

August and September were busy months for the Tire Rack BMW CCA Club Racing Series, with six events run in a four-week stretch, three of them in the same week. The action began at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park in August and continued through RacerFest at Road Atlanta in early September.

## Lewis sweeps at CTMP



Allan Lewis won all three races at CTMP.

Once again, many were asking why so few people make the trip to Canadian Tire Motorsport Park for the annual Club race. This year the field was relatively small, but nevertheless there was very good racing throughout the field. Most participants had someone to battle with, and fun was had by all. This was especially true for Allan Lewis, who swept the weekend, winning all three races in his E46 M3; in the process, he demolished not only the C-M track record but the overall BMW CCA Club Racing record with a qualifying time of 1:24.6.

At the start of the first race, Lewis and Peter Carroll (C-M E36 M3) were on the front row, but the excitement was behind them, as Isidore Papadopoulos (C-M E36

325is) forced his way between another two C-Mod racers, John Dimoff (E36 M3) and Steve Gailits (E21 320i), into the first turn. He then passed Amir Farahmand (C-M E46 M3) to put himself third by the end of the first lap.

Meanwhile, Lewis, who started on pole and kept the lead, was much faster on the straight, but Carroll made up for it in the turns, and kept him honest for six laps, until Lewis was able to build a sizeable lead. There were a few good battles in the rest of the field, too, most notably among M3T racers Charles Benoit and Phil Abrami—both in E30 M3s—and Francois Metivier (I-Sport E36 M3); the three ran virtually nose-to-tail for many laps, as did Papadopoulos, Farahmand, and Dimoff.

Race Two also started with Lewis and Carroll on the front row, but this time Papadopoulos started third. Lewis was able to slowly pull away from Carroll, who was occupied by defending himself from Papadopoulos, who was dogging him from behind. During the first lap, Ron Checca's M3T E30 M3's transmission dumped fluid at the top of Turn Two, and when the leaders came around on the second lap, Lewis slipped in the slick; he had to make use of the (fortunately paved) runoff. He recovered, but not before Carroll passed him.

Gailits was also a victim of the oil slick and spun into the runoff area. He also recovered, but lost several positions. After a full-course yellow flag was flown

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so that the fluid could be cleaned up, Carroll got defensive on the restart, diving to the inside of Turn One, but Lewis was able to pass on the outside. This gave Lewis the preferred entry into Turn Two. Papadopoulos, third on the restart, tried hard to keep up with Carroll, but overcooked it into Turn Ten, bobbled, and opened the door for Dimoff, who got a better exit and finished the pass into Turn One. A lap later, the race was over.

With the limited number of green-flag laps run in Race Two, the fast times were a bit mixed up—and those fast times dictated the starting position for Sunday's race. This resulted in Lewis and Dimoff starting on the front row, with Carroll in third. He was kept busy for two laps trying to get past Dimoff, which gave Lewis an opportunity to build a gap. At the end of the second lap, Carroll got a better run out of Turn Ten and took over second place from Dimoff.

Once again, there was close racing throughout the field. Farahmand started at the back of the pack as a result of missing Race Two, but he quickly advanced, to eventually finish fourth, with Papadopoulos close on his tail. Early in the race, Abrami, Metivier, and Checca were nose-to-tail, as were Payant (D-Mod E30 M3) and Andre Ionescu (C-M E46 M3). Checca got around Metivier, but Abrami's race ended early due to a mechanical issue. Checca caught up to Payant but was unable to take over eighth before the race ended. Lewis completed his sweep, with Carroll and Dimoff rounding out the top three. David Brown was the competition steward, Pat Spikes was the tech steward, and Roland Nieves was the timing-and-scoring steward.—*Allan Lewis*

## Dimoff leads the pack at Mont Tremblant



John Dimoff and Steve Gailits run side-by-side at Mont Tremblant.

John Dimoff drove his C-Modified E36 M3 to win all three sprints when the Tire Rack BMW CCA Club Racing series ran its annual Monday-Tuesday event at Mont Tremblant. He won each race at the head of a group of C-Mod cars, with Todd Brown (E30 M3) second in Race One, and Stephen Gailits (E21 320i) second in the other two races. Paul Janusauskas won D-Mod in the first sprint, while Louis Payant won the class in the other two races; both were in E30 M3s.

