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GRAND-AM Coming to Road Atlanta April 20, 2013

GRAND-AM Road Racing announced the most dynamic schedule in its history on Friday, highlighted by three new events including Road Atlanta on April 20.

Road Atlanta will also host the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón later in the year with the traditional Petit Le Mans.

"We are looking forward to hosting the GRAND-AM Rolex Series in 2013," stated Road Atlanta President and General Manager Geoff Lee. "Our fans will have the opportunity to attend two great sports car racing series next year before they merge."

Also new on the GRAND-AM calendar is a unique combined weekend with the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón at Road America. The two organizations are in the process of merging and will operate as one, new sports car entity beginning with the 2014 season.

Both the GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series and

Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge schedules will feature inaugural races at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Tex.; Road Atlanta; and Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kansas.

"Last year we raced for the first time at Indianapolis and Detroit, and GRAND-AM will continue to break new ground in 2013," said Ed Bennett, GRAND-AM president and CEO. "We're excited about going to historic Road Atlanta - plus the new road courses at Austin and Kansas City - for the first time. And with the combined event at Road America, sports car fans will get a glimpse of the future."

History of the Daytona Prototype

Race fans will get their first look at Daytona Prototypes (DP) competing on the famous Road Atlanta circuit



April 19-20. The DP category has attracted the attention of superstar drivers and leading teams through its extremely raceable and relatively affordable format. With its intelligent design, the class has revolutionized sports car racing with plentiful battles at the front of the field and close finishes in virtually every race.

The DPs are the premier class of the GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series. These are exotic, mid-engine machines that are purpose-built for competition. They are low to the ground and are capable of speeds in excess of 195 mph. They also feature the latest in safety technology, including carbon-fiber side-impact panels and a multi-point roll cage.



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