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

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President's Corner

gets some additional horsepower. There's also a new Competition Package available. The X1 gets an M-package and Ultimate Options package that basically provides every option except heated seats. Those are available separately. Ask me how I know. :-). The X3 gets an M-package as well.

Hi everyone,

Our chapter membership continues a slow growth. Our numbers move up and then we stall, we move up and stall, you get the picture. Looking at the names of those who do not renew, there are recognizable names included in the list. These are people who come to meetings and participate in stuff. Yet, their names are on the non-renewal list. I know the National office sends out several reminders, plenty actually. Obviously I can't reach those that didn't renew because they won't be receiving this newsletter. Don't let this become you. I know why I renew. I like the meetings and friends I've made and continue to make, the data sharing about the cars, hearing about fun stuff others are doing, and I like the rebates.

I guess by now everyone knows we have a new X5 due later this year. It will be called the F15 and is styled to be a tad longer, a hair wider, a scosche lower, and have a smidgeon shorter wheelbase. I think you all recognize my highly scientific terms of measurement in that dimension explanation. (See chart below) Visiting several websites with side-by-side comparisons, it will look more like the new family of products both inside and out. Many of the Performance Center drivers were at COTA (Circuit of the Americas) in Austin in early June for the press launch of the M6 Gran Coupe. The new X4 and 4-series coupe have broken cover and are visible on many websites with direct comparisons to the previous 3-series coupes. The 2-series is starting to show up here and there, also with some comparisons. The 3-series GT pictures are pretty much everywhere. The existing 1-series is close to end-of-life. The 5-series and M5 get a LCI (life cycle impulse) upgrade consisting of slightly revised exterior design. The M5

In our last edition, I posted a notification regarding Board Member offices coming up for nomination and election. We had one person send in a candidacy statement for VP of this crazy bunch of BMW car people. That person is Tim Dennison. Trip Binford did not submit a candidacy statement, so he obviously has chosen to ease into retirement and start taking his annual retirement benefits. A lot of you have heard me discuss the benefits we receive for putting so much of our lives into this BMWCCA club mission. Those benefits are basically the "Thank you" we get from the members. Many thanks to Trip for all the years he participated in mentoring, growing and operating our Chapter. We wouldn't be here without him. Please share your "Thanks for a job well done" with him the next time you see him. In fact, thank all of the volunteers. The cars and the members are why we do this work.

With only one person running for each office, I'm not sure we need to have an election. The new VP is Tim Dennison and our Treasurer is John Anderson. Let's do a reverse election; if anyone does not want Tim and John to be the club officers for the next two years, please send me an e-mail with your explanation why.

I hope you all have a great summer. We'll see you here in the Fall. Be sure to keep up with us via the e-mail list and the website. We may have a new logo to share with you before too long.

See you around SC.

Dwayne



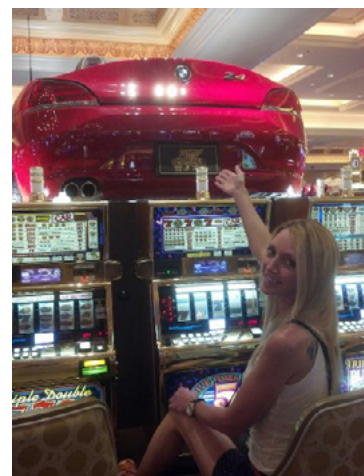
Dwayne "Trash" Talkin' At The Autocross

2014 X5 (F15)	2013 X5 (E70)
Dimensions	
Length 192.3 in (4,896 mm)	191.1 in (4,854 mm)
Width 76.2 in (1,930 mm)	76.1 (1,933 mm)
Height 69.3 in (1,938 mm)	69.9 in (1,776 mm)
Wheelbase 115.4 (2,933 mm)	115.5 (2,933 mm)

Member Adventures

Bill Stevens travels and when he does, he does it right. This time, on a getaway that included quite a surprise. We as BMW enthusiasts are always looking for little tidbits of our passion wherever we go, even if it's just down to the local grocery store for a case of beer and some ice cream.

Picture yourself on a vacation, in an exotic desert paradise Casino and you look up only to see the back end of a magnificent machine. How could you NOT just sit there and pour your hard earned pennies into the machine that sits right in front of you. The people running that Casino REALLY know how to lure you in - it's not high klicking showgirls - it's a bright red temptress hanging just above your eyes begging you to "Hop in, just for a sec."



