

# The Roadster

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## Fall Brings A Change Of Scenery

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# President's Corner

Welcome to Winter - 2012.

We as a chapter had a very busy year. I want to devote this entire column to thanking the Sandlapper Chapter volunteers for all their efforts. You all are what makes our Chapter the resounding success it is. Providing services to others without asking for anything in return is one of the pinnacles of selflessness.

We as a chapter are very fortunate to have a group of people who decide to both pay annual dues to associate with other like-minded car enthusiasts, and then volunteer their time to help create and lead events for the benefit of we, the members. Consider the available driving events, mountain weekends and drives, autocross events, website creation & operation, newsletter creation & distribution, area meetings, meeting presentations, parties, equipment trailer movements, Street Survival instructors, event setups, cone setup and tear down, financial management, ad sales, and product offerings our chapter offers. None of this

would occur without our volunteers!

The next time you attend an event that is being staffed by volunteers, let me encourage you to personally thank them for their efforts. It's probably the great-



est recognition they can personally receive. As anyone working in a volunteer position can attest, the actual event itself is about the shortest amount of time they're involved with it. Most times there are many days and hours of preparation before the event, and

much work to do when the event is over. Most of this preparation and "wrapping up" takes place completely unknown and unwitnessed by the attendees.

If you like what we're able to accomplish in this chapter, we need you to volunteer. If you've wondered how you can get more involved, ask someone that's already volunteering where to start. It's pretty easy to create a driving event to a restaurant, museum, or some other unique place. Talk to your Regional VP. They appreciate help in these areas more than you probably know. Remember, we're all volunteers and no one is getting paid. Thank a volunteer, become a volunteer, recruit other volunteers. It's what makes the Chapter's "world" go 'round.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to everyone. I look forward to a great 2013 with all of you. Again, many thanks to the volunteers that make us successful. You know who you are. We are grateful to have you.

**Dwayne Mosley**  
**President, Sandlapper Chapter**

# Editor's Note

***"If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing right" -Hunter S Thompson***

I assure you, The Roadster will be done right..

Just so that I don't seem like a stranger, here I am - the replacement sucker - aka Newsletter Editor. I'll let you in on what makes me tick - I'm a shot and a beer kind of girl, but it has to be good beer and even better bourbon. I drive a One Series, but just a regular "One" not a snazzy M coupe. What can I say, I haven't made my millions and although I ask for one every Christmas, it never shows up under my tree (oh wait, I don't put up a tree, maybe that's my problem all along). Perhaps you've seen me in The Roundel Weekly, a lovely publication put out by the fine people at the CCA. It comes out every Tuesday to your inbox. Be prepared to see a whole lot more of me in the upcoming Magazine issues of Roundel, too! You can be pleased to know that you have a pseudo-celebrity running The Roadster now! I'm no



English major, but I assure you, I'll do my best. Thank you spell check.

I'm also pleased to report that by taking over The Roadster, I want to make sure it is the Newsletter that is best suited for you - my readers. It's hard for me to know

exactly what's going on in other areas of the Chapter, such as the Columbia or Charleston groups. I wish I could travel far and wide and attend all the different meeting, but I've got a day job. So if you find yourself in one of these exotic locations, please feel free to let me know what I'm missing out on!

I'd like to also thank the outgoing Newsletter editor, Dan Collins for all of the hard work he has put into making the format of The Roadster so great. In my opinion, I am taking over a great looking publication and am pleased with the work he has put into it. We're all sad to see him step down from the position, and I've given him my word of honor that I won't let him or all of you down. Feel free to send me your comments to my email, or find me at one of the meetings (if you're in the Upstate that is).

**Signing Off,**  
**Nikki Weed**  
**New-Newsletter Editor**



# Happenings

## The 2012 Euro Auto Festival - Did You Miss It?

by John Budinich

The 17th Annual EURO Auto Festival was held the weekend of October 19 - 20 in the Greenville area of South Carolina. The event covers the entire weekend with two rallies through the surrounding area early Friday afternoon, a series of workshops late Friday afternoon, a welcome dinner at the Embassy Suites hotel on Friday and the awards dinner on Saturday night. The main event of the weekend though was the car show held on Saturday, October 20th at the BMW



Manufacturing Facility in Greer, South Carolina.

