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The President's Column

Trick or Treat San Diego BMWCCA Friends!!! Welcome to October!!!

I haven't noticed a drop in temperature lately more like an increase, so I think that means fall is NOT here yet! I guess I seem to notice it more than others due to working outside all day without air conditioning. To my surprise, I have not dealt with many BMWs with air conditioning problems. I know that on every BMW I've worked on lately, I make sure their air conditioning is working properly!

Back in August I drove up to my hometown of Monterey for the weekend; it was 30 degrees cooler up there and the car was a lot happier with the cooler air. The constant fog and dew kept the ambient temperatures down and it was a nice change of pace from constant San Diego sun (And here I am complaining). Speaking of Monterey, this particular weekend was popular. It was Concourse weekend. That means A LOT of car nuts come into town. Celebrities, millionaires and millions of dollars in cars are auctioned off throughout the weekend and almost every famous golf course in Pebble Beach has an event going at all times throughout the weekend. I spent a majority of time with the BMW club at Legends of the Autobahn. This year the Audi club joined the event and brought out a few cars for us to check out. One of the cars brought over from the Audi side of things, was the original Pike's Peak racecar that set the course record back in the late 80s. If you watch the YouTube video of the Quattro in action, the driver is blinded by the sun at one point and is literally holding the steering wheel with one hand and using the other to block the sun!

We have two driving events this month. One of them being with the Porsche club; however it is not conventional driving event you would think. On Saturday Oct 27th, Driveskills has invited the BMW club and the Porsche club to check out the latest in performance driving skills and techniques in the areas of GT and Formula 1 racing. Club members attending will have the opportunity to get actual "seat time" and practice performance and emergency driving techniques focused towards various BMW and Porsche platforms. DriveSkills will provide refreshments and also introduce their new Motorsports facility.

On Sunday October 28th our traditional Oktoberfest Autocross will be held on the West Lot. With Bratwursts provided by BMW South County, we will take 100 entries to try the "Trick or Treat" layout.

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

October 6

San Diego Chapter – BBQ, Guest speaker Bill Caswell. 11:00 a.m. Oceanside Motorsports, 343 Airport Road, Oceanside.

October 9

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

October 27

Tech Session with PCA at Drive Skills, 4145 Avenida De La Plata, Oceanside 9:00 a.m.

October 28

San Diego Chapter – Autocross at Qualcomm Stadium, West Lot

November 11

San Diego Chapter – Final cruise/run of the year. More details to come.

November 13

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

November 17

San Diego Chapter – Car Control Clinic Qualcomm Stadium West Lot at Big SoCal Euro Gathering.

November 17

Big SoCal Euro Gathering 2012 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Qualcomm Stadium West Lot. For more information, see the Big SoCal Euro website or their Facebook page.

December 1

San Diego Chapter – Autocross at Qualcomm Stadium, West Lot

December 9

San Diego Chapter – Holiday Party; San Diego Automotive Museum, 5:00 p.m.



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December 11

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting and 2013 Board Elections. The board meeting is open to all chapter members

New Club Members Welcome!

Agbayani, Mike	
Altanakchi, Saif	
Barkhodae, Andre	2003 e46 325i
Bream, Michael	
Castaneda, Steve	1999 E46 323i
Clift, Randy	2003 330 ci Convertable
Dey, Jay	
Erickson, Steve	
Escher, Scott	
Harrell, Travis	1998 535is; 2006 Honda Fit
Harris, Brian	1995 318TI
Javier, Jorge	
Knoke, James	2003 325CI
Lau, Doris	
Lipp, Martin	2001 Z8
Livesay, Mark	2002 M Coupe; 2002 530i
MacDonald, Allan	
Manosca, Patrick	
Michajlenko, Andrew	2012 335i coupe; 2009 328i
Nekoui, Mason	
Nye, Michele	
Oster, Alex	2002 Subaru Impreza WRX
Phillips, Rob	
Riebold, Josh	
Sears, Timothy	2007 Corvette Z06
Smyer, Jack	
Torres, Julio	
Veskerna, James	

San Diego Chapter Monthly Board Meeting

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant, 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

6:00 P.M. – Pizza & soft drinks

6:30 P.M. – Board Meeting

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BMW CCA San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2012