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Happenings

One Lap Of America At The Performance Center

A Honda Odyssey? Really?

It was a windy Wednesday at the Performance center May 8th. One lap came, conquered and entertained. Anyone in attendance got an eye full of some pretty unique automobiles - the Honda Odyssey was just the icing on the cake. (Who'd be caught dead on a track in one of those anyway?)

To no surprise, the overall sweep of the event was by Leh Keen in a Nissan GTR. Understandably so, I mean, he DOES race cars for a living. Our home town boy Mike "Schnell" Renner in car number 15 placed 8th in his "Luxury Sedan" a 2013 M6. I guess it IS a luxury sedan, but more colorful words come to mind like "melt your face four door".

Chapter favorite (besides Renner) what the little One Series that could. With a pep in its step and a whole lot of ambition. The 2011 1M driven by Team DORPHN with Neil Simon behind the wheel from Washington DC placed respectively in 40th.



Happenings

Autocross? Yes please!

We've got facilities that make other chapters jealous, VERY jealous!

What other chapter of the BMW CCA do you know of that has the unique opportunity to use the same exact track that the professionals use AND that the world record for the "Worlds Longest Drift" was set?

We as Sandlappers have it pretty tough...I mean, we actually have to stand in line to wait for a hot lap with legend Mike Renner (the queue is pictured to the left).

The dominator of the weekend was a sur Tim Dennison and his stock (cough, cough) MINI. What a great person to take over as Vice President - I mean he's a wicked good driver - that would make him a wicked good Vice President too, right?



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Kurze Meldungen Quick News

The BMW 3 Series leads its segment in the 2013 Annual Magazine Awards.

The BMW 3 Series continues living up to its hard-earned reputation as the best compact sports sedan in the world, and AUTOMOBILE MAGAZINE backs that up by presenting it with a coveted 2013 All-Star award. As the class benchmark since its debut in 1977, the BMW 3 Series has collected over a dozen of AUTOMOBILE MAGAZINE's highly sought-after awards by remaining the best in the business.

"The BMW 3 Series has become so ubiquitous that it's easy to forget how exceptional it really is," said AUTOMOBILE's Joe Lorio.

"We strive to keep the iconic BMW 3 Series evolving as the benchmark among sport sedans, and recognition like this is reassurance that we are doing our jobs," said BMW of North America's Chairman and CEO, Ludwig Willisch. "We thank AUTOMOBILE for this prestigious honor."



Mini Matters

A tiny piece of our publication for the minis in our lives

Mini Machines

Coming To A Parking Lot Near You!

The Upstate is home to many pretty awesome things; The Zentrum, The Greenville Drive, and one of the nations BEST Cars And Coffee groups out there. Make no mistake, this isn't a gathering of a couple of randoms in a parking lot. The June gathering had a great showing - but the MINI presence was one of the most outstanding of all marques. There's nothing like a warm Summer afternoon in a parking lot full of exotic cars, MINIs included.



If you want to show off the MINI of your life, bring it out and shine it all about. Cars and Coffee is held every fourth Saturday of the month at the parking lot behind Jack In The Box on North Pleasantburg from 8-11 am. Expect to see some exotics, and a couple of, well, POS'es.

Did You Hear...

Mugello Loves MINIs

In Northern Italy there is a tiny little town that got overrun by masses of motoring MINIS. May 16 - 19 Muegello, Italy hosted the 2013 International MINI Meeting. The event included a parade around the Mugello Race Track, a parts market (perhaps held after the track event), daily excursions to exotic locals such as Pisa and Florence and the mandatory clean car trophy. Trophies also awarded to "Most Rust" and "Loudest Speakers".

Next year the International MINI Meeting will be held in a location to be determined. Keep your eyes peeled on the IMM website for further details as to the location. Even thought your MINI won't fit comfortable beneath the seat in front of you or in the overhead compartment, you could always rent one and just pretend. Whatever you do, don't show up in an Opal.



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The Sandlapper Superstar Of The Quarter: Larry Gilbertson

Our Sandlapper "Superstar Of The Quarter" goes to Larry Gilbertson from down in Chapin. Not only does Larry go the extra mile (pun intended) to make it to events and help out with the Chapter, but he was also awarded the "Longest Time Member That Traveled By Car To Attend The Southeastern Regional CCA Conferences" in Atlanta this Spring.

