

BMW Car Club  
of America  
Sunbelt Chapter



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*The official newsletter of the Sunbelt BMW CCA*



## Winter Happenings



**Winter Tech Day:** The Chapter will be holding our Winter Tech Day in late February or March.

Regrettably specifics were not finalized at the time of printing, so be sure to look for a club email or check the website. Our tech days always include morning coffee and doughnuts, detailing presentations, and maintenance tips for keeping your BMW running strong. As always, there will be plenty of BMWs on hand.

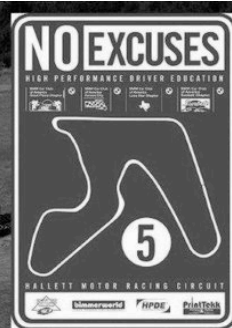
**Open House:** Reliable BMW in Springfield, MO will be holding an open house for the BMW Club on March 16th. Members should look for an email or check the website for final details.



## "NO EXCUSES 5"

One of the most exciting and technical tracks in the Midwest was host to No Excuses 5, our annual HPDE event. Over 45 students tackled ten turns and considerable elevation changes across the 1.8-mile circuit. Our school offered several on-track sessions per day, as well as classroom sessions featuring experienced instructors including a

presentation designed by the great Ross Bentley. Planning has already started for the 2013 event. For more information please visit the event website: [www.noexcusesdrivingschool.com](http://www.noexcusesdrivingschool.com)



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## Membership Corner

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Sunbelt family:

Abbott	Steve	Lawton
Abraham	Philip	Tinker AFB
Andersen	Ryan	Owasso
Ballard	Jonathan	Broken Arrow
Bastianen	Marcus	Broken Arrow
Benzinger	Austin	Tulsa
Butler	Michael	Siloam Springs, AR
Cox	Devin	Edmond
Crosslin	Steve	Tulsa
Davis	George	Edmond
Di Maggio	John	Edmond
Drury	Dana	Norman
Gist	Darien	Oklahoma City
Hamilton	Evan	Arcadia
Hill	Kimberly	Tulsa
Le	Alain	Oklahoma City
May	Jeffery	Tulsa
Mennenga	Nathan	Ardmore
Mitchell	Don	Mustang
Phillips	Bob	Bentonville, AR
Roush	Chris	Edmond
Saxena	Aseem	Oklahoma City
Secrest	Joshua	Choctaw
Smith	Nathaniel	Lawton
Spagna	Lou	Rogers, AR

Teeter	James	Elkins, AR
Titus	Jonathan	Del City
Waters	Ancil	Edmond
Weinstein	Kerry	Edmond
White	John	Tulsa
Wilde	Earl	Hot Springs Village, AR
Wilson	Glenn	Tulsa

Congratulations on joining the CCA, we look forward to seeing you at some upcoming events!

If any member is not receiving emails for upcoming club events, please update your membership information at [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org).

All events are also posted on the Southwest Forum/Oklahoma at [bimmerforums.com](http://bimmerforums.com). The forum posts will be updated real time should any late changes to events occur.



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# *Chapter News*



John "JR" Schneider passed away on December 15, 2012, after a long battle with leukemia. In 1978, JR brought his enthusiasm for BMW's to Oklahoma when he moved from Indiana with his 1967 model 1602, nicknamed "B1," to attend law school at Oklahoma City University. In a short time, JR became a driving force and founding member of the Sunbelt Chapter of BMW CCA, which was formed in 1979, covering Oklahoma and Western Arkansas.

In 1987, through the efforts of JR and others, the Sunbelt Chapter hosted the BMW CCA premier national event of Oktoberfest in Tulsa. The theme for that Oktoberfest was taken from the often recorded "Living on Tulsa Time." The event was very successful and well attended by CCA members from across the USA.

After the Tulsa event, JR was honored by the national club; becoming the volunteer coordinator he organized many subsequent Oktoberfests for BMW CCA over the years, until the event grew so large that the national office decided to make the O'Fest coordinator a full time staff position. He served in many capacities in the Sunbelt Chapter organizing autocrosses and driving schools (often jointly with the Porsche club), tours, an annual car show for charity and, as recently as 2011, serving as the club's President. He was an excellent autocross driver and a wonderful source of information on almost every aspect of BMW repair and car club operations.

His love of BMWs was equaled with his love of automobile racing. Until his illness prevented it, he was a season ticket holder and attended every Indianapolis 500 from the time he was an adolescent. Regardless of the topic or circumstances, JR was always the voice of reason. He never uttered a vile word and demonstrated a calm gentlemanly demeanor at all times. The club and its members have lost a good friend.

**A memorial for JR will be held at Old Germany restaurant,  
Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m.**

For more information on JR please see <http://www.bmwcca.org/node/5051>

## ***Reasons to Renew your Membership***

- BMW CCA members in good standing may be eligible for substantial rebates up to \$1,500 on the purchase or lease of any new or certified pre-owned BMW. Visit [bmwcca.org/vehicle](http://bmwcca.org/vehicle) rebate for more information.
- Roundel Magazine, delivered to your door each month.
- Discounts on BMW parts and service.
- Free CCA decals available from the club office.
- Access to driving schools, HPDE driving events, and autocrosses.
- Local tech days, wine tours, and parties.

### *From our lawyers:*

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## **Sunbelt Chapter Board Meetings**

are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Locations change, so please check the website ([sunbeltbmwcca.org](http://sunbeltbmwcca.org)) prior to the meeting date. Board meetings are open to all members. We encourage anyone to attend to promote ideas & suggestions, or just show up to find out what's going on. We'd love to have you!



