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Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA's Kaimer Leading with NGT Motorsport



Fred Kaimer's No. 23 entry

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Aug. 30, 2017) - For IMSA Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama driver Fred Kaimer, stick and ball sports were always part of the menu growing up. It wasn't until his father brought home some stock cars that they began to dabble in racing and fulfill a lifelong interest in auto racing.

"My dad played professional football for a few years for the New York Jets," Kaimer said. "He recognized how seductive sports could be - and how critical education is - so he waited until my brother and I graduated from college, then he bought three stock cars for all of us to race. It was a blast and it really ignited

my desires to race even more."

Kaimer started racing oval track stock cars, then got into vintage sports cars more than 25 years ago and has been hooked ever since.

The 48-year-old driver teamed up with NGT Motorsport once again for the 2017 season. NGT Motorsport was founded by Ramez Wahab in 2003. The husband and wife team of Ramez and Sylvia Wahab is located in Miami, Florida, and is well-known for providing competitive and hospitable racing experiences.



Fred Kaimer

"NGT Motorsport is a super family," Kaimer said. "I have a home in Miami right by the shop and I can go down there and torture them and play with the race car a bit - it's perfect. We just have fun. Ramez and Sylvia are great at putting people together and it makes the race weekends very pleasurable."

Kaimer is currently leading in points in the Gold class 188-182 over Roman De Angelis. His NGT teammate and 2016 IMSA Scholarship Winner, Victor Gomez IV, is in third place in the Gold class with 176 points earned through 12 rounds of racing.

"Victor is a fast young man just at the beginning of his career," Kaimer said. "He's a hardworking and fantastic teammate. His father owns and operates multiple car dealerships in Puerto Rico, including Porsche dealerships, so it's a perfect fit for them."

To date, Kaimer has gotten faster at every track he returns to each year. He says this type of progress pushes him to keep racing.

"I race half because I'm competitive but half because I just like the sport and history of racing," Kaimer said. "The 911 Cup car is fantastic - these cars are bulletproof. It's a great learning tool to use the data and professional coaching to get better and better."

Kaimer, who lives in Austin, is a Porsche 911 enthusiast. He owns an extensive collection of vintage Porsches, including both race and street cars. Kaimer owns an industrial distribution company and has a wife, Mary, and 5-year-old son named Ren.

"The only cars Ren points out on the highway are 911s," Kaimer joked. "We might have to get him into karting someday, but we will see how his schooling goes first."

"The IMSA weekends are great because it's a multi-class event - everyone who runs in the series has been exemplary, and they keep the competition clean and even for everybody," Kaimer said. "The fun thing for me coming from vintage racing where nobody drives the same cars, to IMSA where everyone is driving the same car, is that I have improved my driving skills significantly."

"I recently purchased a 2018 car so next year will see me battling my old [Platinum] Masters friends once again - I can't wait!"

About Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama

The IMSA-sanctioned Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama enters its 13th season in 2017 as one of Porsche's 20 single-make Cup Challenge series in the world. The series produces intense, exciting competition for semi-professional and aspiring professional drivers in the world's most produced and iconic race car, the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup.

Racing is divided into two classes - Platinum Cup, featuring the new-for-2017 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car, which is based on the current generation of the street car, and Gold Cup, which is comprised of the previous iteration (model years 2014-2016) of the race car. A Masters Championship also is conducted in the Platinum class. Each class is awarded with its own podium at the end of every race and individual champion at the end of every season. Points are awarded by finish in class.

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