



Strong Audi presence at Virginia International Raceway

HERNDON, Virginia, May 2, 2017 – Audi RS 3 LMS USA Clubsport wins U.S. racing debut at Virginia International Raceway in the Pirelli World Challenge TC class.

Four Audi R8 LMS and four Audi RS 3 LMS USA Clubsport race teams competed during the double race weekend at Virginia International Raceway. Paul Holton and C360R overcame strong competition and blistering heat to reach the top of the TC class podium during race #1 and second in race #2. The double podium continues to prove the successful entry level Audi as a formidable competitor to teams all over the world.

“We are absolutely thrilled to bring the new Audi RS 3 LMS its first win in North America, and to do so in its debut race makes the result extra special” remarked C360R Team Principal Karl Thomson. “We had an incident in practice on Friday that necessitated some substantial repairs, and the Audi Sport customer racing folks were just amazing. We wouldn’t have made the race without them, so the win is as much theirs as ours. Our team, and our driver Paul Holton, are grateful to be back in the AScR family this season in Pirelli World Challenge.”

Audi Genuine Parts awarded C360R contingency funds for the two podium appearances and are proud to support Audi RS 3 LMS race teams.

Anthony Geraci of SAC Racing almost found the podium in his first ever race laps. Geraci did not plan to race his RS 3 LMS USA Clubsport at VIR but unfortunate circumstances with his primary car left him with no other choice. With the help of Audi Sport customer racing, Geraci raced his new car to fourth place in the first race and set the fastest lap time placing him on pole position for the second race. Berg Racing, fielded two Audi RS 3 LMS race cars and learned valuable information as they prepare for the next race at Canadian Tire Motorsports Park.

The Audi R8 LMS of McCann racing started the season with a podium finish. Team owner Mike McCann had sinus issues prior to the Friday qualifying schedule. The team found Andrew Davis, the current Audi R8 LMS driver with Stevenson Motorsports, to replace McCann. Along with local favorite Mike Skeen, the team would now compete in the Pro-Pro GT class and were able finish second in the 60 minute endurance race.

“Winning the U.S. racing debut of the RS 3 LMS may truly be the highlight of the season. Everyone at AScR worked hard to ensure all teams made the grid at VIR” stated Tristan Herbert, Audi Sport and Customer Racing Manager. “We were thrilled to see C360R and Paul Holton finish first in TC and McCann Racing second in the GT class. Audi Sport customer racing products demonstrated to the paddock that Audi is a formidable competitor in both the TC and GT class. And, with the all-new Audi R8 LMS GT4 race car, Audi Sport customer racing is preparing to have a full-line of racing products available for all competition classes.”