CORVETTE RACING ACTIVITIES REPORT

For the month of August, 2018

A VERY BUST MONTH FOR ALL CORVETTE RACING ACTIVITIES A TOTAL OF 9 RACING EVENTS, ADAC ARE 2 - 1HR. RACES

2-IMSA, 3-TRANS AM, and 2 [X2] -ADAC GT MASTERS A GRAND TOTAL OF 9 RACES

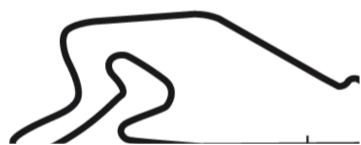
1ST EVENT – AUGUST 4TH/5TH ADAC GT Masters

WHERE: NURBURGRING, GERMANY

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

TRACK CONFIGURATION: 2.25 miles, 12 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).

<u>1st Race on Saturday</u>, August 4th, Callaway qualified 7th, RWT qualified 22nd. Race result; **both Corvettes were DNF**. RWT out at lap 3, Callaway out at lap 12 of 39 laps raced. Callaway Corvette collided with 2 Audis at the start and eventually had to drop out due to damage. No word on RWT Corvette.

2nd Race on Sunday, August 5th, Callaway qualified 11th, RWT qualified 31st.

Race result; Callaway Corvette was a DNF, out at lap 14 of 41 laps.

RWT finished 19th, 1 minute behind the race winner.

At the start Callaway Corvette moved from 10^{th} to 3^{rd} , dropped out with a **faulty alternator**. Callaway now leads series by 1 point after 4 of 7 race weekends.

Photos: Europeans like their sports car racing!



Callaway Corvette staging





Crowded starts in the ADAC GT Masters series. Callaway Corvette behind pink Audi.



On track action



Callaway Corvette is the 8th car in the photo, in front of pink Audi.



RWT Corvette leading in this pack of competitors



2^{nd} EVENT – AUGUST 5^{TH} TRANS AM

WHERE: PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL RACE COMPLEX

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

TRACK CONFIGURATION: 2.78 Miles, 19 Turns

RACE LENGTH: 65 Minutes, or 36 Laps (100.8 Miles) whichever comes first.



<u>Practice 1</u> – Amy in her Little Red Corvette was 2nd fastest. Ernie Francis Jr, The Kid, doesn't practice!

<u>Practice 2</u> – <u>Amy was 5th fastest.</u> Ernie Francis Jr, The Kid, doesn't practice. McManus/Corvette 6th, Gregg/Corvette 7th.

Qualifying - Ruman 6th, McManus 7th, Gregg 9th. Not a good Corvette result.

Race – there is no live feed for Trans Am races, just Timing & Scoring. Based on the numbers I see, it is non-eventful, which is a good thing, for Amy. She has been involved in a number of incidences over the past few races.

15 minutes into race, no position changes, Amy in 6th.

30 minutes – Yellow Flag. This caution lasts 15 minutes, almost ¼ of the race.
45 minutes - Amy in 5th. (And the IMSA race at Road America has just started.)
Over the next few minutes Amy moves forward&back, up to 4th, back to 5th.

Amy makes a last-lap pass overtaking Pintaric/Cadillac for a 4th place finish,

Amy earned *Cool Move* of the race Honor with that last lap pass.

McManus/Vette 7th, Gregg/Vette dropped out after 2 laps.

And, Francis, who did not practice, started 4th, moved into 3rd with 20 minutes left in the race, and with last lap pass finished 2nd.

Photos: Grid, Amy in her Little Red Corvette is 7th car from right



Race Start. Amy is in the 3rd row, hidden. Orange Vette 4th row is McManus,



Race Action, Amy in her Little Red Corvette



I'm not familiar with this Pittsburgh track, but it looks interesting.



Simon Gregg Corvette, son of Peter Gregg (Brumos Porsche colors)



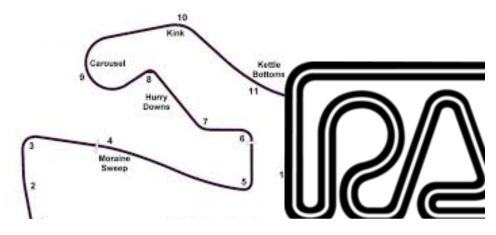




<u> 3RD EVENT – AUGUST 5TH IMSA</u>

WHERE: ROAD AMERICA, ELKHART LAKE, WI WHO: Chevrolet Pratt&Miller Corvette Racing Team TRACK CONFIGURATION: 4.030 Miles, 14 Turns

RACE LENGTH: 2 HOURS & 40 MINUTES, ABOUT 80 LAPS/320 RACE MILES





Road America - Have to say, one can expect a lot out of the Corvette Racing Team here. They test here for Le Mans and are intimately familiar with the track, and their Corvette set-up, so they should do well.

