At home venue at Lime Rock Park, Dyson driving duo was in contention for podium finish before a last lap shunt with another LMP2 competitor sent car off the track and out of contention. ... Wound up sixth. ... At Mid-Ohio, the driving duo finished in sixth position in LMP2. ... At Road America, drove two impressive stints in a third place class finish, marking their first podium appearance since the season opener at Sebring. ... At Mosport, finished eighth in class thanks in part to 20 second pit penalty. ... At Detroit, again finished eighth in class and overall. ... With Andy Lally joining driver ranks at Petit Le Mans/Road Atlanta, Franchitti and Leitzinger driving No. 20 trio finished just off LMP2 podium with fourth-place run. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, ended season sixth in class and eighth overall.

**2007:** Started eight races in first season for Andretti Green Racing in Acura ARX-01a LMP2 entry and made the most of his chances. ... Led early at St. Petersburg before losing time behind the wall. ... At Houston, drove impressive first stint and held sixth place overall before handing over to Bryan Herta with second place overall finish. ... At Utah, led in class, second overall early in race but car retired early due to a faulty gearbox. ... At Lime Rock, ran second overall in stint but team fell back to sixth in LMP2 after Herta's late spin. ... At Mid-Ohio, started from seventh position on grid and ended race seventh. ... At Road

America, ran as high as third in class but weather played a key factor in the seventh place class finish. ... At Mosport, had solid run in claiming third place in P2. ... At Detroit, after battling mechanical issues on pit lane and finished eighth in P2.

**2006:** Made only Series appearance at Petit Le Mans. ... Posted second-place GT2 finish with Anthony Lazzaro/Maurizio Mediani in Risi Competizione Ferrari F430 GT.

**2005:** Competed eight times for Panoz GT2 factory squad . ... Fourth at Mid-Ohio with Robin Liddell in season debut. ... Eighth in class at Lime Rock with Bryan Sellers, and duo retired after 39 laps at Infineon. ... Fifth in class at Portland with Christophe Tinseau and struggled again at Road America; mechanical woes meant seventh-place finish in class. ... Seventh at Mosport and Petit Le Mans as Franchitti/Sellers added Gunnar Jeannette for the latter. ... Ended the year at Laguna Seca with same results – seventh in class.

**2004:** Drove three times, highlighted by LMP2 pole at Sebring for Rand Racing.. ... Retired from race after 12 laps (mechanical). ... Returned at Petit Le Mans with Jeannette/ Tinseau in Panoz Esperante and completed just 254 laps for 13th in GT. ... Drove with Jeannette to seventh place GT finish at day-night Laguna Seca.

**2003:** Finished fifth in GT at Sebring driving a Ferrari 360 Modena for Risi Competizione.

**2002:** Made seven starts, six in Dodge Viper GTS-R for American Viperacing. ... In the Viper, best finish was fourth at Trois-Rivieres, Mosport and Laguna Seca. ... Co-drove to GT class runner-up finish with Kevin Buckler in The Racer's Group Porsche 911 GT3 RS at Infineon.

**2001:** Made Series debut in Petit Le Mans but the Ferrari 360 he was driving was excluded from the race after receiving unauthorized assistance on the circuit.

**At Le Mans:** Made first start with Panoz works team in GT2 in 2005. Teamed with Bryan Sellers/Patrick Bourdais but retired Esperante GTLM after 185 laps. ... Returned in 2009 with Drayson Racing Aston Martin Vantage in GT2. Car ran into 22<sup>nd</sup> hour before retiring with electrical failure.

### **MARINO FRANCHITTI PIT NOTES**

Considers Jim Clark the greatest racing driver of all-time because he was “fast in everything, a gentleman, and also Scottish”. ... Began racing career in karts at age eight (1987). ... Prior to sports car debut in 2001, his previous experience had been in single-seaters. ... After emerging from Jim Russell School, contested selected rounds of Formula Vauxhall for two years. ... Won 2001

British GTO Championship driving for Porsche Cars Great Britain in a Porsche GT3 RS. ... Delivered 11 podiums with eight class wins and two fastest laps. ... Drove in one round of the FIA N-GT Series in 2001 and finished seventh at Spa. ... Placed 10th among 220 starters at Nurburgring 24 Hours. ... Earned a podium finish at the Spa 24 Hours race (2006). ... Also produced two podium finishes in 2006 FIA GT championship including GT2 win in Ferrari F430 GT at Adria. ... Brother Dario won 2007 Indy 500 and IRL Championship and now competes occasionally in American Le Mans Series. ... Does not wish to list best active driver "because my goal is to beat them all," although he says his brother Dario and fellow Scot Allan McNish have had the biggest influence on his racing life. ... Celtic football club in Glasgow, Scotland is his favorite professional sports team. ... Served as best man to Dario in wedding with actress Ashley Judd.

## **ANTONIO GARCIA**

**Birthdate:**

June 5, 1980

**Birthplace:**

Madrid, Spain

**Height/Weight:**

5-7, 160 pounds

**Residence:**

Barcelona, Spain

**Family:**

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**Team (Class):**

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*Antonio Garcia has established himself as one of the world's up and coming sports car stars on the international scene. ... Sees a change of scenery as a third driver for Corvette Racing in 2009 and will team with defending GT1 champions Johnny O'Connell and Jan Magnussen. ... Former Aston Martin factory driver and overall winner of Daytona 24 Hours.*

**2009:** At Sebring, made first start as Corvette factory driver and was part of winning GT1 entry with Jan Magnussen/Johnny O'Connell. Trio won in Corvette C6.R's last GT1 start at 12 Hours and beat sister car by a lap. ... At Petit Le Mans, Corvettes ran first and second consistently until a flurry of pit stops mixed the running order just as the heavy rain arrived. Team started seventh and finished sixth in class during rain-shortened event.

**2008:** At Sebring, drove Bell Motorsports Aston Martin DBR9 with Terry Borcheller/Chapman Ducote. Trio stayed consistent throughout weekend to finish third in GT1.

**2007:** Made Series debut at Sebring with Team Modena Aston Martin DBR9. Joined Darren Turner/Liz Halliday for third-place finish in GT1 behind factory Corvettes.

**At Le Mans:** Three career starts highlighted by 2008 GT1 class win in factory Aston Martin DBR9 effort. Held off strong Corvette Racing challenge as two cars finished on lead lap. ... Debuted in 2006 with fourth-place finish in GT1 as part of Russian Age Racing Aston Martin lineup. ... Ninth in 2007 in Team Modena Aston Martin DBR9 with Jos Menton/Christian Fittipaldi. ... Won second straight GT1 title in 2009, this time with Corvette Racing in finale for team in GT1. Drove with Johnny O'Connell/Jan Magnussen.

### **GARCIA PIT NOTES**

Just 28, already has been racing for 20 years. ... Started karting at age 8 in native Madrid. ... Stayed in karting through 1998 before moving to Formula Renault Elf Campus with three victories. ... Won 2000 Euro Open Nissan championship with four wins and 11 podiums. ... Moved to Formula 3000 in 2001, which led to F1 test for Minardi in 2002; also finished fifth in Formula Nissan World Series. ... Moved to touring cars in 2003 and advanced to World Touring Car Championship in 2005 with ninth place finish before moving to sports cars. ... Sixth in 2006 Le Mans Series GT1 championship. ... Part of winning Brumos Porsche team that won 2009 24 Hours of Daytona.