Matthew Noonan swept I-P in his E36 M3, and Phil Abrami swept M3T in his E30 M3. Sean Brown scored two I-Sport wins in his E36 M3, while Francois Metivier, also in an E36 M3, won the class in the third race. The same officials that ran the CTMP event presided

at Tremblant: David Brown was the competition steward, Pat Spikes was the tech steward, and Roland Nieves was the timing-and-scoring steward.—*Brian Morgan*

Tire Rack BMW CCA Club Race at Mont Tremblant\*  
8-19-14 BMW Club of Quebec Feature sprint 13 laps

Overall Position	Position in Class	Class	Driver	Model	Best time
1	1	CM	John Dimoff	E36 M3	01:47.7
2	2	CM	Stephen Gailits	E21 320i	01:48.5
3	3	CM	Isidore Papadopoulos	E36 325is	01:50.2
4	4	CM	John Danskin	E36 M3	01:53.1
5	1	DM	Louis Payant	E30 M3	01:56.0
6	1	IP	Matthew Noonan	E36 M3	01:56.3
7	2	DM	Paul Janusauskas	E30 M3	01:55.9
8	2	IP	Gregory Teese	E36 M3	01:55.6
9	1	M3T	Phil Abrami	E30 M3	01:56.3
10	1	IS	Francois Metivier	E36 M3	01:57.7
11	2	M3T	Charles Benoit	E30 M3	01:57.4
12	5	CM	Todd Brown	E30 M3	01:49.5
DNF	--	IS	Sean Brown	E36 M3	01:56.4

\* Results for the feature sprint are presented here. Results for all races are posted at [www.bmwccaclubracing.com](http://www.bmwccaclubracing.com).

Tire Rack BMW CCA Club Race at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park\*  
8-10-14 Trillium Chapter Feature sprint 26 laps

Overall Position	Position in Class	Class	Driver	Model	Best time
1	1	CM	Allan Lewis	E46 M3	01:26.5
2	2	CM	Peter Carroll	E36 M3	01:27.0
3	3	CM	John Dimoff	E36 M3	01:27.4
4	4	CM	Amir Farahmand	E46 M3	01:28.4
5	5	CM	Isidore Papadopoulos	E36 325is	01:29.2
6	6	CM	Stephen Gailits	E21 320i	01:30.1
7	7	CM	Andre Ionescu	E46 M3	01:37.8
8	1	DM	Louis Payant	E30 M3	01:38.1
9	1	M3T	Ron Checca	E30 M3	01:37.8
10	1	IS	Francois Metivier	E36 M3	01:38.4
11	2	M3T	Charles Benoit	E30 M3	01:40.1
12	1	IP	Greg Wharton	E36 M3	01:38.3
DNF	--	M3T	Phil Abrami	E30 M3	01:39.8

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## RACING BRIEFS

### Wittmann clinches DTM drivers' title

BMW Team RMG's Marco Wittmann clinched the DTM drivers' championship with a sixth-place finish at the Lausitzring in Germany in September. Two more BMW M4 DTM racers were in the top ten: Team RBM's Augusto Farfus finished seventh and Team Schnitzer's Martin Tomczyk finished eighth.

Wittmann won the title with two races remaining in the season, including a late-September race at Zandvoort and the season finale at Hockenheim in October. BMW led the manufacturers' points chase going into Zandvoort, and Stefan Reinhold's Team RMG—the team for which both Wittmann and Maxime Martin drive—led the team championship.

### In Turner team's 300th race, a podium

Dane Cameron and Markus Palttala piloted the Turner Motorsport Z4 to a third-place finish in GTD in the Tudor United Sports Car

Championship race at Circuit Of The Americas in September—despite 25 kilograms of weight added to the car by IMSA. The Z4, which usually runs #94, ran #300 to mark the occasion. The class win went to Jeroen Bleekemoelen and Ben Keating in a Dodge Viper SRT. Going into the season finale, the Petit Le Mans race at Road Atlanta, Cameron led GTD drivers' points and Turner Motorsport led team points.

### Team RLL Z4s sixth, seventh at COTA

Bill Auberlen and Andy Priaulx in the #55 BMW Team RLL Z4 finished sixth in the GTLM class in the Tudor United Sports Car Championship race at Circuit Of The Americas. Their teammates, John Edwards and Dirk Müller, finished seventh in Z4 #56. The class win went to Jon Bomarito and Kuno Wittmer in a Dodge Viper. While the Z4s had been given a larger restrictor by IMSA, they had also been given added weight; their lap times were slower than either the Vipers or the Porsches.