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Memphis' Finest!



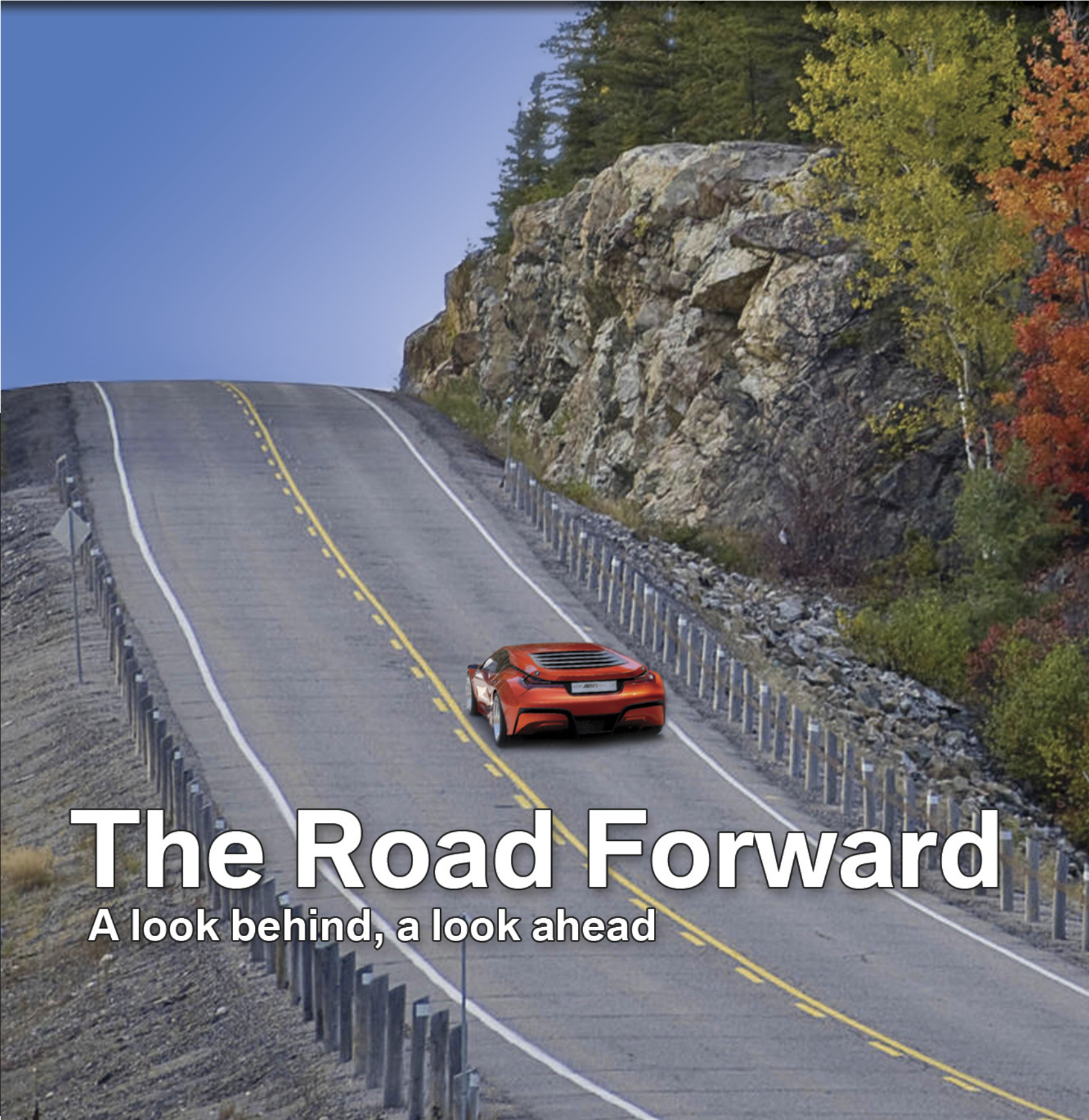
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The Road Forward

A look behind, a look ahead



Club photophile James Parker had two photos selected as winners in their class in the 2011 Bavarian Auto photo contest, one of a 2002 Alpina B7 taking best in the class of 7 Series 2002 and on, and one of a Z8 taking top honors in the Exotic Class. Both these lovely cars belong to Robert Chandler of Little Rock.

Congratulations to James, and visit his website at www.photophilephotography.com



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Welcome New Members!

Billy Briggs, Memphis, TN

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We rely on National Office for this information, so if there's a misspelling of your name or location, please drop a line to otto99@roadfly.com so we can make sure we have the correct information.

Please join us at an autocross or at one of our mostly monthly dinner meetings. And join us on Facebook so you don't miss out on any upcoming event!

Classifieds



1988 BMW 635 CSi - 136K miles. Cinnabar/Tan. Original paint and glass. Automatic, dual A/C, complete tool kit. This is a very well maintained driver. Front shocks were upgraded to Bilsteins by the previous owner. Rotors and pads replaced in 2010. Has new battery, plugs, wires and distributor and recent oil change. Has been garaged and covered. I have all the service records dating back to when the car was originally purchased. Asking \$7500 or best offer. You can also see recent pics on the club forum and Memphis Professional Detailing page on Facebook. Call 757-663-9219 for more information.

Parting out a 1995 M3 - Lots of good parts, including 5-speed and all the parts to convert your automatic E36 into a manual. Front and rear bumpers, interior parts, and a whole lot more. Drop an e-mail to collierville325ic@gmail.com for more details.

