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## MINI USA AND THE MINI JOHN COOPER WORKS RACE TEAM CAPTURE FIRST WIN IN TC SERIES WITH #60 MINI JCW PRO

Clay Williams holds off competition to take Race 2 after hard luck challenging for the lead in Race 1

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – May 24, 2022 – <u>MINI USA</u> and the <u>MINI John Cooper Works</u> <u>Team</u> had an exciting weekend in the 2022 SRO TC America series at NOLA <u>Motorsports Park</u> in Avondale, La., with Clay Williams securing the first win of the season and the first win for the #60 MINI JCW PRO in the Tour Car (TC) class. Williams started P3 for Race 2 after experiencing technical difficulties suffered in the midst of a hard-fought battle for the lead in Race 1 the previous day. By Lap 6 of Race 2 Williams had worked his way to the front and furiously held on to the lead until the final yellow flag, which then turned to a checkered flag.

The Brownsburg, Ind. -based <u>LAP Motorsports</u> team, which operates the MINI JCW Team, fielded two additional cars this weekend, with Cristian Perocarpi in #61 MINI JCW and PJ Groenke in #62 MINI JCW in the Touring Car A (TCA) class. Perocarpi placed P4 in Race 1 but was unable to finish Race 2 after making contact with another racer early on following a restart. Groenke also fell victim to race contact after hitting the wall battling the competition coming into the last turn of Race 1. The MINI JCW Team worked through the night to get the #62 MINI JCW back together for Race 2, which Groenke finished P5.

"The competition and the conditions were tough this weekend at NOLA Motorsports Park, but the team showed great resilience," said Luis Perocarpi, team owner, LAP Motorsports. "We are so proud of Clay for staying focused and holding off the MINI Media information

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5/2022 page 2 competition in Race 2 to give the team and MINI USA our first victory in the #60 MINI JCW PRO."

## 2022 SRO TC America

• April 15 – 17:	Sonoma Raceway (COMPLETE)
• May 20 – 22:	New Orleans Motorsports Park (COMPLETE)
• June 17 – 19:	Virginia International Raceway
• July 22 – 24:	Watkins Glen International
• August 19 – 21:	Road America
• September 23 – 25:	Sebring International Raceway
• October 7– 9:	Indianapolis Motor Speedway

## About the MINI JCW Team

The MINI JCW Team, operated by <u>LAP Motorsports</u>, drives MINI's most powerful Hardtop ever in the two-door MINI John Cooper Works Hardtop. The team competes in the fiercely competitive SRO TC America Series. For additional information please visit <u>minijcwteam.com</u> or email <u>luis@minijcwteam.com</u>.

## About MINI in the US

MINI is an independent brand of the BMW Group. In the United States, MINI USA operates as a business unit of BMW of North America, LLC, located in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey and includes the marketing and sales organizations for the MINI brand. The authorized MINI USA dealer organization is represented by a network of 115 locations comprised of 105 MINI full passenger car sales and service dealers and 10 service exclusive outlets located throughout the US. MINI USA began selling vehicles in the U.S. in 2002 with the introduction of the MINI Cooper and MINI Cooper S Hardtops. Since then, the MINI Brand in the U.S. has grown to encompass a model range of five unique vehicles.

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