

CORVETTE RACING ACTIVITIES REPORT

For the month of September, 2018

A BUSY MONTH FOR ALL CORVETTE RACING ACTIVITIES

A TOTAL OF 7 RACING EVENTS

1-IMSA, 2-Trans Am, and 2[X2]-ADAC GT Masters

[ADAC are (2) - 1HOUR Races on Consecutive Days, typically Sat. / Sun.]

A Grand Total of 7 RACES

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1ST & 2ND EVENTS – SEPT 7TH/ 9TH ADAC GT Masters

WHERE: SACHSENRING, GERMANY

WHO: Callaway Corvette Racing & RWT Racing (private Callaway entry)

TRACK CONFIGURATION: 2.26 miles, 15 Turns

RACE LENGTH: 2 – 1 hour races, 1 on Saturday, 1 on Sunday



The ADAC GT Masters is one of the most competitive series with 35 cars entered: Corvette(2), Audi(13), BMW(3), Ferrari(1), Honda(1), Lambo(5), MB(6), Porsche(4).

1st Race on Saturday, August 8th, Callaway qualified 15th, RWT qualified 28TH.
Race result; Callaway Corvettes dropped out on lap 7, 11 minutes into the race and was a DNF. RWT finished 20th.

2nd Race on Sunday, August 9th, Callaway qualified 21st, RWT qualified 28th.
Race result; Callaway Corvette finished 7th. RWT finished 24th.

Europeans like their sports car racing! Grid Walk. Can hardly see the race cars.



Crowded starts this series. Can't see the Corvettes so many competitors.





Gets very competitive in ADAC racing, 4 or 5 wide. Somebody sideways.



On track action, Callaway Corvette 6th car in photo



On track action, RWT Corvette 2nd in photo, Callaway Corvette 4th in photo



Callaway Corvette is Mid-Pack, sequential photos, way right in 1st photo, in front of green car in 2nd photo



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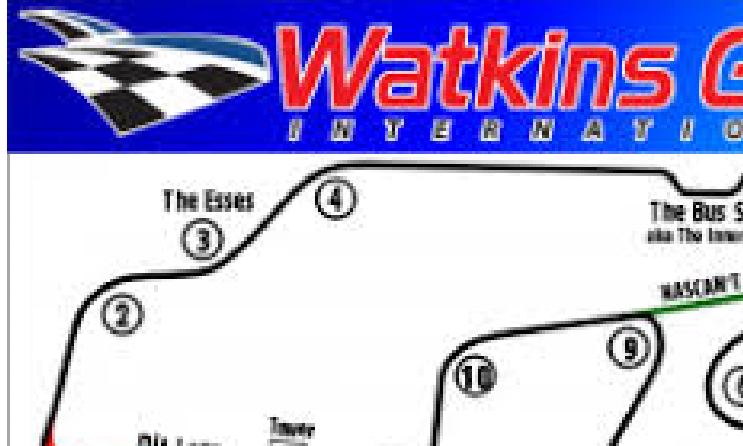
3RD EVENT – Sept. 8TH TRANS AM

WHERE: WATKINS GLEN, NY

WHO: Amy Ruman, Simon Gregg and other Corvette Racing Teams

TRACK CONFIGURATION: 3.4 Miles, 11 Turns

RACE LENGTH: 70 Minutes, or 30 Laps (102 Miles) whichever comes first.



Test Practice – **Amy was 6th fastest.** Simon Gregg/Corvette 5th.

Ernie Francis Jr, The Kid, 13th . Boris Said, Chris Dyson and Tomy Drissi had commanding leads during this practice.

Official Practice – **Amy was 5th fastest.** Simon Gregg/Corvette didn't practice. Ernie Francis Jr, The Kid, 10th . Said, Dyson, Loshak, Drissi had leading times.

Qualifying – **Amy 8th**, Simon Gregg 9th. Not a good Corvette result.

But then again, competing against some BIG names in racing; Said 1st, Francis 2nd, Larry Loshak 3rd, Paul Fix 4th, Chris Dyson 5th.

Race – There is no live feed for Trans Am races, just Timing & Scoring.

Even the Announcers at the Track have no live feed, just T&S. And to try to walk around the track is difficult at best. Announcers made a funny comment that the people around the Track knew more than they did as to what was happening.

Boris Said increased his lead from Green Flag lap-after-lap until he broke, wheel bearing. Francis took the lead, increased his lead until he broke, oil pump issue.

Paul Fix took the lead, until he broke, drive line issue.

