



**PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES**  
**2008 Greenville Hospital System USA Cycling Professional Championships**  
**Route Announcement**  
**July 15, 2008**

**Bob Geolas, Executive Director, Clemson University-International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR)**

***On being the host venue for the 2008 Individual Time Trial...***

"We're excited about this event.... we can't wait for all the excitement and activity that such an event brings."

**James Bourey, City Manager of Greenville**

***On Greenville sponsoring the Pro Championships for the third straight year...***

"This really is a signature event for us... we want to be known as the cycling capital of the country, or even the world... and we will continue to do whatever we can to make this a really premier event."

**Michael Riordan, President and CEO of Greenville Hospital System**

***On being the title sponsor for Pro Championships:***

"This is our third year as the title sponsor, so I hope we're demonstrating a real commitment to what we call total health...and total health, we don't just mean all the things that we can do when you're in the hospital, we really mean what can we do to keep you out of the hospital, and that commitment is to a healthy lifestyle."

"It's our hope that the professional championship will inspire our community to do lots of neat stuff...you don't have to ride... you don't have to run an event... just get up, walk around, walk to the event, come downtown... do something family oriented, and it will be great."

"We're excited to be part of this world class event—and it is a world class event—[and] we look forward to seeing hundreds of thousands of people downtown supporting this [event]."

**Kevin Dunn, Palmetto Peloton Project's Director for the Stars and Stripes Challenge**

***On the organization's success...***

"We would not be where we are today if it weren't for the partnership we had with Medalist Sports and with the USA Cycling Professional Championships."

***On the monies raised by the organization to fight cancer...***

"The total cumulative for the last three years, we've raised a little over a quarter million dollars that we've been able to contribute to cancer research and advocacy efforts with the Lance Armstrong Foundation and the Oncology Research Institute of the Greenville Hospital System."

**Neil Shirley, Jittery Joe's Professional Cycling Team, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher in the 2007 Road Race Championship**

***On the commitment of Greenville to total health...***

"It's really inspiring hearing everyone talk about such a healthy Greenville and the city is so behind health, and taking care of everyone... it's great to hear."

***On the 2007 Road Race...***

"As far as the race last year, it was the highlight of my year. The result was very good for me personally, and the team, but also having all the fan support since Jittery Joe's is basically a local team out of Athens, Ga. We had a huge outpouring of fans, but also the local Greenville community made such a warm feeling for all the athletes."

***On the crowds at the 2007 Road Race...***

"After the race, I stayed around chatting with people for a couple hours, and it was really inspiring to me to see how many excited people there were. On Paris Mountain, all the cheering fans just helped everyone get up the hill a little easier..."