

## Shane Lewis set for 2015 Trans Am Season with Gar Robinson and 74 Ranch Racing

Endurance driver set to put talent to the test in TA2

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 7, 2015) – The Trans Am Series paddock will see yet another injection of talent in 2015, as Shane Lewis joins TA2 for the full 2015 Trans Am Championship as a member of the TA2 class. Lewis, traditionally an endurance racer, will now ply his trade in Trans Am's 100-mile sprint format races alongside teammate Gar Robinson as a member of 74 Ranch Racing's TA2 team.

"I remember standing along the fences of Willow Springs Raceway watching Trans Am testing in 1988, when I was just getting started in racing," said Lewis. "The TA cars were my favorite cars ever, and I'm not just saying that— they truly were. Afterwards, I went down the route of endurance sports car racing after some time in the formula car ranks, but now I'm finally running in Trans Am after all these years. I can't believe it."

Joining Lewis in TA2 will be teammate Gar Robinson, son of former Trans Am driver George Robinson who ran a total of 46 races from 1988 to 1994 with one victory, eight top-five appearances and 24 top-ten showings.

"It's a thrill to be able to embark on something new— especially with a driver like Gar," said Lewis. "He's a genuinely great guy, a good friend and is becoming a real talent behind the wheel. Robinson Racing and the 74 Ranch crew have an amazing history in motorsports; and I'm confident with Gar and I working together, we can really bring it to the competition."

Gar Robinson competed in the final three races of the 2014 Trans Am Championship, also in the TA2 class, finishing an impressive fourth place in each, a mark he and Lewis will both be looking to overtake in 2015.

"We're proud to welcome Robinson Racing and the 74 Ranch Resort crew back to Trans Am," said John Clagett, President of The Trans Am Race Company. "Having teams of this caliber and drivers with the talent level of Shane and Gar reinforce what we're doing in Trans Am and TA2. We all look forward to seeing them out on track throughout 2015."

Shane Lewis, Gar Robinson, and the Robinson Racing Team will first take to the track at Sebring International Raceway in their 74 Ranch Resort Chevrolet Camaros for the 2015 Trans Am Championship Season Opener on Sunday, March 1, 2015.

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## **About Shane Lewis:**

A native of Jupiter, Fla., Shane Lewis has participated in a multitude of championships across the world including IMSA, the American Le Mans Series, the European Le Mans Series, the Rolex Sports Car Series, SCCA World Challenge, Continental Challenge, VLN and the World 24hr Series.

Lewis has competed in an impressive 39 twenty-four hour races; including three 24 Hours of Le Mans, seventeen 24 Hours of Daytona, four 24 Hours of Nürburgring and three 24 Hours of Dubai. He has raced in eight 12 Hours of Sebring and seven Petit Le Mans and won two 6 hours of Nürburgring and the 12 hours of Magy Cours, France. In 2013 Shane won both the 24 Hours of Dubai and the 24 Hours of Daytona back-to-back and in 2010 won the 24 Hours of Nürburgring.

When not competing, Lewis serves as a driving coach and instructor and precision driver for television, video and movie production. Lewis is also the resident Driving Club Pro at Palm Beach International Raceway.

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## **About 74 Ranch Resort:**

Located 50 miles south of San Antonio, Texas, the 74 Ranch Resort is home to some of the finest and most varied hunting action you will ever experience. White tailed deer, quail, dove, duck, and turkey hunts are all available. Originally owned by legendary Texas oilman J.S. "Mr. Jim" Abercrombie, this 27,000 acre ranch has been carefully developed and improved over three generations to appeal to the most discerning sportsman.

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Defending Champions include: Doug Peterson (TA), Cameron Lawrence (TA2), Ernie Francis, Jr., (TA3 American Muscle) and Jason Berkeley (TA3 International).

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