



BMW M3 for Three – BMW Team RLL Wins at Lime Rock Park



Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – July 9, 2011... Joey Hand and Dirk Müller consolidated BMW's lead in the American Le Mans Series GT class manufacturer, team and driver championship with their third consecutive win this season in today's Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park. The No. 56 BMW Team RLL M3 GT started from the pole and led every lap in the two-hour-and-forty-five-minute race at BMW of North America's home track. The duo completed 176 laps of the 1.474-mile circuit in the run to the checkered flag, finishing 20.387 seconds ahead of the second place Porsche. The No. 55 M3 GT of Bill Auberlen and Dirk Werner fell victim of circumstance as Werner was hit by a competitor on lap 23, only 20 minutes into his opening stint. The duo soldiered on after extensive repairs, ultimately finishing eighth, 13 laps down to their teammates. Bobby Rahal, Team principal, added, "It's another great day for BMW and Rahal Letterman Lanigan. It's too bad the 55 car got in the middle of that scrum. I have no doubt that they would have been right there and I'm just really pleased that we had a relatively trouble free weekend. Dunlop did a super job for us again. It's three in a row, wow, that doesn't happen very often in racing, so I'm really thrilled for Dirk and for Joey and this helps them out even more in the drivers' championship. BMW has given us the great equipment and our guys have done a great job and the results show." BMW Team RLL returns to action on July 24 at Mosport International Raceway for Round 4 of the American Le Mans Series. Video: Joey [Hand and Dirk Miller discuss their victory.](#)

About BMW Team RLL:

BMW Group In America BMW of North America, LLC has been present in the United States since 1975. The BMW Group in the United States has grown to include marketing, sales, and financial service organizations for the BMW brand of motor vehicles, including motorcycles, the MINI brand, and the Rolls-Royce brand of Motor Cars; DesignworksUSA, a strategic design consultancy in California; a technology office in Silicon Valley and various other operations throughout the country. BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC in South Carolina is part of BMW Group's global manufacturing network and is the exclusive manufacturing plant for all X5 and X3 Sports Activity Vehicles and X6 Sports Activity Coupes. The BMW Group sales organization is represented in the U.S. through networks of 338 BMW passenger car and BMW Sports Activity Vehicle centers, 138 BMW motorcycle retailers, 105 MINI passenger car dealers, and 30 Rolls-Royce Motor Car dealers. BMW (US) Holding Corp., the BMW Group's sales headquarters for North America, is located in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey.

Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing BMW's partner, Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, based in Hilliard, Ohio and co-owned by three-time IndyCar Champion and 1986 Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Rahal, Mi-Jack co-owner Mike Lanigan and CBS LATE SHOW host David Letterman, has been competing for nearly two decades, compiling 22 victories, 31 poles and two series championships (1992, 2010) as well as claiming an Indianapolis 500 victory (Buddy Rice Parts in 2004). In 2009 the team joined BMW of North America to campaign the new BMW M3 in the American Le Mans Series, and in 2010 won both the Manufacturer and Team Championships in the GT category.

