

NEWSLETTER 2008**TONY RING & G2 RACING**

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**Ferrari Challenge**

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Trofeo **PIRELLI****Like to waterski in 300 km/h?**

The Sunday race at Nürburgring was probably the most difficult race I have done for many years, at the start the circuit was reasonably dry but the rain was hanging in the air. We decided for a more or less dry-weather set up because the chances were that the circuit should stay dry if the weather situation stayed solid. The race was declared a "wet race" which means that it is up to the drivers and teams to decide what tires to use. Even if the rain starts to fall hard there will be no intervention from the race organisation to allow all cars to change tires. In the end everyone except from two drivers, Emilio Giusti and Jan Danis, opted for slick tires and off we went on what was going to be a very difficult but interesting race.

For the first part of the race, slicks was definitely the right choice and I passed Danis in the first corner and Giusti later on the first lap when they where struggling big time with their rain tires on the relatively dry circuit. Fortunately the dry-weather tires started to reach their right temperature before the heaven opened and the rain drenched the track. Until there is standing water on the track, warm slick tires are working quite well but you have to be very careful because if something goes wrong it is almost impossible to catch the car. I noticed that my set up was relatively good compared to some of my competitors and I worked my way up through the field and finished in eight position, a result I was happy with regarding the starting position. I was also very happy to see that I managed to do a race in so difficult conditions without putting a foot wrong.

PICS FROM NÜRBURGRING

A small part of the impressive parking lot, hundreds of Ferraris...



...and this extremely cute and very rare Fiat Abarth 500



Tony found a new toy in the pits, the Shell Helicopter.

GO WEST!

This weekend I will visit Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, North Carolina to attend the Bank of America 500, one of the last deciding races in this years Nascar Sprint Cup.

The track in Charlotte was completed in 1959 and is a so called Quad-oval over 1.5 miles with a banking 24°. As always in the states everything is big and this track is no exception with a seating capacity of 165,000.



The trip to Charlotte also includes a visit to one of the top Nascar teams, Hendrick Motorsport.