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Mountain and Desert Tour

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The President's Column

Hello San Diego BMW Club members! Welcome to June!

I don't know about the rest of you but May was a busy month for me. At the beginning of the month I attended the LA Chapter's Driving School at AAA Speedway. I've done a lot of driving schools since 2008 but this was my first one where I got to Instruct! After 4 years of really learning how to drive, the time had come for me to teach new drivers the art of driving their BMW on a track. My first student was a B student with an E92 M3. Luckily for me, I knew him from a previous driving school and I drove the sedan version of his car. I must say it took a little getting-used-to being in the passenger seat around turn 1-2 @ 120+mph! He was a good student that communicated well (after a few corrections from me) and I was proud to sign him off solo for his last session. My C student on the other hand, had NEVER done any type of driving event before and was sharing his Acura TSX with his wife. Working with a green C student really forces you to make sure you are communicating clear, proper, habits. With no prior experience, it was imperative that I made sure he understood why we do things a certain way. This really takes practice on his part and patience on mine. After a few minor "Oops" we eventually got to some "Ah Has!" and we made it through the day, despite his car serving dual purpose for 2 drivers. (Poor car)

Speaking of driving on track, when was the last time you red lined your BMW? I know it sounds like you're putting extra wear and tear on it, but from my personal experience, letting the car rev will actually help with longevity. I'll bet you never thought that the extra heat generated while taking the engine to a "not so familiar RPM" actually helps keep it clean! The heat helps break down carbon deposits (yes they do form) and helps keep the piston rings and valves seated tighter. Believe it or not, I have 23k+ miles on my E90 M3 (I know I've had it a year...) but I have never burned any amount of oil except for when I was almost due for service. I think this is because I don't putt around town and keep the RPMs up if you know what I mean. I always manage to get good acceleration when entering a highway or find an open road where I can stretch the S65's legs. The moral of the story here is don't be afraid to enjoy your car for the fear of damaging something, it's made to be driven.

On July 1st we are having our annual Rug Cunningham Runoff Memorial Autocross. This Autocross is dedicated to the memory of Rug Cunningham and all that he stood for amongst the BMW Community. Each class leader will qualify to drive a mystery car amongst other class leaders to the best of their ability. Fastest time in the mystery car will get you your name on the Rug Cunningham Memorial Trophy.

Steve @ C2 Motorsports will be hosting a joined tech session with the Porsche Club on Wed June 20th. Rumor has it Hoosier will be there, talking about their latest and greatest track tires!

I would like to extend a personal invitation for you and your friends to come by and check out our monthly board meeting (the 2nd Tuesday of every month) at Giovanni's Pizza on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. The meeting starts at 6:30pm but I recommend coming around 5:45 for free pizza and socializing with other club members and guests.

—Nick

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2012 Calendar of Events

June 7

San Diego Chapter – Karting at K1 Speed in Carlsbad, 6:30 P.M.

June 12

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting. The board meeting is open to all chapter members

June 20

San Diego Chapter – Tech Session with PCA at C2 Motorsports, 8380 Vickers St., Suite D, San Diego; 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

July 1

San Diego Chapter – Runoff Autocross at Qualcomm Stadium, West Lot

July 10

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting. The board meeting is open to all chapter members

July 15

San Diego Chapter – Backcountry Mountain Run; from Target lot on 2911 Jamacha Road, El Cajon; 10:00 A.M.

August 4

San Diego Chapter – Padres vs. New York Mets; Petco Park, 5:35

August 14

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting. The board meeting is open to all chapter members

August 17 – 19

BMW CCA Regional Events – BMW CCA Corral at Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Laguna Seca; see festorics.org. Plus: Legends of the Autobahn Concours, Carmel Valley; see legendsoftheautobahn.org

September 9

San Diego Chapter – Autocross at Qualcomm Stadium, Southeast Lot

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San Diego Chapter Monthly Board Meeting

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6:30 P.M. – Meeting

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BMW CCA San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Board Members Present:

