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THE NEW INTERACTIVE FORMAT of the digital newsletter will allow you to read the digital version just like a paper magazine, and the html format allows for a small filesize and full color as well so if you are seeing the black and white paper version only, be sure to email webmistress@bmwccasonora.com to get on the email list.

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Lenny Napier
President

Well here we are with our beautiful fall weather going into the winter season. It has been a very active, fun filled year for the club so far. The events have seemed to draw out our members and provide different activities that appeal to all our members. I have enjoyed seeing the change in our club locally and on a national level and it excites me to see how diverse and active our members are and that we share a common bond in our love for our fine Bavarian driving machines. The club hopes to be able to close this year with a bang, with some great events in the coming months. I wanted to also take a second to Thank Michael Famileti GM of BMW of Tucson and his wonderful staff. Several times this year he has been very gracious in opening his doors to the club and working side by side with us to help our membership grow. The level of service at the dealer is great and their hard work has really shown. The event this past month to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the E30 M3 was a lot of fun. We had several great examples of the car from a beautiful low mileage E30 M3 driven by Scott Saylor to a radically customized E30 M3 owned by Jeff Kowalewski. There is a more in-depth story covering this event later in this issue. I also wanted to thank Otis Blank from CarsXHype.com for coming out

and taking some wonderful pictures. If you have a chance at all please check out CarsXHype.com, it's a blog dedicated to cars and other modern hobbies and Otis will be having several of our local members featured on the site along with pictures from several of our events.

As I stated above the coming months should be filled with great events like car shows, Art in the Park in October, the picnic at La Madera Park, a trip to the Tucson Wildlife Center in November and the Ladies Tea Event at the Chantilly Room in December. Please keep an eye on your e-mails for more information on these events.

I look forward to seeing all of our members come out and experience firsthand the very different events we have planned and want to encourage any of our members that would like to help out and keep our club going to please consider volunteering for an event or maybe even running for an office. Remember this club is for you by you and we always welcome any input our great members have. Remember to keep the pedal down, and the engine roaring... until next time...



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 BMW CCA Online Community.

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On September 10, 2011 the BMW CCA Sonora Chapter decided to have an event to honor the 25th anniversary of the E30 M3. With many events planned nationwide we figured it would be a good idea to host one locally. Here is a quick history lesson on the E30 M3 for those that may not be fully aware of its pedigree. The E30 M3 was first introduced in 1986 with a planned run of at least 5000 production units so that BMW could enter touring car racing worldwide. Rules at the time mandated that any touring car be homologated and must have at least 5000 run in production copies of that car. Almost every part of the E30 M3 is specific to the car and was designed to meet one purpose... Winning. It is one of only 3 cars in history to be designed as a racecar first and then made into a production car. BMW M built both cars side by side to make sure that the production version contained all the parts the racecar would need to meet the rule standards. The M3 went on to become the most successful touring racecar of all time, winning 1,436 races worldwide.

In 1987 BMW brought the E30 M3 to America and imported a total 4,996 from 1987-1991. A total of 16,202 cars were produced worldwide from 1986-1991. Michael Famileti GM of BMW of Tucson was very supportive of our club and hosted this event. It was a great way to show the original M3 next to a brand new M3 and how the car has evolved over the past 25 years. We had a total of 3 E30 M3's show up. Scott Saylor brought his beautiful M3 that has only 50,000 original miles on it. It still smelled new on the inside. Our newsletter editor Quentin Peterson was also kind enough to allow me to bring his M3 to the event while he was on vacation. Longtime member Jeff Kowalewski brought his wild custom 1990 M3 out as well. This car is painted Candy Tangerine and has been a part of a very long and intensive customizing project for him. It was great to have 3 M3's there that showed very different parts of their owner's personality while staying true to the car's amazing heritage.

After the event at the dealer a group of about 20 drove up to the Oracle Inn in Oracle for their great German cuisine they have once a month. If you have never been up there to try this I would highly recommend it. They will be having German cuisine twice next month in celebration of Oktoberfest. All in all both of these events were very successful and we look forward to having more events that focus on other classic and current BMW models. I want to thank Michael Famigletti and all of the salesmen at BMW of Tucson for their hospitality, as well as Al Price for his help with the organization of the German Lunch event. Thank you to everyone who brought their cars out to the event for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to seeing more of our members out at these types of events in the future.

There's just a week left before the chapter's tour of Fort Huachuca's historic homes. I've made a lunch reservation for 20 at Sierra Vista's La Casita restaurant—seats are still available—and then we'll head up to the Post.

Here are the details again, followed by new information:

WHAT: A dozen or so of the historic homes on Fort Huachuca, built in the 1880s and now home to the Post's senior commanders, are filled by their residents with holiday decorations and opened to the public for one afternoon. These officers and their families have been stationed all over the world and their decorations reflect their travels and the holiday traditions of many different countries, as well as their own family traditions. In addition, members of B-Troop, 4th US Cavalry (Memorial), and the Tombstone Vigilantes will be there to give the event an 1880s flavor. One of the homes used to be the Post Hospital (our own Mike Hornisher lived there when he was a boy and his father was the Hospital Commander) and is haunted (this has nothing to do with Mike ☒).

