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BMW Car Club of America Sonora Chapter



Bob Napier's 2002 still looks great!

Important notice

Unless you choose to “OPT-IN” to receive a print copy of the newsletter, this is the last one you will receive via USPS mail. The benefits of the digital version are many: it is interactive, it is in color, and we can use full-color without added cost. This format change also will save the club significant money in printing and mailing costs. If you want a print version, it's easy for you to do so from your home computer, and you can even print it out in full-color, that way. To opt-in & have Die Zündkerze mailed to your postal address, please send a written note with your name, member number, and complete address to the club PO box listed on the back cover. Please note that the printed newsletter we send will be a black & white version as usual. Thanks!



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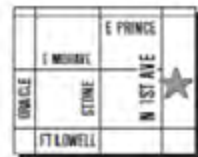
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LOTS AND LOTS OF NEW CHANGES GOING ON WITH THE NEWSLETTER -

STARTING WITH THE PREVIOUS ISSUE, WE HAVE BEGUN A NEW INTERACTIVE FORMAT. Our new digital newsletter allows you to read the digital version just like a paper magazine, and the html format allows for a small file-size with full color. THE PAPER VERSION IS LARGELY DISCONTINUED - be sure to email webmistress@bmwccasonora.com to get on the email list if you are not already receiving club email.

You can take advantage of the interactive format by clicking on any page number/title in the "content" section to the right. In-text links are in red, and clicking linked advertisements will take you to the business website.

***READ THE DALLAS CONGRESS NOTES on Page 11 & THE EDITOR'S NOTES on Page 12 ***
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The FINE PRINT: Editor: Quentin Peterson
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Information is correct at press time (as far as the discerning eye can tell...)

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Lenny Napier
President

As we look back on a busy 2011, I am pleased at the changes we have made to the Sonora Chapter. We added new members throughout the whole year and nearly doubled the amount of activities we had done in the previous year. We also took on designing a new logo for the chapter to comply with new national rules. Thanks to the hard work by several board members we have a great looking new logo; the new logo will also be on all new club apparel and it all looks great. BMW as a whole continues to push the design envelope and we as a club want to keep pushing our chapter to new areas as well. From the great design of our new newsletter and E-newsletter, website, and new apparel, the board has worked very hard to make the changes we hope you are all seeing and appreciating. We have a great list of events that will be taking place in 2012. The next exciting Sonora Chapter event is our Annual Banquet that will be held at the Hilton El Conquistador Resort on March 10. We have planned a fun evening with great food and entertainment that we know all of our members

can enjoy. Make sure to RSVP and mark your calendars for that date and also keep an eye on our calendar for the rest of our great events coming up this year. Your club is also always looking to you, our members, to help shape its future and play bigger roles within the club. It is very important that the club reflects your interests. What's your favorite past time you would like to share with your fellow club members? Are there repairs or modifications you've always wanted to learn about? Is there a great drive that we're all missing that you may have found? Without your input these events may not ever happen, but just speak up to myself or any board member and we will work hard to make it happen. I look forward to having an even better and exciting 2012 in "The Ultimate Driving Machine."



The BMW Car Club of America has set up a forum on the national site for each individual club. Ours is located at <http://www.bmwcca.org/node/2380>

At this time, there are some national events listed as well as national news. I am planning to move the blog there in the near future, and also you will find the newsletter archive there within the next couple months.

By starting with the main site <http://www.bmwcca.org/> you can see events for the whole country as well as news, forums, the Roundel, locate chapters around the country, and visit the Online Forum.