Nick Owen, Lisa Goehring, Andre Pantic, Tom Fota, Rich Gehring, Don Duncan, Dan Tackett, Dennis Damon, Anne Littrell, Scott Sansom, Jim Lloyd, Thejusvi Ganesh

Members Present:

Peter Winokur, James Eberhardt, Jim Binford, Gordon Anderson, Nicole Pruell, JoJo Gonzales, Christopher Henderson, Steve Robbins, Jim Patterson, Paul Silver, Matthew Kogan, Seth Hanson, Peter Engels, Tom Jones, Brandon Watson, Robert Mercado, Ramze Beydown, Sean Thompson, Charlie Kachler

President's Report:

Nick Owen discussed member retention. He also stated that we might offer informational tech sessions. Nick stated that the board only meetings would probably be quarterly.

There was discussion about the club website, specifically the web store with club merchandise.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Duncan reported that we might receive a national rebate for club racing. He also stated that the advertising revenue is starting to come in. Don added that we have to write a check to Chuckwalla.

Vice President's Report:

Nick Owen reported for Kim Dais. He stated that we had 29 new members this month and 53 renew.

Newsletter:

Lisa Goehring reported that she is waiting for articles for the newsletter. She also stated that BMW is scrutinizing our Chapter logo. There was discussion about using a different printer, possibly the one that prints the Roundel.

Autocross:

Dan Tackett reported that the two-day autocross might have been too much for our local market. He stated that attendance was down on Sunday.

Dan also stated that Sean Thompson would design our next autocross course. There was also discussion about having Jeff, a mechanic from South County BMW, provide support at autocrosses. Our next autocross is May 12th.

Driving Events:

Andre Pantic reported that he plans on writing an article about the Chuckwalla event for the Fahren Affairs.

Social Events:

Anne Littrell reported that we have following activities coming up:

4/26 – Detail tech session with James Eberhardt

5/6 – Meet and Greet at Gordon Biersch.

5/23 – Audio session with Porsche Club at La Jolla Audio

6/7 – We may do a night at K1 speed

6/20 – Joint tech session with Porsche Club at C2 Motorsports

8/4 – Padre Game vs. Mets. The tickets are 40 dollars.

8/26 – Paul Silver is looking to do a photo rally

Advertising:

Thejusvi Ganesh reported that he is following up with past advertisers.

Waxmeister:

Dennis Damon reported that there is a \$250 start up/1,000 dollar cost for the proposed E-store on our website. He stated that he can see the potential for our club to generate revenue from this and suggested we do an e-mail/facebook survey to judge interest.

Dennis also asked for donations for the Clean Car Contest.

Street Survival:

Gordon Anderson reported that we had a successful Street Survival. He stated that we had 36 students and enough volunteers. Gordon also added that the Peachtree Chapter does 4 Street Survivals a year. He proposed that we have our next Street Survival in the Southeast lot with no autocross events happening at the same time.

New Business:

Jim Lloyd stated that he is looking to do a cruise on 4/22 from Bad Ass Coffee to Borrego Springs.

Nick Owen reported that the 3 series introduction will be at South County BMW on 4/26.

M-Fest is 4/20-22

The memorial for Leif Anderberg is 4/29

Matthew Kogan stated he disagrees with having board only meetings. There was discussion about whether our monthly meetings are social gatherings or business meetings. It was suggested that subcommittees should meet outside the regular board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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Sunday, July 15
10:00 A.M.

We will meet at the Target store at Rancho San Diego Town Center.
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Jim Lloyd



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San Diego Chapter along with PCA

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each runoff contender will get to drive the same “mystery” car so we can see who earns the best time and becomes our **2012 Runoff Champion**. Will it be you?

Autocrosses can sell out with online registration, so don't miss it! Online registration will be open from June 9th-26th or whenever the 80 BMW openings and 20 X-car openings are full. BMW South County supports of our entire autocross program, but they will also provide a bratwurst barbecue for all drivers during this annual Runoff event. Thank you!