PRACTICE SESSION RESULTS – were all over the place!

Session 1 – #911 Porsche was fastest with a 2:04.082, followed by #3 Corvette @ 2:04.274. A mere 0.192 seconds difference. 3rd fastest was #66 Ford GT 2:04.341. 4TH #24 BMW @ 2:03.947. 5TH fastest was #4 Corvette @ 2:04.883.

The time separating 1st thru 8th fastest was 1.5 seconds.

Session 2 - #66 Ford was fastest @ 2:03.716. 2nd was #25 BMW @ 2:03.795, 3rd was #67 Ford @ 2:03.873. #4 Corvette was 5th fastest @ 2:04.387 and #3 Corvette was last, 8th @ 2:04.694.

The time separating 1st thru 8th fastest was 0.978 seconds.

<u>Session 3</u> – #24 BMW was fastest @ 2:02.943. 2nd was #4 Corvette 2:03.021. 3rd was #912 Porsche @ 2:03.337. #3 Corvette was 5th fastest @ 2:03.393. The time separating 1st thru 8th fastest was 0.93 seconds.

QUALIFYING – 1st was #66 Ford 2:02.479. 2nd was #67 Ford 2:02.650. 3rd was #3 Corvette @ 2:02.746. 4th was #912 Porsche 2:03.114. 5th was #4 Corvette 2:03.170. 6th was #24 BMW 2:03.331. 7th was #25 BMW 2:03.645. 8th was #911 Porsche 2:03.673. The time separating 1st thru 8th fastest was 1.194 seconds.

RACE RESULTS
START OF RACE - CORVETTE #4 IN-CAR-CAM, GAVIN AT THE WHEEL.



3.5 MINUTES INTO THE RACE AND WE HAVE A YELLOW ALREADY! CAUSED BY PROTOTYPE CRASH.



10 MIN. INTO RACE - GARCIA #3 CORVETTE MOVES INTO 2ND. #4 CORVETTE GAVIN STILL 5TH.



1 HOUR COMPLETED. Pit Stops and Yellow Flags have shuffled everyone. #3 Corvette 6th, #4 Corvette 5th.

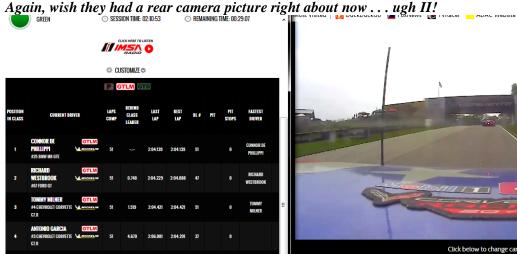
Picture has not changed, with 1 hr and 40 minutes to go!!

40 MIN. LEFT - A YELLOW FLAG.

Tommy Milner #4 Corvette put a great pass on the #911 Porsche a few minutes ago, just before this last Yellow Flag to go into 3rd place. No rear camera shot . . . ugh! #3 Corvette in 8^{TH} , on a different pit strategy from what I can tell, nothing mentioned about any problems. Yellow flag bunches everyone up, close and personal.



AND WITH 30 MIN. TO GO just like that, in 10 minutes, Antonio Garcia moves the #3 Corvette into 4th, right behind Tommy Miler #4 Corvette who is in 3rd!



15 MIN. TO GO IN THE RACE AND

Milner #4 Corvette is slowing down to let the #3 Corvette Garcia, who is in points contention, into 3^{rd} . Great Team Play!

There was 2 sec. separating them just a lap ago.



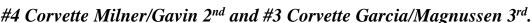
AND A -HOLY CRAP- MOMENT

1 minute to go in the race and the 1st place #25 BMW runs out of fuel, can't make it back to the pits. That moves the #67 Ford in 1st,

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY MOVES GARCIA INTO 2ND AND MILNER INTO 3RD.

