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## Revitalized Subaru Road Racing Team Looks Forward To Mid-Ohio Event

- Drivers Aguilante and Spaude hold series' best-average finish in last two races

Phoenixville, PA, Jun 11, 2012 - With a series-best average finish of second place in the two most recent GRAND-AM Continental Tire Sports Car Championship events – a third at Miami and a win at New Jersey – Subaru Road Racing Team drivers Andrew Aquilante and Bret Spaude are focused on another podium finish this weekend at the famous Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course near Lexington, Ohio, a venue where the team has twice won in previous years.

"As was the case at both Homestead-Miami and New Jersey, Mid-Ohio is a track which really highlights our car's handling and cornering abilities," said Joe Aquilante, owner of Phoenix Performance in Phoenixville, Pa., which prepares the team's Subaru WRX STI racecars.

As is the case all season, team driver Bret Spaude, of Bushnell, Fla., will qualify the 4-door #35 Subaru WRX STI at Mid-Ohio, and race until it is time to slot teammate Andrew Aquilante, of Chester Springs, Pa., into the cockpit for the charge to the checkered flag.

"Our race finishes have improved with every race this season," added Joe Aquilante. "Now that we've won a race, we want to continue producing consistently-high finishes."

The race-prepped #35 SRRT WRX STI is developed to compete against rival teams fielding cars producing over 400 horsepower.

Practice on the 2.258-mile configuration of Mid-Ohio, located 15 minutes south of Mansfield, Ohio, will be Friday, June 8 at 8:40am and 1:45pm, with Bret Spaude qualifying the Subaru at 3:35pm. The two-and-a-half hour race takes the green flag Saturday, June 9 at 11am.

Sponsors for SRRT include Subaru Of America, Inc., Subaru Tecnica International (STI), Subaru Performance Tuning (SPT), Hawk Brakes, Ron Davis Racing Radiators, Automotive Racing products, VAC Motorsports, Rockland Standard Gear, Ecutek, Lista, Rotary Lifts, Cusco, Carbonetic, Hella, and Perrin.

## **About SRRT Phoenix LLC**

SRRT Phoenix LLC represents the Subaru of America Inc. road racing effort in the 10-round GRAND-AM Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge series and is owned and managed by Joe Aquilante of Phoenix Performance, LLC. The team's 32,000 sq. ft. facility is in Phoenixville, Pa., 40 miles west of Philadelphia, Pa. Team drivers Andrew Aquilante and Bret Spaude race a Subaru WRX STI in the Grand Sport class.

For more information about the team and the cars, call Joe Aquilante at 610-482-0141. Fans can visit the team's website at <a href="https://www.srrtphoenix.com">www.srrtphoenix.com</a> and the Phoenix Performance website at <a href="https://www.phoenixperformance.net">www.phoenixperformance.net</a>

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