

The Roadster

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

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Have a little spring fling with your four wheeled love affair. Show your BMW some action this Season!

Detroit and Daytona - BMW Has Major US Presence

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Sandlapper Superstar Of The Quarter: Michael Mitchell

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President's Corner

Winter/Spring 2013

Here I sit with writer's block. Since I'm not really a writer in real life, and really more of a rabid car enthusiast, it's fairly easy for me to get stymied while I toil for ideas. So, I thought I'd cover a few things that continue to be important in our quest to stay in constant contact with you, the members. One of the reasons why this is so important is because we have an autocross event scheduled for the Performance Center on April 21st. The only additional information you'll receive about this event is via e-mail. If you're not getting e-mails from us, and think you'd like to participate in driving your BMW or MINI on the Performance Center track, take some advice from me right here & right now. Be 100% sure your e-mail is registered in at least one of two places, if not both. 1) Be sure you are registered correctly with the BMW CCA's National office. You can accomplish this by visiting their website, www.bmwcca.org, establish a user account using your membership number and a user name of your choice, and then visiting your information to be sure the e-mail address there is correct. 2) Registering through the sandlapperbmw.org website. The registration facility is at the bottom of the page. If you've already registered there, it will tell you that. If you haven't, it will contact you to be sure you want to be registered there. The rest is up to you.

Last year I told you we would be

converting to a 100% CCA driven e-mail registration and database. That has not happened and I'm not sure when it will. This is why you have to register in the two places above. Hopefully we will ultimately get to the point of utilizing only one place to register for e-mails. You may be asking yourself, "self, why does that Mosley guy talk so much about e-mail registration?" Well, unless you're a member that's here purely to wait out your time until you can apply for the "new car rebate", I speculate that you might like to know what activities we're doing as a group in case you'd like to participate. For instance, we just had a great rally in the Upstate with people attending from all over the state. Twenty eight cars registered and twenty two "showed up" in spite of it being a cold, rainy morning and day. Much clue hunting and fun was had by everyone who participated.

Another reason I emphasize e-mails is because we are still trying to figure out how to maximize our newsletter value while minimizing the costs of producing and mailing it. In an attempt to better manage these costs, we are producing one issue per quarter now instead of one every two months. Within this format, some events are announced via e-mail and have actually taken place before the next edition makes it to you and you become aware of it. This reminds me to remind you, be sure you're on the e-mail list. BTW, 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. Don't forget the Facebook page.

Finally, no one submitted a candidacy statement for either of the two elected positions we had open up in 2012. Since that seems to be more the rule than the exception, we'll just keep on keeping on in hopes that someone will eventually become interested. For 2013, we have two more positions becoming available; the VP and Treasurer. If you have any interest 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 June 15, 2013 to:

Dwayne Mosley,
Sandlapper Chapter
PO Box 26418
Greenville, SC 29616
PS We'll teach you the secret handshake and other stuff after you're elected.

Have a great Spring. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and other events around SC.

Member Adventures

In prior issues you've been treated to a paragraph or two from the Newsletter Editor. After long thought and some prioritizing, I realized that very few people take the time to read such small words from a seemingly boring person anyway. So, this is going to be the "New Editors Letter", or better known as Member Adventures. This club is about all of us enjoying our Ultimate Driving Machines, not about listening to the editor complain. So, I encourage you to submit pictures and a brief

summary of what your latest BMW adventure has been. All pictures must be decent (come on guys, give me a break) and if you can throw a small one or two sentence caption to go with it I'd appreciate it. Please feel free to share your adventures with me, otherwise we'll be looking a lot of pictures of me and my One Series.

Signing off,

Nikki Weed, Newsletter Sucker



Adventures can be near or far, as John Applegit demonstrated with this magnificent photo of his ride in War Eagle, Arkansas. "The most comfortable BMW we have ever taken the journey in. It averaged 32 MPG. 3 adults and all of our stuff for 5 days. We even carried 50 lbs of dry goods back from the Mill." John A.

