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Onward and Upward

CarBahn with Peregrine Racing Take Notes for End of Season at Road America

ELKHART LAKE, WI. (August 9, 2021) – CarBahn with Peregrine Racing pushes forward after a weekend of trials and growth.

Road America tested both the drivers and crew of the No. 39 Audi R8 GT3 LMS with ever-changing weather and hectic on-track activity. After torrential rain significantly cut the teams practice time engineer and strategist Steve Dinan had to maximize the drivers' feedback in order to get the car balanced for qualifying. Well-practiced pit stops, and thorough communication aided in the teams efforts ultimately resulting in a tenth place finish.

Driver Heistand qualified the No. 39 in fifth position but made quick working of moving into fourth place in under five laps. A DPI car tried to muscle its way past in the very fast kink causing a high-speed spin that would temporally stall his efforts, but he quickly composed himself and continued to charge onward. Heistand kept the reins for 100 minutes of the sprint event finally pitting to hand the car over to teammate Jeff Westphal with 80 minutes remaining.

Driver Westphal had the honors of battling to the end in the No. 39 at the 14 Turn, 4.048-mile National Park of Speed. Unfortunately, a lack of full course yellows disallowed Westphal from rejoining the front pack. He pushed to Audi R8 GT3 LMS to its limits finishing the race in tenth place.

Next up for the No. 39 Audi R8 GT3 LMS is the teams home race, WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca. The event takes place September 10-12. Support the team at its home event by coming out to the track or tuning in https://www.imsa.com/events/2021-weathertech-raceway-laguna-seca/.

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Richard Heistand, Driver of the No. 39 CarBahn with Peregrine Racing Audi R8 GT3 LMS
"It was an entertaining race," Heistand said. "It was probably the most fun race I've had all year. The positives are we were really quick. It's unfortunate that we had a spin when a car tried to pass us in the kink but luckily we kept it together but after that the car didn't have the pace. A difficulty weekend, we haven't quite put it together yet. The one common thing is we keep learning. We keep learning and improving and I know it's going to come together before the end of the season. This is just the beginning and we're still growing."

Jeff Westphal, Driver of the No. 39 CarBahn with Peregrine Racing Audi R8 GT3 LMS
"Here we are at the National Park of Speed, one of my favorite tracks," Westphal said. "We had a tough run today, we struggled with the balance and the handling of the car. I think that leaves something to be desired because we know we're capable of more than that. It was just a tough day, lots of understeer headed into the corner, turning into oversteer and sliding on the way out. The Michelin Tires hung on great, I'm appreciative of the tire they've built for us, but we need to figure out how to be more efficient with them and I'm sure we'll have a faster car once we do."

About Carbahn Autoworks:
CARBAHN Autoworks is led by Steve Dinan, a luxury car enthusiast just like you. Steve Dinan sold Dinan in 2013 and started his new company CarBahn. Steve's new company makes High Performance products for BMW, Mercedes and Porsche Audi. Steve has always raced and continues to do so in IMSA with an Audi R8 in Michelin Pilot challenge.

As an automotive and race engineer Steve's passion for these superior vehicles translates into a deep understanding of, and intense commitment to how they perform.

In 1979, he started the largest company in North America dedicated to BMW high performance (Dinan Engineering). He was acting CEO and Technical Director for 36 years. Dinan secured a contract with BMWNA in 1997 and is the only company that has approval to sell their product out of BMW dealers. Sixteen years as a racing driver retiring from driving in 1996. A racing chassis engineer for 10 years. A racing engine supplier for 10 years. Steve Dinan has won 11 championships including two 24 hours of Daytona!

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