## 2013 TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**We will continually update the calendar as events draw closer, but since newsletters only come out every few months, please check the website ([sunbeltbmwcca.org](http://sunbeltbmwcca.org)) for the most up-to-date information on club events.**

### **February**

20- Board Meeting

\*TBD- Tech Day (please look for an email or check website for location and time)

### **March**

16- Open Haus at Reliable BMW in Springfield, MO.

17- Auto-X

20- Board Meeting

### **April**

7- Auto-X

13- AR/Tulsa/OKC, Fun Rally

17- Board Meeting

27- AR Eureka Springs Drive (2002 Fest)

26-28-Flat Out HPDE, Heartland Park, KS

### **May**

5- Auto-X

11- Concours d' Elegance (Jackie Cooper BMW)

18- AR Drive and Lunch

### **June**

15- AR Driving Tour

19- Board Meeting

### **July**

14- Auto-X

17- Board Meeting

20- AR Auto-X

### **August**

10- Wine Tour

11- Auto-X

17- AR Meet & Greet

21- Board Meeting

### **September**

6-8- No Excuses 6 DE, Hallett, OK

18- Board Meeting

22- Auto-X

\*TBD-O Fest Car Show

### **October**

16- Board Meeting

19- AR/OKC/Tulsa Fall Drive (Meet up)

20- Auto-X

### **November**

3- Auto-X

16- AR Overnight Drive

20- Board Meeting

### **December**

8- Holiday Dinner, Old Germany Restaurant, Choctaw, OK

14- AR Holiday Lunch & Meet

18- Board Meeting

Scan anytime for  
up to date  
calendar



# COFFEE & CARS OKC

COFFEE AND CARS IS A MONTHLY GATHERING OF CAR ENTHUSIASTS FROM ALL GENERATIONS, MAKES, AND MODELS. THIS ISN'T A BMW CCA EVENT; HOWEVER WE WOULDN'T BE PROPER GEAR HEADS IF WE DIDN'T NOTIFY OUR MEMBERS OF SUCH A GRAND EVENT. THERE ARE A FEW BMWs THAT SHOW UP EACH MONTH, BUT RIGHT NOW ALMOST EVERY OTHER CAR CLUB IN OKLAHOMA OUTNUMBERS US. LET'S GET THOSE BMW'S CLEANED UP AND OUT TO THIS EVENT! THERE ISN'T ANOTHER CAR EVENT WHERE YOU CAN SEE WOODY WAGONS, ROAD RUNNERS, JEEPS, FERRARIS, NISSANS, AND PORSCHEs ALL IN ONE PLACE. THERE ARE NO ENTRY FEES AND NO TIME DEADLINES, SO SHOW WHEN YOU LIKE AND LEAVE WHEN YOU LIKE. EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DISPLAY A CAR, PLEASE COME VIEW THE HUNDREDS OF CARS THAT SHOW UP EACH MONTH AND CHAT WITH SOME FELLOW BMW OWNERS.



COFFEE AND CARS OKC IS HELD THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 8-11AM AT THE SHOPPING CENTER ON THE SW CORNER OF PENN & MEMORIAL. PLUS, CHECK OUT C&C OKC ON FACEBOOK @ COFFEE AND CARS OKC.

## Oktoberfest All German Car Show

The twenty-third Oktoberfest All German Car show was held in Choctaw, OK, on Saturday, September 8. For the first time, the Mercedes-Benz car club took over the administration of the event. From all aspects they did a fine job.

Many of the usual suspects were present: BMW, MINI, Mercedes-Benz and Volkswagen. The weather was beautiful and, while the cars showed, participants and guests were offered tasty German fare, beer, wine and, whatever your heart desires, as long as it has German panache. There was a nice sampling of BMWs, both old, a 1973 Model 2002, to new, 2011 M3; and several three, five, six, seven and eight series models.

This event is always held in early September. Among the advantages of participating in the car show is that your entry fee of \$10 gets you into Oktoberfest without the \$5 cover charge and you receive a t-shirt, which is a one of a kind design.



Next year the Sunbelt Chapter will again be hosting this event, so plan on shining up your car and join the fun.

# *Holiday Luncheon*

*The Sunbelt Chapter Holiday luncheon was held at Kilkenny's Irish Pub in Tulsa on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The weather was brisk, so the warm atmosphere of the pub was especially inviting. Club members enjoyed good food, laughter, fellowship, and exchanging gifts according to 'Dirty Santa' rules.*



*It was a very pleasant afternoon and a delightful way to start the Christmas holiday.  
Please plan to join us next year!*

# ***Autocross News***

## **2013 Autocross Dates**

March 17<sup>th</sup>

April 7th

May 5th

July 14th

Aug 11th

Sept 22nd

Oct 20th

Nov 3rd



**Autocross** took September 2012 off for the No Excuses event, but returned October 18<sup>th</sup> for our last event of the year. We would like to thank Oklahoma County Sheriff John Whetsel for his support of the club by allowing us to use the training track for the Autocross.

Autocross results are available anytime by following the 2012 Auto X Results from the chapter homepage. Autocross events are held at the Sheriff's Training Facility at NE 36th and Air Depot. Registration starts at 9:00am. If you are new to BMW or autocrossing we urge you to come out and learn some basic car control. Our events are always a "low threat", friendly environment, and our instructors will be happy to get you started. The final schedule is always posted at [sunbeltbmwcca.org](http://sunbeltbmwcca.org). Those interested can contact Bob Ederer at [webmaster@sunbeltbmwcca.org](mailto:webmaster@sunbeltbmwcca.org).

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**THE 2014 4-SERIES COUPE AND CONVERTIBLE WILL BE PICKING UP WHERE THE 3-SERIES LEFT OFF. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF BMW'S NEW NAMING CONVENTION? TELL US**

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