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Brad McClure came out victorious at the opening round of the Nitto Tires United States Touring Car Championship (USTCC) at Thunderhill Raceway. McClure was driving the BTM Motorwerks/GoGoGear.com BMW M3 in only his second-ever USTCC race. Dave Brown had the lead for most of the race and finished second in the Competition Clutch/Hawk Brake BMW M3. Mike Lock finished third.

On Saturday, Bob Bradfield won the pole position by finishing first in the preliminary race in the TNI Racing Mazdaspeed 3. However, the celebration was short lived as Bradfield was stripped of his pole position time after passing under a yellow flag during a Sunday practice session. Bradfield was to start in the back of the field while his teammate Doug Makishima started on pole position. Next to Makishima's BMW M3 was another BMW M3 driven by two time USTCC Champion Brown.

On the last lap, Brown was leading with McClure right on his bumper waiting for a mistake. McClure faked to the inside to force Brown to cover the inside and tried a very difficult outside pass at Turn 14 and Turn 15. The move worked and McClure was rewarded with the white flag. He led the rest of the way and brought the car home to a win.

In the GT field, Geoff Sykes, driving the Replay TV/European Motor Works BMW M3, won in a tight battle over Daniel Akhromstev who was driving the Domport Auto Body BMW M3. The two of them were bumper to bumper for much of the race and Sykes just edged out Akhromstev at the end. Rob Rodriguez in the TH Motorsports Noble M400 finished third.