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On behalf of the Group S Racing Association, I am writing to compliment Festival of Sporting Cars for an outstanding race meeting at Bathurst over Easter.

Despite a number of difficulties that confronted the FoSC team this year; the meeting once again has been the subject of exemplary comment by GSRA members who greatly appreciate the opportunity to race at "the mountain".

And again despite the disruptions to the program brought about by the vagaries of the weather, a lack of respect for the mountain by some drivers and what appears poor preparation of some cars, the revised "longer race" format provided an improvement over the 2008 program. The slightly longer races allowed drivers the opportunity to work into a driving rhythm after the early bustle of the first couple of laps had subsided.

The race meeting provided the necessary three Group S races for the Group S results to be included in the GSRA pointscore – a most satisfactory outcome for which the GSRA is appreciative of FoSC programming.

The GSRA was however disappointed by the large number of incidents and red flags, especially in other than Group S events which severely disrupted the program. The association supports the debrief Charles Jardine provided to all competitors drawing attention to what can only be described as a lack of respect for the mountain.

The GSRA committee has agreed to also provide some "counsel" to GSRA members before next year's meeting to ensure that familiarity does not breed contempt.

Most importantly, please pass on our congratulations and thanks to all concerned with the 2009 event; planners, officials, administrators and volunteers. The GSRA greatly appreciates their efforts without which we would not have the wonderful privilege of racing at Mount Panorama.

Yours sincerely,

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