## **OLIVER GAVIN**

### **Birthdate:**

September 29, 1972

### **Birthplace:**

Huntington, England

### **Height/Weight:**

6-2, 175 pounds

### **Residence:**

Yardley Hastings, UK

### **Family:**

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

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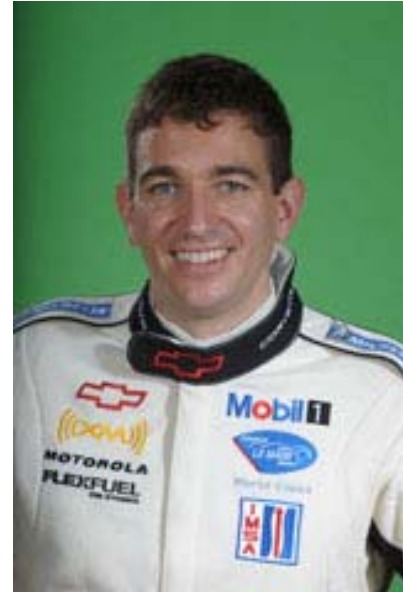
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### **Special Interests:**

Cricket, cycling, rugby, running, soccer



*One of most talented and winningest drivers in Series' GT1 history, Oliver Gavin returns to the Corvette factory stable for 2009 with a unique competitive situation involving three GT1 events including a run for his fourth 24 Hours of Le Mans triumph in the last five years, and then a second half of the season challenge in highly competitive GT2 class with the new Corvette GT2 with new Corvette ZRA race car. ... Despite his hunger for another driving title, split season schedule may preclude another title. ... A dominating driver in recent seasons, has won 22 times in the just the last five season (43 starts) and a four-time GT2 champion including three years in a row (2005-2007). ... Will again be paired with veteran Olivier Beretta, the all-time Series victory leader.*

**2009:** At Sebring, captured GT1 pole and posted fastest class race lap in final appearance of GT1 Corvette C6.R. Drove to runner-up finish with Olivier Beretta/Marcel Fässler. ... At Long Beach, part of winning duo that sent Corvette C6.R out with victory in final Series GT1 race. Teamed with Beretta for

second Long Beach victory in three tries. ... Scheduled to debut GT2 Corvette in August at Mid-Ohio. ... At Mid-Ohio, placed fourth with Beretta in debut of Corvette GT2. In podium position throughout before coming home fourth in class. ... At Road America, changed right side door due to contact with LMP2 car at 1:38 running. Started 13<sup>th</sup> overall, but finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall in No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R. ... At Mosport, third place class finish and first in MICHELIN® GREEN X® Challenge with Beretta. ... At Petit Le Mans, drove to fourth-place finish with Beretta/Fässler in rain-shortened event after leading until late stages.

**2008:** If it could go wrong it did go wrong for defending Series GT1 champions Oliver Gavin and teammate Olivier Beretta. ... Seeking unprecedented class “four-peat”, struggled throughout season with a run of on-track bad luck and mechanical woes and finished second in driver point standings behind teammates Jan Magnussen/Johnny O’Connell. ... Provided one of the memorial video highlights of season with pit exit shunt with sister car at Mid-Ohio. ... At Sebring, began season with strong car but half shaft failure left them eight laps down to winning sister car. ... At St. Petersburg, led from wire-to-wire with Beretta. Victory was pairing's second straight at St. Petersburg circuit. ... At Long Beach, ran second with Beretta to sister car as two Corvettes finished a lap behind the overall race winners. ... At Salt Lake City, finished second again after lost time in pits with refueling rig issues. ... At Lime Rock, again finished second with uncharacteristic problems with Corvette's gearbox. ... At Mid-Ohio, watched Beretta beat and banged at the two-hour mark with teammate Johnny O'Connell at exit to pit lane. .Once cars served nearly eight minutes in penalties, watched O'Connell go by in waning minutes for class victory. ... At Road America, in a heated battled with the sister car, slid off course in the kink resulting in the retirement and third place class finish. ... At Mosport, had hard off in Saturday’s first practice, forcing replacement of entire front-end. Repaired for qualifying and race where pairing finished second. ... At Detroit, won for first time since St. Petersburg and also a top-10 overall finish. ... At Road Atlanta, encountered throttle problems mid-race resulting in loss of six laps and another second place class finish. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca finale, drove opening stint for second victory in three races and second straight at circuit.

**2007:** Tied Series record with nine class wins in tandem with Beretta to easily win third consecutive class championship. ... Started season in championship form, winning at Sebring, St. Petersburg and Long Beach with pole position starts at St. Petersburg and Long Beach before seeing streak broken at Houston when sister Corvette GT1 entry swept to victory despite another pole starting spot. ... Qualified on GT1 pole at Utah but started at the back of grid because of a tire change and still came out on top in class. ... Finished on top in GT1 at Lime Rock, less than a second ahead of sister Corvette for season’s fifth victory. ... At Mid-Ohio, inherited class pole after No. 3 Corvette failed post-qualifying inspection resulting in 25<sup>th</sup> career Series win. ... Captured seventh GT1 victory of season with co-driver Beretta. ... Wound up second at Mosport and Detroit

before clinching GT1 title at Petit Le Mans by delivering Corvette's sixth endurance classic victory and seventh of the season for the two "Ollies". ... Closed season at Laguna Seca with record ninth single season victory.

**2006:** Reached the podium in seven races including four class victories en route to a second straight GT1 drivers championship with Beretta. ... Added Magnussen at Sebring and won in class and climbed to third, overall, the highest finish for GT1 entry. ... Took advantage of full-course caution to win at Houston and won at Mid-Ohio by one lap over closest Aston Martin entry. ... Set GT1 record for most consecutive victories, eight, dating back to Portland 2005. ... At Lime Rock, Gavin's bid for a ninth consecutive GT1 victory vanished as contact with prototype resulted in fourth-place class finish. ... At Salt Lake City, the Gavin/ Beretta team encountered difficulty and wound up fourth in class marking first time that Corvette team did not finish in either first or second place in Series race since October of 2003. ... At Portland, Gavin captured class victory with hard-fought win in extreme heat. ... At Road America and Mosport, took second place in class. ... At Petit Le Mans, saw endurance winning streak with Beretta/Magnussen come to end with third-place class finish behind two Aston Martins. Posted race's fastest GT1 lap at 1:18.834 (115.991 mph). ... At Laguna Seca, clinched second straight championship with runner-up finish.

**2005:** Took first class championship of career with six wins in 10 starts. ... Reunited with Beretta/Magnussen at Sebring and guided Corvette C6.R to podium (third place) finish in GT1 class after overcoming numerous handling and other problems throughout race. ... Took season's first win at Lime Rock en route to third overall position behind pair of Audi R8s. ... Second at Infineon after spirited late-race joust with Ron Fellows before winning last five events and subsequent championship. ... Held off Fellows/O'Connell again at Portland. ... More of the same at Road America, as duo won again with Gavin turning fastest GT1 lap for second consecutive race. ... Took points lead with win over Fellows/O'Connell at Mosport. ... Solidified championship position on strength of Petit Le Mans win with Beretta/Magnussen. ... Ended on title run with another win at Laguna Seca, giving Gavin/Beretta combo seven wins in last eight races. ... Two class pole positions and five fastest race laps.

**2004:** Gavin/Beretta battled teammates Fellows/ O'Connell for class drivers championship all season long as the two Corvette teams dominated GTS. ... Won four times in 10 starts with eight top-three finishes. ... Mechanical failure at Sebring shut Gavin down less than a quarter of the way into the 12 hours. ... Second to Fellows/O'Connell at Mid-Ohio, then reversed order for first win of season at Lime Rock. ... Reached podium (third) at Infineon then shook off sub-par showing to claim second place in class and fourth car overall at Portland. ... Returned to winner's circle at Mosport, fourth overall, in holding off Fellows/O'Connell and triumphed at Road America which saw Gavin/Beretta duo run third overall. ... Torrid late-season saw third consecutive win, this time at Petit Le Mans, fourth overall, trailing only two Audis and Dyson Lola. ...