The morning had a bite of coolness in the air, but by 10:30 in the morning there were 415 of Europe's finest, representing 30 marques in 54 classes spread out across the lawns surrounding the BMW Zentrum museum. The variety of vehicles present had something for everyone, from a 1914 Brass Era Rolls Royce up to many fine examples of 2012 machinery. One of the major sponsors, BASF, brought along display vehicles including a Chip Foose Design 1957 Mercedes 300 SL Gull Wing Coupe, resplendent in its two tone paint scheme and a Russian Tupolev 007 Cosmonaut Recovery Vehicle. The featured marque for the show was Mercedes Benz. There was also a "Best of the Best" class featuring 8 of the finest examples of previous, multiple time Crowd Pleaser winners from their respective classes.

The BMW crowd was very well represented at the show. There were 49 BMWs entered for judging, ranging from early 2002s and 3.0CSs to a 2013 M5. The BMW marque represented

the third largest turnout of the entire show. s entered were members of the Sandlapper and Tarheel Chapters, there were also cars from Georgia, Virginia, Maryland and other areas of the South. All in all, the BMW contingent was large enough to be divided into five classes for judging.

Dennis Gage was the keynote speaker at the awards banquet held at the Embassy Suites Hotel later that evening. He gave those in attendance an overview of his background, how he got involved with cars in general and as host of the TV show. Dennis



was very approachable and he commented on both the quality of the cars and the friendliness of the people in attendance.

One of the show's sponsors, Hagerty Collector Car Insurance, conducted their "Operation Ignite! Youth Judging" program. This program gave 8 children, ranging in age from 6 to 16 the chance to get up close to collector automobiles. Led by an adult guide through the show, Youth Judges learned the basics of judging while taking a look at selected vehicles, interacting with owners and learning details, facts and the history of each vehicle. This is a great way to introduce the next generation to the car hobby and to ensure the hobby's long-term growth.

The Youth Judges at this year's event presented their award to Ralph Gresens and his 2001 Lamborghini Diablo.

By 3:30 Saturday afternoon, the votes had been counted and the winners were announced. The overall winner for Best of the Best and the Best Fit & Finish Corporate Award was the gorgeous white 1964 Aston Martin DB5 presented by Gary M. Arrowood. The car looked stunning as it drove past the podium to pick up its awards. James Bond would have been proud.

The EURO Auto Festival is a great event to end the summer show season and welcome in fall. BMW Manufacturing was again a gracious host. The facilities are a beautiful backdrop for all of the vehicles on display and their support in putting on this show is invaluable. Barry Harms, event chairman, his staff and all the volunteers put on a great show and everything went off without a hitch. In addition to the car show, they put on plant tours, a reception, the awards banquet and various tech sessions.



I want to thank Wayne Shelnut and Shawn Scott and his team for the photos from the event. Additional photos from the event can be found at <http://www.euroautofestival.com/> and <http://shawncottdesign.com/euro-fest-2012/>.

We are all looking forward to the 2013 event. a great turnout of BMWs and MINIs. If you happen to be in the Upstate area of South Carolina the second week of October or need an excuse to plan a car related vacation, the EURO Auto Festival is a great way to spend the day or the entire weekend. Until next year...

# Happenings

## Autocross

### *Caution: May Be Habit Forming*

The best \$55 you can spend legally - when the Performance Center opens its doors excitement and speed are guaranteed! If you haven't experienced a "Track Day" of any sort, be warned! Taking your car out on some pavement where there are no rules (well a few) and you're able to give your car the thrashing it was meant for is addictive. I might be the first one to start a "Speed Support Group" to help other people inflicted with this "Need For Speed" mentality.



## Kurze Meldungen

### Quick News

### The Proud Winners At The Euro Auto Festival

#### BMW 1:

- 1st Place: 1984 BMW Alpina C12.3, Marc Waller
- 2nd Place: 1972 BMW 2002, Dennis Davis
- 3rd Place: 1972 BMW 2002, Chris Williams

#### BMW 2:

- 1st Place: 1988 BMW 535i, Kenneth Larow III
- 2nd Place: 1993 BMW 325is, Eric E. Sipe
- 3rd Place: 1999 BMW 323i, E. Ryan Cheek

#### BMW 3:

- 1st Place: 1985 BMW M635, Scott Schuett
- 2nd Place: 2000 BMW M5 Touring, Scott Epstein
- 3rd Place: 1988 BMW M5, Adam and Shelley Colvin

#### BMW 4:

- 1st Place: 1972 BMW 3.0CS, Doug Dolan

#### BMW 8:

- 1st Place: 1994 BMW 850 CSI, Ed Lyerly
- 2nd Place: 1994 BMW 850 CSI, George S. Whiteley IV