Amy moved to 3rd, and Simon Gregg 4th. Then **Amy suddenly slowed going uphill to the esses**. I thought **Amy** got off the race line after turn 1, got into the 'marbles' at turn 2, drifted out losing 2 positions. **Amy** worked her way back to **finish in 4th place**, behind Simon Gregg in 3rd place.

The race ultimately broke down, pun intended, to a fantastic race duel between Tomy Drissi and Larry Loshak in Camaros, lap-after-lap. Drissi took the checkered flag.

PHOTOS – IN THE RUMAN ‘OPEN AIR GARAGE’ AT WATKINS GLEN



ROLLING OUT ONTO THE TRACK AMY BEHIND PINTARIC CADDY



*GREEN FLAG WAVING - 3 SEQUENTIAL PHOTOS
AMY IS 8TH HERE. TOMY DRISSI IN FRONT OF AMY.*



*AMY TRYING TO PUT A PASS ON THE PINTARIC CADDY
COMING DOWN TO TURN 1, MID PACK BEHIND DRISSI*



AMY PASSING PINTARIC



AMY COMING OUT OF TURN 1, BEHIND EVENTUAL WINNER DRISSI.



AMY COMING UP HILL TO THE ESSES LEFT TURN #3, NOTICE OUTSIDE OF LEFT FRONT TIRE SLIGHTLY LIFTING OFF GROUND



AMY ON FRONT STRAIGHT IN 3RD, SIMON GREGG CORVETTE FOLLOWING. Simon Gregg is the son of famed Porsche driver Peter Gregg.



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4TH EVENT – SEPT. 9TH IMSA

WHERE: LAGUNA SECA RACEWAY, CA

WHO: Chevrolet Pratt&Miller Corvette Racing Team

TRACK CONFIGURATION: 2.238 Miles, 11 Turns

RACE LENGTH: 2 HOURS & 40 MINUTES





Laguna Seca is famous for The Corkscrew, a one-of-a-kind turn in motorsports. A hard-left, hard-right combination; Turn 8 (the lefthander and entry to The Corkscrew), to the exit of turn 8A the elevation changes 59 feet, 5 ½ stories, in only 450 feet of track. Then, if that were not enough, from Turn 8A to Turn 9 the elevation falls another 109 feet, or just over 10 stories.



PRACTICE SESSION RESULTS –

Session 1 - Magnussen was 0.8 seconds off 1st place and Gavin was 0.95 seconds off 1st place #67 Ford GT

	6	5	F. Albuquerque / J. Barbosa	Mustang Sampling Racing
	7	54	J. Bennett / C. Braun	CORE autosport
	8	85	S. Trummer / R. Alon	JDC-Miller Motorsports
	9	31	F. Nasr / E. Curran	Whelen Engineering Racing
	10	77	O. Jarvis / T. Nunez	Mazda Team Joest
	11	99	M. Gaikhberg / S. Simpson	JDC-Miller Motorsports
	12	52	S. Saavedra / G. Yacamán	AFS/PR1 Mathiasen Motorsports
	13	55	J. Bomarito / H. Tinknell	Mazda Team Joest

Session 2 - Magnussen was 0.34 seconds off 1st place and Gavin was 0.47 seconds off 1st place #66 Ford GT

	3	5	F. Albuquerque / J. Barbosa	Mustang Sampling Racing
	4	54	J. Bennett / C. Braun	CORE autosport
	5	10	R. Van Der Zande / J. Taylor	Konica Minolta Cadillac DPi-V.R
	6	55	J. Bomarito / H. Tinknell	Mazda Team Joest
	7	22	J. van Overbeek / P. Derani	Tequila Patron ESM
	8	31	F. Nasr / E. Curran	Whelen Engineering Racing
	9	77	O. Jarvis / T. Nunez	Mazda Team Joest
	10	2	S. Sham / R. Dobrial	Tequila Patron ESM

Session 3 - Magnussen was 1.35 seconds off 1st place and Gavin was 0.71 seconds off 1st place #911 Porsche

	3	7	H. Castroneves / R. Taylor	Acura Team Penske
	4	54	J. Bennett / C. Braun	CORE autosport
	5	55	J. Bonamito / H. Tinknell	Mazda Team Joest
	6	2	S. Sharp / R. Dalziel	Tequila Patron ESM
	7	22	J. van Overbeek / P. Derani	Tequila Patron ESM
	8	5	F. Albuquerque / J. Barbosa	Mustang Sampling Racing
	9	6	D. Cameron / J. Montoya	Acura Team Penske
	10	31	F. Nasr / E. Curran	Whelen Engineering Racing