Board Members Present:

Nick Owen, Brett Lutoff, Lisa Goehring, Andre Pantic, Tom Fota, Rich Gehring, Kim Dais, Don Duncan, Dan Tackett, Anne Littrell, Thejusvi Ganesh, Jim Lloyd, Scott Sansom, Kim Schwarz,

Members Present:

Boots Cuatico, James Eberhardt, Jojo Gonzales, Lindsay Draime, Jim Binford, Martin Lipp, Steve Dais, Duane Colby, Jose Padilla, Nate Risch, Matthew Kogan, Peter Winokur, Andy Waplinger, Gordon Anderson, Maurice Caskey, Gloria Caskey, Seth Hanson, Russell Moreau, Chuck Sharp, Tim Woods, Chris Woods, Brandon Watson

Secretary's Report:

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Duncan stated that the club is relying on autocrosses as our main source of revenue through the end of the year. He also talked about future expenses and the need to keep our finances sound.

President's Report:

Nick Owen reported about the Cruise 4 Kids, a driving event for charity. Nick motioned that we spend 350 dollars to sponsor a car for the event and the motion carried. The car driving in the event will feature a sign advertising our club.

Vice President's Report:

Kim Dais reported that we have 1548 members. Kim discussed using up the old letterhead for the new member letters.

Webmaster's Report:

Kim Dais asked Tom Fota to change her name on the website.

Newsletter Report:

Lisa Goehring reported that the deadline for the next issue is August 15th. Lisa reported that EMG has provided an initial estimate for printing the Fahren Affairs in color.

Autocross Director's Report:

Dan Tackett reported that the last autocross went well. We had about 80 cars participate. Dan reported that we saved money by not using trophies or car numbers.

Our next autocross is September 9th.

Driving Events:

Andre Pantic reported that we will not be running a second driving school this year. Andre stated that we will try to plan for two events next year.

Social/Advertising:

Anne Littrell reported that there is a tech session at Phil Thearle's Autowerks August 18th. In addition, the following events are coming up:

8/26 Horsin' Around Photo Rally and Driving Tour. This is a charity event with a five-dollar donation.

9/5 Meet and Greet at Urge

9/7-9 Laguna Seca Sports Car Festival

9/17-21 - Oktoberfest at Mid-Ohio.

9/22-23 - Coronado Speedfest. JoJo Gonzales will be coordinating speedfest passes.

Jim Binford reported that there will be a joint PCA/BMW tech session at Drive Skills on 10/27.

Bill Caswell will discuss his racing career at Oceanside Motorsports on 10/6.

Anne reported that there were six unsold tickets to the Padre's Game.

Thejusvi Ganesh reported that the classified section is now live on the website.

New Business:

Lisa Goehring reported that a GoPro camera distributor is interested in offering a special discount to club members; details to follow.

Seth Hanson reported that the LA Chapter is hosting an event at Auto Club Speedway on October 1st.

Tom Fota reported that our e-mail service is being transferred to Mail Chimp.

Rich Gehring reported on the cost of getting our truck decaled with the club logo. Dan Tackett motioned we spend up to 600 dollars on decals for the truck decals. Don Duncan dissented. The motioned carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

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Saturday, October 6

11:00 A.M.

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Bill Caswell is a self-taught racing driver, mechanic, and fabricator, who rose to Internet fame by taking a \$500 Craigslist BMW to a World Rally Championship event in Mexico in March of 2010. His exploits have been featured in places like ESPN Magazine, Grassroots Motorsports, NPR Radio, Wired.com and Jalopnik.com. Caswell graduated with an MBA from University of Chicago in 2004 and spent several years working in finance. The economic downturn gave him the opportunity to follow his dreams and after constructing a car for pennies in his mom's garage, he entered the world of rally in 2009. The next fifteen months saw Caswell embark on his rally adventure culminating at WRC Mexico 2010. With no team, no budget, and only a co-driver for help, he achieved a podium finish in one of the sport's most grueling events. Bill typically competes with Rally America and NASA Rallysport in the U.S. and has competed in the Pikes Peak International Hillclimb. For the Hillclimb, he built his own BAJA 1000 racer in less than 14 days and drove it in the race, and developed an international following. Caswell currently writes for Jalopnik.com and Wired.com. Paramount Pictures recently announced the development of a major motion picture based on his life's story starring Academy-Award-nominated actor Jeremy Renner. Learn more about Bill Caswell on his website, CaswellMotorsport.com and see the original March 22, 2010 article on Jalopnik.com, "How A \$500 Craigslist Car Beat \$400K Rally Cars".