Happenings

Detroit To Daytona - BMW Dominates

Beauty pageants and speed, BMW wins them both



Auto show season is here, and BMW has had a commanding presence both near and far. BMW had, some have said, the most breathtaking exhibit at the entire show. BMW teased audiences with the new 4 Series concept and a Z4 in an eye melting orange.



BMW also had a grand presence at this years running of the 24 Hours Of Daytona. Chip Ganassi racing took a one-two finish after the 24 hours were up. Pictures from just hours before the race start showed the car in pieces. What a team!

A Purple E36 M3 And A Man Named Twinkie

Sandlapper member Michael "Twinkie" Kuhl takes on some "Rednecks"



"Redneck" isn't usually a term that is socially acceptable, unless it is referred to an individual by the individual themselves. It isn't very good protocol to go poking fights with self proclaimed "Rednecks" either, unless you're pretty 'dern sure you've got a chance. Our very own chapter member, Michael "Twinkie" Kuhl decided to take up the challenge and take on some 'necks behind the wheel of his M3.

well...Cultured "Rednecks" in their American muscle cars.

The "Rednecks" drive everything from modern day Dodge Challengers to old school late 60's model Camaros. American Muscle at it's finest, but much like many other American things, these cars are big heavy and potentially slow, making them sitting ducks for our sleek Bavarian machines.

R U Faster Than A Redneck is a new program to the Speed Channels typical NASACAR ridden line up, but this one should make you set your cereal spoon down and watch. The general premise of the show is for competent drivers in European machines to take on less than...



Want to take on a Redneck? Do it. you COULD win \$10,000 bucks. Thanks a lot of Spatens!

Check out the **R U Faster Than A Redneck** on the internet and take them on. If you do, we'll assure you a camera crew featuring you for the next **Roadster**.

Happenings

A Mature Rally?

Milling Around The Upstate

What do you get when you cross one person giving directions and the other person with no clue as to where they're heading? In some cases you have a divorce, in others you have a Rally. The Sandlapper Chapter of the BMW club threw one heck Rally around the upstate this spring. Sites included Mills, running and not, scattered across our gorgeous upstate.

Despite the chilly rainy weather, a whopping 22 people showed up to show off their navigating skills! Impressively most of the cars rolled over the finish line in just shy of two hours, with only ONE competitor needing to open their "Escape" envelope. Cheers to all that attended, even the select few in the "Buick-Something-Or-The-Other"

"By the discussions I heard, and the smiles on people's faces, I'd say that a good time was had by all. Even the one car that had to open their envelope was enthusiastically positive." Tim D.

1st place - John & Terraceina Applegit - 80.5 Points - Free weekend in a BMW Courtesy Century BMW

2nd place - Michael Mitchell & Robin Mogavero - 79.5 points - Hands free bluetooth system Courtesy Century BMW

3rd place - Mike & Kelly Radecki - 79 points. - MINI-branded umbrella Courtesy Century BMW (which got a work out on its first day on the job)

