

In a truly stunning outcome, Team U.S.A. took first, second, and third place at the 2017 International Technicians Challenge!

Bernard Tripp, from Troutman, North Carolina, took home the grand prize of 5,000 Euros and the right to call himself Best Tech in the International Technicians Challenge! Congratulations Bernard!

And everyone at SSF congratulates our entire American team for its first, second, and third place finishes among five participating countries! Our team of James Koppenhaver of Portola Valley, CA, Bryan Warman of Jeffersonville, IN, and of course, Bernard, made America proud with an absolutely extraordinary finish besting Europe's top techs!

TEAM U.S.A. WINS BEST TECH!

The challenge was the highlight of the AP Expert automotive sports festival, a phenomenal event showcasing the skill sets required to be a top technician. This year, the event surpassed all attendance records as visitors enjoyed the many festivities at Autodrom Słomczyn track near Warsaw. In all, thousands of techs across two continents tested to qualify to be one of 15 finalists who competed for the championship. "We are absolutely thrilled that our team dominated the challenge," said Dean Thebeau, SSF VP of Sales & Marketing, "Can't wait to do it again next year!"

We want to thank everyone on our very talented bench of techs from across America who competed, and particularly recognize Enrico Manuele, President Bosch Automotive NA, for his duties as Honorary Team Captain. We also want to thank all of our generous sponsors, whose contributions helped to make this year's event especially successful.

So now it's time to start planning for the next competition, when our 2018 American team most certainly has some big shoes to fill!

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Bernard Tripp, James Koppenhaver, Dean Thebeau & Bryan Warman



On the Track



Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!



Great Competition, Hands Down!



Enjoying the festivities with race car driver Dominykas Butvilas



Pitt Crew



2017 International Champion: Bernard Tripp



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