So, now, while a few minutes ago Milner #4 slowed to let Garcia #3 past for 3rd and points, on the way to the checkered flag, last lap last turn, Garcia slows and lets Milner into 2nd. How is that for Sportsmanship!

A 2 PODIUM FINISH FOR CORVETTE RACING!





4th EVENT - AUGUST 11TH TRANS AM

WHERE: MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR COURSE

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

TRACK CONFIGURATION: 2.258 Miles, 13 Turns
RACE LENGTH: 45 laps, 75 min., whichever comes first.



<u>Practice 1</u> – Amy in her Little Red Corvette was 9th fastest. <u>Simon Gregg Corvette was 8th.</u> <u>Ryan McManus Corvette was 13th.</u> Ernie Francis Jr, 4th fastest. There seems to be less Corvettes being raced than in past seasons. More Camaros & Mustangs, & a Challenger. Paul Fix, who once drove Corvettes in TA, was fastest in his Stang, 1:22.2. Slowest time was a 1:27.3. Big spread. Ernie Francis Jr/Stang, The Kid, 4th 1:22.7

<u>Practice 2</u> – <u>Amy did not improve, 9th fastest time.</u> <u>Simon Gregg dropped 2 places 10th</u>, while <u>Ryan McManus improved 2 places to 11th</u>. Larry Loshak Camaro fastest, 1:22.7. Ernie Francis Jr/Stang 3rd, 1:22.8.

Qualifying - **Ruman 11th**, **1:24.8**, never found the right set-up, McManus 10th, 1:24.5, Gregg 8th. 1:23.4, Paul Fix/Stang 1st @ 1:21.5. Boris Said 2nd Challenger 1:21.6, Francis/Stang 7th 1:23.0.

<u>Race</u> – 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.

1st lap, Francis jumps from 7th to 2nd, right behind Paul Fix,

Amy improves from 11th to 8th, Gregg 5th, McManus 11th.

<u>5 laps, 11+ minutes</u> into race - no changes

<u>10 laps, 20 minutes</u> into race - Simon Gregg 2 laps down, in pits. **Amy had pitted lap before, now goes 1 lap down, doesn't come out, don't know why.** McManus now 9th.

<u>20 laps</u>, <u>30 minutes</u> into race – Gregg back in race but 2 laps down, McManus 8th,

Amy out at lap 9! [After race story read it was a mechanical failure, nothing more.]

<u>30 laps, 50 minutes</u> into race – McManus out at lap 21. Gregg running but 4 laps down. Francis has taken over 1st as Fix has issues as others have had with slower back markers kicking up dirt, clogging rads.

<u>45 laps, 1 hr 10 min. Checkered Flag</u> – Francis/Stang winner by 16 sec. over Loshak/Camaro. Boris Said/Challenger 3rd -29 sec. Gregg/Corvette 9th.

PHOTOS DURING RACE

Amy Ruman Corvette, 2015 & 2016 TA Champion



Simon Gregg Corvette [son of Peter Gregg, Brumos Porsche], Started 8th, finished 9th.



#7 Ryan McManus Corvette, started 10th, out lap 21 Corvettes did not do well this day!



Paul Fix #4 Mustang on Pole, finished 5th Paul use to drive Corvettes.



Boris Said, #21 Challenger, started 2nd, finished 3rd



Larry Loshak, #2 Camaro, started 3rd, finished 2nd



Ernie Francis Jr, The Kid, THE WINNER, started 7th.
2014: age 16, starts racing in Trans Am Series TA3 Class. Wins 6 of 11 races & Championship.

2015: Qualifies on pole for all 12 races TA3 Class, wins 9 and Championship.

2016: Wins TA3 Championship...again.

2017: Moves into TA Class, wins 10 of 13 races and Championship! 2018: 6 races y-t-d, 1st 4 times, 2nd 2 times. He's 18 y/o!





5th EVENT – AUGUST 18TH/19th ADAC GT MASTERS WHERE: ZANDVOORT, THE NETHERLANDS

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

TRACK CONFIGURATION: 2.676 Miles, 13 Turns

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



<u>Practice Session 1</u> – Callaway best lap time put them 23rd in this practice session, RWT 25th.

Practice Session 2 - Callaway best lap time put them 21st, RWT 25th

1st Race on Saturday, August 18th, Callaway qualified 18th, Finished 17th. RWT qualified 26TH, out of the race lap 24.