Second at Laguna Seca. ... One of five drivers (Roman Dumas, Clint Field, James Weaver and Beretta) to record four poles.

**2003:** In first season as Corvette factory pilot, dominated at Sebring in Corvette C5-R only to lose when the transmission broke late in the race, then won in class at Chevy Grand Prix (with Kelly Collins). ... Also captured GTS win at Trois-Rivieres en route to fourth-place finish among all cars. ... Never finished worse than seventh in class all year, save for Miami, when team did not start due to practice crash. ... Capped season with nice performance at Petit Le Mans, starting 16th on grid and earning podium finish for third spot among GTS competitors and helping Chevrolet clinch Manufacturer's title by one point over archrival Ferrari.

**2002:** Joined Corvette team as a third driver at Sebring and Petit Le Mans. ... Drove with Fellows/O'Connell to GTS victory at Sebring and ninth-place overall finish. ... Same exact result at Petit Le Mans. ... Only other start, also with Fellows and O'Connell, was at Road America and resulted in second-place GTS outcome. ... Promoted to full-time works driver at season's end.

**2001:** Made two Series starts – one at Sebring in partnership with Saleen co-drivers Terry Borcheller/Franz Konrad that produced a victory, the first for Saleen as well as first career Series wins for all three drivers.

**2000:** Started one race, Petit Le Mans, in an LMP900 with Jon Field. Retired early due to mechanical problems.

**At Le Mans:** Owns admirable record with four wins and seven podiums in eight starts. ... Debuted with third-place showing for Konrad Motorsport in Saleen S7R with Borcheller/Konrad. Placed third in GTS. ... First 24 Hours victory came in 2002 with Fellows/O'Connell. ... Cemented place in Le Mans lore with three straight class wins in tandem with Beretta/Magnussen from 2004-2006, the last two coming over Aston Martin Racing rivals. ... Suffered first DNF in 2007 with driveshaft failure less than two hours in. ... In 2008, the No. 64 Corvette Racing C6.R suffered some lengthy pit stops to repair alternator and engine compartment. With Beretta/Papis, the trio finished third in class. ... Entry again did not finish in 2009 with loss of drive inside final three hours. Drove with Beretta/Marcel Fässler in Corvette Racing's final GT1 race.

### **GAVIN PIT NOTES**

Started racing as a teenager in karting, competing in various national series before moving into cars in 1990. ... Has raced in United States and Europe since early 1990s. ... Fourth in points in 1990 British Formula First championship, a series he won a year later. ... Awarded prestigious McLaren Autosport Young Driver of the Year in 1991 as UK's top promising driver. ... Was with British Formula Vauxhall Lotus Championship in 1992 (four wins, second in points). ... Won European GM Lotus championship race at Spa in

1992. ... Spent 1996 working for Team Joest on FIA International Touring Car circuit and had five Top-10 finishes. ... Worked in Formula One testing for Bennetton 1997-1998, 2000-2001 and Renault in 2003. ... Second in GT1 with Luc Alphand Aventures at 2007 Le Mans Series round at Interlagos in Brazil. ... Career-best seventh at 2008 Daytona 24 Hours. ... Lists most memorable racing moment to date as final event checkered flag to take 1995 British Formula 3 championship. ... Sports enthusiast who follows all English pastimes, including rugby, soccer, cricket and athletics (track and field)...Would like to meet actor Robert DeNiro. ... Admires overall racing skills of late Ayrton Senna.

**LOU GIGLIOTTI**

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*Veteran racer with proven experience as car owner and driver. ... Former three time World Challenge champion. ... Debuted independent Riley Technologies Corvette C.6 in GT2 in 2008 on limited basis. ... Pointing towards full-time effort in crowded and competitive GT2 class in 2009 under banner of LG Motorsports. ... An entity that began its way by marketing specialized GM-related performance motorsports parts.*

**2009:** At Sebring, teamed with Eric Curran/Lucas Molo in abbreviated run for Riley Technologies-built Corvette C6. Race lasted just 89 laps before mechanical retirement. ... At St. Petersburg, teamed with Curran for fourth-place GT2 finish that saw Corvette running in impressive runner-up position. ... At Long Beach, teamed with Boris Said in Yokohama-shod Corvette. Entry struggled on street circuit, and had mid-race collision with BMW M3 that cracked exhaust pipe, which then caught carbon fiber on fire. Corvette erupted

on fire with five minutes left with Said at wheel. Said suffered only minor burns but car was 20 percent loss.

**2008:** Made five starts (Sebring, St. Petersburg, Long Beach, Salt Lake City and Petit Le Mans) in Chevrolet Riley Corvette C6 with best finish a sixth at Salt Lake City. ... Sebring debut cut short with Lap 99 retirement due to overheating issues. Teamed with Marc Goossens/Doug Peterson. ... At St. Petersburg, with Peterson, the duo finished in eighth place in the highly competitive GT2 class. ... At Long Beach, finished in 10th position in GT2 with co-driver Peterson. ... At Salt Lake City, suffered damage from contact with other competitor but finished sixth in class. ... At Road Atlanta, officially retired due to mechanical issues (overheating engine) after completing 37 laps.

### **GIGLIOTTI PIT NOTES**

Holds math/business degree from Alfred University. ... Owns LG Motorsports, one of America's leading Corvette performance parts suppliers. ... Began racing at SCCA club level in 1970s. ... Competed periodically in IMSA before beginning first World Challenge from 1991-1997. ... Won back-to-back championships in 1991 and 1992 and added a third in 1996. ... Recorded 19 career wins and 21 poles before moving to Trans-Am in 1998. ... Drove Mustang Cobra to win at Lime Rock in rookie season. ... Won American GT series race at Daytona in 2002 before taking 2003 season away from racing. ... Moved back to World Challenge in 2004. ... Won at Infineon in 2005 for first WC win since 1997 and placed ninth in GT championship with four top-fives and five top-10s. ... Finished second in 2006 World Challenge GT standings with two wins and three poles. Was only driver to win more than one race (Mid-Ohio and Salt Lake City). ... Sixth in 2007 World Challenge GT championship. ... Cites Mario Andretti and Michael Schumacher as the best drivers of all time and lists Long Beach, Mosport and Road America as favorite Series venues. ... A former math teacher and wrestling coach.

## **KLAUS GRAF**

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*Sporting one of the most diverse résumés in all of motorsports, Klaus Graf returns to the American Le Mans Series and the prototype ranks in the second half of 2009 with Greg Pickett and Team Cytosport in LMP2. ... Duo, which debuted in P1 during 2007, will race Porsche RS Spyder against foes from Acura and Mazda for balance of season. ... A former Trans-Am champion, Graf has competed in prototypes, GT cars, Formula Fords, Formula 3 and stock cars.*

**2009:** At Mid-Ohio, teamed with Greg Pickett in LMP2 debut with Team Cytosport. Scored impressive second-place class finish in Porsche RS Spyder. ... At Road America, scored second consecutive podium finish in Porsche RS Spyder with third in class and fifth overall. Fastest lap on lap 63 with 1:52.491. ... At Petit Le Mans, teamed with Sascha Maassen after starting from back of the field due to starting-driver change (from Pickett to Graf). Even with slick racing conditions and an hour behind pit wall to fix contaminated fuel, claimed third place finished in rain-shortened event.

