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## **Circuit of The Americas™ provides information on parking and security measures for GRAND-AM of The Americas presented by GAINSCO and TOTAL March 1-2**

**AUSTIN, Texas (Feb. 25, 2013)** – Circuit of The Americas will host the inaugural **GRAND-AM of The Americas presented by GAINSCO and TOTAL** March 1-2, and race fans will find ample on-site parking options for the motorsports event, featuring three racing series: the GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series, the GRAND-AM Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge and the Pro Mazda Championship. Since all guests will be able to park on site, Circuit of The Americas will not offer remote parking with shuttle service for the GRAND-AM event.

### ***Directions and Parking***

Those who have not pre-purchased tickets and on-site parking for the two-day event can still do so at the venue on Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2. On-site parking is available for **\$20 per vehicle, per day in the Circuit's LOT F**, which is on the north side of Circuit of The Americas Blvd. Tickets (reserved seating or general admission) can be purchased for **\$59 per person for a two-day pass** at the Circuit's main ticket office in the Grand Plaza. Walk-up customers are welcome.

Circuit of The Americas' parking lots will open March 1-2 at 7 a.m. CT. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. Patrons are encouraged to follow these recommended routes to the Circuit and, when possible, guests are encouraged to carpool to Circuit of The Americas:

- Individuals parking in **Lots A, B, C, or D** should access Circuit of The Americas via FM 812.
  - Access to FM 812 is available via US 183, SH 130 or SH 21.
- Individuals parking in **Lots E, G, H, J, and K** should access Circuit of The Americas via Pearce Lane to Kellam Road.
  - Access to Pearce Lane is available via FM 973, SH 130 or SH 21/FM 535.
- Individuals parking in Lot P are encouraged to utilize SH 21 to connect with FM 812.
- Patrons purchasing day-of parking in **Lot F** should use either FM 812 or Kellam Road to access Circuit of The Americas.

**Accessible parking** is available for purchase, and accessibility shuttles will be available to transport guests with mobility issues from Lots F and P to the Grand Plaza and Main Grandstand, respectively, prior to the races. Patrons with mobility issues can catch shuttles back to Lots F and P following the on-track action.

Patrons taking **taxis** to the Circuit will be dropped off and picked up on the south side of Circuit of The Americas Blvd. near the Grand Plaza entrance. **Limousine** drop-off and staging will be in Lot C. Permits to access this Lot can be purchased for \$75 by calling 512.655.6561.

A map detailing the Circuit's parking lots and pick-up and drop-off locations for guests with mobility issues is attached to this news release.

### ***Security Measures and Prohibited Items***

Patrons are **prohibited from bringing the following items** into Circuit of The Americas:

- Alcoholic Beverages
- Animals (exception for certified service animals)



- Bags or parcels larger than 12X12X20 inches
- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, skates, segways, golf carts or other unauthorized means of transportation
- Coolers, thermoses or ice chests
- Distribution of unauthorized promotional or commercial material
- Food and Beverage (Note: sealed, individual, plastic bottles of water are allowed)
- Fireworks, explosives or other incendiary devices
- Glass or metal containers of any style
- Illegal substances
- Items that may be deemed a safety hazard or annoyance to participants or guests (balls, Frisbees, balloons, projectiles, horns, radios, bells, whistles, musical instruments, laser pointers, etc.)
- Large, golf-type umbrellas
- Non-collapsible chairs
- Tents or canopies
- Video cameras, audio recording devices and tripods; no video recording will be allowed
- Weapons of any kind, including guns, knives, pepper spray, handcuffs, nightsticks or other items

Ticketholders should be aware that there are no provisions for returning banned items to them when such items are left at the race entrances. Patrons are encouraged to **leave all banned items at home** or in their vehicles before entering the venue. Individuals who deliberately attempt to bring banned items through security checkpoints are subject to removal from the facility

The following items **will be permitted** inside the circuit gates:

- Blankets
- Umbrellas (small, hand-held style)
- Baby strollers
- Portable, collapsible chairs
- Personal camera equipment (e.g. digital cameras, point-and-click digital cameras or film cameras)
- Binoculars

**NOTE:** All bags, purses, backpacks and persons are subject to screening by security personnel. Fans entering Circuit of The Americas should prepare accordingly. A list of prohibited and allowed items can be found on the Circuit's official website, [www.circuitoftheamericas.com/prohibited-items](http://www.circuitoftheamericas.com/prohibited-items).

Smoking will only be allowed in authorized areas. Additionally, the resale of Circuit of The Americas admission tickets is strictly prohibited on Circuit property, which includes the facility's grounds and surrounding parking areas. All security measures are subject to change without notice.

#### **About Circuit of The Americas**

**Circuit of The Americas** is a world-class destination for performance, education and business. It is the first purpose-built Grand Prix facility in the United States designed for any and all classes of racing, from motor power to human power, and is home to the FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX while also hosting MotoGP™, V8 Supercars™, GRAND-AM Road Racing™, American Le Mans and the FIA World Endurance Championships. The Circuit of The Americas' master plan features a variety of permanent structures designed for business, education, entertainment and race use. Its signature element is a 3.4-mile circuit track. Other support buildings include **The Tower Amphitheater**, an expansive outdoor live music space; an iconic 251-foot, 25-story tower with observation deck; an events and conference center; a banquet hall; and a state-of-the-art medical facility. For more information and downloadable video, audio and photos, visit: [www.CircuitofTheAmericas.com](http://www.CircuitofTheAmericas.com) or [www.TowerAmphitheater.com](http://www.TowerAmphitheater.com).

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