 $\underline{2^{nd}~Race~on~Sunday},~August~19^{th},~Callaway~qualified~19^{th},~Finished~13^{th}$ RWT qualified $34^{th},~finished~28^{th}.$

CALLAWAY CORVETTES WERE OUT GUNNED IN BOTH RACES!

Pit area for competitors, cars pulling out for warm up lap before Green Flag.





Callaway Corvette left side of pic, just behind the green car.

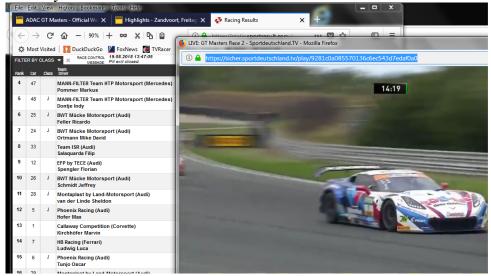


Callaway Corvette mid-pack just visible, RWT Corvette right side of pic,

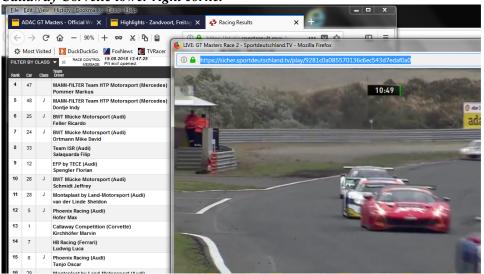
Blue car, further back, slight gap in front of it.



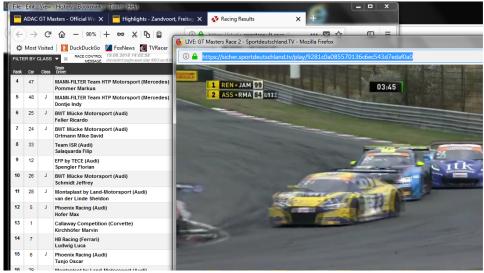
Callaway Corvette



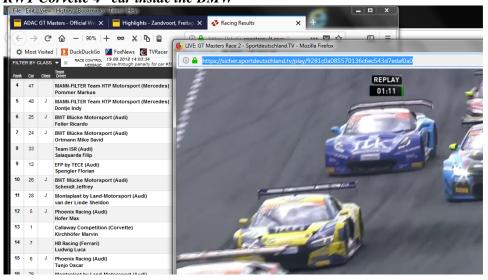
Callaway Corvette lower right corner



RWT Corvette 3rd car in line on the outside



RWT Corvette 4th car inside the BMW



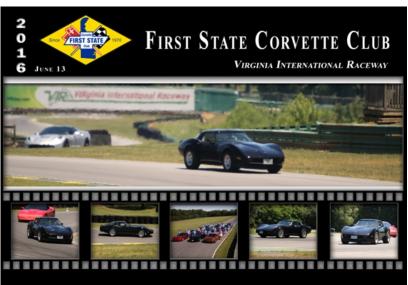
6th EVENT – AUGUST 19TH IMSA

WHERE: Virginia International Raceway - VIR

<u>WHO</u>: Chevrolet Pratt&Miller **Corvette Racing Team** <u>TRACK CONFIGURATION</u>: 3.27 Miles, 17 Turns

RACE LENGTH: 2 HOURS AND 40 MINUTES, about 90 Laps, about 294 Race Miles





AND OF INTEREST...the announcers made a startling comment about the *C8.R*, that made its debut appearance at Road America! It will have a 4 liter turbo V8!!

AND it is NOT ELIGIBLE to race at Le Mans for 2019!!!

So that is why Doug Fehan made the comment that the C7.R will be around for another year....makes sense....why race the C8.R in IMSA and then have to drag out the C7.Rs for Le Mans!!!!

With Practice Sessions over, all the competitors are in the 1 min. 41 sec. range lap times, with 0.6 seconds separating the entire field. I think the #3 Corvette-Garcia and Magnussen took it easy in the 3rd Session as they proved their worth in Session #2.

BUT CORVETTE #4-MILNER/GAVIN PROVED THEIR METAL IN the 3rd SESSION.