QUALIFYING - *Gavin #4 Corvette takes 1st place in Qualifying*
Magnussen takes 3rd place in Qualifying was 0.1 of a second behind Gavin

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	5	54	J. Bennett / C. Braun	CORE autosport
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RACE RESULTS – Magnussen took 3rd place, the Corvette Driver & Team of Magnussen/Garcia is in 1st Place in Points with 299, with 1 more race to go.
 2nd place in points is the Ford GT driver team of Westbrook/Briscoe with 290 points.
 3rd place in points is the Ford GT driver team of Mueller/Hand with 284 points.
 Gavin took 5th place, the Corvette Driver & Team of Gavin/Milner is in 5th place in Points with 278.
 Manufacturer points has Ford in 1st place with 323 points, Chevrolet in 2nd place with 313 points, Porsche in 3rd with 306, BMW 4th with 302.

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THE NEXT AND FINAL RACE OF THE IMSA SEASON IS AT ROAD ATLANTA, THE PETITE LE MANS 10 HOUR, OCT. 13!

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5th EVENT – SEPT. 23RD TRANS AM

WHERE: VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY [VIR]

WHO: Amy Ruman, Simon Gregg, Ryan McManus Corvette Racing Teams

TRACK CONFIGURATION: 3.27Miles, 17 Turns

RACE LENGTH: 31 laps, 70 min., whichever comes first.



Practice – Was pretty much a carbon-copy of Watkins Glen, with Boris Said-Challenger 1st, Larry Loshak-Camaro 2nd, Chris Dyson-Mustang 3rd fastest.

Corvettes = Amy was 6th fastest , Simon Gregg 8th.

Qualifying – A little shuffle in Qualifying, Loshak-Camaro 1st, Said-Challenger 2nd, Dyson-Tang 3rd, Paul Fix-Tang 4th, **Amy 5th, Gregg 8th in their Corvettes**, and Ernie ‘The Kid’ Frances-Tang 9th!

Race – there is no live feed for Trans Am races, just Timing & Scoring. Commentary is based on the numbers I see in T&S. So what I write is what I think is happening on track.

Lap 2 - **Amy moves into 4th**, passing Fix-Tang, Gregg drops to 10th, Loshak 1st, Dyson overtakes Said for 2nd.

Lap 5 – **Amy drops to 5th** is passed by Fix-Tang and is (-)8.0 sec behind leader Loshak.

Lap 6 – YELLOW FLAG; Dyson dropping many places, **Amy moves into 4th**, Gregg 7th. Francis shows 10th.

Lap 12 – is **Amy’s best lap time 1:49.6**. However, leaders Loshak, Said, Fix are lapping in the 1:48.3s. Francis now dropping back.


Lap 17 – **Amy 5th, (-) 14 sec. behind leaders**. All of a sudden, Fix-Tang dropping to 5th, 15th.

Amy moves into 4th by default. Gregg 8th. Francis is showing in 22nd, Dyson 24th.

Lap 20 – **Amy still in 4th but (-) 19.0 seconds**. Gregg 8th (-) 75.0 sec. It is a 3-car-race;

Loshak 1st, Said 2nd, McAleese 3rd, with a commanding lead.

Lap 25 – **Amy still 4th, falling further behind (-) 24 sec.**

 Lap 31-Winner Loshak-Camaro, 2nd Said-Challenger, McAleese-Camaro 3rd, **Amy 4th**, Gregg 7th, Francis 22nd.

PHOTOS DURING RACE





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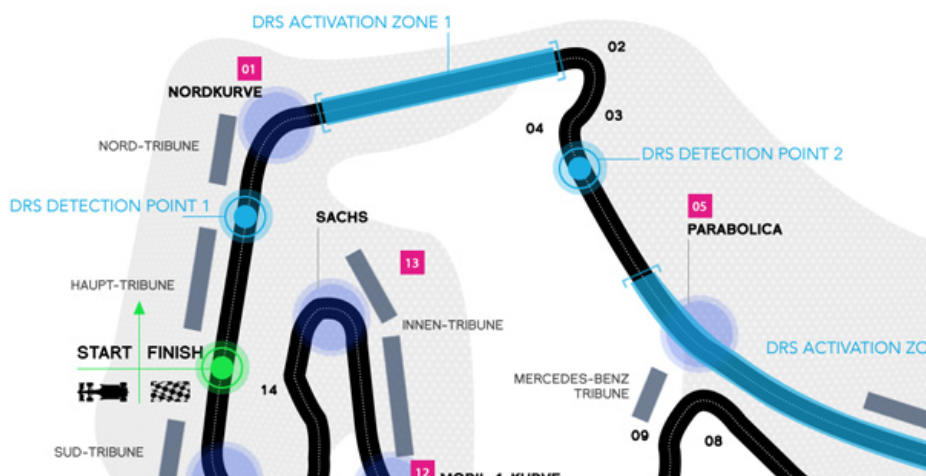
6th & 7th EVENTS – SEPT. 22ND/23RD ADAC GT MASTERS