WHEN: Sunday, December 4th. We'll start with lunch at 11:30 at the La Casita Restaurant, 465 E. Fry Blvd. in Sierra Vista, then travel up to the Fort at about 1 PM. (Be sure to bring your appetite—the meals are "generous!")

HOW MUCH: Tickets are \$12 at the check-in table on the day of the tour, or, if you live in or near Sierra Vista, tickets are \$10 in advance.

Do we need to make RESERVATIONS? Not for the tour, but I do need to know how many people will be coming to lunch. Please let me know NO LATER THAN Friday, December 2nd, by e-mail to rblampert@cox.net or by phone at 520-378-3607.

ANYTHING ELSE? YES! Remember that the elevation at Fort Huachuca is over 5,000 feet (Tucson is at about 2,200 feet). That means it will be at least 10 degrees cooler there than it will be that day in Tucson, even colder if there's snow on the mountains or if it's windy. Dress accordingly!

NEW #1: Mike Hornisher has offered his office complex in Tucson, 2455 E. Speedway (northwest corner of Speedway and Tucson Blvd.), as a meet-up point, with a departure time of 10 AM. Meet there if you wish, or come directly to Sierra Vista.

NEW #2: You only need a driver's license or other government issued identity card and (for the driver) proof of insurance on the car to get onto Fort Huachuca—civilians are welcome!

NEW #3: Tucson weather forecasters are hinting at the possibility of rain for the weekend. Keep an eye on the weather reports on TV or the web.

NEW #4: DIRECTIONS TO LA CASITA (from Tucson):

- Take I-10 east to Arizona Highway 90, exit 302. (Be aware of the road construction in the area—the interchange is being rebuilt. No significant effect on the trip to Sierra Vista but you'll use the new on-ramp on the way home.)
- Take AZ 90 south to Sierra Vista—29 miles, 3 traffic lights.
- At the third light, continue straight ahead (AZ 90 goes east) for 1.5 miles to the next light—Fry Blvd.
- Turn LEFT onto Fry and continue about ¾ of a mile to La Casita, a one-story pink building on the left. Park on the street east of the restaurant or in the lot behind it.

Ross

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

December 3 - Ladies Tea at the Chantilly Room

December 17 - Hayride through Winter Haven

January 21 - After Holiday Party

Our next major club event after the new year is the annual banquet. This year's event will be held at the new BMW dealership on Saturday January 21

Details to follow- check your email and on the calendar online.

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The Fourth Annual Cops and Rodders Car show was held on October 29 at Hi Corbett Field. What a tremendous event it was. I decided to enter a car myself, for the first time ever in a car show. My Z4 M Roadster faced tough competition in the BMW class, but managed to eke out a 3rd place so I am thrilled!



Kevin and Pat Klingemann's winning 2002



for 24 decks of cards featuring our own members' favorite vehicles. A call went out in early October

pay for out of their own pockets.

The BMW class winners were first place going

on for 3rd place. But no matter if you have a car entered, or just decide to bring the kids out for a walk at the park, the car show was highly attended - I heard estimates of attendance over 12,000.

For the third year the annual Cops and Rodders car show was sold out with a near-record 620 vehicles. I have been to this event only once in the past, as the club but have to say this year's event was just perfect - weather, people & cars. There were 15 cars total in the BMW category, which more than filled our club's promise of 10 cars.



Bill Jaramillo's 1992 850i

In spite of being a show novice I can only highly recommend this show and encourage club members to bring your vehicles out to raise money for an excellent cause while having the opportunity to spend a beautiful day outside.

In addition to our own BMW class of



automobiles, the club has also provided

for pictures, and those who responded should expect to see at least some of their entries not later than the club annual dinner in January.

Both the car show and the cards raise funds to put bullet-proof vests on police officers, which they normally would have to

to Kevin and Patricia Klingemann's 2002. They drove down from Williams AFB to take top prize in the BMW class. Club member Bill Jaramillo's 850i took 2nd, and webmistress Julia Olsen-Peterson's M Roadster held

-----Julia Olsen-Peterson



Julia Olsen-Peterson's 2007 M Roadster

I constantly have clients and other car enthusiasts asking me what the proper maintenance schedule for their cars should be and although this differs slightly from car to car, I've put together a really good one to follow. We will include the following processes: Washing, Claying, Sealing & Polishing the Exterior and Interior Detailing.