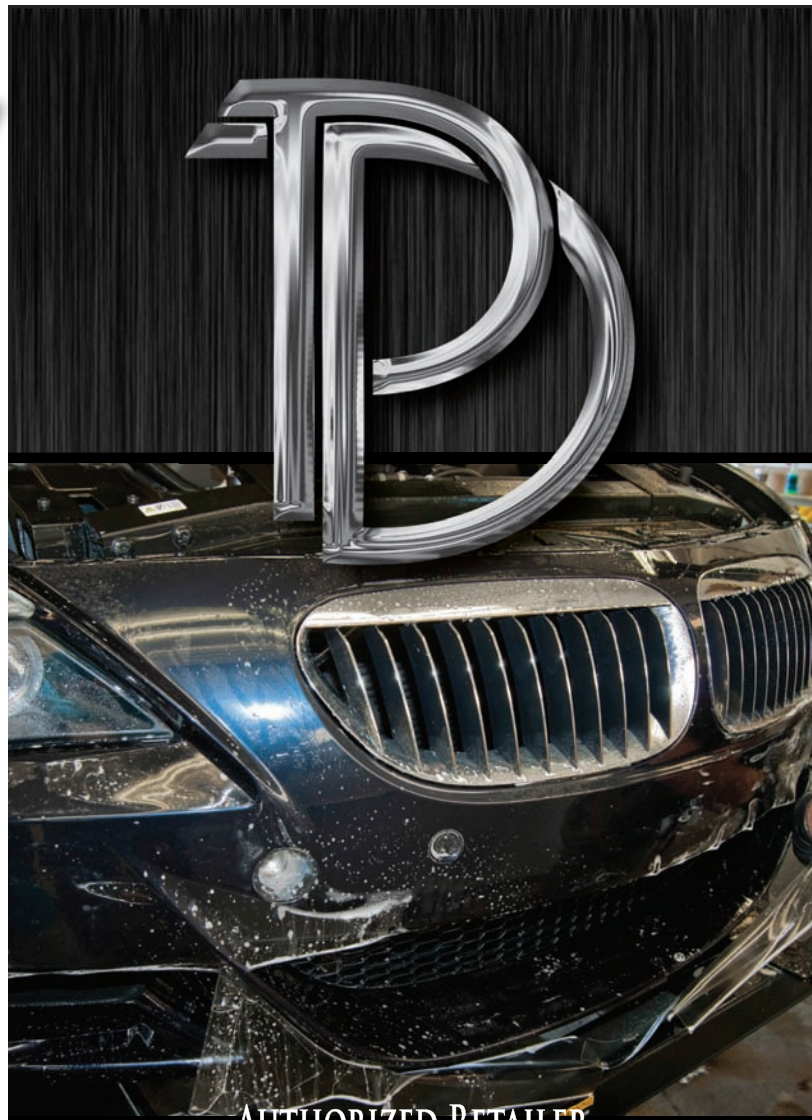


Kurze Meldungen

Quick News



The only BMW team currently racing in the ALMS series is getting an extreme makeover. In the past they've run and successfully taken victories while running an M3. This year changes are on the horizon! Expect to see them running a GLORIOUS Z4 with proper M colors this year.



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Mini Matters

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

Minis on the Dragon

Maybe You've Heard of it?

As if we really need an excuse to pack up the car and tear up mountain roads, we're being offered a valid excuse this time. When the spring breaks into a glorious tapestry of foliage and flowers, and the weather is conducive to us wearing shorts and needing to apply sunscreen, it seems the urge to get out and drive is heightened. Channel your passion for driving and attend an event full of like-minded fun-loving individuals. Minis on the Dragon is an annual celebration of self proclaimed "MINI-acs". Why not let loose and unwind and spend a little time rubbing elbows (and maybe a curb or two) and plan on attending this event.

MINIs on the Dragon is being held this year May 1-5th in and around the area of the infamous "Tail Of The Dragon". TOTD

(for those familiar with it's captivating curves) is an 11 mile stretch of road better known as US129, yawn. Wait, before you set your cruise control and check your e-mail on your high-tech phone device, read on. Not only does this road travel through the robust mountains of picturesque North Carolina, but it has around 318 curves. Gasp! 318 curves in the span of only 11 miles?!?!? Do the math, chances are your arms are going to get tired after about the first 200. It's mind boggling to things about, but once you get into the rhythm of the rolling hills and cambered curves you'll be mesmerized and feel like you're in a video game, and not so much on a public road (read into this "PUBLIC" means police patrolled).



MINIs on the Dragon isn't all about driving though, other events are offered between drives. Perhaps to give your brakes a chance to cool down and your shoulders to stop throbbing, who knows! MINI Bingo, a Brewswap, and of course an Autocross. More details are available on the events website:

minisonthedragon.com

Did You Hear...

I've heard of bending over backwards, but this is ridiculous!

It seems that MINI is always pushing the envelope to try to wow the masses by doing something absolutely off the wall. There was the pice from last quarter highlighting how many people could fit into the MINI, there have been several "How many _____ can a MINI jump over", and now this.

