



Competition Department Newsletter #2008-01

To all Grand Am Competitors Jan 21, 2008

GRAND-AM EXPANDS AND RE-ORGANIZES COMPETITION DEPARTMENT

Dear Rolex Series and KONI Challenge teams and competitors:

Grand-Am has recently added two new Competition Department employees and created a research and technical development department within the competition department that will allow us as a Series to better fulfill your needs and help to continue to grow our sport.

The series managers will become the key person contact for you as participants in your respective series and will oversee the operations of each series at all events. Gary Cummings joins Grand-Am as the Rolex Series Manager and Jeff Smallwood joins us as the KONI Series Manager. Mike Kraemer will continue to work with us on special projects, as well as assuming the role of Series Manager for Grand-Am's three other programs: North American Ferrari Challenge, Ford Mustang Challenge and with the Skip Barber National Series program.

Scott Spencer, along with Rob Elson, will be the nucleus of Grand-Am's rapidly expanding research and technical development department and will be tasked with maintaining existing regulations, event technical verification and outside research, testing and verification.

Gary Cummings joins Grand-Am with a wealth of experience in worldwide competition, including 20 years in sports cars and prototypes culminating in two World Championships (1981 & 1986). Gary's diverse experience includes team manager and series roles from DTM to the Dakar Rally. In multiple roles in racing, Cummings has participated in 27 twice-around-the-clock races in preparation for the Rolex 24 at Daytona.

Jeff Smallwood will be a familiar face to those in the Grand-Am paddock, as he comes to us from Hawk Performance Brake Pads. Jeff brings over twenty years of Motorsports Product Management, Sales & Technical experience to his new position as KONI Challenge Series Manager.

All of these changes indicate continued growth in Grand-Am and will allow the organization to better serve participants and the industry in the future.

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