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Audi Sport customer racing launches the New Audi R8 LMS GT2 in the USA with a strong list of accomplishments

- **First Audi R8 LMS GT2 Global delivery received by Rearden Racing**
- **First US entry at SRO Winter series by Rearden Racing**
- **First Audi R8 LMS GT2 pole and podium finish**
- **Audi Sport customer racing hosts GT2 test drives throughout the weekend**

Columbia, South Carolina, January 21, 2020 – Audi Sport customer racing begins 2020 with a long lists of accomplishments surrounding the Audi R8 LMS GT2 race car. The new-year welcomes the fourth new Audi Sport product offering. The race car promises to delight competitors and club level drivers with its stunning exterior and bespoke Audi build quality.

Rearden Racing received the first global delivery of the Audi R8 LMS GT2 race car at The Thermal Club in Thermal, CA. The premier motorsport club will host three SRO Winter Series events with the last event scheduled in February. Team Owner Lara Tallman is poised to manage the car and driver as she prepares for the 2020 racing season. The team successfully ran the Audi R8 LMS GT4 race car in 2019 finishing first in the Pirelli GT4 SprintX AM West Team Championship and welcomes another new Audi product in their portfolio.

Rearden Racing is now the first team to enter the GT2 in US competition. The second race weekend of the SRO Winter Series included a special class designated to GT Sports Club entries. The Audi GT2, piloted by Dmitri Novikov, placed the car on pole position and finished first in class in race two bringing Audi its first GT2 top podium. The win further showcases the drivability and reliability of the 5.2 liter V10 engine and the Audi R8 LMS GT2 concept.

“We are extremely excited to be the first team to receive the Audi R8 LMS GT2, place the car on pole, and the first class win. We are looking forward to more successful race weekends in the SRO Winter Series GT Sports Club category.” Said Lara Tallman, Team Owner, Rearden Racing.

Audi Sport customer racing offered numerous test drives to SRO competitors and Thermal Club members during the SRO Winter Series weekend. The test drives, organized by the ASCr USA technical and customer management team was ready to showcase the new race car and to support the GT Sports Club category. Stephane Ratel, the SRO Motorsports Group CEO successfully test drove the 640 horsepower race car and commented, “The car is easy, well balanced, and perfect. Very comfortable. It proves the concept.”

Continuing with the Audi R8 LMS GT2 test drive tour, Audi Sport customer racing visited Spring Mountain in Pahrump, NV. The desert motorsport country club is one of the top private clubs. The event was equally supported by Spring Mountain and the SoCal Audi Club which welcomed Audi Sport customer racing with open arms.

“Our goal is to showcase the Audi R8 LMS GT2 to competitors and gentleman drivers,” said Tristan Herbert, Audi Sport customer racing Motorsport Manager. “The successful race weekend, test drives and positive feedback proves there is an appetite for a well-balanced high power race car that is easily operated and predictable to drive.”

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