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Prepared by Charles Watson January, 2012 and submitted to BMW CCA National

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Income		Expenses	
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Misc./Other	300.00	Misc./Other	2,313.67
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		Net Income (Loss)	\$1,990.93

Misc./Other Income	
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Misc./Other Expenses	
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Send submissions and story ideas to webmistress@bmwccasonora.com

We have a number of events already scheduled or being planned. Please check the website for more details.
April 21st, 9am tech session at European Auto Tech rsvp to Lenny Napier, lennynapier@hotmail.com or call 342-8446 (refreshments provided)

April 28th The Roadrunner Chapter is driving down to Biosphere 2 from Phoenix. We are meeting them in the parking lot. The event contact is Quentin Peterson. The Biosphere 2 is past Oracle Junction on His cell # is (520)331-3778, or email: bimmermanusa@netscape.net

May 5 Cinco de Mayo social Time and location to be determined and email blasted. rsvp to Lennie Napier, lennynapier@hotmail.com or call 342-8446

May 19 We will be driving to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum and meeting the Roadrunner chapter. Beth Ritterbusch is the contact for this event: rsvp and arrange meeting place and drive details home phone: 795-5667 or email: ritterbb@email.arizona.edu

June 9 10am-? Picnic at Mount Lemmon's Syke's Knob. The chapter will provide soda, waters and Subway fare... Please bring a side-dish or dessert to share, and rsvp to: Patti Thibaut, 906-8116 or email vicepres@bmwccasonora.com

June 9, 5-10pm. Mount Lemmon Sky Center for a night of space exploration and astrophotography with world-renowned astrophotographer Adam Block. Contact Julia Olsen-Peterson, webmistress@bmwccasonora.com for details and to rsvp. There is an admission charge for this event, and you will have to rsvp.

June 23 Titan missile museum. Details and rsvp to Lenny Napier, lennynapier@hotmail.com or call 342-8446

July 14. Join us for a mixer/social at Noble Hops. This is a great time to meet club members and invite BMW

Aug TBD. We are planning a women's tech session in Phoenix at 180 automotive. The owner is host of the "All girls garage" tv show. Find out more about her at <http://180auto.com>

Sept TBD. Road trip with the Roadrunner Chapter through eastern Arizona. We are also planning a side trip to the Very Large Array near Socorro, New Mexico. If you have never been, it's well worth it (these are the telescopes seen in the movie "Contact").

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

For the most recent updates to events, see the [online calendar](http://www.bmwccasonora.com/calendar.htm)
<http://www.bmwccasonora.com/calendar.htm>

- Apr 21 Tech Session at European Auto Tech
- April 28 join the Roadrunner Chapter at Biosphere 2
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo social
- May 19 Boyce Thompson Arboretum drive
- June 9 Mount Lemmon Sky Center
- July 14 Noble Hops
- August TBD Women's Tech Session
- Sept TBD Eastern Arizona Road Trip

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Julia and I got 12 days of road trip packed into her MRoadster, and I'm sure the same applies to a Z3 or Z4. Just be careful if you have a rear window made of glass, because if you do, the plastic support in the trunk has to go into the fully locked-down position for the convertible top to come down. Otherwise, you are driving with the top up, and the trade-off is just a few more cubic inches of space with the support in its up-position.



We got a big camera bag in there too, and more than a few changes of clothes, the dress up stuff went in a garment bag and lay flat over the suitcases below. Then a casual shirt over that to shield the bag. It was a pretty tight fit, but we were comfortable, and could get to stuff as we needed. A little planning goes a long way, because there isn't a lot of room.



This time around on the detailing article, I will be looking at a product that is fairly new on the detailing landscape and one that I am new to as well. Iron X by CarPro is an acid-free, pH-balanced iron remover that decontaminates auto paint and wheels. Iron X prevents the spread of iron-related damage to protect your vehicle from paint system failure. I never thought of having to remove iron particles from the finish of an automobile until doing some reading on this product. The traditional way to get any contaminants off the surface would be to use a heavy wash to remove tar and any other particles. This would be done using Chemical Guys Citrus wash and clear. You could use something like Dawn or some other type of dish soap but that not only strips the bad stuff off the paint but also strips essential compounds of the paint as well. After using Iron X you would move on to using a clay bar to get the surface nice and clean, or so I thought. I have seen Iron X by CarPro used on a surface that had already been prepared and clayed and it was still able to remove a lot of particles that were still embedded in the paint surface. One of the neat things about Iron X is that it turns purple once it bonds and neutralizes the iron particles on the surface, so you can actually watch it work. Not only does the product work wonders on the paint of your car, but it is almost a must on wheels and suspension as well. After a wash with Iron X it is recommended that you follow with a clay bar on the surface and then continue with any paint correction that needs to be done or just wax or seal the paint with a good long lasting sealant or wax. I hope to have some pictures of the product at work here soon along with a demonstration at our next tech session. Our next article will be about another great product.... How would not having to wax your car for the next 2-3 years sound?