**2007:** Made five starts in Cytosport's first season in the American Le Mans Series and recorded four podiums. ... At Long Beach, made return to Series in first race at famed Southern California circuit. Lola withdrawn after qualifying (cracked bellhousing). ... At Mid-Ohio, returned in style with P1 podium finish with ninth-place overall for best showing among petrol-powered P1s. ... At Road America, returned to podium in third place after battling weather and heavy traffic on the 4-mile course. ... At Mosport, recorded third straight podium finish in route-going effort. ... At Petit Le Mans, again finished third in P1 in partnership with Pickett/Memo Gidley. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, closed rookie season with fifth-place class finish.

**2006:** Made four starts for Alex Job Racing in Porsche with Mike Rockenfeller. Team scored one victory. ... Sixth at Sebring, adding Graham Rahal, following on-track contact and flat tire. ... Won his first Series race after watching Rockenfeller drive from back of GT2 grid to front, handing off to Graf on 75th lap. ... Did not start at Mid-Ohio (gearbox failure) and then finished ninth at Lime Rock after repair to suspension. ... Running second at Utah before going off track and finishing fourth in class.

**2001:** Made six starts as part of Panoz factory prototype effort. Best finish came with Franck Lagorce at Portland with fourth-place overall finish as sister entry took overall win. Led two races (Texas, Portland) but crashed out of Laguna Seca on lap 78.

**2000:** Two starts for Panoz works team in LMP-01 prototype and placed fourth in each (Nurburgring, Petit Le Mans). Drove with Johnny O'Connell/Hiroki Katoh in each.

**At Le Mans:** Three career starts, the most recent in 2008. ... Made two starts at Le Mans in Panoz prototypes. Did not finish in 2001 after accident on lap 86; not classified after completing just 205 laps with John Nielsen/Mauro Baldi for Team Den Bla Avis. ... Returned in 2008 with Greg Pickett/Jan Lammers in Lola-Judd P1. Ran steady pace through halfway point before retirement (engine).

### **GRAF PIT NOTES**

Made motorsports debut in 1991 with German Formula Ford. Won 1993 championship and also Austrian version. ... Spent 1994-06 in International German F3 championship; won Rookie of the Year in 1995 as OPEL factory driver. ... Debuted in Porsche Carrera Cup in 1996 with runner-up finish in debut race. ... Rookie of the Year in 1997 Carrera Cup and finished third in championship. ... Test driver for McLaren in 2002. ... In 2004, drove for BAM Racing in NASCAR and ARCA series. Finished 17th at Watkins Glen in NASCAR road-course stop. ... Won 2005 Trans-Am championship (first European to do so) with four wins and five poles for Team Rocketsports and Jaguar XKR. ... Favorite Series track is Road America, common for Europeans. ... Would like to

dine with tennis legend Steffi Graf and band U2. ... Says he doesn't mind doing housework. ... Also a fan of vintage sports cars.

## **CHRIS HALL**

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Driver instruction

*With competitive expertise in sports cars, stock cars, open wheel and sprint cars as well as manufacturer-related instruction, veteran racer Chris Hall is set to return to the cockpit with teammate and Primetime Race Group owner Joel Feinberg in 2009. ... Pairing will compete in a retooled Dodge Viper Competition Coupe in the ultra-competitive GT2 ranks. ... Competed in 10 of 11 events a year ago in his inaugural Series season.*

**2009:** At Sebring, teamed with Joel Feinberg/Ritchie Holt in Primetime Dodge Viper. Trio weathered several mechanical issues and retired after 251 laps, just shy of necessary 70 percent for points eligibility. ... At Long Beach, saw first action since Sebring and teamed with Feinberg for seventh-place GT2 finish. Result was best for pairing since Detroit 2008. ... At Utah, weathered extremely painful back injury to drive entirety of stint before handing over Feinberg, who became stranded on course in waning minutes. Credited with ninth-place class

finish. ... At Lime Rock, returned from back injury to place eighth in trouble-free run for Viper. ... At Road America, made return to track with Feinberg and Dodge Viper. Came home with ninth-place GT2 finish despite late-race off. ... At Mosport, complete 113 laps to claim eighth place class finish in GT2. ... At Petit Le Mans, started 12th and finished 13th in GT2 during rain-shortened event.

**2008:** At Sebring debut for Dodge Viper Coupe GT2 entry, delivered a solid fifth place finish. ... At St. Petersburg, endured a shunt early on that the crew repaired. Later in race, the No. 11 Viper had contact with a prototype resulting in the retirement of the car 20 laps into the race. ... Suffered one of season's biggest disappointments at Long Beach as Primetime entry excluded from the race early as a mechanic was working on the car outside of the pits. ... Struggles continued at Salt Lake City as team could not qualify due to new engine installation. ... 13th in race after losing power. ... Claimed two 10th place finishes at Lime Rock and Mid-Ohio with Feinberg. ... At Road America, four-hour race cut short with retirement after 47 laps (mechanical). ... At Mosport, duo completed 105 laps for 10th-place class finish, first such result since Lime Rock. ... At Detroit, posted season's best result since Sebring with seventh-place GT2 finish. Race came a year after team's initial entry into Series. ... At Road Atlanta, broken driveshaft after 280 laps meant retirement and 13th-place class finish. ... In Laguna Seca finale, retired after lap No. 112 due to mechanical issues, again claiming 13th in GT2.

**1999:** Placed seventh in GT at Petit Le Mans with Steve Marshall/Danny Marshall/Cindy Lux. Quartet drove Jennifer Fund Porsche over 316 laps.

### **HALL PIT NOTES**

Has coached and instructed for recognizable manufacturers such as Porsche, Maserati, Panoz and Radical. ... Began racing at amateur level in Formula Ford from 1982-1985 and won first race at Snetterton. ... Third in 1986 John Player Special Formula Ford championship as an amateur. ... Hired by Radical North America in 2007 to drive and promote the UK-built Radical sports racing car. ... Raced multiple Radical chassis in NASA (National Auto Sport Association) and PBOC (Porsche & BMW Owner's Club) mainly in Southeast Region. ... Claimed NASA national championship for Radical at Mid-Ohio round. ... Also won races at Homestead, Sebring and Road Atlanta in championship season. ... From 1987-1992, competed in Formula Ford, Formula Renault and Sedans with three series championships. ... Moved to US in 1993 and began competing in SCCA in 1995; took national championship race at Road Atlanta in 1995 and won three SCCA ITS races. ... Moved to stock cars in 1996. ... Became first Brit to secure a full-time ride in a NASCAR touring series by joining Dash Series in 1998. Finished 2nd in Rookie Championship and won "Most Improved Driver Award." ... Competed in sprint cars in 1999 and 2000 with one victory. ... Third overall in 2001 Daytona 24 Hours and won two Panoz Racing Series events in 2002. ... Won nine PBOC Florida feature races in 2006 driving Radical SR3 & PR6. ... Formed Competition Source, Inc to assist Radical owners with car preparation

and race driving techniques in 2006. ... In late 2007, named sole US supplier for Juno Racing, a British-based manufacturer that also builds and manufacturers sports racers.