Refreshments and lunch provided by Oceanside Motorsports. Please indicate your participation on our Facebook event page.

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**Joint BMW CCA/PCA
Tech Session**

DriveSkills Motorsports

**Saturday, October 27, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

4145 Avenida de la Plata
Oceanside, CA
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DriveSkills Motorsports is developing the latest technology in car driving simulators to improve the realism for both race track simulators and driver education applications. DriveSkills Motorsports will be hosting an open house tech session to demonstrate performance driving skills and techniques in the areas of GT and Formula 1 racing. In addition, DriveSkills will also demonstrate the use of simulators for use by teen and novice drivers focusing on situational awareness, collision avoidance, and driver evaluation. Club members attending will have the opportunity to get actual 'seat time' and practice performance and emergency driving techniques focused towards various BMW and Porsche platforms.

DriveSkills will provide refreshments and also introduce their new Motorsports facility located at the above address.

North to West Cruise

November 11, 2012

The BMW Club will be having our last cruise/run of the year on Sunday, November 11. The route is still in the planning stage and will be firmed up by October. Please check the San Diego BMW Club website at www.sdbmwcca.com for the time and starting location. The route will likely include parts of Escondido, Pala, Temecula, Fallbrook and Vista. So be prepared for a great Sunday drive amongst friends and BMW aficionados. Be sure to check our website for more information in the middle of October.

Jim Lloyd

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OktoberFAST Autocross

No Beer, but 11 Bavarian Hops on Sunday October 28th

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Online Registration will be open from October 6th – 23rd

The first 20 non-BMWs to register are guaranteed a spot

Bavaria is known for two great things: beer and BMWs. We'll celebrate one of them today at Qualcomm; you can commemorate Oktoberfest with the other one afterwards. Our usual format of practice and competition will let you take 11 hops in your BMW on a typically long and challenging West Lot course. As a reminder, **the helmet standard changed in January to require Snell 2005 or 2010 ratings. Check yours to be sure it's up to date—rentals are limited.** Let's give a toast to BMW of South County in El Cajon for their hearty support of our Autocross program. With online registration, local drivers, long-distance travelers and non-BMW competitors can reserve their spot, so don't miss it. You can register between October 6th-23rd. Online registration opens 3 weeks before the event and closes just a few days before. Don't wait until the last minute because it's still first-come, first-served (with no online waiting list) and our 100 spots sometimes fill up in advance. We'll still offer registration on-site if any openings are left.

The entry fee is \$65, including 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.

REMEMBER: IF REGISTERED ONLINE, BRING PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP AND ARRIVE BY 7:30 (BEFORE ON-SITE CUT-OFF) TO KEEP YOUR RESERVED SPOT

When you arrive:

1. If you registered online, stop at the gate to sign the waiver and notify the Gate Greeter. Your name will be checked off the pre-registration list. All participants must show their BMW CCA membership card. Those who did not register online will receive a numbered card at the gate in their order of arrival; take it to the Registration table. **There is no guarantee that spots will be available for those who wait to register the day of the event.**
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 \$65 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 of \$65.00 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:

- 4C** ALL 4 cylinder BMW models (except E30 M3)
- 6S** Stock 6 or 8 cylinder BMWs up to 295 factory horsepower
- 6M** Modified 6 or 8 cylinder BMWs up to 295 factory horsepower
- TS** Stock 6-8-12 cylinder BMWs over 295 factory hp, M cars before 1994
- TM** Modified 6-8-12 cylinder BMWs over 295 factory hp, M cars before 1994
- MS** Stock M cars, 1994 - present
- 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 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 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.

QUESTIONS?

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See you at Qualcomm Stadium!

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Phil Thearle's Autowerks Tech Session Follow-up

We had a great turnout with fifty clubmembers present at the August Tech Session. In addition to a discussion of the technical aspects of collision restoration, we touched on several areas important to all Porsche fanatics....insurance coverage and the problems attendant with keeping your treasure clean.