As usual, if you have any questions, you can call me at Soul Image Detailing... Lenny Napier

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Lenny, Ashley and Greg came back from BMW CCA Congress with news about newsletters. BMW CCA finally has agreed to allow each chapter to email newsletters instead of printing one for each member. While it once was policy that a chapter must print and mail a newsletter for the membership, a member could have opted out and received an email instead. Now, with the new policy, a member will have to opt in for a newsletter to be mailed.

This will free up significant money for each chapter, and there ought to be significant returns to each member who attends chapter events. All the money the chapter spent getting the printer to generate a newsletter and then having it bulk-mailed can now be used to host really neat events. So if you think your chapter hasn't delivered a return on your membership fee, show up at our next chapter event, and better still, mention an idea you have for your ideal BMW CCA event. We will work with you to make it happen. MEMBERSHIP DOESN'T COST, IT PAYS!!!!

Nationally, the club is holding even at around 68,000 members, but an interesting change has happened to the Sonora Chapter. In the last two years, our retention rate (the number of members that renew/total membership) has gone from near next to last to third place nationally. Thank you for renewing! Lenny said that alone was the highlight of the Congress, but he said that there were plenty of other methods and ideas for building on our strengths.

Lenny also said that the 2013 Oktoberfest will be held in Monterrey, California the week after the Monterrey Historics in mid-August. BMW CCA has already negotiated a great hotel rate out there at the Hyatt, and of course there are lots of great drives between here and there; Laguna Seca is nearby, We will have more as details become available...

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FROM THE EDITOR

This edition of Die Zündkerze is going to be first emailed, in full-color, to the general membership, and then printed in black & white and 'snail'-mailed to everyone on our membership list. This will be the last time our chapter will have to print and mail a newsletter. Printing and mailing is a significant cost, and the board would like to return value to the general membership in other ways than killing trees,

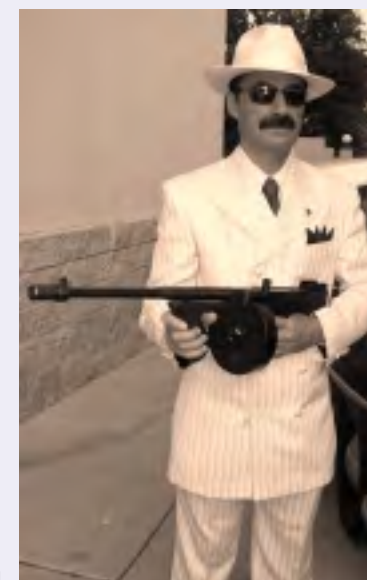
so to speak. BMW CCA no longer requires us to print and mail a newsletter, unless a member specifies that he or she want one; before, the rules were that newsletters had to be mailed out unless a member opted out, and we needed to mail a minimal number to retain bulk-mail status and get the postage savings. Getting a printed newsletter now requires you to "opt-in" by emailing or calling the editor. See page 11...

John Ranney first made his living working for a New Jersey Porsche/Audi dealership. Without getting too specific, he says that he saw how things could be done better, and that was how he came to decide to establish his own repair shop. Mostly, he realized that how the his workers and customers were treated would be the single most important improvement he could offer over his former employer. So, in 1987, John Ranney started his own repair shop in Avenel, New Jersey. He called it Euro-Performance, Inc and dubbed it "Your Alternative to the Dealer". His wife Birgit worked at the time for Continental Airlines, and they enjoyed taking flights out of the cold weather winters to sunny Southern Arizona. John says that everytime they left the New Jersey winter behind and arrived here in Tucson, the difference seemed as if they had left a black & white photo and arrived in a Technicolor scene. So trading in the snow shovels, snow blowers and snow plows, John relocated here in Tucson in 1996, and started European Auto Tech, "Your Alternative to the Dealer". He began as a one-man operation, and the business has grown to eight employees. John says that it's important not to take anything for granted, and that he tries to treat his employees and customers the way he would have liked to have been treated by that dealership back in New Jersey. John and Birgit now live on three-acres near Golder Ranch in a house that John built when he wasn't busy tending the store! They have four cats: three Siamese and one Tabby.



