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World Class

- First successful test in American Le Mans Prototype Car
- Potential plans for 2012 entry

FIA GT regular Michael Guasch finishes up his first test in an American Le Mans series prototype car this week at Sebring International Raceway.



Mike who ran last year in the FIA GT3 European Championship in an Audi R8 LMS with United Autosport, drove the # 18 ORECA-Courage LMP Challenge prototype car during a two day test as an early evaluation for a potential entry in the series in 2012.

The American Le Mans Series LMP Challenge class features the ORECA-Courage FLM09 prototype. The race car has a minimum weight of 900 kilograms without driver and fuel and a 430 hp engine. The FLM09 features a full carbon fiber chassis, carbon brakes, and an Xtrac sequential gearbox with paddle shifting. All LMPC cars race on single-supply Michelin tires.

“We had some trouble with the car the first day and I only ended up doing 20 laps but was able to get up to speed fairly quick and ended up being even a little faster than the teams regular drivers”, said Mike after the first day of testing.



Mike will race again with United Autosport in an Audi R8 LMS in the British GT series in 2011. "Our season starts not before April and that gave me the opportunity to come to Florida for this test and try the ALMS LMP Challenge car and see if I like it" Mike explained.

"2011 will be my second year with United Autosports running GT cars over in Europe, but I am a businessman first and a racecar driver second, with that said I need to try and limit my travel time throughout the year to have less time away from my company and family.

That's one of the reasons I wanted to start planning early for 2012 with this test and evaluate all possibilities what to race in 2012 back in the States". Mike explained.



About the British GT championship:

The Avon Tyres British GT championship showcases the most prestigious and stylish sportscar grid of any national motorsport championship.

The 2010 season will visit seven UK venues and there will be one international event, held at Spa-Francorchamps.

For the fans, the British GT Championship offers a spectacular motorsport experience. With glamorous supercars racing bumper-to-bumper, ground-shaking noise, breathtaking speeds and all the drama of pit stops and driver changeovers, the race experience is one not to be missed.

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