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BMW banks on classic colours to bring Sebring success

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This weekend, a familiar white, red and blue livery will streak past spectators at the 12 Hours of Sebring. However, we're not talking Martini colours - but rather those famously worn by the BMW 3.0 CSL that won the same race, four decades ago...

12 hours in daddy's shoes





The new car, baptised the BMW Z4 GTLM, will inherit the scheme for its debut outing at the 12 Hours of Sebring, the race won by its ancestor in 1975. Also handed down by the wide-bodied wonder of yore is racing number 25 – and that winning car's driver line-up of Brian Redman, Sam Posey, and Hans-Joachim Stuck were all on hand to witness the newcomer's unveiling at the Amelia Island Concours last week, as was 'Father of M-division' Jochen Neerpasch. It remains to be seen whether the Z4 GTLM can become *quite* as iconic as its Batmobile forefather (good luck with that...), but at least the team is in with a good chance of repeating its success at Sebring on such a fitting occasion, having placed second in the GTLM season opener in January.

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