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Autosport Development's Dave Marchioni teamed up with Chili Pepper Racing annual charity effort at Road Atlanta's Petit Le Mans

Trenton, MI – October 6, 2006 –When round nine of the SPEED World Challenge race ended late Friday afternoon, team members of Michigan-based Autosport Development packed up and readied themselves for their journey back home. Everyone, except for Dave Marchioni, team logistics manager from St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

For the third straight year, Dave stayed behind to help Chili Pepper Racing and Road Atlanta with their annual Petit Le Mans Weekend fundraising efforts benefiting The Lighthouse Family Retreat (September 29 – October 1).

The Lighthouse Family Retreat located in Alpharetta, Georgia serves children diagnosed with cancer and their families by providing them with a joyous retreat at the seaside far away from doctor visits and hospitals where they can laugh, enjoy family and find hope in God.



Fundraising activities included a drawing for a Suzuki motorcycle as well as the Third Annual Post Petit Le Mans Motorcycle Charity Ride led by SWC champion driver Randy Pobst. Lighthouse families received complimentary tickets to the Petite Le Mans race and participated in the opening flag ceremony, pace rides, track tours, and driver autograph sessions. They enjoyed a catered gourmet lunch prepared by the Flowery Branch Yacht Club and served in the Chili Pepper Racing hospitality tent.

Dave pitched in and assisted wherever needed. He entertained Lighthouse families, raised funds, helped with event set up and tear down, handled PR duties and drove the shag wagon during the charity motorcycle ride.

“Dave is a dedicated volunteer who raises money for the Lighthouse through Chili Pepper Racing,” says Dr. Jim Osborn, an orthopedic surgeon and team principal/driver for Tennessee-based Chili Pepper Racing. “He’s an integral part of the staff and his compassion and undying love for children is heartwarming.”

“I got on board with Jim’s charities through Autosport Development team owners Dave and Renee Moxlow, and I became our team representative,” says Dave.

“I have children. As a parent, you’re never sure if you can get your head around being with children suffering misfortune. The Lighthouse is a very upbeat, positive group. A great group of people and a wonderful, worthy charity. I really had a good time.”

The weekend activities raised \$33,590, all of which goes directly to The Lighthouse.

For Dave, the heartwarming moment of the weekend was when last year’s event poster child made a surprise visit. The sad reality is these children are battling terminal illnesses. Knowing that, it’s always a joy to see them again says Dave.

For more information, to see event photos or to contribute to this worthy cause, visit: www.chilipepperracing.org or www.lighthousefamilyretreat.org

Autosport Development competes in the SPEED World Challenge GT Series recently named “the most competitive road racing series in the world” by *Racer* magazine. In 2005, driver Stu Hayner finished the season seventh in points, a huge feat considering the team had no factory support from any major automotive manufacturers. As the *first* team to develop GTO road racers, Autosport Development’s expertise is in demand by other teams now fielding these cars. The race shop is also involved in prototype and racecar development, preparation, fabrication, assembly, carbon fiber work as well as automotive manufacturing. For more information, visit www.autosportdevelopment.com.