



# Sonnenflecke



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## J. R. Schneider Memorial Winery Tour



On Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, we will re-visit one of the favorite wineries from the past, Tidal School in Drumright, Ok. This winery produces a variety of wines and offers a unique facility in an old school built during the oil boom. They are one of the largest producers in the state and their wines are available at many local retailers, as well as at the winery. So when you find one you like, and I think you will, you will be able to obtain it locally. If you have never attended a wine tasting, or don't know anything about wine, don't be intimidated; this is a great opportunity to learn from some experts. Wineries are truly a unique business, run by folks who have a passion for what they do, and who really enjoy sharing that passion with others.

The winery is located South of Drumright on Highway 16. You can get to Drumright via Route 66 or I-44 toward Stroud. From the West, you can take Highway 99 North out of Stroud to Highway 33, then turn East toward Drumright, then South on 16. From the East you can exit Route 66 or I-44 directly on to Highway 16 close to Bristow. Plan to arrive at the winery between 2:30 and 3:00, and park on the West side so we can group the cars together for pictures and to get reacquainted. Starting about 3:15 we will tour the production facilities downstairs, and then have a sit down wine tasting.

After the tour and tasting we will have a buffet Bistro Meal, with sandwiches, salads and dessert, as well as your choice of a glass of wine from the tasting. Cost for the meal will be \$20 per person (including tax and tip) and we need to know the number who will be attending no later than August 6<sup>th</sup>. If you make a reservation, consider yourself committed to pay for that number of meals. The tour will take place rain or shine.

Send an email to [winetour@sunbeltbmwcca.org](mailto:winetour@sunbeltbmwcca.org) with the number in your party. We will be finished around 5:30, so there should be plenty of time for everybody to get home at a reasonable hour.

Please consider making arrangements for a designated driver so that everyone gets home safely.

You can visit the winery's website at [www.TidalSchool.com](http://www.TidalSchool.com). We encourage everyone to purchase at least one bottle of wine per person, to enjoy later at home, and support a local small business that is going out of their way to assist our club. They will be reserving most of their facility for us for the better part of a Saturday afternoon while providing the tasting at no charge.

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### Special points of interest:

- Winery Tour .....August 10
- Arkansas Meet and Greet ..... August 17
- No Excuses 6 DE, Hallett, OK .....September 6-8
- Choctaw Oktoberfest Car Show .....September 7
- AR/OKC/Tulsa Fall Drive (Meet up) ....October 19

# ***No Excuses HPDE***

Registration is now open for the 2013

No Excuses HPDE.

Hallett Raceway, September 6th-8th

See [www.noexcusesdrivingschool.com](http://www.noexcusesdrivingschool.com)

What is HPDE you may ask? It is ***High Performance Drivers Education***. Yes it is on a racetrack, but it doesn't require a racecar or anything other than a helmet and a desire to improve your driving ability and learn more about your car. Did you notice the announcements on the chapter website and emails for the Flat Out Classic (FOC) at Heartland Park in Topeka? Well that is one of two HPDEs that the Sunbelt Chapter is working to put on this year for our members.

I have participated in our local autocross for several years now, and decided it was time to try something a little different, so I signed up for the one day HPDE, following the Sunbelt run autocross on Saturday. I spent Friday afternoon and Saturday watching cars go by on the track while we were setting up and running the autocross, so by Sunday morning I was more than ready to get out on the track. Prior to the first track session, we attended a short classroom session that emphasized the lessons for the track session. Then I met my instructor "Big Al" who asked about my driving experience and provided instruction tailored to the fact that it was my first track session. His guidance and encouragement during the track sessions helped me to quickly learn the proper line around the track, the braking points, and most importantly how to do it safely. Who knew a track in Kansas could have so much vertical! There were four 25 minute track sessions, and after each session, Al provided additional tips and advice, all in a constructive manner. Then there was another classroom session that built on the previous track and classroom sessions, one period off, and then back out on track. While I wasn't the fastest car on the track, especially the first couple of sessions, I didn't feel pressured to go faster until I was ready, and the "rules" made it a safe environment. Passing is only allowed in designated areas, and after the driver ahead signals that you are cleared to do so, and yes I did pass a few cars.

FOC had the entire hotel next to the track booked for the weekend, and on Friday night the management rolled out the red carpet. Attendees were treated to free hamburgers and all the fixings while folks got to know each other, or in the case of many attendees, reacquainted. Saturday night there was a BBQ at the track, along with a track "walk" (via bus), and a straight line "autocross" for charity. Despite rain and cool weather on Friday and Saturday, I didn't talk to anybody the whole weekend who wasn't thoroughly enjoying themselves. As my first BMWCCA event outside the local chapter, it was a great experience both for the driving opportunity and meeting new friends.



Autocross area at Heartland Park.

