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[UPDATED] BMW Team RLL Secures Pole Position at Grand Prix of Baltimore.

Bill Auberlen sets qualifying record.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Updated 9:00pm Eastern Time: Following the post-qualifying technical inspection, the No. 56 BMW Z4 GTE will start the Grand Prix of Baltimore from P11, due to a ride height issue.]

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – Aug. 30, 2013 . . . BMW Team RLL will start Saturday's American Le Mans Series Grand Prix of Baltimore from the front of the GT class grid. The qualifying effort was the second such result this year for the BMW Z4 GTE in its debut year. The previous front row sweep came in Round 4 at Lime Rock Park in July.

Bill Auberlen qualified the No. 55 BMW Z4 GTE on the pole with a 1:29.560 minute lap around the 2.02-mile, 12-turn temporary street circuit to set a new qualifying record. He will co-drive with Maxime Martin in tomorrow's two-hour contest. Joey Hand qualified the No. 56 BMW Z4 GTE second with a 1:29.795 minute lap. He will co-drive with Dirk Müller. Both BMW racers set their quickest times on the seventh lap of nine in the 15-



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minute session, and were the only cars in the 11-car GT class to qualify in the 1:29-minute bracket.

“Because this is a street circuit that emphasizes handling and braking, I felt we could be strong here,” said **Bobby Rahal, Team Principal**. “Certainly, Qualifying showed that. Obviously, I am pleased with the performance of the cars, but as we’ve seen in previous years here we’ll need some luck in the race tomorrow.”

Bill Auberlen, driver No. 55 Z4 GTE – (1st) – “I am obviously in very good company on the front row and I could not be prouder. All my laps were clean and fast. I was last in the queue and when I went through the chicane the last time I saw the tires had been moved so perhaps someone could have gotten a quicker lap. We were low on fuel so I may not have been able to defend. Luckily the flag came out to end the session.”

Joey Hand, driver No. 56 Z4 GTE – (2nd) – “Congratulations to Bill and the 55 guys on the pole. I never like to be second, but I’m happy with my performance and to have both BMW Team RLL cars on the front row. The front row is a great place to start, but you can’t win it at the start. Tomorrow’s race will be about being smart and putting ourselves in a position so Dirk can bring home a victory.”

Live streaming of the race can be found on ESPN3.com on Saturday, Aug. 31 at 3:30 p.m. Follow BMW Team RLL on Twitter at @BMWUSARacing for “from-the-pit-box” updates all weekend. The Grand Prix of Baltimore is scheduled to be broadcast on ABC television at 12:00 p.m. ET on Sunday, Sept. 1st. ALMS.com will stream in-car footage throughout the race and the full live feed for international views. More information on the program can be found at www.bmwusa.com and www.alms.com.

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