

Dimoff sweeps at Calabogie



Racers donned their Calabogie Dreamin' T-shirts for a group photo.



The pack lines up for a wet start at Calabogie.

Calabogie Dreamin' was the theme of the July BMW CCA Club race hosted jointly by the Ottawa chapter and New York's Patroon Chapter. The Canadian track gets my vote as the best driver's track in eastern North America; twelve of its twenty corners are blind-entry, and the elevation changes and off-camber turns make the three-mile track a challenge.

The first race Friday afternoon was thirteen laps in mild to medium rain. John Dimoff, in his C-Modified E36 M3, finished first, followed by Phil Abrami in his M3T E30 M3. Next up were Daria Khachi (C-M E30 325is), Francois Metivier (I-Sport E36 M3), Ron Checca (M3T), me (H-Sport E36 M3), and Matt Noonan (I-Prepared E36 M3).

Saturday's late-afternoon feature race was dry and fast. Amir Farahmand (C-M E46 M3) led for most of the race until his tires overheated; Dimoff passed him and drove on to take the win. Checca, Charles Benoit, and Abrami, all in the

M3T class, had a whale of a race mid-pack. They finished in that order just seconds apart. Noonan was first in I-P, and Marshall Papadopoulos (E30 318is) won D-Modified.

Several cars went off in Turn Four on the first lap. Wayne Dobson's I-S E36 M3 was hit, but everyone else avoided car-to-car contact. However, Louis Payant's D-M E30 M3 got shaken enough to disconnect the throttle cable; he was unable to continue. Steve Early pretty much destroyed his entire right front suspension, and retired at the end of the lap.

Dimoff completed his sweep with a win in the final race, a ten-lap sprint run at noon on Sunday. This time he ran with Isidore Papadopoulos on his tail; Papadopoulos' C-M E36 325is finished just 0.169 seconds behind Dimoff. Other winners in contested classes were Ron Checca in M3T and Wayne Dobson in I-S.

Louie Payant, who not only organized the event but also fixed most of the E30 M3s at the track, was awarded the Bud

Merrill Spirit Of Club Racing flag.

David Brown was the competition steward, Steve Capello was the tech steward, and Larry Fletcher was the timing-and-scoring steward.—*Steve Mertz*

Tire Rack BMW CCA Club Race at Calabogie Motorsports Park*
7-18-2015 Ottawa and Patroon Chapters Feature sprint 10 laps

Overall Position	Position in Class	Class	Driver	Model	Best time
1	1	CM	John Dimoff	E36 M3	02:15.6
2	2	CM	Amir Farahmand	E46 M3	02:16.7
3	3	CM	Stephen Gailits	E21 320i	02:21.1
4	4	CM	Isidore Papadopoulos	E36 325is	02:18.2
5	1	M3T	Ron Checca	E30 M3	02:26.5
6	2	M3T	Charles Benoit	E30 M3	02:26.7
7	3	M3T	Phil Abrami	E30 M3	02:27.0
8	1	IP	Matthew Noonan	E36 M3	02:24.5
9	1	DM	Marshall Papadopoulos	E30 318is	02:26.2
10	1	HS	Steve Mertz	E36 M3	02:28.6
11	1	IS	Francois Metivier	E36 M3	02:30.4
12	1	JP	Andrei Ionescu	E46 328Ci	02:36.7
13	2	IS	Wayne Dobson	E36 M3	02:30.0
DNF	--	M3T	Stephen Early	E30 M3	02:40.8
DNF	--	DM	Louis Payant	E30 M3	--
DQ	--	CM	Colin Moock	E36 328i	02:15.4
DQ	--	CM	Daria Khachi	E30 325is	02:25.3

* Results for the feature sprint are presented here. Results for all races are posted at www.bmwccaclubracing.com

RACING BRIEFS

Team RLL Z4s finish fourth, fifth at VIR

John Edwards and Lucas Luhr in the #24 BMW Team RLL Z4 finished fourth overall and fourth in the GTLM class in the two-hour-and-forty-minute Tudor United SportsCar Championship race at Virginia International Raceway in August. Their teammates, Bill Auberlen and Dirk Werner, finished fifth in Z4 #25. Nick Tandy and Patrick Pilet won in the #911 Porsche North America 911 RSR; the win moved Pilet into first in GTLM drivers' points with two rounds remaining in the season, including Circuit Of The Americas in September and the Petit Le Mans finale at Road Atlanta in October. Going into the COTA race, Auberlen and Werner were third in drivers' points behind Corvette racers

Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia.

Markus Palttala and Michael Marsal finished fourth in GTD in the #97 Turner Motorsport Z4; the class win went to Ferrari racers Townsend Bell and Bill Sweedler.

Hindman, Freiberg fourth in CTSCC at VIR

Trent Hindman was running third with just ten minutes remaining in the CTSCC race at VIR in August when he had to pit for a splash of fuel. He went on to finish fourth overall and fourth in Grand Sport in the #46 Fall-Line M3 that he shared with Ashley Freiberg. The win went to Matt and Hugh Plumb in the Rum Bum Porsche. James Clay and Jason Briedis

finished eighteenth in Street Tuner in the #84 BimmerWorld 328i; Spencer Pumpelly and Luis Rodriguez Jr. won the class in a Porsche Cayman.

IMSA announces 2016 schedules

IMSA announced the schedule and a new title sponsor for its premier series at Road America in August. The new name of what is now the Tudor United SportsCar Championship will be the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship; Tudor stays on as "the Official Timepiece of IMSA." All circuits for 2016 will remain the same, but the six-hour race at Watkins Glen will be moved back a week to run on the first weekend in July, and the GTLM class will be