On the insurance side, my belief is that the first step is to settle on a relationship with a shop with whom you're willing to entrust the restoration of your car in the event of a collision or other body/paint-related issue.

Have a discussion to find out with whom they have the best relationships and then chose well. To make this important decision based solely on premium dollars or advertising hyperbole is almost always a mistake. The second most important basis for your decision should be to carefully read the fine print to make sure your coverage includes the use of O.E.M parts, even if you have to pay a little more. Several companies offer a "rider" to bridge this gap.

Note: Rental car coverage is NOT always included in 'full coverage'! Beware of the mention of "certified" aftermarket parts or an insurers option to utilize "remanufactured" components as well. While these "options" are sometimes appropriate on older cars in an effort to keep the car from totaling, frequently these cost control schemes lead to inferior repair quality and unhappy customers.

In reference to the 'Car Wash Blues'; IMHO, the less you physically touch the finish, the better....certainly NEVER in a dry state. The use of "detailer in a spray bottle", California (or any other state, for that matter) Duster, etc. should be avoided. I have found over the years that the majority of "spider-webbing"—that annoying elliptical scratch pattern around the sun's reflection on your car—is primarily caused by improper cleaning techniques. If you really want to largely eliminate this issue, you need to try the following, starting with an uncorrupted finish, obviously: First, buy or gain access to a small pressure washer...Lowe's, Home Depot, etc. all offer inexpensive units. Second, purchase a compact D.I. (de-ionizing) system to utilize with your water supply. These are also available in several different configurations taking price and space into consideration. While the benefit of a pressure



Photo: Paul Silver

washer is obvious, the D.I. system will allow you to wash and rinse the car without the necessity of hand drying it. Remember, the less physical contact the better!! While it's best to attempt this early or late in the day, the D.I. will not allow the car to 'spot'...even in direct summer sunlight....period!

With the bucket, a diluted car wash soap cocktail (mostly employed to make water 'wetter'), several soft brushes and you're ready to go! Wet the car down and keep it wet for ten minutes! Keep water flowing on and over it, don't just let it sit! While this is guaranteed to arouse the ire of your neighbors it is imperative to hydrate the particles clinging tenaciously to your cars' finish. After this embarrassing ordeal, aggressively pressure wash the finish, making passes over the entire car about three inches apart and then give it a final, from the top down, pre-wash rinse. This technique will remove 95% of the grit....the primary cause of spider-webbing. Gently use the soft brushes to remove any remaining contaminants. Rinse periodically....do not allow your cocktail to dry on the finish if possible, Now, after attending to the wheels, rockers and bottoms of bumpers with a dedicated brush, simply aggressively rinse the car, top to bottom, and you're pretty much done. I've personally used this technique on a freshly restored black M5 for nearly a year with gratifying results, just to prove my theory.

Regards to all and I hope the tech session and this follow-up have been of value.

—Phil Thearle

Meet & Greet at URGE American Gastropub

September 5



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G – Gold Class

Peter E	2011	E92 M3	98.415	1st
Ted D	2001	M3	98.655	2nd
Ryan P	1990	Miata	98.731	
Joseph H	2006	Cooper S	101.217	
Neil D	1998	M3	104.347	
Sean T	1992	Miata	104.438	
Satakal K	2012	Jetta	111.441	

4C – 4 Cylinder BMW

Christopher H	1974	2002	112.439	1st
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6M – 6 or 8 Cylinder BMWs Modified

Patrick S	1993	325is	103.375	1st
John S	1993	325is	104.578	2nd
Kristen A	1993	325i	105.327	3rd
Ganesh T	2004	330ci	107.411	
Chris M	1987	325is	108.006	
Alpesh K	2005	330ci	110.535	
Susan W	1987	325i	111.995	

6S – 6 or 8 Cylinder BMWs Stock

Jonathan M	2004	330ci ZHP	107.257	1st
Paul S	2011	335d	108.625	2nd
Kaustav A	2004	330Ci	109.524	
Schulman E	2004	330ci	109.63	
Curtis A	2004	330i	110.442	
Randy C	2003	330Ci	111.223	
Michael D	1999	328is	115.973	