Ford #66 crashed at the downhill just before the Roller Coaster section of the track and slid into the tire barrier on the wet morning grass, too bad, fortunately no one hurt! And it looks like one of the BMWs has found <u>a lot</u> of speed.

[B-t-w, BMW will always be at the bottom of the chart regardless of their times because they're 3 drivers and it screws up my Spreadsheet 'merged columns and rows' to try to put them in correct order.]

I checked into BoP changes & fortunately there have been none since the last changes that gave Corvette a larger intake. The change made quite the difference as the Corvettes are now competitive. Hopefully not too competitive that IMSA takes the change away.

VIR			Practice #1 9-17-18		Practice #2 9-17-18		Practice #3 9-18-18	
TEAM	CAR #	DRIVERS	Best Lap Times	Posi	Best Lap Times	Posi	Best Lap Times	Posi
Corvette	4	Tommy Milner	1:43.360	7	1:42.351	3	1:41.205	1
		Oliver Gavin				3		
Porsche	912	Laurens Vanthoor		2	1:42.866	6		3
		Earl Bamber	1:42.761	2		6	1:41.512	
Danasha	911	Nick Tandy		5	1:42.712	_		4
Porsche		Patrick Pilet	1:42.970] 3		5	1:41.595	
Ford	67	R. Westbrook	1:42.627	1		2		5
GT		Ryan Briscoe		1	1:42.262		1:41.705	
Corvette	3	Antonio Garcia		4	1:41.743	1	1:41.772	6
Corveile		Jan Magnussen	1:42.951	4		1		
Ford	66	Dirk Mueller		2	1:42.670	4		7
GT		Joey Hand	1:42.793	3		4	1:41.805	
	25	Bill Auberlen		6		7		2
BMW		Alexander Sims	1:43.055		1:42.934			
		Connor De Phillippi					1:41.448	
BMW	24	John Edwards		8	1:43.151		1:41.814	
		Tom Blomqvist				8		8
		Jesse Krohn	1:44.101					

QUALIFYING IN THE RAIN!!!!!

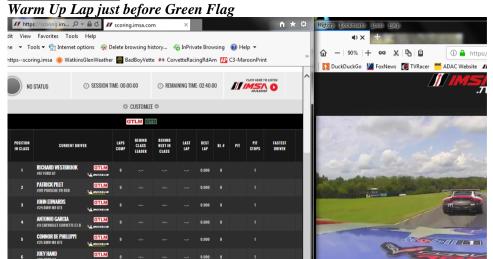
As forecasted it **started raining** just a few minutes before GTLM Qualifying, **but only on half the track.** So it was a real nail biter to decide to put on rain tires or slicks. Every Team waited for the very last possible moment to make their decision and put their Cars on the track. **Rules are you cannot touch anything on the car once you start your Qualifying Laps.** No changing from slicks to rains and back. So all of the previous **Practice Sessions and Lap Times meant absolutely NOTHING!**

As cars took to the track, some went sliding all over the place, resulting in grass covering the front splitters, 180s in the middle of turns, Qualifying Lap Times ... *15 seconds slower* ... than Practice Lap Times. Corvettes stayed on the track, no off-course excursions, and did the best they could. Garcia #3 Corvette qualified 4th, Milner #4 Corvette 7th.

GTD GTLM											
POSITION IN CLASS	CURRENT DRIVER		LAPS COMP	LAST LAP	BEST LAP	BL#	PIT	PIT STOPS	FASTEST DRIVER		
1	RICHARD WESTBROOK #67 FORD GT	GTLM	3	1:55.580	1:55.580	3	P		RICHARD WESTBROOK		
2	PATRICK PILET #911 PORSCHE 911 RSR	GTLM	8	1:56.170	1:56.170	8	P		PATRICK PILET		
3	JOHN EDWARDS #24 BMW M8 GTE	GTLM	6	1:56.290	1:56.185	5	P	2	JOHN EDWARDS		
4	ANTONIO GARCIA #3 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R	GTLM		1:56.760	1:56.760		P	2	ANTONIO GARCIA		
5	CONNOR DE PHILLIPPI #25 BMW M8 GTE	GTLM		1:57.148	1:57.148		P		CONNOR DE PHILLIPPI		
6	JOEY HAND #66 FORD GT	GTLM	6	1:58.254	1:57.202		P		JOEY HAND		
1	TOMMY MILNER #4 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R	GTLM	4	1:57.590	1:57.492	3	P		TOMMY MILNER		
8	EARL BAMBER #912 PORSCHE 911 RSR	GTLM	6	1:57.874	1:57.874	6	P	1	EARL BAMBER		

