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Three Races, Three Wins for Ann Arbor's Maloof Driver Earns First Place in GTS Race at Gingerman Raceway

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (Sept 5, 2009) – Driver Christian Maloof landed in first place at Saturday's National Auto Sport Association (NASA) GTS Race at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven, MI. This is the third consecutive 1st place for Maloof, who has won every race he has entered in the 2009 NASA season.

Maloof, who races a 1995 Porsche 993 RS CS in the GTS3 Division, got the weekend off to a good start in Friday's test-and-tune event at Gingerman Raceway. "I showed up feeling confident, although I have not driven Gingerman in a couple of years," said Maloof. "It was really nice to see everyone—it was a bit like a homecoming!"

Race day started off strong for Maloof, who turned 1:31.7 / 1:31.8 laps in morning practice and then qualified P2. Commented Maloof, "I did not have stickers for this race and was trying to preserve my older tires as best as possible. I got a little caught up with a higher class car in the tricky back rhythm section and turned a 1:32.0, which cost me the pole. That said, I was pleased to qualify second."

Maloof was ready to race when the green flag flew. "Even though Gingerman is rather tight, I felt like I knew where I could and couldn't put the car—I was ready to rock!" The field was very diverse, with four GTS classes along with multiple big bore classes. On the grid Maloof started between two new E92 M3 KONI GS-prepped cars racing in GTS5. "I knew they would be very fast in a straight line, so I had to do my best to keep them out of the equation for the race."

"At the start I was swarmed by high-horsepower cars going three wide into turn one, but managed to move up to first in class (and from 5th to 4th overall)," said Maloof, adding, "I pushed hard and never looked back. About two thirds into the race, I caught a GTS5 car in P3 overall and had a chance to move up, but I did not want to risk my race just to pass an out of class car." Such decisions are crucial in racing, and Maloof opted to dial back a notch to protect his win. This proved to be a good move: the checkered flew with Maloof well clear of the field.

This is Maloof's second season racing with NASA. In 2009, he also piloted an MX-5 for Freedom Autosport in the Grand-Am KONI Challenge. "I enjoy the camaraderie and challenge in NASA. Although I entered the season late, I have really relished racing against a very talented group of guys. I'm looking forward to the final race at Putnam Park in October!"

In 2009, Maloof is sponsored by Rennstatt Racing, PorschePurist.com, Community Auto Wash, Kolossos Printing, Stony Creek Collision, OG Racing, Jim Maloof Realtor and AutoLavish. Maloof next participates in endurance and GTS races at Putnam Park on October 2-4, 2009. For more information please visit christianmalooof.com.

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