MC – Mini Cooper

Ron E	2005	Cooper S	101.705	1st
Roland G	0	Cooper S	106.196	2nd
Bryant S	2004	Cooper	106.219	3rd
Bill W	2005	Cooper S	107.909	
Jodie S	2010	Cooper S	110.56	
Michele N	2007	Cooper S	114.402	



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MM – M Car Modified

Michael Y	2005	M3	98.837	1st
Winston B	1995	M3	99.573	2nd
Ed H	2004	M3	100.572	3rd
Chad C	2008	M3	102.841	Novice 1st
Jonathan K	1998	M3	102.904	
Ryan W	1998	M3	103.766	
Jojo G	2003	M3	106.326	
Ryan M	2002	M3	106.511	
Jacek S	2002	M3	107.468	
Shane P	1996	M3	108.62	
Andy W	1995	M3	113.816	



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TS – 6/8/12 Cylinder T-Stock

Tyler S	2007	335i Sedan	103.65	1st
Daniel S	2009	135i	105.744	2nd
Alex F	2007	335i	108.427	
Kurt M	2010	535i	109.698	
Mike S	2009	135i	110.334	



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MS – M Car Stock

Steve W	2009	M3	101.367	1st
Jack R	1999	M3	101.418	2nd
Greg U	2008	M3	101.619	3rd
James P	2008	Z4 M Coupe	103.935	4th
Stephen H	2011	M3	104.2	
Stuart C	2011	M3	104.448	
Lisa G	1995	M3	104.673	Woman 1st
William P	2007	Z4 M Coupe	106.117	
Lance S	2008	M3 Coupe	106.559	
Connie P	2008	Z4 M Coupe	107.676	
Gary F	1999	Z3 M	107.996	
Omid A	2011	M3	109.333	
Charles W	2012	M3	115.104	

X – Non-BMW

WT W	2004	Miata	97.98	1st
Ken S	2009	Corvette	101.691	
Logan B	2011	WRX STi	102.553	
Mike A	0	Miata	102.775	
Gambel N	2003	350Z	104.312	
Jason L	2001	Focus	105.204	
Austin F	2005	C55 AMG	105.831	
Travis H	2013	BRZ	106.476	
Will L	1997	Corvette Z06	108.443	
Lyndon P	2003	350Z	108.481	
Patrick M	2007	Shelby GT500	108.579	
Robert Y	2011	GTI Mk VI	110.254	
Julio T	2006	XB	110.925	
Jason S	1990	Miata	111.226	
Daniel V	2013	FR-S	112.31	
Timothy R	1995	Miata	112.727	
William L	2008	Corvette Z06	113.398	
Jorge J	1991	Miata	116.265	
James L	2008	Corvette	118.429	
Doris L	1999	MX-5 miata	121.19	
Kerry P	1999	MX-5 miata	123.502	

TM – 6/8/12 Cylinder T-Modified

Andre E	2008	135i	98.808	Fast BMW Time of Day
Michael M	2009	135i	105.017	1st; Novice 2nd
Landon E	2012	335is	107.397	2nd
Tom W	2007	335i Coupe	107.615	
Steven E	2012	335is	109.173	
Jay B	2009	335i	115.663	



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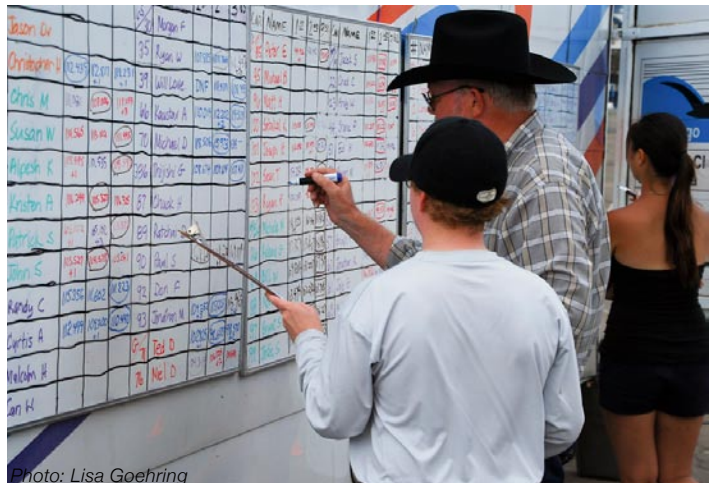


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Horsin' Around

PHOTO RALLY

OK, so the route instructions were not intended to be tricky. The photos were, but not the route instructions. The idea was to keep everyone on course, but trap them into misidentifying some of the photos. It didn't work out that way, as several teams had some difficulty understanding the difference between a quoted reference and a street name.

