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PETIT LE MANS NEXT FOR MOWLEM, LOTUS JETALLIANCE TEAM

ATLANTA, Ga. (Sept. 23, 2011) – The next step in the development program of the racing version of the Lotus Evora will come in the United States when Johnny Mowlem and the Lotus Jetalliance team compete in the Petit Le Mans American Le Mans Series race at Road Atlanta.

The race is scheduled for Oct. 1. but Mowlem travels with his Lotus factory teammate James Rossiter Saturday to spend the week testing at Road Atlanta prior to the race.

Mowlem has four podium finishes in the 10 hour/1,000 kilometer race in 10 starts here, including a second place overall finish in LMP1 in 2007. He knows and likes the track and expects the Evora's reliability to be an important factor in the race.

"We want to repeat our performances at Le Mans and Silverstone," Mowlem said. "We finished both races without any real problems. The performance improves every time out, but we couldn't make those improvements if the engineers hadn't first made the car reliable."

The race will be the first for the Jetalliance team in the United States, so

Mowlem's vast international experience will stand the team in good stead. The car competes in the ALMS' GTE Pro class against the world's top sports car racing marques.

Mowlem was in the field for the inaugural Petit Le Mans and has raced in virtually every class the event offers, from Le Mans prototypes to GT cars..

"This race is really a sprint for sports car teams," Mowlem noted. "The track has some elevation changes and that puts a premium on handling. So the combination of pace and the demands the circuit puts on the chassis makes this a great place to evaluate where we are with the development of the car and what needs to be done next."

Whatever the team does the Petit Le Mans, it will be on display in China. That's the site of the final race of the 2011 International Le Mans Cup schedule, effectively the World Championship for sportscars and the precursor to next year's World Endurance Championship.

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