

The Roadster

The official newsletter of the Sandlapper chapter of the BMW Car Club of America

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Summer of Curves

Summer Recap - Two Performance Center Autocrosses

Fall is coming - Where are you going?

Fall Mountain Run Announced! October 12-14!

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President's Corner

Hi everyone,

Welcome to late summer, early fall 2012. There are many things I need to discuss with you. First, our new website is up and running. Thanks to a lot of hard work from Sacha Bernstein, we now have a new look and feel. It will continue to evolve over the next few months to allow more calendar information and provide better resources for posting pictures and For Sale ads. Also, working with a local video production company, we have started a new facility for member videos. If you haven't seen it yet, go to our website, sandlapperbmw.org, and click on the Bimmervision tab. This will take you to a list of channels and videos uploaded by our members. This new site will allow us to have a central repository to display our members having fun in their cars, and you won't have to search through YouTube hoping you entered a correct search term, etc. in hopes of trying to find them. Of course, members can continue to upload stuff to Youtube, but I'd like to request that you also upload your videos to our Bimmervision section so other members and friends can see what you're doing with your Ultimate Driving Machines. You'll also see a couple of professionally shot videos on our site; one from the Performance Center meeting in mid-July, and one highlighting the Foundation's Street Survival event in May that the Sandlapper Chapter promoted and supported.

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We have some upcoming changes regarding the methods we utilize to communicate with you. These will start to take place over the next few months. The first one is the upcoming ability for all chapters to e-mail members using the BMW CCA infrastructure and information contained in their database of e-mail addresses. Please visit the website at bmwcca.org, sign-in and be sure the e-mail address listed for you there is the one you'd want us to use. There will be several reminders via our current e-mail list notifying you in advance of our impending switch-over from "Constant Contact" to the CCA e-mail facility. This is being done in an attempt to improve communications between us and you, BMW CCA National and you, and to help eliminate our recurring expense from Constant Contact. Plus, the National office is sending out great information about National events, regular BMW news updates, and general car information to all the Chapter members on a regular basis. If you're not getting those e-mails, your e-mail address in their



database is incorrect.

The second one is about the newsletter. Paper and postage costs continue to spiral upward. Almost every time we create an issue of the newsletter, the cost for it is more expensive than the last one. In an attempt to better manage these costs, and because so much of our annual budget is being spent printing and sending the newsletter, we will soon implement a method for members to "Opt-In" for receiving a mailed, paper copy of the newsletter. As you know, every edition of our newsletter is posted on the website, in color, and in .PDF format so it can

be easily saved to your PC or mobile device for viewing, and can be printed if you'd like to have a printed copy. We will send an e-mail to the e-mail address of record notifying you that the next edition is online and available. I'll share more about this with you in our next mailed edition.

Finally, it's time for elections again. If you've ever thought about getting more involved in helping to manage this unruly bunch of car people, please see the information elsewhere in this edition.

See you around SC,

Dwayne Mosley
President, Sandlapper Chapter

Election Season Newsletter

We are currently accepting candidacy statements for the **President** and **Secretary** positions for our chapter.

These two-year terms are coming up for election/re-election this fall.

If you are interested in either of these positions, you need only to be a member in good standing, submit a current picture, and write an overview of why you want to run for the office and function in one of these positions.

This overview must be submitted in 300 words or less. Please submit this to us no later than October 15, 2012 to:

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PS We'll teach you the secret handshake and other stuff after you're elected.

A few things regarding the newsletter:

Please update your e-mail address with BMW CCA at www.bmwcca.org

It has come to our attention that *The Roadster* no longer refers to a BMW built in SC. Please submit new ideas for a newsletter title to the newsletter editor.

The current newsletter editor, Dan Collins has moved out of South Carolina. We need a new one! If you are interested, please contact Dwayne Mosley at dwaynemosley@att.net.

Submissions, advertisement inquiries and feedback are always welcome!

Editor's Note

I believe the over/under bet on my tenure was put at six months by Tim Dennison. If anyone besides me went for the "over" side of that, see him to collect, he drives the "stock" Mini pictured below.

My year and a half long reign of terror as the Sandlapper Chapter newsletter editor is coming to an end. As some of you know, I graduated in May from Furman and have been looking for a job since. I'm not going to echo the political campaign ads, but things are bad. I'm no longer in South Carolina, and am doing what I can wherever I can. Because of this, that my ability to cover the events you care about and work with advertisers and sponsors is... kaputt and it may be best that someone in a better geographic position takes over. Don't believe what they say, being the newsletter can actually be quite rewarding. I will even train the lucky candidate on how to take over this prestigious position, and share the trade secrets that come with the Sandlapper "press card." The title "Newsletter Editor" carries a great deal of prestige within the BMW CCA community, "Sucker" being it's technical title. In all honesty, I have had a darn good time with this newsletter and despite missing deadline a few times, and a few rushed copies nothing had happened. They

didn't dock my pay all that much.

The last three months of what 50% of my graduating class calls "funemployment" have been a wild and valuable experience. I started seeking a true "European-length" vacation and reconnected with friends and relatives on the coast in the process. And yes, I am that guy in the space gray 328i who gave a thumbs-up to the X3 on Route 17 with the Sandlapper decal in the window (I'm not crazy- I promise!) I have had the pleasure of and enjoyed meeting several Sandlappers from other parts of the state as well. This transition has provided me with a timely perspective check and chance to return to baseline, without deadlines, politics, etc. I highly suggest taking the time to "detox" from life at least once per decade.

