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## Mille Miglia 2010: BMW Takes First – and Third

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**It was a fitting result. Not only did the 1939 BMW 328 Mille Miglia Coupé of Giuliano Cané and Lucia Galliani win this year's Mille Miglia retrospective, exactly 70 years since a BMW 328 Touring Coupé won the genuine 1000-mile race, but another BMW, the series-production 328 of Ciravolo/Leitner, came third - again echoing the marque's third place in the Mille Miglia of 1940.**

Between them, in second place, was the **1933 Alfa Romeo 6C 1500 Gran Sport** of **Luciano Viaro** and **Mark Gessler**.

According to BMW, the winning car navigated the numerous trials of the 2010 event 'without a single technical hitch'.

"Both the blind understanding between the crews inside the cars and the cooperation with the mechanics along the way worked out perfectly," said **Karl Baumer, Director of BMW Classic**.

In keeping with tradition, the BMWs had made their way from **Munich** to **Brescia** not on the back of race transporters but under their own steam. “It was the perfect dress rehearsal for the race,” said Baumer.

During the **Mille Miglia** itself, the weather went from 27 degrees Celsius on the **Adriatic** to near-freezing in snow and fog on **Monte Terminillo** – all part of the challenge for the competing teams.



We'll be bringing you a personal and more detailed look at the **2010 Mille Miglia** next week.



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