Washing is probably the most important and most frequent thing that needs to be done in order to maintain a car's perfect finish. It helps keep the paint clean and free of contamination, but it is also a necessary precedent to claying, polishing and sealing. Along with washing comes drying, and proper drying techniques are also very important to maintaining the finish of the paint. Ideally, washing should be done at least once a week on a pretty regular basis, but I also realize that this may not be realistic for everyone. The ideal interval between car washings will differ from car to car. For example, a person driving a car daily 10 miles to work and back will probably encounter environmental conditions that require washing be done roughly once a week. Whether it's rain, bird droppings, pollen, dirt kicked up from the street, etc, the vehicle will be covered and the paint will be dirty. On the other hand, someone with a weekend car/garage queen will normally take out the car 5 times per month and usually on nice sunny days. This person can easily afford to let the little dust from each drive sit for a few weeks and wash the car roughly 1-2 times per month. No matter how carefully you wash your car or what products you use, the car will eventually start to show tiny swirl marks. These tiny swirl marks can then be removed in the polishing stage. Weekly washing is a great standard to stick with, but be your own judge and wash according to your location, driving pattern and simple necessity. Whatever interval you choose, always use good products and proper washing techniques.

Sealing/Waxing the car and keeping the paint properly protected also allows for a little more flexibility with the washing schedule. For example, if someone washed their car 4-5 days ago and it's been fairly sunny, but now they know it's going to rain for 4-5 days straight, it won't hurt the finish to have some rain fall on it for a few days continuously, especially if it's well protected. A sealed/waxed surface is much easier to clean, requiring much less pressure from the person washing it. It's smooth and slick as well, so dirt, water and other contamination can more easily slide off. As for a sealing schedule, it will depend on your location/environment, meaning that a car sitting outside in the sun while you're at work for 8 hours will definitely need a fresh coat of sealant sooner than a car that is parked inside a garage for those same 8 hours. When using a sealant, such as Chemical Guys Jet Seal 109, I generally recommend that clients come back every 8-10 weeks for a fresh coat. When using a carnauba wax, such as Chemical Guys 50/50 Concourse Wax, clients come back for a fresh coat every 4-5 weeks.

Claying is important because it removes contaminants on the paint surface that might otherwise come lose during washing or drying and cause severe swirling. It should be done whenever necessary and always before polishing to ensure a completely clean surface. You can get away with fully claying a car 1-2 times a year, but if a car is parked outside it can be quickly embedded with contaminants. For these vehicles, I do a Standard Exterior Detail, which includes a light claying to remove the contamination and then a light all-in-one polish (such as Chemical Guys Pro Polish 3n) to remove any light marring that may have been caused by the claying process.

Polishing is necessary to bring paint back to life, especially old and faded paint because at this point the surface paint must be completely removed by the polishing process so the remaining paint can be properly cleaned and maintained. I recommend a Polish Detail for my clients 1-2 times per year. This allows the swirl marks to be removed from the surface paint to keep the car looking its best. Obviously, at some point, the paint will become swirled enough to the point where it requires a re-spray of paint, but regular polishing keeps it in good condition and looking great. Using the right washing and claying techniques also cuts down on the amount of swirl marks that need to be removed, which means less

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FROM THE EDITOR

This edition of dieZündkerze marks a change in the design of the newsletter, and also in the format in which it is sent out. In addition to Quentin who has been the newsletter editor for a number of years, wife and webmistress Julia will be doing much of the newsletter editing in the new digital format. More pages available also means more features - such as the new 'Featured Member' section at right. We anticipate

that as the newsletter has transitioned to an interactive format, it makes more sense for the 'computer geek' to have a greater role in it's presentation. So we hope you enjoy this easy-to-read style and welcome your story suggestions and contributions.

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MEET OUR VERY OWN AUTHOR, SABRINA CONRAD

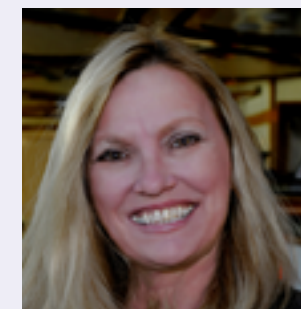
Being a skilled word craftsman (or

word craftswoman), the hardest work to tackle is writing about myself. My pen name is Sabrina Conrad, and I write romance. Most of my novels have paranormal aspects, including ghosts, slipping into the past, and twins who experience each other's emotions.

When my husband and I moved to Tucson four years ago, for Campbell to pursue his desire of returning to Arizona years after graduating from UA, I made a decision to begin a career in writing. I wrote for many years, as a hobby, and published in glossy magazines, and corporate newsletters. My dream was to publish the novel I completed several years prior. After a couple of years traveling, I pulled the unpublished manuscript from under the bed, dusted off the cobwebs, and began to polish my first attempt at becoming a published novelist. Once edited to my satisfaction, I penned two additional novels, and sent submissions to publishers. To my utter delight, all were published, along with a novella and a short story in a Christmas anthology.

My ideas come from a very active imagination, and vivid dreams. When I began writing a novel, I dream in character, and many of my ideas come from actions in my dream state. Oddly enough, when I wake, I recall dreams in detail, and start the process of incorporating the memories into my manuscript. I have two unpublished work-in-processes. Final Redemption is set in Tucson, with no paranormal elements. A young woman stalked in college, is revisited by her stalker's harassment years later. Upset with the renewed invasion into her life, Lindsay begins stalking the stalker. The conclusion is exciting and unusual.

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