Enjoy the last issue of my rambling and pictures from one busy summer at the BMW CCA Sandlapper Chapter. If you have any young people in your life, give them a break, especially those of us who weren't smart enough to wait until we knew what we loved or wanted to do before we put the effort and money into a piece of paper. Many of us grew up with helicopter parents, worked hard in school and are now trying to keep sane while 95% of the resumes we send out are ignored. Help them out with your networks and appreciate their

perspective they have. Then sit back and relax, because something great is going to come from it.

So thanks for watching. Thanks for the experiences, memories, and most importantly the friendships that I have developed with y'all. At the BMW CCA Chapter Congress, the four delegates under 30 and myself were called on several times as to why we joined and later stayed on with the BMW CCA. In many cases, the driving events, tech days, information and discounts were big pulls that got us in, it was by and far the people that kept us interested. That is pretty good for the generation that loses interest if the camera angle on TV doesn't change every four seconds. If you'll miss my writing terribly, I am now an assistant editor for two online magazines based in New York, one for business travel and the other diesel cars. I plan to be back in town from time to time, and will be around to help my successor get the hang of things. My personal e-mail address is dan.collins27@me.com and thank you again for reading (or, you're welcome for the pet cage liner, either way).

mit fahrfreudvollen Grüßen,

Dan Collins
Newsletter Editor

Kurze Meldungen

Quick News



BMW representation at the Mount Pleasant Cars and Coffee in July.



Tim Dennison's "stock" Mini Cooper S, ready with GoPro's at the Performamnce center. Be sure to check out Tim's and other members; videos and upload your own at Sandlapperbmw.org, click on BimmerVision!



Sandlappers lining up for a practice lap at the June, 10 Autocross.



Mike Renner in the shifter kart. Clearly a prototype BMW or MINI for this autocross. Rumor mill says

2012 Autocross at the Performance Center

by Dan Collins

The Summer of 2012 has been a busy one for us at the BMW CCA Sandlapper Chapter. We had our semi-annual autocross at the BMW Performance Center in Greer on Sunday, June 10.

Cloudy skies threatened us for the majority of the day, but the track stayed mostly dry for us. The 55 slots, which had sold out, were all accounted for with few exceptions where some lucky members made it off the waiting list. The morning driver briefing was held by Sandlapper Motorsports Director Ronn Hale under the canopy at the Performance Center, timing systems were set up and Tech was completed.

The morning consisted of practice laps, allowing drivers to perfect their skill before the officially timed heats, which took place after lunch. The conditions (and most importantly track) stayed dry until we broke for lunch, when things got more interesting. The track didn't get too wet, so overall the lunch break was a good time for it to rain. The track dried off



Sandlapper chapter secretary John Budinich demonstrating a feature of an unidentified vehicle that appears to be of east German origin at the June 10th Sandlapper Autocross at the BMW Performance Center. A joint BMW and Sandlapper Chapter BMWCCA investigation is ongoing into possible corporate espionage.

quickly after the lunchtime downpour, making the rain's impact on laps minimal to none. Hot Laps were in abundance thanks to the Performance Center staff, who gladly took (several) for the team to fill any breaks in the lineup, sharing driving tips and lateral g's with Sandlappers in two M3s. Instructors rode with members to give critiques on their driving and offer advice for their official, timed laps.

All in all, a good time seemed to be had by all. The official results were distributed to participants through the Motorsports Reg software used to sign up. If you participated and did not receive a copy of the results, please contact Ronn Hale at scbmwcca@comporium.net.

As a first time spectator (my car was nowhere near ready to pass tech), I enjoyed myself immensely taking pictures, watching the action, talking to everyone and more importantly learning everything I could. Anyone who hasn't been to one of the Autocross events should make a point to, and chances are that you'll be preparing yourself for the next one. As my experiences showed, that opportunity may come quicker than you think.

The next official BMW CCA Sandlapper Chapter Autocross will be held towards the end of the year. Stay tuned to the newsletter as well as e-mail for more information. Remember to update your contact information on the "Manage Account" section of www.bmwcca.org.





...e, since all participants must be using a
...s its the M.25 mDrive13p*
*p denotes plutonium fueled vehicles



Dwayne Mosley and Tim Dennison (l,r) learning about this rolling shell F01 7-series. It is used for STEP training and the third man pictured developed the idea of color-coded sections to better train BMW mechanics for body repairs. Great idea!



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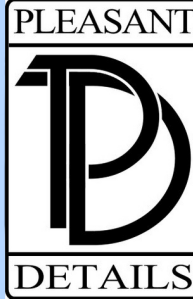
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GoPro picture from the July Upstate meeting. This meeting was held at the BMW Performance center in Greer and included a suprise mini-Autocross! Over 80 members turned out for the Autocross despite being surrounded by massive thunderstorms. We lucked out, and it didn't start raining until after the last runs were completed!

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Karting at Carolina Motorsports Park

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Upcoming Events

August 30-September 2 - Z Fest 2012. Z3/Z4 Owners homecoming to the Zenturm. FMI www.zscca.org

September 17-23 - BMWCCA Oktoberfest, Columbus, OH. FMI www.bmwccaofest.com

October 11 - Motorsports on Main, Greenville. Sponsored by Michelin. Check e-mail for more information

October 12-14 - Fall Mountain Run, Little Switzerland, NC. Annual weekend driving trip into the mountains of NC.

Reservations required. FMI, Trip Binford at tbinford@windstream.com

October 19-21 - Euro Auto Festival 2012, Greer, SC. 3 days of events at the BMW Zentrum. FMI www.euroautofestival.com

October 26-November 4 - Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance and Motoring Festival - Hilton Head Island. FMI www.hhimotoringfestival.com

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