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## Subaru Team Gears Up For GRAND-AM Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge Finale

*-Drivers Aquilante, Spaude Ready to Tackle Round 10 hosted at Lime Rock Park*

Phoenixville, PA, Sep 25, 2012 - After experiencing a near miss at the top step of the podium at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, the Subaru Road Racing Team (SRRT) travels back eastward to contest the season finale of GRAND-AM's Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge series at Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, Ct. Running as high as second at the previous round has added to the team's motivation to complete this season with a strong finish.

SRRT including their race-winning drivers, A.J. Aquilante of Phoenixville, Pa., and teammate Bret Spaude of Bushnell, Fla., are very familiar with the characteristics and nuances of the tight and fast-paced racecourse at Lime Rock Park, having raced at the venue many times in the past.

To date, the team's season has been highlighted by a win at New Jersey Motorsports Park, a third place finish at the Homestead-Miami Speedway round, and a strong run to second at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca by the final lap. The team takes the rollercoaster season in stride while confident in the performance from their 4-door #35 Subaru Road Racing Team WRX STI.

"Though it's unfortunate that the car's outright performance, solid driving from our drivers, and clockwork car preparation and development plus pit work from our team isn't accurately reflected in some of this season's race results, we know our team and car represent a championship-contending package," said SRRT Principal Joe Aquilante, whose Phoenix Performance outfit prepares the race cars for Subaru of America, Inc.

Added James Han, motorsports marketing manager for Subaru of America, Inc., "It's been a frustrating season for our Subaru Road Racing Team at times, but I'm confident in the people and processes within our program that have worked to establish consistency, good practices, and helped tap the significant performance potential of our Subaru WRX STI." "As much as Lime Rock [Park] is a singularly challenging track with its relatively short single lap distance and truncated passing zones, I think our team will perform well here by applying shrewd pit stop strategy and some heads-up driving."

The Lime Rock race, on a one-and-a-half-mile road course, will see practice and qualifying on Friday, Sept. 28, and the two-and-a-half-hour race taking the green flag at 10:30 a.m. (EST) on Saturday, Sept. 29. The race will be televised for tape-delayed broadcast on SPEED channel on Oct. 14 at 1:00 p.m. (EST).

**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, Lista, Rotary Lifts, Cusco, Carbonetic, 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 [www.srrtphoenix.com](http://www.srrtphoenix.com) and the Phoenix Performance website at [www.phoenixperformance.net](http://www.phoenixperformance.net)

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