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EMCO GEARS CLASSIC *presented by KeyBank*

FACT SHEET

- WHAT:** **EMCO Gears Classic *presented by KeyBank***
Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series
Sanctioned by Grand American Road Racing Association
Grand American Round 8 of 15
- WHERE:** Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
7721 Steam Corners Rd.
Lexington, Ohio 44904
- WHEN:** Friday, June 20 – Sunday, June 22, 2008
- PROMOTER:** TrueSports, Incorporated
- SANCTIONING BODIES:** Grand American Road Racing Association
International Motor Sports Association
- RACE LENGTH:** Two-hours, 30-minutes (timed event)
Saturday, June 21 – 5:00pm
- COURSE:** 2.258-mile, 13-turn permanent road course

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ROLEX SERIES

CLASSES:

Daytona Prototype:

The top category in Grand-Am Road Racing and the undisputed stars of the Rolex Sports Car Series, Daytona Prototypes are exotic, mid-engine machines, purpose-built strictly for competition on the track. Low to the ground and capable of speeds in excess of 185 mph, Daytona Prototypes also feature the latest in safety technology including carbon fiber side impact panels and a multi-point roll cage with a unique center post at mid-windshield.

Grand Touring (GT):

Home to production-based race cars that are similar in appearance to the latest high-performance sports cars and coupes that you see on the street every day. Only in GT can you see nimble, flax-six Porsche GT3s take on big bore V-8 Corvettes and Pontiac GXP.Rs, while also mixing it up with three-rotor Mazda RX-8s, mid-engine Ferrari 430s, and BMW M6 coupes.

SUPPORT RACES:

KONI Challenge ST:

Sanctioned by Grand American Road Racing Association

Sunday, June 22

12:45pm – 3:15pm

Grand-Am's Street Tuner (ST) class showcases sports cars and high-performance compacts. The ST class is limited to four- and six-cylinder engines only, including the Acura TSX, Acura RSX-S, Mazda RX-8, BMW 330i, Chevrolet Cobalt SS Supercharged, Subaru Legacy, Mini Cooper S among others. The only major modifications to the car that are permitted are those for safety as they reach speeds close to 135 mph.

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SUPPORT RACES (cont.)

**Ford Racing Mustang Challenge for the Miller Cup:
*Sanctioned by Grand American Road Racing Association***

Saturday, June 21
12:30pm – 1:15pm

A brand-new “spec” championship designed around the new Ford Mustang FR500S, the series is part of the Ford Racing Mustang “ladder program” and is positioned as a stepping stone for road racing drivers looking to move up from amateur racing on the way to higher-echelon road racing series.

**Formula BMW Americas:
*Sanctioned by International Motor Sports Association***

Sunday, June 22
Race #1: 10:35am – 11:20am
Race #2: 3:45pm – 4:30pm

This open-wheel series was created to give young drivers the opportunity to learn as they move from karting to single-seater racing cars. Many of the drivers from the series have made successful steps forward in their chosen motorsport career, including Graham Rahal, James Hinchcliffe, Tom Milner and others.

2007 RACE WINNERS:

Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series

Daytona Prototype – Jon Fogarty/Alex Gurney, GAINSCO/Bob Stallings Racing Pontiac Riley, 100.389 mph
GT – Andy Lally/R.J. Valentine, TRG Porsche GT3, 84.297 mph

Grand-Am KONI Challenge Series

ST – Chuck Hemmingson/Kristian Skavnes, ICY/Phoenix Racing Subaru Legacy, 72.981 mph

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**PROFESSIONAL
TRACK RECORDS:**

Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series

Daytona Prototype – Jon Fogarty, 2007, 1:18.374/103.718 mph
GT – Kelly Collins, 2007, 1:25.329 /95.264 mph

Grand-Am KONI Challenge Series

ST – Tyler Givogue, June 2007, 1:37.456 / 83.410 mph

Formula BMW Americas

Richard Phillippe May 2005, 1:25.789 / 94.753 mph

Ford Racing Mustang Challenge for the Miller Cup

No record, inaugural season

TELEVISION:

Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series

SPEED Channel
Saturday, June 21
5:00pm (EDT) (Live)

Grand-Am KONI Challenge Series ST

SPEED Channel
Saturday, June 28
2:00 p.m. (EDT) (Tape Delayed)

SCHEDULE:

See attached.

TICKETS:

Call 1-800-MID-OHIO or 419-884-4000
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or visit www.midohio.com.

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