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VOLKSWAGEN ANDRETTI RALLYCROSS REVEALS NEW LOOK FOR 2017

Reigning Red Bull Global Rallycross Champion, Scott Speed, celebrates new partnerships with Oberto All Natural Beef Jerky and Circle K Convenience Stores, and two-time series champion, Tanner Foust, unveils a new Rockstar Energy Drink livery on his Beetle GRC

Herndon, VA — Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross is proud to present its pair of Beetle GRC challengers for the 2017 Red Bull Global Rallycross championship at the Chicago Auto Show. Back-to-back series champion Scott Speed will celebrate a new partnership in 2017, driving the red, white, and green No. 41 Oberto Circle K Beetle GRC for the majority of the season, while two-time GRC champion Tanner Foust will return to action in a new-look No. 34 Rockstar Energy Drink Beetle GRC.

The championship-winning drivers will return for their fourth season with the Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross team, hoping to achieve similar levels of success to their 2016 campaign. Last year, Speed won his second-consecutive Red Bull GRC title, while Tanner Foust set a record of 25 consecutive Heat wins on his way to a second-place championship finish.

Speed will welcome Oberto All Natural Beef Jerky and Circle K onto his No. 41 Beetle GRC on a more permanent basis this season. Previously, the company's branding appeared on Speed's Beetle GRC for the Seattle round of the 2016 championship.

"I'm super excited to have Oberto on the car this year, and I'm sure that we'll share some of the same success we were able to enjoy together last year," said Speed. "We've been working really hard to improve our cars over the off-season, and I can't wait to get to racing so we can defend our title again."

Rockstar Energy Drink returns as a partner with Tanner Foust for the 12th straight year in 2017. This season, the No. 34 Beetle GRC will feature a darker livery, incorporating symbols of the Rockstar brand, accented with yellow highlights. "It feels like the 2016 season ended a long time ago, so I'm really eager to get back behind the wheel of this ferocious machine," said Foust. "Last year we had a lot of great results, and I'm confident that with all our hard off-season effort we can be up at the front of the field again in 2017."

In its brief, three-year history, the Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross team has swiftly become a dominant force in Red Bull Global Rallycross. By winning eight of 12 races in 2016, the squad earned Volkswagen its first ever Red Bull Global Rallycross Manufacturer's Championship and achieved a second-consecutive driver's title for Scott Speed. Overall, the team has amassed 18 wins and 16 other podium finishes in the series.

"We are extremely proud of the success the Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross program has achieved so far," said Vinay Shahani, Volkswagen of America SVP, Marketing. "Our Volkswagen Motorsport partners in Germany and the Andretti Autosport team in Indianapolis have been focused on accomplishing even more in 2017, and we look forward to celebrating the triumphs of Scott, Tanner, and team in the coming season."

The 2017 Red Bull Global Rallycross championship will consist of 12 races spread across eight venues across North America. The season will begin Saturday, April 29 in Memphis, TN.

SUPERCAR TELECAST SCHEDULE

Round	Location	Event	Air Date	Time (ET)	Network
1	Memphis, Tenn.	Qualifying	April 29	12 p.m.	NBCSN
		Finals	April 30	1 p.m.	NBC
2	Louisville, Ky.	Finals	May 21	1 p.m.	NBC
3	Thompson, Conn.	Finals	June 3	5 p.m.	NBC
4		Finals	June 4	5 p.m.	NBC
5	Canada	Finals	June 17	10 p.m.	NBCSN
6		Finals	June 18	4 p.m.	NBC
7	Indianapolis, Ind.	Qualifying	July 8	1:30 p.m.	NBCSN
		Finals	July 9	8 p.m.	NBCSN
8	Atlantic City, N.J.	Finals	August 12	5 p.m.	NBC
9		Finals	August 13	4:30 p.m.	NBC
10	Seattle, Wash.	Finals	September 9	4:30 p.m.	NBC
11		Finals	September 10	4:30 p.m.	NBC
12	Los Angeles, Calif.	Qualifying	October 13	3 p.m.	NBCSN
		Finals	October 14	4:30 p.m.	NBC

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Based in Indianapolis and led by racing legend Michael Andretti, Andretti Autosport boasts a wide racing portfolio rooted in tradition and designed for success. Together with Andretti Formula E and Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross, Andretti Autosport fields multiple entries in the IndyCar Series and Indy Lights, along with entries in the FIA Formula E Championship and Global Rallycross. The company boasts four IndyCar Series championships (2004, 2005, 2007, 2012), two Indy Lights titles (2008, 2009), one Pro Mazda championship (2013) and one USF2000 championship (2010) and has captured victory at the famed Indianapolis 500 four times (2005, 2007, 2014, 2016). Additionally the team holds two X Games Gold Medals and two Global Rallycross championship (2015, 2016). To share in the Andretti story, please visit online at AndrettiAutosport.com and follow along on Twitter via @FollowAndretti.