A quick poll of the room first inquired everybody to stand up, then if you didn't know your CCA number by heart you were told to sit down. One by one the requirements to stay standing were laid out and slowly but surely most of the room started sitting down. At the end, the last man standing was our very own Larry Gilbertson, whom had traveled to Atlanta from Chapin to attend the event. Good job being old, Larry. You made us proud! He won a bottle of wine to celebrate with (pictured to the right)



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Must Have...

The M Sport Edition 6 Series

As if you really need to be tempted by the 6 Series any more, the stakes have just been raised a bit. Coming up this July, all models of the 6 Series will be available with an M package option, even the X-Drives!

By putting your feet on the pedals of a M Sport 6, you'll not only have some really awesome badges to take off (which we all do of course, to keep a certain low profile) you'll have bounds more at your fingertips and toes. Your eyes will have most of the excitement, however, with all kinds of non-speed increasing bits like Leather Wrapped Steering wheel and LED adaptive headlights.

To further tantalize those eyes of yours, the M Sport 6 will be available in that incredible Sakhir Orange Metallic which will make your retinas bounce with excitement, especially when you pair it with the matching Merino White and Orange upholstery to tie the ensemble together.

Did I mention anything about M Sport pieces that make it faster? Well...Neither did the press release, unless you count the 19" light weight Alloys. Regardless, the M Sport 6 is a must have... in any color.



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when in the parked position and if at all possible, blow out the drains occasionally. This is a very easy project, requiring only a flat head screwdriver to pop some molding off and a high pressure air hose.

When this procedure is done, depending out your model of car, you'll find a pile of just shot out somewhere near your back tire. Think of it as souvenirs from the sky.

Don't find out the hard way and open your door to find your sun visors dripping water on you - keep your moon roof closed

Those are some souvenirs you're much better off without!



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Columbia Area - 1st Tuesday of every Month, Location To Be Determined

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Newsletter

A few things regarding the newsletter:

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Submissions, advertisement inquiries and feedback are always welcome! If you MUST have a paper copy, please contact the "Paper People" at imusthaveapapercopy@gmail.com

Just A Note:

As a club, we have done and seen some pretty magnificent things such as the Tire Rack "One Lap Of America", the drift record, the use of Black Lake for our Street Survival, and the list goes on and on. Without participation from the heartfelt helpers out there, events like this would absolutely NOT happen. It takes a certain special individual to take time out of his or her busy schedule to make some of these things happen. It's a thankless job, but not because gratitude isn't deserved.

The heartfelt helpers that keep this chapter together are being encouraged by the BMW CCA's National office to move to an electronic-only edition of the newsletter. They are suggesting this to all the chapters for several reasons. Paper printing is quite expensive. Believe it or not, we've had quite a difficult time keeping a printer. Our last printer was good for one running of The Roadster, then they closed their doors. It takes an enormous amount of time to shop around for a new printer every quarter when we're ready to print the newsletter

In addition to the printer challenge, we have traditionally spent a huge amount of our annual operating budget merely printing and mailing the newsletter, whether you read it or not. With costs continuing to skyrocket during the last few years, it is becoming prohibitively expensive for all the chapters to continue this process. In an attempt to hold annual dues in check, we agree with the National office that we'd all be better served by saving these moneys and applying them to other items we need. Plus, who doesn't have internet access, a computer and a printer these days. The newsletter version on the website is in color and you

get to choose if you want a printed copy or not. Plus, the links we'd like to send you to advertisers and other great stuff will be "clickable" as well.

We are also doing the environment some good too. Think of the last paper copy of The Roadster you received. Did you recycle it? Did you even open it? These little things add up, and if you put your mind to it, imagine over 1000 copies of the newsletter sitting on the side of the road anticipating a ride to the landfill. Some recycle, we know, but still. We paid for that paper, it should be framed and put on the wall. Those words are golden.

This will also provide much more advertising space, more articles and many more pictures! Before, we were limited to the space we could afford to print, and now the sky is the limit.

We as a chapter would like to apply the savings to other items such as new Autocross equipment, chapter swag, and more club events. All of these things are also getting more expensive too. Let's face it, in our over-saturated media lives, the common trend is for everyone to choose only what they want to receive and then read it exactly when they want to, online. So, The Roadster, our beloved newsletter, will now be available exclusively online at the website. www.sandlapperbmw.org

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