

# Carroll sweeps at Canada's Mosport

The BMW flag was flown proudly for BMW CCA's July Club Race at Mosport International Raceway in Ontario, Canada. The track is a favorite of all who race on it due to its challenging layout, enormous elevation changes, and its incredible average speed. But because of a week of record temperatures (upwards of 104°F), racers were not only treated to hot, sticky weather but also to several torrential downpours, making the Saturday-morning warmup and qualifying for Sprints One and Two quite tricky. "The rain earlier in the morning made the track 'green' and increased my lap times by about three seconds," said C-Modified E36 M3 driver John Dimoff. He and a few other racers decided to forgo qualifying in the morning due to the weather, causing them to start this race at the back of the field. E36 M3 racers Peter Carroll, Jean-Luc Bergeron, and John Dimoff were the front-runners in the first race, while Geoff Atkinson (E36 M3) and Michael Cookson (E36 M3 LTW) led I-P, and Mario Bonacorsi (E36 M3) led I-Sport.

With the afternoon came sunnier skies and better grip, giving the drivers a chance to decrease their times, most with a two-second-

be returning home with a slightly lighter car, as a rogue seagull took out his left kidney grille and left indicator light. This didn't seem to faze him, however, as he and Michael Cookson duked it out for the full 45-minute race, with Atkinson eventually coming out on top to win the I-P class. The heated battle for third place in the C-M class continued between John Dimoff and Amir Farahmand, with Dimoff edging out his competition, finishing behind Jean Luc Bergeron and class-winner Peter Carroll, who completed his three-race overall-win sweep. Mario Bonacorsi took the win for the I-S class, Paul Janusauskas won J-P, and Louis Payant won D-M.

This feature race wasn't kind to all, however, including Isi Papadopoulos, who is also the president of the Trillium Chapter. Due to wheel-bearing and differential problems, his race ended on lap four.

Many thanks to BMW Canada for providing a 2013 335i as the pace car, and the PCA UCR, which allowed BMW CCA to race in conjunction with their event. It was a terrific and well-planned weekend, and we hope to work together in the future. —Jennifer Venditti



a-lap improvement. The field was noticeably more comfortable with the feel of the track, with battles between Bob Gore (C-M E36 325is), Isi Papadopoulos (C-M E36 325is), and Tony Ferraro (C-M E46 M3). Their fastest lap times were separated by less than 0.20 seconds. Winners of this sprint were Peter Carroll in C-M, Geoff Atkinson in I-P, Mario Bonacorsi in I-S, and E30 M3 racers Louis Payant in D-M, Paul Janusauskas in J-P, and Brian Stein in M3T.

Sunday showed no sign of the previous day's rain, and most drivers appeared relaxed and confident. Unfortunately, Atkinson would



Peter Carroll leads the pack at Mosport.

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## TIRE RACK CCA Club Race at Mosport International Raceway 7/7 Race Distance: 10 Laps

Pos.	Class	Driver	Car	Best Lap
1	1 CM	Peter Carroll	E36 M3	01:28.8
2	2 CM	JLuc Bergeron	E36 M3	01:29.0
3	3 CM	John Dimoff	E36 M3	01:29.1
4	4 CM	Amir Farahmand	E46 M3	01:30.4
5	5 CM	Bob Gore	E36 325is	01:33.1
6	6 CM	Isidore Papadopoulos	E36 325is	01:32.8
7	1 IP	Geoff Atkinson	E36 M3	01:34.5
8	7 CM	Tony Ferraro	E46 M3	01:33.4
9	2 IP	Michael Cookson	E36 M3 LTW	01:34.7
10	1 IS	Mario Bonacorsi	E36 M3	01:38.2
11	8 CM	Chris Peloso	E36 M3	01:39.1
12	2 IS	William L. Mellott Jr	E36 M3	01:40.8
13	1 JP	Paul Janusauskas	E30 M3	01:41.3
14	1 M3T	Brian Stein	E30 M3	01:42.8
15	3 IP	JP Tracy	E36 M3	01:46.2
16	3 IS	Francois Gagnon	E36 M3	01:46.8
17	1 DM	Louis Payant	E30 M3	01:44.0
DNF	CM	Stephen Gallis	E21 320i	01:35.3

## 7/7 Distance: 10 Laps

1	1 CM	Peter Carroll	E36 M3	01:28.3
2	2 CM	JLuc Bergeron	E36 M3	01:29.3
3	3 CM	John Dimoff	E36 M3	01:29.5
4	4 CM	Amir Farahmand	E46 M3	01:30.0
5	5 CM	Bob Gore	E36 325is	01:31.9
6	6 CM	Isidore Papadopoulos	E36 325is	01:31.9
7	7 CM	Tony Ferraro	E46 M3	01:31.7
8	1 IP	Geoff Atkinson	E36 M3	01:34.3
9	2 IP	Michael Cookson	E36 M3 LTW	01:33.6
10	8 CM	Stephen Gallis	E21 320i	01:33.8
11	9 CM	Chris Peloso	E36 M3	01:38.1
12	1 IS	Mario Bonacorsi	E36 M3	01:38.0
13	1 DM	Louis Payant	E30 M3	01:38.9
14	2 IS	William L. Mellott Jr	E36 M3	01:39.1
15	1 JP	Paul Janusauskas	E30 M3	01:43.2
16	1 M3T	Brian Stein	E30 M3	01:44.0
17	3 IP	JP Tracy	E36 M3	01:44.1
18	3 IS	Francois Gagnon	E36 M3	01:45.2

## 7/8 Distance: 29 Laps

1	1 CM	Peter Carroll	E36 M3	01:29.0
2	2 CM	JLuc Bergeron	E36 M3	01:29.9
3	3 CM	John Dimoff	E36 M3	01:29.8
4	4 CM	Amir Farahmand	E46 M3	01:29.9
5	5 CM	Tony Ferraro	E46 M3	01:32.3
6	1 IP	Geoff Atkinson	E36 M3	01:33.3
7	6 CM	Chris Peloso	E36 M3	01:35.1
8	1 IS	Mario Bonacorsi	E36 M3	01:39.3
9	2 IP	Michael Cookson	E36 M3 LTW	01:34.9
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