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Enthusiasts Fuel Alfa's 147 GTA Racing

The Melbourne based GTA Racing race team is fired up at the end of day one of the GT Performance series underway this weekend at the Sandown International Raceway in Victoria.

The recent turmoil in the Procar series has done nothing to dampen the flames of enthusiasm in the volunteer race team who keep GTA Racing on the track. With the team based in Bayswater, members are scattered across Melbourne with some team members traveling up to 4 hours on a regular basis between race meets to take part in practice and help develop the car.

“To the guys in the team, its not about winning every race or making money, its about being a part of the team and being involved in racing” said Hugh Harrison, driver of the Alfa Romeo 147 GTA. “To them, or all of us, its about bettering yourself each time you hit the track, which is what we've been doing.”

Across practice, qualifying and race one, Harrison improved his best track time by more than 4 seconds, consistently achieving faster best lap times each time he took the track.

“The team is here because they love Alfa's, and they want to be a part of Alfa racing. Getting podium finishes, although it would be nice, isn't what drives this team” Harrison said further. “We're all here, like most of the teams in the series, for the love of cars and the love of racing.”

“We're all passionate about racing and Sandown has to be one of my favourite tracks. Coming down over the top into Dandenong Road gives a real rush. The fast straight followed by the sweeping left, into the S's finished by the slow 50-odd km corner is a real test of driver ability” continued Harrison.

However, its the team behind the driver that are often the unsung heroes on race day.

“Its also been a test of the teams ability. With everyone being volunteers and working with a very small budget, we have had to basically work with what we've got, and to be able to consistently make improvements to our fastest track times is a real testament to the team.” concluded Harrison.

A new on-board data acquisition computer will assist the team to make some overnight adjustments which should see improved track times once again in tomorrows races. Even though the series may be in a period of uncertainty, GTA Racing are sure of their commitment to and passion for the sport.

The 26 lap race two of the GT Performance series gets underway at 1.30pm on Sunday at the Sandown International Raceway.

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