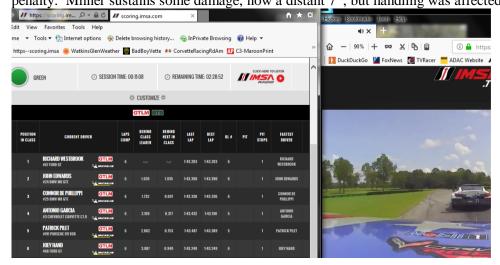


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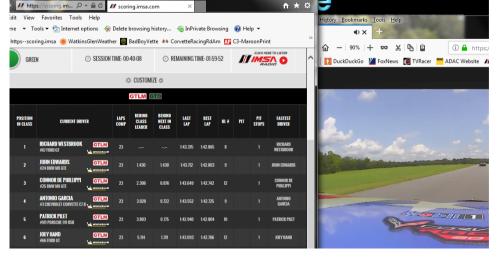
Green Flag Drops

At the Green Flag, BMW #25 moved smartly from 5th to 3rd. Milner #4 Corvette was following, making a very aggressive 1st lap move, almost hitting the #3 Corvette. He got off course, dropped back to last/8th. Milner started to move back up thru the pack when Porsche #912 moved to block him, causing contact, Porsche gets a flat and a drive-thru penalty. Milner sustains some damage, now a distant 7th, but handling was affected.



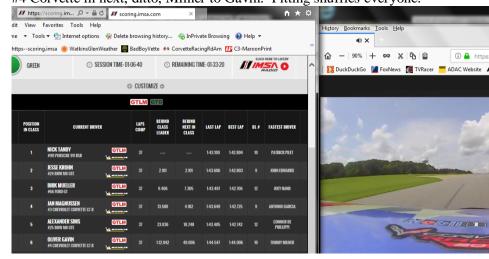
40 MINUTES, 23 LAPS COMPLETE, 2 HOURS TO GO.

On Lap 4 Garcia #3 Corvette moved from 5th to 4th passing Porsche #911. No one in front. However, it's been a follow the leader since lap 6, positions haven't changes.



LAP 37, 55 MINUTES COMPLETE

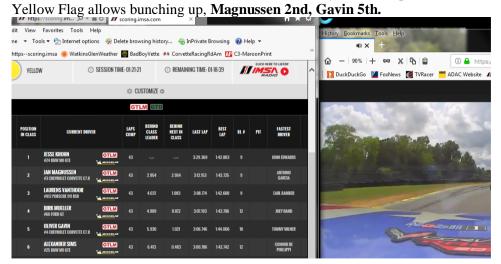
Pit stops have started. #67 Ford GT, Points Leader, Pole Winner, Race Leader, pits the first in GTLM class, fuel/tires/driver change Westbrook to Briscoe. Briscoe back into pits, pulls behind pit wall, mechanical issue with clutch, #67 Ford is out of race Announcer says. #3 Corvette in fuel/tires/driver change Garcia to Magnussen, leaves with clear track in front. #4 Corvette in next, ditto, Milner to Gavin. Pitting shuffles everyone.



LAP 43, ABOUT HALF WAY THRU RACE

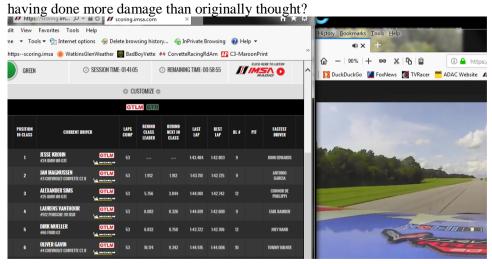
And another casualty of a mechanical issue, THE #911 Porsche engine issue, out of race. This causes a Yellow Flag. Cars pitting for fuel only, no tires or driver changes,

AND, with that, #67 Ford GT is back in race, evidently it was a repairable mechanical issue.



