

# NORTHWEST Sports Car News



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## NW Driver Line-up

Driver lineup for #34 car is Randy Pobst from Melbourne FL (Porsche factory driver), Kim Hiskey from Bellevue WA (owner/driver of Crazy Redhead Racing), Steve Ivankovich from Chicago IL (Zip Racing owner), and Spencer Pumpelly (driver and team manager) from Mason Neck, VA.

Driver lineup for #35 car is Jim Walsh from Kirkland WA, Gerry Green from Somerset NJ, R.J. Valentine from Hingham MA, Rick DiIorio (third letter is a capital 'I' as in Igloo, not a L as in Lake) from Harvard MA. I don't know near the details on the other drivers, will try to get more. I do know I'm the only one on the team that hasn't done a Daytona 24 before (though I have driven a GT3-RS at Daytona before, so the car and track are not totally new).

The team is Zip Racing, with a combination effort with Greg Fordahl and many of his crew from Fordahl Motorsports. Their web site [www.pumpellyracing.com](http://www.pumpellyracing.com).

The #34 car is a new 2002 GT3-RS, and the #35 car is the 'old' 2001 GT3-R that they ran last season (they've expanded this year from a one to a two-car team).

Our own Kim Hiskey will be running in the #34 Zip Racing Porsche GT3-RS in the GT class, with an incredibly strong driver lineup that makes it definitely one of the primary cars to watch in GT. I'll be in the sister #35 car in a team that easily makes me the rookie, I'm very excited about our chances for a strong finish also. Greg Fordahl of Fordahl Motorsports will be there lending his world-class engineering expertise, with some of the Fordahl Motorsports / Crazy Redhead crew helping out in the pits.

## Kim Hiskey

Kim began racing her Porsche RS America in 1998 after a year of participating in Seattle Area Porsche Club Driver's Education events. In her first season racing, she was recognized as Novice of the Year for Northwest Region SCCA.

In 1999 she moved up to a 1994 Porsche 3.8 RSR and captured four regional SCCA titles and Most Improved Driver of the Year. She also competed in her first professional races running in the American Le Mans Series at Portland, Laguna Seca, and Las Vegas. Along with 2 other Seattle area drivers, the Crazy Redhead Team took an overall victory at the Timex 12 Hours of Thunderhill.

Kim teamed with Randy Pobst to contest a limited Grand Am schedule in 2000, earning third place finishes in GTU at both Mid-Ohio and Phoenix, driving a 1997 Porsche 911 RSR against the latest 911 GT3R's of other competitors, and actually lead more than half the race distance at Mid-Ohio.



Kim Hiskey and Randy Pobst at Daytona.



## 2002 Porsche 911 GT3 RS

In the Rolex Sports Car Series, the new 2002 Porsche 911 GT3 RS will challenge for the GT class championship, a title the GT3 R and GT3 RS has earned the past two years. Built at the Porsche Motorsport in the Research and Development Department at Weissach, the 2002 Porsche 911 GT3 RS delivers 420 horsepower from its 3.6-liter normally-aspirated engine. Improvements for 2002 include a wider track, revamped suspension, and other changes to ensure greater reliability. Grand-Am's most important race—the famed 24 Hours at Daytona—is also the place where the Porsche 911 GT3 RS had its greatest success in 2001, finishing first in class and second overall. The more-production-spec Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car also runs in the Grand-Am series called the Grand-Am Cup Street Stock Championship.

Kim and Randy also finished fourth in GTU in the qualifying race for the 6-Hour endurance race at Watkins Glen, coming in eighth in class in the 6-Hour event. In addition to the Grand Am schedule, Kim finished the 2000 season second in the GT1 class for Oregon Region SCCA. Kim also ran with Alex Job Racing for two American Le Mans Series races.

In 2001, in her first appearance at a Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona Race, Kim finished an impressive 7th in class and 10th overall in an 80 car field.

Kim made the record books in 2001 as the first female class winner in the Grand American Road Racing Series. At the Phoenix Sun Automotive 200, Kim, with co-driver Randy Pobst, finished first in the GT class, and an incredible 5th overall.

Kim is the only woman car owner/driver in the Grand American Road Racing series. She plans to compete for the 2001 Grand Am GTU championship in her Crazy Redhead Racing 2001 Porsche GT3RS.

## Randy Pobst

Randy Pobst will partner Hiskey in the Fordahl Motorsports / Crazy Redhead Racing 911 GT3 RS for the 2001 Grand Am effort. Randy is coming off an outstanding 2000 season with Alex Job Racing in ALMS, where he scored two pole positions, two fastest race laps, and had two wins. Finishing second in the ALMS GT driver's championship, Randy was in contention for the championship up to the last hour of the last race of the season.

A testament to his ability in a Porsche, Randy was invited by Porsche to drive a guest car in the Porsche Supercup races during the Formula One weekend at Indianapolis. He finished an impressive fifth in both races, competing against the European drivers who regularly race in each round of the series.

During the 1999 season, Randy earned the GT class pole at the 12 Hours of Sebring and finished second, to go with a fifth-in-class finish in the Rolex 24 at Daytona. Randy added a third at Las Vegas and a fifth at Sears Point during the season.

## Jim Walsh

Jim is Group Manager for the New Media Platforms Division at Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington. Jim was born and raised in Edmonton, Canada but moved to and has lived in the Seattle area for 14 years. Jim's first organized automotive competition was SCCA Solo II in 1988. In 1989 he won the first of a string of regional and divisional championships in C Stock, B Stock, A Stock and finally Super Stock. Jim retired from autocross in the late 90's with 21 wins in his last 25 events. Jim's first racing school was in 1990. After years of driving and instructing with BMW, Alfa Romeo, Porsche, and other club track and lapping days, Jim eventually took the plunge into road racing.

In his last full year of racing (2001), Jim won 8 of 20 SCCA club races (and a regional championship), and 2 of 4 Porsche Club of America races (2nd place in the other two), driving a Porsche 911 RS America prepared by Fordahl Motorsports. Finished 3rd overall and 2nd in class at the 12 Hours of Thunderhill, behind Zip Racing Daytona stablemates Kim Hiskey and Randy Pobst. Was leading overall the 2001 Portland 8 Hour enduro,

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