## **JOEY HAND**

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5-10, 165 pounds

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*One of America's top young road racers, Joey Hand returns to the American Le Mans Series on a full-time basis in 2009 at the wheel of a new factory BMW M3. ... Will be teamed with Bill Auberlen as part of a two-car BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team GT2 effort . ... A part of BMW's M3 racing program from 2004-2006, Hand also brings open wheel as well as previous Series GT2 expertise to his new ultra-competitive assignment in class stocked with front running manufacturers and racing teams. ... Competed for Panoz Team PTG in 2007 with now BMW Rahal Letterman teammate Tommy Milner, and also drove selected Series races for the team towards the end of 2008 . ....Paired with Auberlen in 2006, the duo delivered three podium finishes.*

**2009:** At Sebring, partnered with Bill Auberlen in disappointing debut for new BMW M3. Showed consistency during week but failed to start from grid. Crew replaced starter, and car joined the race after 48 minutes. Retired after 27 laps

with lingering mechanical issues. ... At Long Beach, qualified fourth in GT2 and finally in running for podium position before mid-race collision with GT2 Corvette. Damage to front splitter and fender meant ninth-place showing with Auberlen. ... At Utah, hard-luck season continued with opening-lap crash that damaged front splitter and required replacement of front-left shock and damper with Auberlen at wheel. Placed eighth in class. ... At Lime Rock, had first trouble-free run and as a result first podium finish in new M3 with Hand. ... At Mid-Ohio, started seventh and finished eighth after contact with another GT car broke car's right-rear wheel. Recorded first career fastest race lap. ... At Road America, claimed fastest GT2 qualifier with a 2:06.950, and first Series victory in tandem with Auberlen. Drove final stint after BMW M3 gained full lap on GT2 field during early-race wave-by. ... At Mosport, started second in class and finished ninth in class following several long pit stops to repair body damage. ... At Petit Le Mans, started fifth and finished 12th completing 133 of the 184 laps during rain-shortened event with Auberlen.

**2008:** Concluded season with four starts and two top-ten finishes. ... Began season as Panoz Team PTG with Tommy Milner/Tom Sutherland at Sebring in Panoz Esperante but retired after 200 laps with mechanical issues. ... Signed on to help team develop Panoz GTLM at Road America with Milner. Led race in class but mechanical issues forced a retirement just past halfway mark resulting in 13<sup>th</sup> place class finish. ... At Road Atlanta, placed 12th in class at Panoz home track with Milner. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, ended season with fantastic third-place showing as Panoz stayed in contention for class win throughout.

**2007:** Returned to Series with Team PTG – this time in a Panoz Esperante GTLM with Bill Auberlen. ... Added Tom Kimber-Smith at Sebring but car retired after 275 laps due to oil leak. ... At St. Petersburg, rewarded with third-place GT2 finish after a rigorous late battle with Flying Lizard Porsche. ... At Long Beach, battled hard for a podium position in tight GT2 field but could fare no better than fifth in class. ... At Houston, completed only 60 laps before suffering race ending broken axle. ... Disappointing results with mechanical woes at next three races – Salt Lake City, Lime Rock and Mid-Ohio. ... At Road America, ran as high as third in class but end-of-race electrical problems resulted in the car going behind the wall and not taking the checkered flag. ... At Detroit, finished seventh in GT2. ... At Petit Le Mans, Auberlen/Hand reunited with Kimber-Smith and finished seventh in class. ... At Laguna Seca finale, was in running for podium finish but late contact with Rahal Letterman Porsche resulted in an off-track finish.

**2006:** Competed in all 10 Series events with three podium finishes in PTG BMW M3, the best class runner-up at Road America. ... Finished sixth in drivers championship, teamed with Bill Auberlen. ... Finished first race of season at Mid-Ohio, a fourth-place showing. ... Third place at Lime Rock for first podium before slipping to sixth at Utah. ... Steady weekend led to second straight third-

place finish at Portland. ... Runner-up at Road America in thrilling down-to-wire duel with Jörg Bergmeister. Held lead until three laps from the end. ... Fifth place at Mosport before finishing fourth at Petit Le Mans. ... Disappointing eighth in Laguna Seca finale.

### **HAND PIT NOTES**

First raced karts at age 12 . . . Models his driving style after his father, whom he credits for his start in racing. ...Drove in Star Mazda in 1998 and 1999 with nine wins and eight poles during that period. ...Third in 2001 Toyota Atlantic championship with two wins and pole position, and named Rookie of the Year. ... Seventh place in 2003 Atlantic Championship. ... Four wins in 2005 Grand-Am GT class for BMW Team PTG. ...Still considers Michael Schumacher as the greatest driver of all-time “because he gets it done”. ... Says he would covet a win at Long Beach more than any other venue. ...Of all the drivers in racing, believes Tony Stewart would likely find the most success in sports car racing.

## 2008 GT2 CHAMPION

### WOLF HENZLER

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1 – 2008 (GT2)

**Special Interests:**

Mountain biking, skiing, fitness and golf



*Porsche factory driver Wolf Henzler returns to Series competition to defend his 2008 GT2 drivers championship title. ... Moves to Farnbacher Loles Racing for the 2009 season to share driving duties with fellow countryman Dirk Werner in the factory supported Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. ... The 2008 championship season saw Henzler score four wins, three poles (two of them being new records) and nine podiums. ... Given factory status in January 2008 following eight seasons of competing in the various Porsche Cup series.*

**2009:** At Sebring, joined Farnbacher Loles Racing with Dirk Werner/Richard Lietz. Trio started from GT2 pole but stopped early to replace broken differential. Lost many laps but recovered and drove hard enough to record eighth-place finish and championship points. ... At St. Petersburg, found more misfortune in opening stint when piece of debris caused part of tire to become wrapped around brake line, which forced lengthy stop. Returned to finish seventh in class. ... At Long Beach, awarded GT2 pole but found more raceway misfortune with right-front damper issue while leading. Repair resulted in 10<sup>th</sup> place class finish. ... At Utah, shook off illness to team with Marc Lieb for runner-up finish in Farnbacher Loles entry. Ran second for entire race in posting best finish of season. Porsche also was winning GT entry in MICHELIN® Green X® Challenge. ... At Lime Rock, teamed with Bryce Miller in Farnbacher Loles entry that qualified third and finished fourth after Miller experienced seat problems in Porsche. ... At Mid-Ohio, started fifth on grid with Porsche Junior driver Martin Ragginer. Finished sixth in class after battling Ferrari during final moments. ... At Road America, after a promising qualifying effort settled for 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish when a broken toe link on lap 56 caused early retirement. Teamed again with Miller. ... At Mosport, qualified in third position, but had to start at rear of field due to Werner's absence during qualifying (prior race commitment). Took fourth place finish. ... At Petit Le Mans, started ninth but improved to third place finish during rain-shortened event with Werner.

**2008:** Re-entered Series competition on a mission to better his third place driver standings from the previous season. Was successful in his task to bring home his first championship in GT2 and the first team championship for Flying Lizard Motorsports. ... At Sebring, with co-drivers Marc Lieb/Jörg Bergmeister, scored class victory in the No. 45 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. Team claimed first class win at 12 Hours following two runner-up finishes in as many starts. ... At St. Petersburg, earned pole position in GT2 and ran strong with in tandem with Bergmeister until contact with a prototype forced Porsche into the pits when the checkered flag was thrown resulting in ninth place finish. ... At Long Beach, battled strongly in highly contested GT2 race finishing just .010 of a second off the Tafel Racing Ferrari resulting in a second place finish in class. Finish was closest in GT2 history. ... At Utah, qualified on pole position in class and with Bergmeister went on to claim class victory second time this season. ... At Lime Rock, claimed third GT2 victory with Bergmeister as team scored second consecutive victory at circuit. ... At Mid-Ohio, finished third behind Tafel Ferrari and sister Porsche. ... At Road America running fourth in class on last lap, but an incident causing the class leader off track allowed pairing to get around the competitors and finish second in class. ... 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, with co-pilot Bergmeister finished second in GT2, clinching class driver and team championship for Flying Lizard No. 45. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna

Seca, crossed ninth in class after losing time in pits following collision with another Porsche.