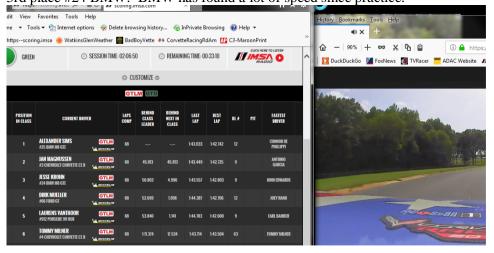
LAP 53, 1HR. 40MIN. COMPLETE, 1 HR. TO GO

Lap 51 saw #67 Ford back in the race, evidently repair isn't fully working as it pulls into pits for add'l work. This Ford needs to complete more laps than #911 Porsche, that is out, for points. Meanwhile #24 BMW pulling away from the #3 Vette Magnussen who is [-] 2 sec. behind now. #4 Vette falling back further, [-] 2 sec behind #3 Vette....1st lap contact with #912 Porsche



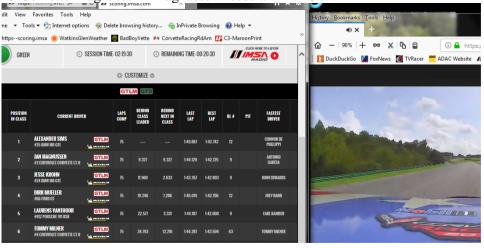
LAP 68 COMPLETE, 1/2 HOUR LEFT IN RACE

The #25 BMW in the lead has to pit FOR FUEL, but with a 45 second lead over #3 Corvette it will probably come out in front of Magnussen. #25 BMW ran out of fuel at Road America, while in the lead!!! Magnussen has a good cushion between his #3 Corvette in 2nd and the 3rd place #24 BMW. BMW has found a lot of speed since practice.



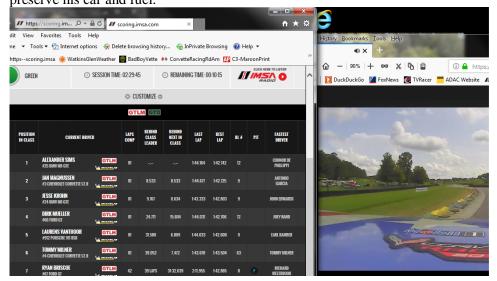
20 MINUTES TO GO, LAP 75 COMPLETE

The #25 BMW pitted just for fuel! And it comes out JUST 9 seconds ahead of #3 Corvette Magnussen. Magnussen needs a YELLOW!



10 MINUTES LEFT, LAP 81 COMPLETE

The #25 BMW lead has shrunk to 8.5 sec over #3 Corvette Yes, Magnussen is driving has hard and fast as he possibly can, and most likely the BMW is slowing ever so slightly to preserve his car and fuel.





CHECKERED FLAG

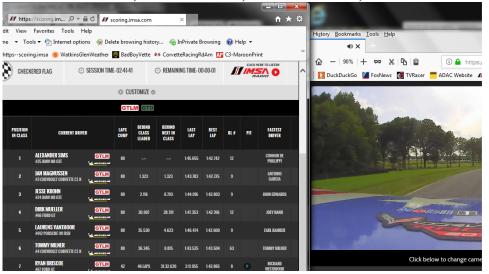
Magnussen #3 Corvette gave it everything he had, took a Podium finish 2nd,

margin of victory by the #25 BMW at the Checkered Flag was reduced to 1.3 sec. #25 BMW let up a little more towards the end to preserve his car and fuel.

Magnussen could see him [hell, I could see him] but could not get to him.

Personally I would have put in Garcia at the last pit stop, but reading an after race story evidently Garcia suffered some kind of knee injury and it was decided to let Jan drive a Double Stint in this very Hot Race Car, fatigue a factor. Watching In-Car-Cam IMSA Live Feed and T&S, listening to the announcers, but nothing about the injury.

Milner #4 Corvette, he finished 6th, 36 seconds back, never in contention.



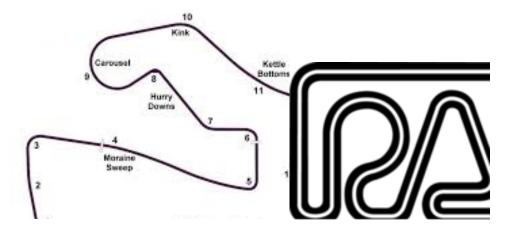
2nd EVENT – AUGUST 25TH TRANS AM

WHERE: ROAD AMERICA, ELKHART LAKE, WI

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

TRACK CONFIGURATION: 4.030 Miles, 14 Turns

RACE LENGTH: 65 Minutes, 25 Laps (100.75 Miles) whichever comes first.