Leave it to a Rally driver to accept the challenge and crawl inside of a slightly (cough cough) modified MINI Countryman and take on the obstacle that lay ahead. Guerlain Chicherit of France, a proclaimed "Daredevil" by some was able to successfully flip the car nose over tail and still able to land with all fours firmly on the ground. The use of a ramp and a whole lot of snow helped in this feat. Watch the YouTubes, but don't get any wild ideas. If you do it, you're NOT getting *in The Roadster*.



Don't tell me how to drive, wait...maybe...

MINI has come out with a wicked new tidbit of technology that will maximize your already exhilarating MINI experience. The "Driving Excitement Analyzer" from MINI Connected will constantly nanny every aspect of your driving from shifting to conering. The end result is to inform you on how you can improve your overall MINI driving experience. Here we thought MINIs couldn't get better!





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Newsletter

A few things regarding the newsletter:

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

Submissions, advertisement inquiries and feedback are always welcome!



The Sandlapper Superstar Of The Quarter

Our Sandlapper "Superstar Of The Quarter" goes to Michael Mitchell. Michael drove his fantastic machine down to watch the 24 hours of Daytona AND just happened to win the "Peoples Choice Award" at the Grassroots Motorsports Car Corral. If you haven't seen this white beauty up close and personal, make it a point to. Great job, Michael! If we could only all keep our machines so clean and pristine!



Industrial Crescent Chapter

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- Details and registration: www.apics-sc.org and choose Luncheons link

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Must Have...

A Trip To Oktoberfest

Monterey.
 Laguna Seca.
 BMW
 Spaten.

Need I say more? This years Oktoberfest, although far from here, is promising to be one of the most breathtaking backdrops imaginable. Not only does the club have accommodations at the Hyatt lined up, but we will also have free reign of the track. Laguna Seca is a world renown race track with amazing facilities. You need to be there, and so does your camera. This very possibly could be the only time in your life to drive YOUR car on Laguna Seca, perhaps a bucket list item for some, but a desire for all!

Events this year include the mandatory Concourse, driving schools, autocrosses and banquets galore. Even if you're not doing one of the many events, spectating is always a treat as well. And hey, you'll be in California for pete's sake!

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Charleston Area - 2nd Thursday of every Month, Queen Anne's Revenge, Daniel Island

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Bimmer Tip Of The Quarter:

Got an old E34? Chances are you might have a little problem with fuzzy rodents helping themselves to a free ride in your glove box. Not only do they have the potential to chew their way through your important documents and left over french fries, but they can take nibbles from your electrical system, which can leave with more to deal with than a few rodent turds.

Here's a solution, You will find in the corners of the heater blower motor/windshield wiper cavity of the fire wall, behind the two big electrical boxes under the hood, there are two water drainage holes. Bam - there is your secret mouse portal. Cover these holes with quarter inch square pieces of hardware cloth over the two drainage holes. This will create a block to your rodent passage way and prevent you from having to fish dead mice parts from around your blower motor.

Hasn't happened to you yet? Just wait, you COULD be the next victim! Thank you "bpepper" from the Upstate for this tidbit of help. Your tip could be next, if you submit that is!

Upcoming Events:

April 26-April 28 Speedfest 2013 at the Classic Motorsports Mitty At Road Atlanta - Join motorsports enthusiasts from all around at this celebration of speed. On track events, concours and parade laps will be offered (for those who don't want to race). Did I mention David Hobbs will be the grand marshal (oooo, David Hobbs!)

May 3-May 11 - Tire Race One Lap Of America - South Bend, IN and places beyond. Don't be mistaken, this is a travelling event with venues all across the Upper and mid states. With a stop at the Performance Center on May 8th. More info at onelapofamerica.com

May 18-19th The Pit Bull Run at Carolina Motorsports Park - Head on down to Kershaw and meet up with some old NASA buddies (no, not astronauts). The Pit Bull Run is an annual time trial event. Open to all models, with a special category for E30's only. Check out the NASA site for more information and registration details.