**2007:** Placed career-best third in GT2 driver championship with two runner-up finishes and four other podiums for Tafel Racing in first year of new Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. ... Third at Sebring with Robin Liddell/Patrick Long in Tafel Racing's Series debut. ... Dropped to fifth at St. Petersburg after lengthy pit stop (malfunctioning refueling rig) and fourth at Long Beach. ... Returned to podium at Houston in battle with Flying Lizard Porsche. ... Qualified Porsche third in class at Utah and finished there with Liddell. ... Contact with prototype at Lime Rock forced co-driver Liddell into Armco resulting in lengthy repairs and 10th-place showing in GT2. ... Led at Mid-Ohio but suffered rear-hub component failure thwarted possible podium finish and led to ninth place in class. ... Third in class at Road America before sixth-place at Mosport and a DNF at Detroit. ... Teamed with Dominik Farnbacher at Petit Le Mans for runner-up finish. ... Pairing had similar finish to close season at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

**2006:** Made nine GT2 starts, primarily with Johannes van Overbeek in Flying Lizard Porsche and posted first class victory on his way to winning the Porsche Cup. ... Opened with ninth-place finish for J3 Racing after mid-week rebuild of Porsche. ... Second at Houston in first race for Flying Lizard and improved to first at Mid-Ohio for first career Series win. Win was first for team since 2004 Mid-Ohio. ... Win was first of three straight podiums with runner-up and class fastest race lap at Lime Rock, followed by third-place at Utah. ... Fourth at Portland in tough podium battle and fell back to fifth at Road America as Porsche was hampered by early-race incidents. ... Fifth again at Petit Le Mans with van Overbeek/Marc Lieb after losing time due to engine misfire early and contact with prototype that necessitated suspension repairs. ... Fifth place at Laguna Seca after driving two-and-a-half hours following repair to broken radiator.

**2005:** Seven starts came in season's second half and started with ninth-place in GT2 with Mike Rockenfeller in the BAM! Porsche 911 at Lime Rock. ... Took podium position at Infineon with Rockenfeller before placing second with Martin Jensen at Portland. ... Fourth at Road America before finishing third at Mosport. ... Disappointing fifth place at Petit Le Mans due to various mechanical issues. ... Closed season with return to podium at Laguna Seca.

**2004:** In Series debut, finished second in GT at Petit Le Mans in Alex Job Racing Porsche with Romain Dumas/Marc Lieb.

**At Le Mans:** Made first career start in Felbermayr-Proton entry with Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, paired with Marc Lieb/Richard Lietz. Class favorite out of contention early with fuel pump failure.

## **HENZLER PIT NOTES**

Like many racers, began his career in the karting ranks, where he was a junior champion in 1990-91 at age 15. ... Drove in variety of German formula levels from 1992 to 1999. ... Scored two victories in 1997 and 1998 German Formula 3 series. ... Spent 1999 season in Formula 3000. ... Porsche Supercup “Rookie of the Year” in 2000. Placed eighth overall, and advanced to sixth in 2001, fourth in 2002 and third in 2003. ... Won Porsche Supercup title in 2004 with nine wins in 12 events. ... Has won four times in SPEED World Challenge GT with Series team Farnbacher Loles Racing, in 2004 and 2005, with five fast qualifier awards and five fastest race laps; won Mid-Ohio and Denver rounds. ... Took 2005 GT pole position and class win at 24 Hours of Daytona to kick off his Porsche Cup season. ... Owns two master’s degrees – one in business economics and another in computer science.

## WESLEY HOAGLUND

**Birthdate:**

June 28, 1966

**Birthplace:**

New York, NY

**Height/Weight:**

6-1, 200 pounds

**Residence:**

Tustin, CA

**Family:**

Single

**Team (Class):**

Gruppe Orange – Porsche 911 GT3 Cup (Challenge)

**Special Interests:**

Traveling, snowboarding



*An IMSA competitor since 2006, Wesley Hoaglund is advancing to American Le Mans Series competition as part of the new Challenge class for Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars. ... Teaming with two-time IMSA Challenge champion Bob Faieta.*

**2009:** At Utah, took over Gruppe Orange Challenge entry from Bob Faieta just past one-hour mark while running second. Engine overheating resulted in retirement just past halfway point, minutes later. ... At Lime Rock, watched Faieta qualify on class pole, and duo won race by three laps. ... At Mid-Ohio, started fifth in class and achieved third place finish in tandem with Faieta. ... At Road America, finished third in Challenge class with Faieta to stay second in class championship.

### HOAGLUND PIT NOTES

First entered IMSA ranks in 2006 in 996 Class of IMSA GT3 Challenge. Ended season 10<sup>th</sup> in points. Best showing was seventh at Salt Lake City. Other top-10s were at Road America, Petit Le Mans and Wesley Hoaglund. ... Placed 17<sup>th</sup> in 2007 championship with three points-paying finish. Again saw best finish at Utah with eighth-place showing. ... Improved to career-best third in 2008 Gold Cup championship. Finished fourth four times (Sebring twice, Mid-Ohio and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca). Also placed in top-10 in second Utah round and Mosport. ... Returned to 2009 competition in Gold Cup. Failed to finish both Sebring rounds but placed sixth and ninth in class in two Utah laps. ... Admires Michael Schumacher's domination. ... Would like to have met civil rights pioneer

Martin Luther King Jr. ... Is CEO of Lenox Financial Mortgage and Weslend Financial. ... Favorite tracks are Road America, Mosport and Miller Motorsports Park for their high-speed corners.

## **IAN JAMES**

**Birthdate:**

July 22, 1974

**Birthplace:**

Epsom, England

**Height/Weight:**

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**Special Interests:**

Professional basketball, squash



*A former American Le Mans Series champion in LMP2, Ian James is hoping to find same success in GT2 with Panoz Team PTG. ... Will partner with Dominik Farnbacher at Sebring in Panoz Esperante GTLM with possibility of further action throughout season. ... Has driven cars from Courage, Lola, Porsche, Panoz and BMW during Series career.*

**2009:** At Sebring, joined Dominik Farnbacher in Panoz Team PTG Panoz Esperante GTLM. Entry scored well-earned podium in strong run throughout. Involved in contact with Flying Lizard Porsche but emerged unscathed. ... At St. Petersburg, drove opening stint in second straight class podium finish. Advanced from sixth place at start. ... At Long Beach, saw podium streak come to end with sixth-place finish. Entry started at back of grid after pitlane contact with GT1 Corvette knocked off rear diffuser and bodywork just prior to qualifying. ... At Utah, in podium contention again with fourth-place class finish in partnership with Farnbacher board Panoz entry. ... At Lime Rock, placed sixth

with Farnbacher in Panoz entry that struggled around short and tight circuit. ... At Mid-Ohio, started race ninth in class and finish seventh in No. 21 Panoz. Drove back from mid-race off with minimal damage. ... At Road America, started 17<sup>th</sup> overall and due to early contact with fellow GT2 runner. Finished 24<sup>th</sup> overall and 11<sup>th</sup> in class. ... At Mosport, finished with a strong sixth place GT2 finish with Farnbacher. ... At Petit Le Mans, started eighth and finished ninth in Panoz Esperante during rain-shortened event.

**2007:** Only start was fifth-place class finish in debut for Tafel Racing in GT2. Drove Porsche 911 GT3 RSR with Dominik Farnbacher/Jim Tafel.

**2006:** Made two starts for BMW Team PTG. ... Retired after 197 laps in BMW M3 with Bill Auberlen/Joey Hand. ... Finished ninth at Petit Le Mans with Bryan Sellers/Joey Hand.