There are 17 race cars entered in this race, 5 are Corvettes: Amy Ruman #23, Richard Grant #30, Dave Ruehlow #31, Natalie Decker #44, And Simon Gregg #59. Here's how they did in Practice and Qualifying. **PRACTICE 1** – **Amy's best lap time was a 2:10.041, 6th fastest**, a full second+ behind 1st place in this practice, Dave Ruehlow/#31 Corvette 2:08.924.....surprise. Simon Gregg 8th-2:10.437, 15th Natalie Decker, 16th Richard Grant.

PRACTICE 2 – Amy was 11th in this practice session with a 2:09.512, ½ second better than in the previous session. Ruehlow was 8th at 2:07.906, Simon Gregg 9th at 2:09.087, Followed by Richard Grant 13th, and then Natalie Decker 15th.

QUALIFYING – The Camaro of Loshak set fastest time with a 2:04.587. The Corvettes: 6th was Dave Ruehlow #31 Corvette @ 2:09.041, 7th was Amy #23 Corvette @ 2:09.758, 9th was Simon Gregg #59 Corvette @ 2:11.328, 13th Richard Grant #30 Corvette @ 2:15.077, 15th was Natalie Decker #44 Corvette @ 2:16.472.

McManus #7 Corvette did not practice or qualify, not shown in grid.

RACE RESULTS -

GREEN FLAG LAP 1 – 1 minute into the race and we have a short Yellow Flag. Go Green again at 3:28 seconds and another Yellow Flag comes out for 5 laps. We are now 16 minutes/5 laps into a 65 minute/25 lap race when the Green Flag flies. The second Yellow must have been a severe crash involving a few compatitors.

LAP 10 UPDATE – Loshak/Camaro in 1st place, followed by Boris Said/Challenger 2nd. Ruehlow/Corvette is the top placing Corvette in 4th. **Amy is in 6th**, about 16 seconds behind leader. Amy lapping at 2:10, leader lapping at 2:08. Decker & Gregg are out as the lap-clock has stopped for them at lap # 14.

LAP 15 UPDATE – Yellow Flag . Something has happened to Loshak/Camaro, as he is dropping like the glide ratio of a brick from lap 12 on; he is now in 13^{th} place. Boris Said has taken over the lead, Chris Dyson/Mustang 2^{nd} . Ruehlow/Corvette 4^{th} , Amy/Corvette 6^{th} , Grant/Corvette 8^{th} . Decker & Gregg out.

LAP 18 UPDATE – At lap 18 Green Flag waves and **Amy takes 5th**, while Ruehlow drops to 6th. Grant still in 8th. Looks like both Decker & Gregg are DNF as neither has come back out to finish the race.

LAP 20 UPDATE – Boris Said/Challenger 1st, Chris Dyson/Mustang 2nd, **Amy/Corvette** is 5th, 7 seconds behind Said. Ruehlow is 6th right behind Amy, Grant still in 8th, 18 seconds behind leader. Decker & Gregg locked at 14 laps completed.

LAP 25 CHECKERED FLAG – Amy makes a last minute dash-to-pass on lap 21and finishes 4th. Dave Ruehlow/Corvette drops one pace to finish 7th, Richard Grant/Corvette remains 8th. Decker and Gregg are scored 15th and 16th completing only 14 laps.

AND ERNIE FRANCIS Jr, THE KID for what ever reason, there were 2 cars entered for Francis, his regular ride the #98 Mustang he has been so dominate with, and a car #91 CAMARO. Francis qualified in the Camaro 16th of the 17 car field?! Timing&Scoring showed Francis in the CAMARO the whole race, finishing 12th!!! No story line as to why the switch in cars.

There you have it, all 9 races in August.

September has a total of 7 races,

IMSA @ Laguna Seca,

TRANS AM @ Watkins Glen 9-8-18, and @ VIR 9-23-18

ADAC GT Masters @ Sachsenring 9-8/9-18, and @ Hockenheim 9-22/23-18

I'll be reporting on the TRANS AM RACE @ WATKINS GLEN from Track Side at this race. Hope to have some really good pictures of Amy, Simon and all the Corvette race teams.

Enjoy a great Corvette Day, Mike