The entry fee includes breakfast items, lunch and beverages. You can pay online if you register in advance at <http://sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com>, or register on site with cash or check if you wait. You must be a BMW CCA member to participate, and you can join online at www.bmwcca.org in advance. Please print and bring your membership confirmation if you have not yet received your BMW CCA membership card. We check membership of all participants at the gate. Our Chapter autocross policy gives priority to members who are driving BMWs or MINIs. Members driving non-BMWs will be allowed to participate if space is available. If we still have openings after online registration, we will allow registration on-site on a first-come, first-served basis.

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2. Empty all loose items from your car, then go through the Tech Line and have your car inspected. Bring your Tech card and you will receive Tech and helmet stickers.
3. Take Gate card and Tech card to Registration to get checked off for pre-registration or pay your entry fee. You will receive car numbers to place on your side windows.
4. If you don't have a helmet, you can rent one from the club for \$10.
5. Your entry fee includes one lunch and unlimited beverages. Additional lunches can be purchased at Registration for \$7 each.

Gates will open at 6:30 am; tech and registration will open at 7:00 am. Tech will close at 8:20 am and no cars will be inspected or allowed to run after this time. There is a **mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30 am** and the course opens for runs at 9:00 am.

Car Classifications:

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- MM** Modified M cars, 1994 - present
- MC** ALL R-class MINI Cooper models
- X** ALL non-BMW or MINI models
- G** Gold Class for all Instructors, opt-in drivers, and cars with slick (non-DOT) tires

Stock classes permit any size wheel and tire; non-stock shock absorbers, bushings and strut braces; any brake pad material (brakes must be stock-size), any air filter or cold air intake or cat-back exhaust; and naturally-aspirated cars may use aftermarket engine management software. Tires must be 140 treadwear rated or higher in Stock. **ANY other performance modification, including but not limited to springs, "R"-compound tires, and engine software for turbocharged/supercharged cars, puts the car in Modified. Non-DOT tires (i.e. slicks) on any car place it in Gold Class. All cars must be under a 92 dB noise level to be driven at Qualcomm—and we'll be checking.** Our car classes are kept simple so we can use the honor system.

Women drivers and Novices are classified based upon the car they are driving. We also award a Women's Class trophy to the woman with the fastest time, and two Novice trophies to the two fastest novices. This means women and novices will be eligible for multiple trophies. For example, a very fast novice could win a novice trophy and a trophy in his or her car class. Remember, you are only a novice for the first and second time you autocross, and if you win a trophy you are now a ringer, not a novice.

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By the time you read this we will know how successful any of his students were in the contest. James covered every aspect – paint-wheels-tires-upholstery-dash-leather care-trunk and engine bay. He went over products and hints for what judges look for.

James credentials are impressive – he has won every category we have over the years



Photo: Paul Silver

and is now one of the judges. His two hour session was attended by 18 of our members who are now better informed on how to keep their BMW's in beautiful condition.

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Mountain and Desert Tour

The club had a great turnout for the April 22nd Mountain to Desert cruise. At the first regrouping we counted 43 cars and one motorcycle. Sixty-six enthusiasts which included two children seemed to be enjoying themselves greatly. The weather was outstanding, and the scenery was something to behold, from the green fields to the forest covered mountains. Of course, all that green turned to shades of grey and earthy tones as we twisted down to the desert floor.



Photo: Lisa Goehring



Photo: Paul Silver



Photo: Paul Silver

The club had lunch in Borrego Springs which was quite enjoyable even though the outside temperature was pushing 100 degrees. After lunch we had a short but windy cruise through the desert to the base of the Banner Grade. The grade up to Julian had lots of twists and turns for our Bavarian autos.

The tour ended in Ramona after traveling just under 140 enjoyable miles. If you want to view some of the photos of the cruise go to [HTTP://socalbavarians.com/dnm-cruise](http://socalbavarians.com/dnm-cruise) or you can see photos on the club's web site.