WHERE: HOCKENHEIM, GERMANY

WHO: Callaway Corvette Racing & RWT Racing (private Callaway entry)

TRACK CONFIGURATION: 2.8 miles, 17 turns

RACE LENGTH: 2 – 1 hour races, 1 on Saturday, 1 on Sunday



As everyone knows I watch a lot of Corvette Road Racing; have done so for many years. Without a doubt the ADAC GT MASTERS series puts on some of the most exciting road racing I have seen. With 35 race cars competing in the same Class, on some of the most iconic and historic tracks in Europe, well, if you are a road racing enthusiast this racing is for you. Below is the URL for the video of the 2nd race at Hockenheim. See for yourself! [Copy & Paste.] There is a slight delay, the actual scenes begin @ the 3 min. 48 sec. mark, fast forward to that video time. The race begins at 12 min. mark of the video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bwszz-ZyRdY>

IMSA has typically 8 competitors, 2 each Corvette, BMW, Ford, Porsche.

TRANS AM has on average 15 competitors, albeit, some not so competitive.

Practice Session 1 – Callaway was 9th fastest, 0.8 sec off fastest lap of this practice session. RWT 13th fastest.


Practice Session 2 – This session was in the rain Callaway was 11th fastest, 2.5 sec off pace. RWT did not practice.

1st Race on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, Callaway Qualified 3RD, 0.3 sec behind 1st place pole position winner, a Porsche and 2nd place position, an Audi.

In the Race Callaway Finished in 1st place! Beating the Pole Position Porsche.

RWT Qualified 15th, Finished in 6th place.

2nd Race on Sunday, Sept. 23rd , Qualifying was in the rain, Callaway Qualified
Way down in 27th , with a lap of 1:44.310.
Pole position winner, a Mercedes, did a lap of 1:41.590
RWT Qualified 22nd , with a 1:43.910.

 Callaway Corvette finished a credible 7th , RWT was out of the race at lap 7.
Here is minute-by-minute run down of what Callaway Corvette achieved in the race.
ADAC has an interesting way of presenting a race, not by number of laps,
but by minutes raced, and minutes left in the race.
Minutes into race – Callaway Position after starting 27th!
15 min. – 20th
20 min. – 16th
25 min. – 14th
30 min. – 12th
35 min. – 8th
40 min. – Took mandatory pit stop, driver change required
42 min. – 12th out of pits
46 min. – 9th - getting closer to the front of the pack, more competitive now
50 min. – 9th
55 min. – 7th
60 min. – checkered flag 7th.

These pictures speak for themselves! However, you’ve got to watch the video!





Below, used Porsche parts car



Below, Callaway 3rd in the pack



Callaway makes the pass on 4 cars



Notice below the pink car entering turn in front of Callaway





Callaway passing that pink car



Pink car behind, Callaway gonna pass the blurry car in front of it, next.



Done



Passing more




Callaway gonna make another pass....



Done



 Callaway drivers passed 20 competitors, 27th to 7th, awesome.



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October is a very light racing month, but very important.
Saturday, October 13th , the only race for the month, is the final race for the IMSA Series
and will decide the IMSA Championship.
What – **Petite Le Mans**
Where - **Road Atlanta**
Track - **2.54 miles, 12 turns**
Race Length-**10 hours!**

Current Team and Driver Points:
#3 Corvette - Garcia/Magnussen - 299
#67 Ford - Briscoe/Westbrook - 290
#66 Ford - Mueller/Hand - 284
#912 Porsche - Bamber/Vanthoor - 283
#4 Corvette - Gavin/Milner - 278
#25 BMW - Sims/Phillippi - 276
#911 Porsche - Tandy/Pilet - 264
#24 BMW - Edwards/Krohn - 248

Current Manufacturer Points:
Ford - 323
Chevrolet Corvette - 313
Porsche - 306
BMW - 302

35 pts-1st, 32 pts-2nd, 30 pts-3rd, 28 pts-4th, 26 pts-5th, 25 pts-6th, 24 pts-7th, 23 pts-8th.

Enjoy a great Corvette Day,
Mike