John Ranney supported the first annual Cops & Rodders Car Show at Hi Corbett Field. He got to pose with John Dillinger's Thompson .45 submachine gun.

In addition to studying new troubleshooting and repair techniques, John has also gotten on with Bosch parts; he's now a council member, i.e., an ombudsman, a go-between with customers and Bosch. European Auto Tech is one of ten shops in the country involved in a parts testing program with Bosch. Customers can have certain parts replaced free of charge and are given compensation for it.



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HERE'S HOW

On the web the membership application is located [here](#) or just go to bmwcca.org and find the 'join' button or toll-free phone: (800) 878-9292 ... have your Visa/ Visa/MC ready...



The 2012 dinner held at the Hilton El Conquistador was a great time with friends, good food, music and dancing. Click image for slide show.

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HELLO EVERYBODY ! This is my first of a "semi-regular" section on car and driving related technologies. This month, I will feature a brief discussion of car-related GPS apps for iPhone/iPad and Android. Since most of us depend on our smartphones for so many things beyond the "phone" part, I want to share some of my favorites as well as suggestions for choosign appropriate apps, for your consideration.

For travel, unless you have a GPS equipped car, you absolutely have to have GPS mapping. Yes, you can purchase a dedicated GPS, but most smartphones have integrated GPS as does any iPad with GSM. I know cell carriers would like to charge you a monthly fee for using their mapping service – but it's not necessary! For my use, I like to have a navigation app that minimally will quickly map a route to where i'm going (and preferably alternate routes as well), will give me a time estimate (assuming I go posted speeds) and has voice navigation built in.



A lot of my professional travel involves finding unknown addresses in unfamiliar locations, so when using Android I find Google Navigation to be indispensible – plus, it's free and since Google has developed Android, you probably already have the basic map program. Google Maps is also pre-installed on iPhone, and while both versions meet my minimum specs (above) Google Navigation (still in Beta Version) for Android has more features. However, both versions provide suggestions for various routes show traffic on major streets, and Navigator provides voice navigation. If you go to the Android App store (click the icon at left) and search for GPS you'll come up with a list of possiblities - and most of them have free trial versions.

You can get a free Android download for Google Navigation from the Google website (<http://www.google.com/mobile/navigation/>) and I am hopeful that Google will develop an iOS version of Navigation for iPhone/iPad in the near future! From any phone's browser go to m.google.com for the latest!

An app more comparable to Google Navigator for iPhone/iPad is MotionX Compass for iPad/iPod: this 99-cent app has most of the features of Google Navigator and a built-in compass besides. I really like the interface: you can choose 2D, 3D, and traffic views, plus it will give you either fastest or shortest routes, and it is integrated with a set of features to provide you with nearby restaurants, hospitals, gas stations, points of interest, etc. You have to have the device to access the Apple iOS app store.



If you want more, then depending on your preference, you can go from free to costly: for example, Waze is a free, social GPS app that has real potential for your iPhone/iPad: besides providing an easy to use interface, it uses crowd sourcing so you can benefit from fellow drivers and also share your own data on traffic impediments such as general slowdowns, speed cameras, etc. GPS Essentials is pretty good and has several versions from free to low-cost for Android. A little further up the price scale, Sygic uses TomTom maps, and is available for both Android and iPhone/iPad, but if you want real time traffic and other features, those are by subscription, purchased separately by country. For my purposes, I'll stick with the free and nearly free. But (and this is pretty important in my opinion), look at the user ratings for the current version to help inform your decision.

I'd really like to know any particular topics you might want discussed - just email me at: webmistress@bmwccasonora.com

Happy driving – more next time!

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