Jim Lloyd



Photo: Paul Silver



Photo: Paul Silver

Inside Michelin Tire Headquarters Tire School

by Nate Risch



Back in early February, I was sitting in my cubicle at the end of a long day at work looking out the window. I sat there watching the sunset, wishing we were like Arizona and didn't observe daylight savings time, when I got an email from a friend at the Michelin Tire Company. It was an invite to come down to their headquarters in Greenville, SC for what they call Tire School. It was explained to me as, "A VERY condensed introduction to how Michelin makes tires, sells tires, and tests tires. You will have some classroom time, tour our largest North American passenger tire manufacturing plant and spend some time on the track to see how we test tires." Those last two words (test tires) got me excited! Good thing I wasn't going alone, thus when I tell people what happened, I will have a witness to vouch for me... Fellow club member Devin Charters would be going along with me and it was setting up to be a great trip.

A little back story about my history with Michelin. I have been involved with the Michelin Tire Company since the Spring of 2010 when I was selected to be part of a marketing campaign that focused around the release of the Michelin Primacy MXM4. I must have done a good job since later the next year I was invited to participate in the 25th Hour where we performed some consumer testing on the newly released Michelin Pilot Super Sport. You can read about that experience at this link www.google.com/gl/39Ywg. And ever since then I have been a part of Team Michelin as a Michelin Brand Ambassador.

Tire school had been scheduled the week before the Chuckwalla HPDE and would entail 2 full days of learning. The first day would consist of some classroom time where we would learn about tire designs, construction, effects on tires, etc. and a tour of their largest tire manufacturing plant in North America. The second day would be filled with testing tires at the BMW Performance Center just down the road from Michelin HQ.

I planned our trip so that we could have a little extra time the day before so we could take the BMW Spartanburg Plant Tour and see the Zentrum Museum. Well it turned out that the tour was full, so we only got to see the museum, which unfortunately without the plant tour, is a rather quick visit... Oh well, guess I will leave that to when I can take delivery of a new Bimmer. That evening we met up with the rest of the tire school students when we were taken to a catered dinner where we met the organizers of the school and key people at Michelin North America. It was a great dinner filled with good conversations and some great stories.

The next morning we all hopped into a bus and were whisked off to the Michelin Sales Training Center. After some more meet-and-greets, we were introduced to Johnny Valencia the Training & Development Manager. He would be training us over the next two days and he wasted no time jumping right into the course work! Wow was I ever in for a surprise... We started off with an example about tire load ratings and finding tire pressures when you change from a P-Metric to LT-Metric tires. "Wait... What?!?" We would get back to this later in our class time and it was a good thing as I got lost quickly.

Here are some of the quick facts that I learned in our coursework:

- There are up to 200 plus components that go into the construction of a Michelin tire.
- The contact patch for a tire can be visualized by folding a standard piece of paper in half and then in half again, that is the size of a standard contact patch for one tire.

- Air pressure that is off by 5% will cause a loss of 20% of tire life.
- A sitting tire will lose 1 psi a month
- For each 10 degrees of air temperature change, a tire will change air pressure by 1 psi.
- Silica in a tire will increase the wet traction and braking of a tire, Carbon Black will improve the dry traction of a tire.

We also learned about a top-secret tire manufacturing process that Michelin uses for a majority of their high performance tires called C3M. They didn't tell us much about it except that you can identify those tires by their smooth inner liner. This process is used on the Pilot Super Sport, Pilot Sport PS2, Pilot Sport A/S Plus, Latitude Tour HP, and others. Check out the tech article on TireRack.com (<http://goo.gl/CLro4>) that briefly talks about the process.



After a quick lunch in the cafeteria, we headed over to the Michelin Production Plant where we were given a guided tour of the whole tire production process. The entire operation was extremely interesting and made me feel like I was in an episode of "How It's Made". It was amazing to see all the different parts come together to form a tire. If you have never seen the process, just search YouTube for "How a Tire is Made".

After a little more classroom work, we called it a day and headed back to the hotel. We didn't have much time, just enough for a quick change of clothes before we all headed out to dinner in downtown Greenville at Barley's Taproom and Pizzeria. This place was GREAT! We ordered an all meat pizza because it had a topping called beefalo! I also got a beer taster flight which ended up consisting of 6 half

pints! By the end of the meal I was stuffed and drunk... Good Times.

