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The Official Newsletter of the Sunbelt Chapter BMW Club

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## 2nd Annual Sunbelt Chapter BMW Club Concours d'Elegance

May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Jackie Cooper BMW, Edmond OK

Registration: 10:00-11:00

Judging Begins at Noon

Awards at 1:30

All BMW Group Vehicles are Welcome to Enter  
Entry is Free - Spectators Welcome - Food Provided

Trophies will be awarded in the following classes:

Class Winner: 2005 to Present

Class Winner: 2004 to 1995

Class Winner: 1994 to 1985

Class Winner: 1984 & Older

Best of Show

General Manager's Choice



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### Special points of interest:

- Flat Out HPDE in Heartland Park, KS ... April 26-28
- Concours at Jackie Cooper BMW, OKC ... May 11
- Arkansas Show and Shine at Park ... May 18
- Arkansas Driving Tour ... June 15

## Member's Ride

This month's Member Ride section would like to highlight a brand new club member and his search to find the perfect pre-owned BMW. Since age 14, John Bartoli has lusted after the Bavarian make we all know and love.

Forget Ferraris or Porsches; for John it's always been about BMWs. Rather than jump into a BMW right out of college, John went the responsible route, driving conservative Hondas and Toyotas for most of his life. Last May, John sought out Club President Justin Crenshaw for advice. He wanted the perfect enthusiast's E90 335; blue paint, saddle or oyster leather, a manual transmission, and M-sport package were all musts. No easy find in the sea of black, grey, white, (and automatic) cars that make up the BMW used market.

Over time John got frustrated in his search -maybe an E92 would work; this white on red looks nice; could I settle for a 328; maybe 68k miles isn't too much. John and Justin sometimes exchanged 20 texts a day about possible cars. Then, fifteen months after the search started, it ended. John had found the perfect car sitting on a lot in Georgia. The purchase inspection checked out and John put down a deposit. After considering what must have been 100 cars he had come full circle back to his perfect BMW; no compromises.

We haven't mentioned that John did this entire search while deployed with the military. Now he owned a car in Georgia that needed to get to Oklahoma. No problem, it can be shipped? No way, said John, not my new baby! So he flew Darrell Jermain, his friend and neighbor, out to Georgia to retrieve the car. Darrell, a new club member (and recent E46 M3 buyer; welcome Darrell!) was the perfect solution to get the car home safely.

So now John's 335 sits in the darkness of his garage awaiting its new owner's return. As of this writing, John hasn't seen his new car, and we're sure he's rather anxious. That moment when the garage door lifts, revealing the Lemans blue paint glistening in the sun for the first time will likely be one he remembers every time he's behind the wheel.

John, we at the Sunbelt Chapter would like to say welcome home and welcome to the club!



*John's 335 M-sport at a fuel stop during the journey to it's new home.*

## Tech Day at GW & Sons

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, after a cold spring morning at Cars and Coffee, our members arrived at GW & Sons, a certified BMW body shop located at 13417 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Gary Wano, Manager, was our host for the day and we were treated to insights about BMW, Mercedes and Jaguar body fabrication repairs and paint processes. These manufacturers are requiring special welding processes, paint processes and "no corners cut" tear downs in order to certify that your BMW is a "factory equivalent" repair.

As you would expect, you can get it done cheaper but those processes are not approved by BMW, lessen the value of your vehicle and may compromise the integrity (safety) of your vehicle.

The days of cutting and welding in a replacement section just don't apply to new BMWs. Mr. Wano informed us that often a dent in a frame rail will result in complete replacement of that rail or the full uni-body frame! His shop has multiple welding processes, including a welder that replicates the factory spot welds.

GW & Sons paint booths are negative pressure units which are safer for the employees, the environment and, of course, suck away all dust, foreign particles and overspray. The shop is capable of performing almost any repair. As we already knew, to do it right costs a lot of money but ultimately results in value retention for your BMW.

In between the technical stuff there was time to visit old friends and make some new ones. We dined on pizza and iced tea for lunch.

Thank you to all our members who braved the morning cold and attended the Winter Tech Session. You need to dust off your BMW and join us at an upcoming event. Our next major event is the Jackie Cooper BMW Concours set for May 11. Even if you don't enter you can come and enjoy!



*Gary Wano instructing club members*



*Gary Wano and Club Members*



*Club members listen as Gary Wano discusses repair and paint processes.*



## AutoCross

On April 7th, an over-cast morning greeted us at the track, with a possibility for rain in the afternoon. Overall cool and pleasant, it proved to be a great day even with lower than expected attendance from threatening weather.

Our first heat was largely first timers, who, with thanks to our instructors, made huge improvements on their times. First time driver Michael G, in his Z4 M-Coupe held FTD heading into the break between heats.

Heat two was an eclectic mix of "cars", including the Rav 4 of Tom Searls who decided to give his M635 a rest. Heat 2 was also favored by some of the more seasoned drivers who were hoping for higher tire temps in the afternoon. Ultimately a battle broke out between



Brian Menke in his e36 M3 and Paul Davenport driving his NSX for FTD honors. Both driving "dirty", the door was left open for Matt Taylor in his S2000, who was breathing down their necks but couldn't quite keep pace on the last couple runs. Separated at the end of the day by only 1 tenth of a second, Brian captured top honors for the day with FTD.

As always, thanks to all the participants and spectators who come out to our events - especially to those

who volunteer their Sunday's to make our events run smoothly. Our next auto-cross event will be May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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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## ***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/vehicle-rebate](http://bmwcca.org/vehicle-rebate) 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.

## **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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**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).**

### **Volunteers are Always Welcome!**

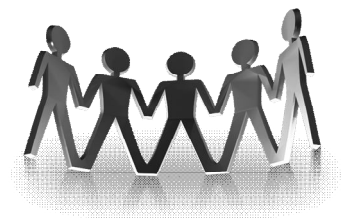
*Want to get involved?*

*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.*



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## 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.

### **April**

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

### **May**

5- Auto-X

11- Concours d' Elegance (Jackie Cooper BMW)

15- Board Meeting

18- AR Drive and Lunch

### **June**

15- AR Driving Tour

19- Board Meeting

### **July**

14- Auto-X

17- Board Meeting

### **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  
information.







## Sunbelt Chapter BMW CCA

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*BMW has confirmed that a 2.0 liter, four cylinder diesel will be sold in the US as the 328d.  
The engine will produce 180 horsepower, 280 lb/ft of torque, and 45 mpg highway.  
Are you on board? Tell us on our Facebook page: Sunbelt BMW CCA*

