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Toyo Tires® and Flying Lizard Motorsports Score Third Consecutive Overall Win
at the 25 Hours of Thunderhill

WILLOWS, CA -- Toyo Tires® and Flying Lizard Motorsports scored their third consecutive overall victory at the *25 Hours of Thunderhill* this past weekend in Willows, CA. Considered North America's longest endurance racing event, the *25 Hours* is one of the premier events held annually by National Auto Sport Association (NASA).

Winning overall and finishing first in the ES Class was the #45 Toyo Tires / Flying Lizard Audi R8 LMS driven by Darren Law, Charlie Hayes, Tom Haacker and Nathan Stacy. With great weather conditions throughout the race, the Toyo® Proxes® Slicks-equipped Audi completed a total of 780 laps on the 3.0-mile Thunderhill road course, a new record for the most laps completed in the race. And just like last year, their margin of victory was six laps over the second-place finisher.

The new *Toyo Tires GT Challenge* class was won by the #74 Toyo Tires / Flying Lizard Porsche® Cayman® GT4 Clubsport. Running on class specified 18-inch Toyo® Proxes® RR DOT competition tires, the Porsche completed 658 laps during the 25-hour road race with a best lap time of 1:54.740. The driver line-up included Craig Watkins, Johannes van Overbeek, Michael Hedlund and Ross Thompson.

"What an amazing weekend. It was our third consecutive overall race win with Flying Lizard Motorsports in our Audi R8 LMS Ultra and there were four vehicles that won their classes using Toyo Tires in the NASA 25 Hour," said Marc Sanzenbacher, senior manager, motorsports, Toyo Tire U.S.A. Corp. "I think we have proven once again that the Toyo Proxes family of tires is the only choice for those who are serious about winning."

"What an amazing race for us. It isn't easy getting through 25 hours of racing and to win this event overall for the 3rd year in a row shows the ability of our organization," said Darren Law, program manager, Flying Lizard Motorsports. "I really had a great time driving this weekend, the Audi R8 LMS was on rails. Not only was the car preparation great but the Toyo Tires were amazing. You could place the car anywhere on track. We were double-stinting tires throughout the night and able to keep the same pace as a fresh set."

To learn more about the competition-proven Toyo Tires products such as the Proxes® RS1™ full-slick; the Proxes® RR, Proxes® R888R™, Proxes® RA1™ DOT-competition tires; and the 200-treadwear Proxes® R1R™; log onto www.toyotires.com.

About Toyo Tires®

Established in 1966, Toyo Tire U.S.A. Corp. represents the innovation, quality, performance, and excellent service that Toyo Tires has delivered worldwide for 70 years. The company offers a full line of premium tires for nearly every vehicle including light trucks, SUVs, crossovers, sports cars, luxury cars and hybrids as well as commercial trucks. Many of the tires are built in the United States at their state-of-the-art factory in White, Georgia. To find the right tire for your vehicle as well as an authorized dealer, visit www.toyotires.com. Join the Toyo Tires community on: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

About Flying Lizard Motorsports

Based out of Sonoma, California, Flying Lizard Motorsports is one of the most iconic sports car teams in motorsports, having celebrated seven driver and team championships, as well as competed internationally at the 24 Hours of Le Mans eight times. The team currently races in World Challenge, Porsche® GT3 Cup Trophy USA, and Porsche® Club of America.

The Lizards burst on the American Le Mans Series scene in 2004, competing in the GT class until 2012. In 2013, the team moved to the GTC class, still competing in legendary events such as the 12 Hours of Sebring and 24 Hours of Daytona. In 2014, the team expanded its program to include running two Audi R8 LMS in the TUDOR Championship, and in 2015, again expanded the program to include two Porsches® in Porsche® Club racing. Flying Lizard closed out the season with a dominating win at the 25 Hours of Thunderhill with Toyo Tires, a win they repeated with a 1-2 finish in 2016. Flying Lizard has also competed in the 24 Heures du Mans from 2005 through 2012, finishing third in 2005, fourth in 2006, sixth in 2008, sixth in 2011, and fourth in 2012.

Flying Lizard Motorsports has proven to be a championship contender no matter the race series or race car. For more information, visit lizardms.com. For additional photos and all behind-the-scenes updates, check us out on Facebook, twitter and Instagram.

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