**2005:** Won the only Series race he entered, the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring for the second straight year with Miracle. ... Teamed with Chris McMurry/Jeff Bucknum for convincing victory. ... James had entered the week without a ride, but replaced team owner John Macaluso.

**2004:** Teamed with Mike Borkowski/John Macaluso to win the 12 Hours of Sebring in Miracle's Lola B2K/40/Nissan. ... Partnered with James Gue for third-place podium result at Mid-Ohio. ... He/Gue then won at Lime Rock, finishing 12th among all starters. ... Took second place at Infineon, sixth overall, trailing P2 winners Clint Field/Jon Field/Robin Liddell. ... Finished second in class at Portland at Mosport, then won at Road America, trailing only two prototype machines and Corvette GTS entries in first race in new Courage C-65 chassis. ... Started at Petit Le Mans, but retired from competition after 128 laps due to mechanical failures. ... Same woes forced a similar dropout at season-ending Laguna Seca day-night race.

**2003:** Raced just one time, at 12 Hours of Sebring, with Patrick Roussel/Allan Ziegelmann in Norma M-2000-2/Ford, dropping out after only 71 laps.

**2000:** Raced twice, with a seventh place showing at 12 Hours of Sebring.

**At Le Mans:** Lone start was runner-up P2 finish in 2006 with Miracle Motorsports Courage-AER. Drove with John Macaluso/Andy Lally.

### **JAMES PIT NOTES**

James' early career experience centered around a number of British racing series, notably the Formula Vauxhall Juniors, where he was championship runner-up in 1994. ... Has also raced in British Formula 3. ... Came to USA in 1995 and ran in the Skip Barber Eastern Series. ... Won four of his first six races there before an accident ended his season. ... Remembers Nigel Mansell's come-from-behind victory over Nelson Piquet in 1996 British Grand Prix as the

best race he has ever seen – “an unbelievable recovery drive by Mansell”. ... Considers Spa in Belgium as favorite track along with Brands Hatch, his first race track experience. ... Says “moving to USA” is best non-racing moment because it “changed my life”. ... English native who formerly lived in Florida. ... Favorite pro sports teams include hometown NBA Orlando Magic and baseball’s San Diego Padres. ... Played squash at Portsmouth University. ... Preferred dining companions would be billionaire developer Donald Trump, Queen of England and actress Pamela Anderson. ... Would like to attend the Indy 500 one day. ... “Got hooked” on racing from watching his father race and growing up around it”. ... When not racing, works as driving coach.

## **STEFAN JOHANSSON**

### **Birthdate:**

September 8, 1956

### **Birthplace:**

Vaxjo, Sweden

### **Height/Weight:**

5'8"/148 lbs

### **Residence:**

Los Angeles, CA and Monte Carlo, Monaco

### **Family:**

Wife Gabriella, daughters Clara and Kelly, son Stefan Jr.

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

Corsa Motorsports – Ginetta-Zytek 09HS (LMP1)

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### **Special interests:**

Painting, listening to music, reading



*Racing standout Stefan Johansson returns to Series duties behind the wheel of the groundbreaking Ginetta-Zytek 09HS- Hybrid in LMP1 for Corsa Motorsports. Entry relies on the conversion of mechanical energy to electric energy, a process which Johansson has been testing with Corsa Motorsports and Zytek. ... One of the most experienced drivers in all of motorsports, Johansson has competed in everything from Formula 1 and Champ Cars to prototype sports cars with great success in every division. ... Made 79 starts with 12 podium finishes in F1 career. ... Has driven for prestigious teams and manufacturers such as Ferrari, McLaren, Porsche, Mercedes, Toyota, Nissan, Mazda and Audi throughout his career.*

**2009:** At Utah, teamed with Johnny Mowlem in debut of revolutionary Corsa Motorsports Ginetta-Zytek 09HS prototype. Entry finished fourth in P1 and completed full race. Hybrid system continues to be developed for race

competition. ... At Lime Rock, scored podium finish in first race for Ginetta-Zytek as true hybrid entry. Tough battle mid-race with Jon Field for third in class. Did lose front damper cover in race but no other issues. ... At Mid-Ohio, started at back of the pack, but battled fiercely in traffic to hold top spots in LMP1. Claimed fourth place class finish and sixth overall with Mowlem. ... At Road America, started back of the field after failing to post qualification time. Moved quickly into ninth and proceeded to finish fourth in class with Mowlem.

**2008:** Started three events in two prototype classes. ... Teamed with David Brabham/Scott Sharp in Patrón Highcroft Acura ARX-01b. Trio finished fourth position in class and fifth overall. ... Moved to new Corsa Motorsports Zytek 07S LMP1 with Johnny Mowlem/Gunnar Jeannette. Car retired shy of two-hour mark after hard impact sent prototype on top of tire wall downhill Turn 12. ... Led overall at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and went on to third-place P1 finish with Mowlem.

**2007:** Returned to full-time prototype duties for first time since 2002. Teamed with Brabham to claim three podiums and third-place in LMP2 championship. ... At Sebring, drove Brabham/team owner Duncan Dayton in new Acura ARX-01 and ran impressively in second place in class until electrical problems in hour six. By night's end, trio just missed podium with a fourth-place class finish. ... At St. Petersburg, ascended podium with third-place P2 finish in tight race. Led in class before a faulty radio mistakenly led him to pit. ... At Long Beach, just missed second straight podium with fourth-place effort. ... At Houston, watch Brabham capture overall pole but again finished just off P2 podium in fourth place. ... At Utah, again led early before misfortune. Lost gears three through six, and co-driver Brabham had to finish the last lap at a slow pace to achieve the 70 percent needed for points. ... At Lime Rock, after a high-traffic battle, finished third overall and third in LMP2. ... At Mid-Ohio, oil leak after contact with No. 1 Audi resulted in mechanical black flag. Fought back for sixth in class. ... At Road America, drove fiercely after taking controls from co-driver Brabham before the severe weather caused an hour and five-minute yellow flag. The duo finished third in class for the team's third podium finish of season. ... At Mosport, crash with GT car caused major damage to the No. 9 and resulted in Lap 48. ... At Detroit, battled heavy traffic on the street course and finished on the LMP2 podium in third place with Brabham. ... At Petit Le Mans, led early before team had to replace starter as Johansson/Brabham/Robbie Kerr placed sixth in P2. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, running third and charging toward lead when contact with Dyson Porsche resulted in crash and retirement with 1:45 left.

**2006:** Started final two events in factory Zytek prototype. ... Led 1,000-mile marathon twice before finishing second with Johnny Mowlem/Haruki Kurosawa. ... Blitzed to track record at Laguna Seca in qualifying and ran with leaders all day before finishing fifth.

**2003:** Drove Champion Audi R8 at Sebring with JJ Lehto/Emanuele Pirro. Led first 10 hours of the race but ultimately finished second.

**2002:** Contested nine of the 10 races with Champion Racing, paired with fellow ex-F1 star Johnny Herbert in Audi R8. ... Best race was Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta, where the two dominated most of the race but lost it because of ill-timed full-course yellows. ... Finished second four times: Sebring, Mosport, Laguna Seca and Petit Le Mans. ... Third at Road America and Trois-Rivieres.

**2001:** Ran three Series races in his own Gulf Audi R8. ... Finished fourth at Sebring, third at Laguna Seca and second at Petit Le Mans.

**2000:** Contested 10 races in his own Reynard 2KQ-Judd Prototype. ... Had four top-five finishes, including best of fourth at Mosport. ... Fifth at Portland, Laguna Seca and Las Vegas, and seventh at Sears Point and Texas.