The next morning came quickly due to the hangover aided jet-lag, but that all washed away as we watched the sun rise over the BMW Performance Center! The BMW team members greeted us as we walked into this sacred place, and I for one, was giddy with excitement. After a little bit of breakfast, some "BMW Performance Blend: high octane, full flavor" coffee, and the obligatory liability release, they killed our buzz by starting off with a little class time. In the class we met our instructors for the day, got some safety instructions, then were broken up into three groups. Now it was time for fun!

Our group was sent out to the Offroad Track first. Devin and I hopped into a new X5 equipped with Michelin Latitude Tour HP's, their high performance tire for premium Crossover vehicles. We were then lead out onto the custom built offroad track that featured many different obstacles. We started off by crawling through a couple feet deep water crossing where the Michelins didn't slip once, balanced the X5 on a single front and rear wheel over some large bumps, and then performed a hill descent where we picked up a rear wheel pretty far! We then switched drivers where Devin took over to crawl up a steep incline, perform a sharp turn on a side-hill and once again picking up a rear wheel, then used the BMW X5's downhill assist to safely creep down a steep decline with only steering wheel inputs. The whole time through the course, the Michelin Latitude Tour HP (technically a road tire) didn't slip once!



After the fun of the Offroad Track we kept with the low traction conditions

and went to the wet oval track. The track had sprinklers coating it with a steady flow of water on a patched asphalt track. In this test we were driving 335i's, one equipped with Pilot Sport A/S+'s (an all-season tire) and the other with Pilot Super Sports (a ultra high performance summer tire). We started in the 335i equipped with the A/S+'s and were told to go around as quickly as possible! The tire performed better than I expected but the tail end would still drift out when the power was applied, the car had trouble putting it down. We were then put into the Pilot Super Sport equipped car and once again told to go as fast as we could, how cool is this place! Surprisingly the Pilot Super Sport performed much better than the A/S+... It was noticeably better by everyone that drove it!



We just experienced something that they had been telling us for the last day and a half. Rain is not a season. Rain is a condition. Now if the temperature was below 40*, like it is in other parts of the country for half the year, the results would be much different. When the temp drops down, the all-season tire will start to shine and the summer tire's traction will be reduced. Here in the beautiful San Diego County, where it almost never drops below 40*, we should probably be running summer tires year round. After this eye-opening test we moved on to a 335d equipped with Michelin Pilot Super Sports on the short track for some timed runs.

It was a little track with a couple quick s-turns, two hard braking zones, and some elevation change. Lap times were about 30 seconds and we were given 6 laps to put up our best time. Devin went first and as usual, was very quick and consistent, he put up a best of 29.03 seconds. With Devin, an autocross instructor, going first and

him talking me through the laps, my times gradually got quicker until I ran a very quick time of 28.93 seconds in my second to last lap! I was really excited and even fist pumped with an enthusiastic "YES!"

Once we all returned to the main grouping area we were all taken out on hot laps in M5's by the Performance Center's resident drifters! They exhibited amazing car control as they went around the full road course sideways the whole time. They performed a slow-mo drift on the wet skid pad and as they exited made the M5's pirouette through a 360 leaving the skid pad perfectly to return back on the track! I had the biggest grin on my face the whole time, feeling like a kid who took his first ride on Space Mountain in Disneyland. After everyone experienced the thrill of drifting, we all grouped back up for lunch where the times for the short track event were announced. I missed out on a podium finish by just 0.08 seconds! And the top time, remind you we were at the BMW Performance Center, was by a Porsche Club member. That just hurts...

The rest of the day was spent in a classroom that was located in a full tire mounting workshop, learning more about the entire line-up of tires. We said our goodbyes to our gracious hosts and headed back to the hotel. Devin and I crashed early as we had to wake up at 3 am to catch our 5:30 am flight back to the west coast, to only hop in our cars and drive another 2 hours out to Chuckwalla for the HPDE. To say the least it was a very long day when we laid our heads down out in the middle of the desert that night. But we were only halfway done with our EPIC week.

