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**MINI USA AND THE MINI JOHN COOPER WORKS RACE TEAM TAKE THREE
PODIUMS AT CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS**

Clay Williams sweeps Touring Car class with two wins placing him in the lead in the championship points; Cristian Perocarpi takes P2 in Race 2

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – May 26, 2023 – [MINI USA](#) and the [MINI John Cooper Works Team](#) continued to show dominance in the [2023 SRO TC America](#), taking home three podiums at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas this weekend, for the third race weekend of the 2023 race season. Clay Williams swept the weekend taking the #60 MINI JCW PRO to victory lane twice in the Touring Car (TC) class, making him the current leader place in the Driver's Championship in the TC class. Teammate Cristian Perocarpi also drove the #37 MINI JCW PRO to a second place finish in Race 2. Williams and Perocarpi were joined this weekend by PJ Groenke and Alain Lauziere who each had a top five finish in the Touring Car A (TCA) class.

The Brownsburg, Ind. -based [LAP Motorsports](#) team, which operates the MINI JCW Team, was supported this weekend by four qualified MINI Dealer technicians, working alongside the team during practice, qualifying and race days as part of the MINI Technician Race Crew Program. The four dealer technicians were from dealers in the Southern and Western Regions, including one each from MINI of Tuscon, MINI of Clear Lake, MINI of Dallas and MINI of Austin. Each of them supported the team for the entire weekend at Circuit of the Americas. The race team relies on the skill and knowledge of the technicians that work, day to day on MINI, to bring that expertise to the track.

"I am so proud of the team for their performance this weekend," said Luis Perocarpi, team owner, LAP Motorsports. "They truly showed their MINI spirit on the track this weekend."

The team finished last season as the runner up for the Manufacturer's Championship in both the Touring Car (TC) and Touring Car A (TCA) classes. Clay Williams, driver of the #60 MINI JCW Pro, also finished the 2022 season in 2nd place in the Driver's Championship in the TC class.

The next race of the 2023 SRO TC America series is June 16 – 18 at Virginia International Raceway in Alton, Va.

2023 SRO TC America

- March 30 – April 2: Sonoma Raceway - COMPLETE
- April 28 - 30: NOLA Motorsports Park - COMPLETE
- May 19 – 21: Circuit of the Americas - COMPLETE
- June 16 – 18: Virginia International Raceway
- August 18 – 20: Road America
- September 22 – 24: Sebring International Raceway
- October 5 – 8: Indianapolis Motor Speedway

About the MINI JCW Team

The MINI JCW Team, operated by [LAP Motorsports](#), 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 minijcwteam.com or email luis@minijcwteam.com.

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 104 MINI full passenger car sales and service dealers 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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