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## F1 Air Victorious at VIRginia International Raceway

*Alton, VA – April 23, 2006* The #65 F1 Air/TRG Pontiac GTO.R of Andy Lally and Marc Bunting led a Pontiac 1-2 finish in the Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series VIR 400 Sunday. Lally and Bunting led teammates Paul Edwards and Kelly Collins home in the two hour, 45 minute endurance contest at the sweeping and scenic southern Virginia road course, surpassing their teammates for the GT driver's championship lead in the process.

A new qualifying race format was introduced to Grand American fans this weekend – a single driver from each car pairing drives a 30-minute race on Saturday afternoon against the full field, in a dual battle for qualifying position in Sunday's feature race as well as championship points. In a quirk, the driver who competes in the Saturday qualifying race cannot start Sunday's feature race; Andy Lally drove the #65 F1 Air/TRG Pontiac GTO.R to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Saturday's short race, gaining valuable championship points for he and co-driver Marc Bunting.

Bunting drove a solid stint on Sunday, though there was one dangerous moment when contact with a passing Daytona Prototype sent him spinning into the grass. He deftly avoided contact with any solid objects, and a lucky caution period immediately followed, allowing Lally to take over driving duties while the crew checked the car for damage. Lally proceeded to put in another characteristically stellar drive, eventually passing Wolf Henzler's Porsche 911 with 6 laps to go in the race for the lead. Teammate Paul Edwards, driving the #64 Pontiac, also rushed past Henzler, solidifying the team's first 1-2 finish of the 2006 season.

"This win feels good, but the championship is the main goal," said Lally. "This is my first pro race win here at VIR, and after finishing second in the qualifying race yesterday morning and second in the Grand-Am Cup race yesterday afternoon, the win today makes for a very good weekend."

RJ Valentine, who could not accompany the team to Virginia this past weekend, said, "I'm proud of the effort that Andy, Marc, Paul, Kelly and the TRG team put together on behalf of F1 Air. To finish 1-2 in a major sports car race is a huge feat – and these guys showed that they're class acts out there."

F1 Air and TRG race next at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on Sunday, May 7. Television coverage will be live on Speed.

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