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# Mini Matters

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

## Mini Makes An Impact... At Euro Auto Fest

In addition to the BMWs entered in the show, there were 15 MINIs entered in two classes. They ranged from a 1960 MINI Cooper to a 2012 MINI Cooper S Coupe. The MINI crowd went above and

beyond by displaying some of their vehicles along with period accessories and picnic setups. There was even the 1965 Austin Cooper S entered in the Best of the Best class presented by Andrew

**The classes and their respective winners in the MINI category are listed below.**

Crowd Pleaser:

1963 MINI 850 Super DeLuxe, Dirk Hardtmann

MINI 1:

1st Place: 1960 MINI Cooper, Lorri Payne

2nd Place: 1975 Austin MINI,

Luther Shields

3rd Place: 1963 MINI 850 Super DeLuxe, Dirk Hardtmann

MINI 3:

1st Place: 2005 MINI Cooper S, Luther Shields

2nd Place: 2004 MINI Cooper S JCW, John and Martha Babinski



## Did You Hear...

### Mini = The Ultimate People Carrier

A team of gym members from East Sussex have today smashed two Guinness World Records™ world records for the number of people inside both a classic Mini and a 2012 MINI.

28 flexible ladies crammed their way into the MINI Hatch at Potters Fields Park, London as part of the eighth annual Guinness World Records day. The team broke their own previous record of 27 people, which they set in Eastbourne last year.



The ladies made full use of every inch of space available in the MINI, including the dashboard, the footwells and they even managed to squeeze four people in the boot.

As soon as they celebrated their first record the ladies dashed off to the ITV studios to attempt the second record live on This Morning, where by squeezing a staggering 23 ladies into a classic Mini, they managed to beat the previous record by two people.



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## BMW CCA Superstar Of The Quarter

Our "BMW CCA Superstar Of The Quarter" goes to Doug Dolan, winner of the Crowd Pleaser award at the Euro Auto Festival this past fall. His car turned heads and sparked interest from BMW fans and non-cool kids alike. A well deserved win for a remarkable car.

We at The Roadster congratulate you and hope to see that beauty pass us at a stop light or two!

1972 BMW 3.0CS



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**Sadly**, there were no submissions this quarter. I'm sure there are some of you out there that are looking to sell something, ANYTHING. Use our fine publication and utilize our circulation base.

Also, remember, if you run a classified ad with us through The Roadster, you also get a prime spot on the Sandlapper BMW website. What a better way to broadcast what you have to sell to the world?

*Members in good standing may submit a classified to [pepitaweed@gmail.com](mailto:pepitaweed@gmail.com) or [webmaster@sandlapperbmw.org](mailto:webmaster@sandlapperbmw.org). Ads run for six months. Please keep them simple.*



# Must Have...

## The Active E

The Active E came storming to the states in very limited release earlier this year. It struck a chord with Earth friendly folks, innovative green people and BMW One Series fans alike. This has been highlighted on numerous occasions in Roundel, the BMW CCA magazine.

Electronuts rejoice, finally an Electric offering from Bavaria. The Active E boasts all the comforts of your standard One Series (except it still doesn't have rear leg room) but with the benefit of being 100% electrically driven.

Turns heads and try to get your hands on one today! Good luck trying though!



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## Bimmer Tip Of The Quarter:

Want to haul some potentially dirty items but don't want to invest in some high end floor mats? No worries, just flip over your existent floor mats to have the rubber side up. This prevents your carpets from soaking up potentially stinky or dirty liquids. Also, and debris will be whisked off easily with a small hand held brush. Much easier than taking your floor mats to the carpet shampooer, don't you think?

Want to contribute to next Issues "Bimmer Tip Of The Quarter"? Contact the editor and share your success stories, failures or stories or tips passed down for generations!



## Newsletter

A few things regarding the newsletter:

Please update your e-mail address with BMW CCA at [www.bmwcca.org](http://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.

Submissions, advertisement inquiries and feedback are always welcome!

## Upcoming Events

Be sure to keep your eyes peeled on our website and Facebook page to stay up to date on all of the upcoming activities. If you have ideas for upcoming events, or would like to see more "Fill In The Blank" contact one of the members of the board and let us know your ideas. We're always looking for exciting new opportunities and perhaps starting new traditions - like a Valentines Day ride or St. Pattys Day car parade.

As always, Autocrosses, Street Survival and Meetings are anticipated in the future.

## Stay in touch!



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### Monthly Meetings

**Columbia Area** - 1st Tuesday of every Month, Grecian Gardens, W. Columbia

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

**Rock Hill Area** - 2nd Thursday of every Month, Nishie G's, Rock Hill

**Upstate Area** - 3rd Monday of every Month, Quaker Steak, Greenville

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