## **No Excuses HPDE**

*Continued*

I hope to renew some of those friendships at our next **Sunbelt sponsored HPDE at Hallett raceway, September 6th-8th**, and I encourage you to come out and give it a try. There are still a couple of CCA monthly autocrosses left to use as a warm up before the Hallett HPDE, and yes there is driving instruction there as well. Even if you decide not to participate this time around, you might come over to Hallett during the event and watch the action; just be aware that you will probably end up wishing you were out on the track.

See the September 2012 Roundel for an article about last year's FOC and the TV section of [www.HPT.com](http://www.HPT.com) for videos, including one titled '2012 Flat Out Classic'. Registration is now open for the 2013 No Excuses HPDE. See [www.noexcusesdrivingschool.com](http://www.noexcusesdrivingschool.com) for details and sign up information.

*Article and photos by Steve Jackson*



You can do the HPDE in just about anything; a 328xi might have an advantage on wet pavement.



Track sessions are close, but controlled and safe. This is definitely NOT a passing zone.

Yes, that is a hill in Kansas.

# AutoCross



Our events are always a “low threat”, friendly environment, and our instructors will be happy to get you started.

The final schedule is posted at [sunbeltbmwcca.org](http://sunbeltbmwcca.org).

Those interested can contact Bob Ederer at [webmaster@sunbeltbmwcca.org](mailto:webmaster@sunbeltbmwcca.org).

Unfortunately the July 14th event was postponed due to rain. Our next autocross will be held on August 11th.



A special thanks to Sheriff John Whetsel and the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department for the use of their wonderful facility.

## Our Sponsors

We are grateful to our AutoCross sponsors who have made this season possible by their kind generosity.

### **Allstate Sheet Metal**

*(Commercial Sheet Metal)*

### **HighTecTronics**

*(Commercial Fire Alarms & Security)*

Please support these vendors whenever possible!

## ***Cars and Coffee***

Held the first Saturday of every month at Northpark Mall, 12100 N. May, Oklahoma City, OK 73120  
8:00 to 11:00 am

## ***Reasons to Renew***

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](http://bmwcca.org) for more information.

Roundel Magazine, delivered to your door each month.

Discounts on parts and service.

Free CCA decals available from the club office.

Access to driving schools, driving events, and autocrosses.

15% off Sprint Cellular plans, plus many other travel and shopping discounts.

Local tech days, wine tours, and parties.

## **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!

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## Membership Corner

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John	White	Oklahoma City	OK
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**We would like to welcome these new members to the Sunbelt family.**

**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).**

### 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.**

#### August

- 10- Wine Tour
- 11- Auto-X
- 17- AR Meet & Greet
- 21- Board Meeting

#### September

- 6-8- No Excuses 6 DE, Hallett, OK
- 7- Oktoberfest Car Show
- 18- Board Meeting
- 22- Auto-X

#### 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

#### Volunteers are Always Welcome!

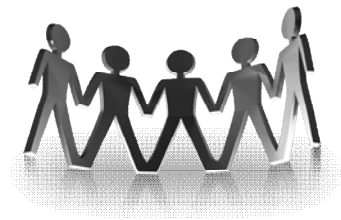
*Want to get involved?*

*Have an idea for an event?*

*Help plan a tour or a drive!*

*Email or call a board member with your suggestions.*

*The more people who stand up and volunteer, the more successful our club becomes.*



Scan anytime for up-to-date calendar information.



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@ Sunbelt Chapter BMW

## Concours d'Elegance

A glorious spring day heralded the second annual Concours d'Elegance at Jackie Cooper BMW in Oklahoma City. Proud BMW owners arrived early to find a choice spot to exhibit their cars. If a marvelous array of models to view were not enough, the management staff at Jackie Cooper served breakfast and lunch while a terrific DJ kept the mood festive with great music. Congratulations to Sherri Butler, winner of the 50/50 raffle. Remember there is no fee to enter your BMW and it is a great opportunity to see, and meet the owners of, some truly special Bimmers. Hope to see you there next year!

### Winners

1984 and Older	Buddy Butler	1981 BMW 745i
1994 to 1985	Rick Kayler	1990 BMW 325ic
2004 to 1995	April Denham	2003 BMW 530i
2005 to Present	Mickelle Buie	2012 BMW series 1
Best of Show	Rick Kayler	1990 BMW 325ic
General Manager's Award	Steve Young	1973 BMW 2002tii



*Rick Kayler, Winner,  
Best of Show .*



Winners Sherri Butler, Mickelle Buie, Buddy Butler, Steve Young, April Denham and Rick Kayler.

*Special thanks to Wade Higgins,  
General Manager and Kimberly  
Fudge, Director of Customer  
Relations, at Jackie Cooper  
BMW for their help in making  
this year's Concours a success!*



Mike Kesting congratulates  
April Denham.



Wade Higgins presents the GM  
Award to Steve Young.

