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A Large BMW Customer Racing Teams Entry Field Ready To Represent The Ultimate Driving Machine® At SRO America Season Opener at Circuit Of The Americas.

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – March 5, 2020 . . . BMW Customer Racing teams will represent more than 25 percent of the total entries in the four classes (Touring Car, GT4 America Sprint, GT4 America SprintX and GT World Challenge) that The Ultimate Driving Machine® competes in at this weekend's 2020 SRO America season-opener at Circuit of the Americas (COTA) on March 6-8.

"BMW continues to be impressed with, not only the success of our BMW Customer Racing teams in SRO America events, but also that the brand has been instrumental to the growth of the series," stated **Victor Leleu, BMW of North America Motorsport Manager.**

"The BMW M235i Racing and BMW M240i Racing have breathed new life into the Touring Car class and this weekend we will display our 2021 TC class offering - the BMW M2 CS Racing. We look forward to a great start to the season and want to give a special "Welcome Back" to Bill Auberlen who is making a return to the series. A great mentor to newer drivers, Bill's experience is another tool in the BMW Customer Racing toolbox."

The Touring Car (TC) class is highlighted by 10 BMW entries, featuring nine BMW M240i Racing cars and one BMW M235i Racing , that will see action in two 40-minute races on the 3.431-mile, 20-turn circuit located outside of Austin, Texas.

2019 TC champion Johan Schwartz returns to defend his title with a new team, Hard Motorsport, in the No. 31 BMW M240i Racing looking to continue the dominance shown last season with his Rooster Hall Racing BMW M240i Racing that won eight of 14 races. Single entries by Hard Motorsport and Lone Star Racing will see strong challenges from the three-BMW stables of Classic BMW and Auto Technic Racing. BimmerWorld Racing returns to SRO competition this year with a two-BMW lineup piloted by team principal James Clay and 2019 TC class Rookie of the Year, Chandler Hull.

Three BMW M4 GT4 machines will lineup in the GT4 America class. Classic BMW's Toby Grahovec, the 2016 TC champion, will see duty in both the team's BMW M4 GT4 and the BMW M240i Racing in the TC class. Marko Radsic will pilot the Precision Driving Tech entry and Sean Quinlan will drive the Stephen Cameron Racing machine.

The SprintX class, for two drivers sharing in two 60-minute races during the event, sees six BMW entries. Defending Pro-Am champions Sean Quinlan and Gregory Liefoghe return with their No. 19 Cameron Racing BMW M4 GT4. The duo took six wins in 2019 and look to keep the momentum going in 2020. Bimmerworld brings an exciting entry for their No. 82 BMW M4 GT4 with James Walker Jr. and BMW legend Bill Auberlen behind the wheel. ST Racing will bring the No. 38 BMW M4 GT4 for Samantha Tan and Jon Miller. Miller won the SprintX West Pro-Am title in 2019 with Tan coming home second. Classic BMW returns with the No. 26 BMW M4 GT4 for Toby Grahovec and John Rader. Grahovec finished third in the 2019 SprintX Pro-Am championship after landing on the podium five times in only eight races. ST Racing's second car, the No. 28 BMW M4 GT4, will be driven by Nick Wittmer and 2019 SprintX West Pro-Am Champion, Harry Gottsacker. CCR Team TFB will run the No. 25 BMW M4 GT4 for Cole Ciraulo and Tim Barber in the Am division.

Representing BMW in the GT World Challenge powered by AWS Pro-Am class is the Stephen Cameron Racing driver duo of Henry Schmitt and Greg Liefoghe. The driver duo finished 8th overall in the Pro-Am championship last year and will again be behind the wheel of the team's No. 87 BMW M6 GT3.

All of the weekend's races will be streamed live. Tune-in information can be found at www.world-challenge.com.

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