I'm referring, of course, to the photo rally we held on Sunday, August 26. The big source of difficulty for most people seemed to be instruction number 21, "R second OPP after "Lago Lindo"." The idea was that you would find a sign that said "Lago Lindo" on it, and then turn right at the second opportunity after it. People confused the sign with the street, because there was a sign a few hundred feet before the street Lago Lindo with the name on it. So Lago Lindo itself was the first opportunity to turn. The second opportunity was Mimulus, which branched into a Y, so there were actually two intersections with Mimulus. People who did not count Lago Lindo turned at the second branch of Mimulus, then turned right at the T and came right back around, instead of taking the first branch, then right at T and off in the correct direction.

This caused a bunch of people to get hopelessly confused, unfortunately, and some gave up and either went home or just headed to the finish point at On The Border at North



County Fair mall. But those who figured it out and stayed on course enjoyed some excellent roads that ran through Harmony Grove, Olivenhain, Rancho Santa Fe, and Del Dios. Twisty roads with elevation changes and little traffic provided for a fun drive for the persistent teams. And they also learned that there is wide variation in the horse crossing signs scattered around the area. Some show the horse trotting, some show the horse prancing, some have long tails, some short, some have XING signs underneath, and

others do not. And that played a big part in this photo rally – you had to pick out the right ones from the wrong ones.

There were not that many tricks to the signs, either, beyond the variations of the horse crossing signs. They ranged from a No Left Turn sign that was on the left, and so should not have been counted, to various street signs with block numbers on them that you needed to match up.

Out of 18 cars that started the rally, only a couple gave up completely and didn't make it to the end point. 12 cars turned in their answer sheets, and 5 did really well on their scores. The final results are printed here for you to review. Congratulations to winners Ryan and Sam for an excellent score and for not falling for a single trap!



Photos: Paul Silver

Special thanks to All German Auto for hosting the start of our rally at their facility in Escondido and providing breakfast to our participants. They are a Fahren Affairs advertiser, so check them out! Thanks also to Anne Littrell and Jim Lloyd for assisting in rally preparations, and to Rich Gehring for transporting the trophies from Chula Vista for us.

— Paul Silver

Place	Car #	Driver	Navigator	Points
WIN	2	Ryan M	Sam S	4
PLACE	4	Andrew R	Karen R	35
SHOW	8	Bruce R	Logan	52
4	12	Ross R	Natalie N	64
5	11	Jojo G	Tara J	88
6	9	Jason S	Carrie S	127
7	14	Andy W	Ivana S	131
8	3	James M	Trey M	155
9	15	Dan T	Lisa G	162
10	6	Tom F	Sue F	171
11	1	Bill J	Harriett J	172
12	18	Ramze B	Michael D	175

Car Control Clinic



Photo: Lisa Goehring

Saturday, November 17th

Experience the limits BEFORE you need them on the road
by Dan Tackett

You're driving down the freeway when, without warning, a washing machine falls out of the overloaded pickup truck in front of you. Will your BMW swerve quickly and safely enough to avoid it? You're on a city street when a bicycle veers in front of you. Will your SUV stop in time? While driving to Julian, water running on a curve sends your car into a sudden slide. Do you really know HOW to "steer into the skid?"

- Do you know how to adjust your mirrors to minimize blind spots?
- Have you ever engaged your antilock brakes while turning?
- If you regularly drive an SUV or minivan, do you know its behavior at the limit?
- Do you trust any teenage drivers in your household with your BMW?
- Do you want to get a taste of performance driving outside of a track environment?

