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SRT Motorsports Pre-Race Release - Trans Am Series at Lime Rock Park

September 17, 2014, SALISBURY, Conn. - Coming off SRT (Street and Racing Technology) Motorsports' first Trans Am Series runner-up result in its most recent race, the team's Dodge Challengers are eager to contend for a victory at Connecticut's Lime Rock Park in the ninth Trans Am race of the 2014 season on Saturday, Sept. 20 – and will do so with a new, familiar face behind the wheel.

After making two starts in the No. 11 Dodge Challenger, Tommy Kendall will hand off the wheel to fellow legend Tommy Archer for a spot start in the SRT entry. With Kendall scheduled to make an appearance in California as a talent on a television broadcast that same weekend, the famed road racer and long-time Dodge driver will get his opportunity to return to Trans Am for SRT's third series start.

Archer is an accomplished road racer whose career has spanned five decades since his debut in 1970. The native of Duluth, Minnesota has collected victories in IMSA, SCCA and Trans Am Series racing, in addition to recording a pair of runner-up results in the 1998 and 1999 24 Hours of Le Mans in a Dodge Viper. In addition to his racing successes, Archer also worked with Dodge on the development of the Viper Competition Coupe during the 2000s.

In the most-recent Trans Am Series event, Kendall piloted the No. 11 Challenger to a runner-up result in just SRT's second race in the series, the 26th Annual Muscle Car Shootout at Minnesota's Brainerd International Raceway in August.

Now the team moves on to Lime Rock where SRT hopes to show continued improvement and race for a win, in addition to having Cameron Lawrence, the TA2 class points leader, add to his class points lead in the No. 1 Dodge Challenger.

Lawrence, a University of Central Florida student who won the 2013 Trans Am TA2 championship, drove his Challenger to fifth place at Brainerd, where his and Kendall's finishes marked the first top-five results for SRT in the Trans Am Series.

The 22-year-old driver finished second at Lime Rock in 2013 after starting 10th in the event. The Lime Rock race was one of just two events Lawrence did not win during his nine-victory championship season.

For Miller Racing, who fields the Challenger entries with SRT Motorsports, the team has shown speed since partnering with SRT prior to the Trans Am race at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in August, the seventh round of the 2014 schedule.

In Ohio, both Challengers raced in the top-10 before finishing 10th and 19th with Lawrence and Kendall, respectively. Kendall ran as high as fourth before a rear end issue forced the four-time Trans Am champion (1990,1995-97) off track. Along with the Brainerd top-five finishes, the Challengers now have three top-10 results in two Trans Am races.

The ninth round of the 2014 Trans Am schedule at Lime Rock Park will take place on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 2:00 p.m. CDT, with the race concluding at 67 laps (100.5 miles) or 75 minutes. The event will mark the third Trans Am race for SRT Motorsports and the Challenger in the series.

SRT Driver and Team Quotes for Lime Rock Park

Cameron Lawrence, driver, No. 1 Dodge Challenger, Miller Racing
What are your goals moving forward in the Challenger?

"We just want to keep improving. Just improve our finishing position and the cars each weekend and so far we've been moving in the right direction with both mine and Tommy's car. We'll just keep working hard to keep the cars up to speed and where they need to be in order to win races."

What are your thoughts on Lime Rock?

"It's a fun track because it's so small and being the way it is with the six right-hand turns. We've had good luck in the past at Lime Rock with Miller Racing, although we haven't won there. We finished second in the rain ahead of the TA cars last year, so we know the track pretty well. I think the Challengers will be good there."

How does it feel to work with Tommy Archer at Lime Rock?

"I've just been really lucky. It's just been almost a dream kind of experience with getting to work with teammates like Tommy Kendall and now Tommy Archer. I just get to soak all their knowledge up and learn from them and that's the biggest thing -- just learning from those guys, having them teach me everything they know and what they've come across in all their years racing. I'm just in my fourth year of road racing, so it's definitely been a really good learning experience."

Tommy Archer, driver, No. 11 Dodge Challenger, Miller Racing

How does it feel to step in as a guest driver in the No. 11 Dodge Challenger?

"It feels really good. I'm going to get in a new car and try and go out and win a race with Dodge again. I've won at Lime Rock in the past, so I'm all in."

Is it special to help SRT Motorsports with its entry into the Trans Am Series?

"It's really special to be able to come back. A lot of people out there that love Trans Am like to see drivers that they've watched over the years and I'm one of the guys that can say they've won Trans Am races in the past. I think we'll be competitive with the Challenger at Lime Rock."

How do you take advantage of past experiences at a track?

"I think it's just the fact that you're comfortable with the track and your comfortable with the car that makes a big difference and you're comfortable with the surroundings. I'm looking forward to it. As you get a little up in the years, you gain knowledge and that gives you a sense of calm, so I think we should be fine."

Gary Johnson, racing manager, SRT Motorsports

How does the team feel entering Lime Rock?

"After a successful weekend at Brainerd, the team has been working on the cars. They've been fine tuning everything to really make sure that the drivers have the best car going forward into Lime Rock. We're really pleased with the team effort and I know the drivers are really excited about how good the cars are."

Mike Miller, team owner, Miller Racing

What do you expect Tommy Archer to contribute at Lime Rock?

"Tommy is a great driver and he brings a lot of experience and familiarity with Lime Rock Park. We expect Tommy to be fast and we'll give him a capable car to compete in. As we're just in our third race now with the Challenger, it will be valuable to get his input as we're moving forward and get dialed in. I know Cameron is excited to learn from Tommy and the team has been working hard to prepare for this race. We're ready to unload the cars and compete for a win this weekend."

Race Information

Date: Saturday, Sept. 20

Time: 2:00 p.m. EDT for 67 laps (100.5 miles) or 75 minutes

Track: Lime Rock Park in Salisbury, Conn., 1.5-miles, seven turns

For more information, go to GoTransAm.com or MillerRacing.org.

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