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clear of second place. Congrats to the team! But our man Flint wasn't done just yet. At Oktoberfest, held this year in Birmingham, AL, Greg topped his class in Thursday's autocross (above right), hustling his E34 Touring around the course with a winning time of 81.429

Susan Parker took top honors in class at the Youth Villages European Car Show this past October with her M Coupe (below right). Perfectly washed and detailed, Susan sat near her ride and knitted calmly!



THE CLUB'S FUTURE

Is pretty much up to you, the members. At press time, we will be needing a full slate of officers to be elected at the 26 January Winter Party, 6:30 p.m. at Roadshow BMW on Germantown Parkway. So far, your ink-stained wretch of an editor is unaware of anyone's candidacy for anything, and that's sad. We always need assistance with autocrosses, and we have people willing to step up and organize a Street Survival, a feather in our cap with local law enforcement and city/county government, who will need help in making such an important event take place. It doesn't take much to help out in our endeavors, but we can't do any of it without you, our 300+ members. We know we are remiss in Mississippi and Arkansas, and are taking steps to address it, but we still need to know you're there and are willing to participate. It's your club, and it needs you right now.

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Letter from the President

Well, this should be my swan song from the seat of ultimate power. Good thing too. I'm not smart enough to keep this up much longer. And it's time for new, younger, more energetic leadership.

For this, my final effort, I would love to have something profound to say, but profound just isn't my style. I have discovered, though, that I am still capable of learning things even @65 and so, a few of my recent observations and lessons learned:

- Sometimes you should look a gift horse in the mouth. This summer I received an e-mail from a friend offering me the opportunity to purchase his wife's e36 for cheap. The offer came with great photos of a really nice 325i sedan, a long list of upgrades made to the car, spare parts, and a 3 inch file of records with receipts totalling over \$50K. I couldn't resist. And the car was everything it promised. Unfortunately that included living up to the e36's reputation for needing regular visits to my local BMW specialty repair shop. I do still love driving the car and it looks great, but so far I have only had about 50% custody. And I didn't need the car. My e46 wagon was perfect for me, but it is gone now, to Brooklyn, NY. Now I'm just whining. Sorry.

- There is no limit on what folks will spend on their cars. Otherwise Swissvax could not stay in business. Never heard of them? Don't use their products? Maybe you should give them a try. For only \$1499 you can get a large jar of their Crystal Rock State-of-the-Art wax. You will need the paint prep

kit too (only \$59), and you should probably order their Master Collection valet kit (a bargain @\$859). That's a cool \$2417-basically for wax, vinyl and leather cleaner, polish and paint cleaner. Figure just over \$2500 with one of their microfiber cloths and a new wash bucket. You do get their carcare handbook at no added charge. Or, spend 10% as much at Griot's or Glashauss and download the handbook for free @ <http://www.swissvaxhandbook.us>.

- There's no limit on what (some folks will spend for cars. Bonham's Auction recently sold a 1957 BMW 507 Roadster for \$1,000,000. At Gooding and Company a 57 Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa brought \$16.37 million, a world record for any car. And I knew a guy when I was in High School that had one. The record for a Benz is \$9.68 million. Then there are the rest of us. And whether we have a new 7 series or like me, a 24 year old 325 with over 217,000 miles on it, we have a big advantage of those multi million dollar car owners. We can actually drive ours. The iX cost me \$5000 in '03. That's 3278 Testa Rossa's. For the other side of councours visit <http://www.concoursdilemons.com>.

That enough of my ramblings. Thanks for my two years as your president. And my apologies for not doing a better job. Just think how much better things are bound to be in the next two years.

Regards,
RDC

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Calendar of Events

January 26, 2012 - Winter Party at Roadshow

6:30 p.m.
Roadshow BMW
405 N Germantown Pkwy
Cordova, TN 38018 • 901.365.2584

February 16, 2012 - Dinner Meeting

6:30 p.m.
The Flying Saucer
1400 N. Germantown Pkwy, Suite 114
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March 15, 2012 - Dinner Meeting

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2011 - A BRIEF LOOK BACK



AUTOCROSS

We had a ball autocrossing in 2011. Excellent courses, great turnouts, and all in all, quite the successful season. It could not have happened without the planning, course design and layout, and administrative-type stuff that James Parker, Jared Baker, and Ryan Mills did so well and with such enthusiasm. And, because of the excellent course design, many of the participants not only became better autocrossers, but better drivers in general, your ink-stained wretch

of an editor included. (*ed. note:* OK, truth be told, they were repaving a boulevard near our house, and had set cones every 50 feet or so for nearly 1.5 miles. The temptation to run it as a slalom was great indeed, and I grinningly blame the three aforementioned gentlemen!)

We also collaborated with the MINIacs one blustery Saturday for a combined club 'cross that saw nearly 30 entries once co-drives were added. The MINIacs brought

the grill and lunch, and as luck would have it, right as we broke for lunch, the skies broke, too. So, we ate. The rain stopped, the course dried somewhat, although initial times were significantly slower than before the break, but a great time was had by all, and we all learned just how far we can push our cars on less than agreeable pavement. It was a hoot, and we have a full schedule of autocrosses for 2012, starting on 14 April at

the Millington Jetport. The full schedule is:

- 14 April
- 12 May
- 9 June
- 22 Sep
- 20 Oct

If you've never autocrossed before, come watch. We guarantee the next time, you'll be running the next time around!

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

RCB members did quite well for themselves at several local and national events in 2011. Our shutterbug James Parker's accolades are on Page 2. Greg Flint, his lovely bride Alison, and friend Rodney Middendorf won Ye Vintage Rallye at the Vintage in Winston-Salem, NC in May in Rodney's cherry E28. And according to the score chart, it wasn't merely a win, but a triumph, and their score was fully 150 points



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