I would like to thank Kim and Johnny at Michelin for the generous invites. Devin and I had a amazing time, met some great people, and learned a TON about tires. If you have any questions about Michelin or BFGoodrich tires, feel free to email me at Nate.Risch@gmail.com or contact me on Google+ at: www.goo.gl/Knnpm.



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MS – M Car Stock

Marc U	1997	m3 sedan	89.734	1st
Shawn F	2011	1M	92.55	2nd
Stuart C	2011	M3	92.779	3rd
Lisa G	1995	M3	93.425	4th
Patrick F	2008	M3 Sedan	94.203	
Stephen H	2011	M3	94.327	
Eric S	2008	M3	97.452	
Richard M	2004	M3	109.782	

6M – 6 or 8 Cylinder BMWs Modified

John K	2003	330i	97.557	1st
John J S	1993	325 is	99.927	2nd
John J S	1993	325 is	100.146	3rd
Patrick S	1993	325 is	103.389	

6S – 6 or 8 Cylinder BMWs Stock

Harry W	2007	Z4	93.047	1st
John M	2008	328i Wagon	94.531	2nd
Alpesh K	2005	330ci	96.96	
Michael G	2011	328i	97.208	
Alexander T	2004	330i	97.396	
Jason D	2000	328ci	100.402	
Mickael K	1992	325i	104.463	

G – Gold Class

Ryan P	1990	Miata	86.687	1st
Peter E	2011	M3 E92	87.376	2nd
Sean T	1992	Miata	90.159	
Satakal K	2012	Jetta	98.324	
Thejusi G	1998	528i	99.357	
Petri N	1970	2002	102.12	



MC – Mini Cooper

Jon Paul T	2003	Cooper S	94.882	1st
Bill W	2005	Cooper S	95.774	2nd
Bryant S	2004	Cooper	99.043	3rd

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MM – M Car Modified

Serhan E	2004	M3 Coupe	86.156	Fast BMW Time of Day
Roland B	2002	M3	87.758	1st
Lee E	2001	M roadster	89.09	2nd
Noel S	1995	M3	89.778	3rd
Ed S	1995	M3	90.846	
Andy D	1995	M3	91.034	
Stephen Y	1995	M3	91.339	
Steve P	1999	m coupe	91.503	
Jonathan K	1998	M3	91.873	
Anish P	1995	M3	92.873	
Kai F	2011	M3	95.447	Novice 1st
Ryan M	2002	M3	95.55	
Brian K	1999	M3	104.252	



TM – 6/8/12 Cylinder T-Modified

Andre E	2008	135i	88.304	1st
Ronald O	2011	135i	88.355	2nd
Robert O	2011	135i	90.154	
Giorgio G	1991	850i	95.336	
Bryson G	1991	850i	96.104	

TS – 6/8/12 Cylinder T-Stock

Eric H	2011	Z4 sDrive 35i	93.495	1st
Tyler S	2007	335i Sedan	94.262	2nd
Jesse D	2012	135i 6MT	95.822	
Aaron V	2008	135i	96.021	
Zachary P	2011	135i	96.451	
Sue F	2011	335is Coupe	97.56	
Roz H	2011	Z4 sDrive 35i	97.629	
Tom F	2011	335is Coupe	98.013	
Alarisse L	2011	335i	105.318	



X – Non-BMW

WT W	2004	Miata	86.956	1st
Forrest M	2006	s2000	91.372	
Jack C	2012	Impreza WRX STI	91.956	
Jodie S	2010	Z06	92.861	Woman 1st
Ken S	0	Corvette	92.912	
Daniel A	2005	impreza 2.5 RS	94.25	
Lindsey A	2008	Civic si	95.96	Novice 2nd
Ken S	1972	240z	96.776	
Austin F	2005	C55 AMG	96.925	
Jason L	2001	Focus	98.838	
Paul S	2002	Boxster S	99.996	
Gerard L	2012	Genesis Coupe	101.373	



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