# Leather Care and Refinishing

*Article and photos by Steve Jackson*

There are a large number of leather care products on the market. How well any of them work depends on many factors, but after trying several over the years I finally settled on Leatherique ([www.leatherique.com](http://www.leatherique.com)) for all my cars.

Leatherique recommends you apply Leather Rejuvenator first. This lifts the dirt to the surface so you can remove it using Pristine Clean. If your seats are neglected, it may take several applications to get them soft and supple. Since the oil penetrates best when leather is warm, now is the time of year to start this process. Pay particular attention to areas like the top of the back seat and the outside edges of the seats that are exposed to the sun.

If you have rubbed spots on the bolsters (put your left hand on the outside bolster of the driver's seat when getting in so you hit your hand not the seat to prevent this) or other problems, it may be time for refinishing. Most leather is essentially painted, and as with all finishing operations, surface preparation is critical and time consuming. Part of the preparation process is to wet sand the seats using a prepping agent, which is messy to say the least. The easiest way to do this is to remove the seats from the car and disassemble them so you can get to all of the surfaces.

**WARNING:** Do not turn on the key while the seats are disconnected from the car wiring, or you will have to use a BMW specific SRS scan tool to reset the code.

Read and follow the directions on the Leatherique website, especially the part about temperature and humidity, as well as drying times. Realistically, this takes about a week. The best brush I found for my seats, with mostly narrow pleated areas, was a Hobby Lobby 1" slant tip artists brush, labeled Master's Touch HLSAG10010. The objective is to apply several very light coats. If wet sections of the seat touch, they will stick together, so hold the pleats open, and use a hair dryer, on low, to help speed up the drying process. Periodically check areas that touch for several days.

The Dove Gray seats in my 98 M3 came out exceptionally well, but I will say that the finish is not as durable as the original finish. I have removed the finish when trying to get stains off the seats, however, touch up is fairly easy.

If, like most of us, your car usually has only one occupant, you may be able to balance the wear on the front seats by swapping the covers and cushions. I have done this on my E36 M3 and on an E39, but I don't know if it is possible on other models. This requires further disassembly and probably moving the passenger seat occupancy sensor which may be between the cushion and cover. You could check with a dealer or RealOEM to see if the part number is the same for both of the front seat covers on your car. Not for the faint of heart, and experience in using hog ring pliers and auto upholstery is helpful.





The BMW Car Club of America, Sunbelt Chapter, publishes our financial statement annually.

**SUNBELT CHAPTER BMW CCA, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2012**

BALANCE SHEET	Current Year Ending Dec 31, 2012	Prior Year Ending Dec 31, 2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash in bank accounts	\$2,509.51	\$5,096.56
Inventory	\$50.00	\$50.00
Equipment	\$1,840.00	\$1,800.00
Accounts receivable	\$4,601.48	\$0.00
Prepaid expenses/deposits	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,000.99</b>	<b>\$6,846.56</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Accounts payable	\$44.35	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equity/retained earnings	\$1,579.37	\$4,265.97
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$1,723.72</b>	<b>\$4,265.97</b>

**INCOME STATEMENT**

<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership Dues	\$4,578.38	\$4,065.39
Rebates from National	\$310.00	\$155.00
Advertising revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00
Driving school fees	\$0.00	\$3,194.19
Autocross fees	\$381.00	\$1,411.00
Other event fees	\$0.00	\$574.00
Merchandise sales	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$5.95	\$6.87
Misc./other (list on page 2)	\$288.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,689.33</b>	<b>\$8,408.45</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Newletter costs	\$251.22	\$353.56
Postage	\$399.04	\$479.02
Insurance	\$2,020.00	\$2,720.00
Driving school expenses	\$3,742.00	\$2,075.00
Autocross school expenses	\$103.71	\$0.00
Meeting expenses	\$43.20	\$0.00
Other event expenses	\$1,001.69	\$279.82
Telephone expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc./other (list on page 2)	\$589.52	\$572.18
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$8,160.38</b>	<b>\$8,428.58</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$471.05)</b>	<b>\$(-20.13)</b>

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**MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER**

	Current Year Ending Dec 31, 2012	Current Year Ending Dec 31, 2011
<b>Misc./other income</b>		
Membership purchases	\$288.00	\$0.00
Driving tour dinner	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total misc./other income</b>	<b>\$288.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Misc./other expenses</b>		
Charitable donations	\$100.00	\$434.00
P.O. Box rent	\$73.00	\$59.00
BMW Memberships	\$288.00	\$0.00
AR supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
AR supplies	\$107.83	\$0.00
Tax	\$20.69	\$29.18
<b>Total misc./other expenses</b>	<b>\$688.52</b>	<b>\$622.18</b>

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Rick Kaylor at the 2013 Concours d'Elegance with his *Best of Show* winning 325Ci .