Our Chapter is conducting a Car Control Clinic on Saturday, November 17th, to help you answer these questions in a controlled environment at Qualcomm Stadium. What you learn about how your vehicle handles in simulated driving emergencies could make the difference between a screech and a crunch in your future. This Clinic is intended for drivers of all ages who want to safely sample the behavior of their vehicle before it really counts. Bring the vehicle you drive every day, whether it's a BMW or minivan. We may limit participation of certain vehicles with a high center-of-gravity—inquire by email if you're not sure. BMW CCA members or their immediate family members are welcome. We're next to the SoCal Euro car show event, a gathering of over 1500 European cars.

DETAILS:

WHEN: Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to noon—please arrive by 8:30

WHERE: Qualcomm Stadium West Lot adjacent to the big SoCal Euro car show

WHAT: Unlike an autocross, this is NOT a competition event. Participants will experience four controlled driving exercises: an "emergency" lane change, a steering slalom (with a real-world twist), a maximum braking and braking-into-a-turn simulation, and a figure 8 skidpad to simulate a cloverleaf slide. Instructors will be provided, and drivers will go to exercise stations in their order of arrival the day of the event.

HOW Much: Cost is \$40 per driver paid at the event, and 2 drivers may share a car

HOW Many: We can only accommodate 30 entries for this event first-come, first-served. Please RSVP by email to Jim Patterson at carcontrol@sdbmwcca.com in advance.

HOW To Prepare: Please remove all loose objects from every part of your vehicle, including glove box, trunk and map pockets. Check the recommended tire pressure (door jamb) and add 5 psi—bring a pressure gauge to adjust. Helmets are not required.

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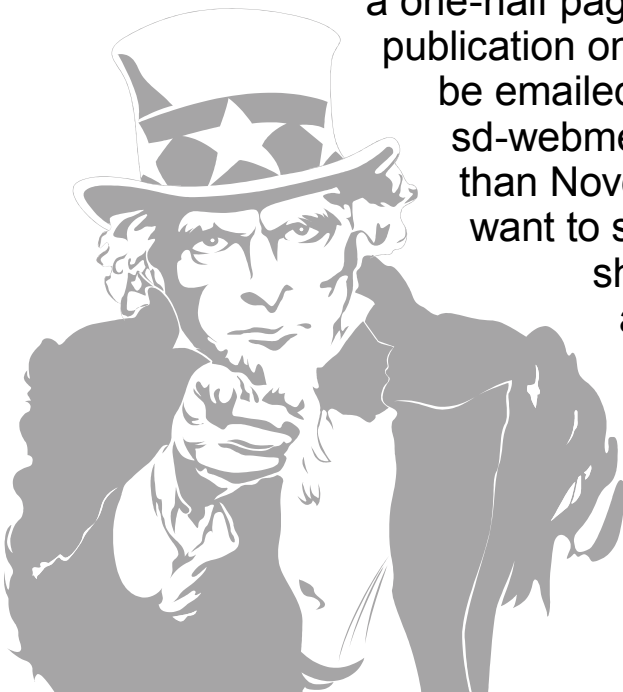
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We're looking for a few good men and women to help our Chapter. That's right, annual elections for the San Diego Chapter's Board of Directors are just around the corner on December 11th. All of the Chapter's events are planned and organized by your all-volunteer Board of Directors. The Chapter is looking for folks who are interested in getting involved on a regular basis to become new board members. All members are encouraged to run for office. If you already come to the board meetings, you're halfway there. As a board member, you get to vote to make changes and be heard on issues that are important to you. *See detailed position descriptions for each board office in the next issue.*

In addition to job-specific roles, all board members commit to attending the monthly board meeting on the second Tuesday of the month for one calendar year. Outgoing board members are dedicated to the success of our Chapter and will mentor new officers to ensure a smooth transition to the new Board.

Anyone wanting to run for office may submit a one-half page statement of candidacy for publication on the website. Statements may be emailed to the webmaster at: sd-webmeister@sdbmwcca.com no later than November 30, 2012. If you don't want to submit a statement, you can just show up on December 11th and announce your intention to run for office. All candidates will be afforded the opportunity to make a short verbal statement at the December 11th election meeting.





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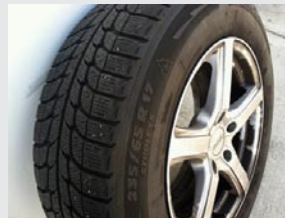
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