**1999:** Drove for new factory Audi team at Sebring and finished third overall in Audi R8R. ... Switched to a Ferrari 333SP for five additional starts with best finishes of fourth at Laguna Seca and fifth at Las Vegas.

**At Le Mans:** Thirteen starts with overall win and three class victories. ... Sixth overall in 1983 debut in Joest Porsche 956. Did not finish in 1984 or 1990 before placing sixth overall in 1991 and winning C2 class for Toyota in 1992. ... Returned in 1997 to win overall in Joest Porsche with Tom Kristensen/Michele Alboreto. ... Retired from race the following four years. ... Third overall in Audi R8 in 2003. ... Retired in 2006 race after six hours in Racing for Holland Dome. ... Race-week entry in factory Courage LMP1 but left race after 175 laps (engine) in 2007. ... Drove new Epsilon Eskuadi P1 coupe in 2008 but retired after 158 laps (transmission).

### **JOHANSSON PIT NOTES**

First racing vehicle was a go kart at age 8, and first racing car was a Formula Ford at age 18. ... Won 1980 British Formula 3 championship. ... First F1 race was 1980 Argentine GP although he did not qualify. ... Took first of two Sebring wins in 1984 driving a Porsche 935 Turbo. ... Began full-time Formula One career in 1985 with Ferrari, a development he considers his best moment in racing. ... Took two second-place finishes and seventh in points on season. ... Improved to fifth in 1986, and then ranked sixth for McLaren in 1987 with two more runner-up finishes. ... In 1988, he was 12th Non-Turbo F1 points and ranked 11th in the World Championship in 1989. ... Final F1 event was 1991 British Grand Prix. ... Accomplished rare sports car double in 1997, winning at Sebring in Ferrari 333 SP and at Le Mans, a triumph he considers “my most memorable racing victory.” ... Earned “Rookie of the Year” in 1992 Champ Car World Series. ... Made three Indy 500 starts with best finish a sixth-place effort for Penske in 1993. ... Won the LMP900 championship of the European Le Mans Series (2001), winning an event at Most, Czech Republic. ... Started a

CART Champ Car team for 2003 and driver Ryan Hunter-Reay won the season finale at Surfers Paradise, Australia, but Johansson severed his ties with the team after the season. ... Designs and markets his own line of eponymous limited-edition collector watches. ... Lists favorite race tracks as Spa, Suzuka and Le Mans “because all are fast and challenging.” ... First road car was a Volkswagen that he crashed after one day. ... Father was also a racing driver. ... As a young person, followed career of Hans Stuck who he terms “the personification of a pro.” ... Played ice hockey as a student. ... Stays in shape by practicing Tae-Kwan-Do. ... Considers Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna as his ultimate racing teammates because “I learned more from them than anyone else.”

## **NIC JONSSON**

### **Birthdate:**

August 4, 1967

### **Birthplace:**

Bankeryd, Sweden

### **Height/Weight:**

5-7, 160 pounds

### **Residence:**

Buford, GA

### **Family:**

Wife Helen, son Max

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Risi Competizione/Krohn Racing – Ferrari F430 GT (GT2)

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Running, mountain biking, ice hockey

*Nic Jonsson is returning to the American Le Mans Series as part of the Krohn Racing/Risi Competizione effort in GT2. ... Will drive Ferrari F430 GT in select races, joining Krohn at Sebring and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. ... One of the most experienced and well-versed GT drivers in the world with experience in Ferraris, Porsches and BMWs, among others.*

**2009:** At Sebring, reunited with Tracy Krohn/Eric van de Poele in Risi Competizione/Krohn Racing Ferrari. Trio missed out on second straight GT2 podium with sixth-place class finish after harmless early spin.

**2008:** At Sebring, claimed podium finish in the No. 61 Ferrari 430 fielded by Risi Competizione. Co-drove GT2 racer with Tracy Krohn and Eric van de Poole for third place finish in class. ... At Road Atlanta, trio reunited to finish fourth in class in first race since Sebring. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, completed 129 laps claiming 11th in GT2.



**2007:** First year driving for Risi/Krohn partnership in GT2. ... Ninth at Sebring with Colin Braun/Tracy Krohn. Started fifth and ran strong early before crash with Krohn at wheel near three-hour mark forced one-hour pit stop for repairs. ... Third-place GT2 finish with Anthony Lazzaro for Risi before placing 10<sup>th</sup> at Houston with Krohn. ... Paired with Eric Helary at Utah for fourth-place finish then climbed on to class podium in third at Lime Rock. ... Battled technical issues with car early at Petit Le Mans before oil pump failure after 279 laps. ... At Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, partnered with Krohn for eight-place finish.

**2006:** Seventh in GT2 at Sebring for Petersen/White Lightning with Jörg and Tim Bergmeister. Lost significant time with suspension failure and on-track contact.

**2005:** Competed three times for J3 Racing. ... Tied career best with GT2 runner-up finish at Sebring with Tim Sugden. ... Sixth at both Road Atlanta races.

**2004:** Drove with Romeo Kapudija/Dorsey Porter to 11th place in GT at Sebring for J3 to open season. ... Paired in Lamborghini with Krohn at Portland, but car forced to retire with mechanical problems after 103 laps. ... Left Petit Le Mans after 184 following retirement of Lamborghini.

**2003:** Scored runner-up with Petersen/White Lightning at Sebring, teaming with Johnny Mowlem/Craig Stanton. ... Co-drove a BMW M3 with Bill Auberlen at Miami, but car was retired.

**2001:** Drove full season mostly with Auberlen, for factory-supported BMW team in GT class. ... Had pair of fourth-place finishes in class at Infineon and Mid-Ohio. ... Mechanical difficulties sidelined car at Sebring, Portland and Petit Le Mans while accidents retired car at Mosport and Laguna Seca.

**2000:** Competed in seven Series races for BMW Team PTG. Had four fourth-place verdicts: Nurburgring, Portland, Las Vegas and Adelaide.

**1999:** Raced three times with Jon Field in inaugural Series season in Lola B98-Ford and was retired in all three events due to mechanical problems.

**At Le Mans:** Two career starts highlighted by 2007 GT2 runner-up finish with Krohn/Braun in Risi-Krohn Ferrari. ... Retired in 2006 driving Petersen/White Lightning-Krohn Porsche in GT2. ... Returned to GT2 podium with third-place finish in 2009 with Krohn/Eric van de Poele in Krohn-Risi Ferrari, joining winning team car.

## **JONSSON PIT NOTES**

Began racing karts in 1977 and won Swedish national karting events in 1984, 1985 and 1987. ... Won 1990 and 1991 Scandinavian F3 series with 10 wins combined. ... Moved to European F3 in 1992 and finished second in rookie season championship. ... Also competed in Scandinavian Touring Cars and was Reynard test driver. ... Two wins in 1995 Formula Asia before moving to Indy Lights for 1996 and 1997. ... Three career IRL starts with best finish of 12<sup>th</sup> at Orlando in 2000. ... Second in World Challenge Touring Car championship with victory at Infineon. ... Won Watkins Glen Grand-Am round in 2005. ... Twelve in NASCAR Nationwide race at Montreal in 2007. ... Holds masters degree in psychology and has worked as conversational therapist, carpenter, personal trainer and driving instructor. ... Says Ronnie Petersen and Ayrton Senna are best drivers in history because they were great qualifiers and had wonderful personalities. ... Owns and operates Kinetic Speed Sport in Buford, GA. ... Once worked as a speech therapist and psychologist at a rehab center in Sweden. ... Would like to dine one day with Julia Roberts, Bruce Willis and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.