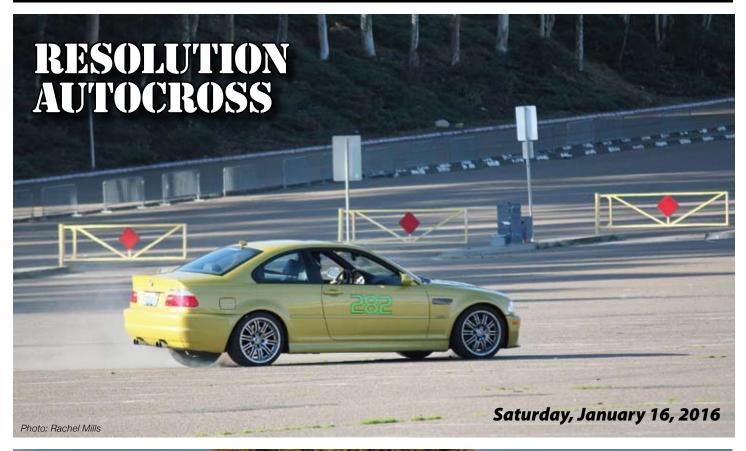








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The President's Column

We have barely started 2016, and we have already completed two autocrosses and an autocross tech session. Our annual Chuckwalla HPDE is happening very soon, and we are getting ready for our first cruise of the year. We have a full slate of events planned for the rest of the year. Autocrosses are scheduled for April and June at Qualcomm, as well as an autocross as part of Bimmerfest in May. We will have our annual clean car contest and charity auction in May for those who like the smell of wax in the morning and auction bargains in the afternoon. August brings the don't-miss celebration of BMW's 100th anniversary in Monterey. Registration for the events opened February 24 at www.celebratebmw. com. The second half of the year will have a full set of autocross events as well as a fall HPDE/Club race at Buttonwillow. We haven't been to Buttonwillow in many years and Anne Littrell has secured great dates for the weekend of October 29-30. In addition to the motorsport activities, we will have our guarterly cruises, tech sessions and social events to keep everybody busy. If there is a club activity that you are interested in, please let me know at sd-president@sdbmwcca.com.

How do you keep up with all the events? We try to communicate in as many ways possible to make sure that we are meeting your needs. The first place to check is the club website at www.sdbmwcca.com, and of course the bi-monthly newsletter that you are reading now. We also send out a monthly email update to all chapter members with upcoming event information. Make sure that you allow sdbmwcca.com through your anti-spam filters so that you don't miss out. We also have a very active Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/sdbmwcca/and our official Facebook brand page is at https://www.facebook.com/SanDiegoBMWCCA. The club's Instagram account is sdbmwcca and Twitter is @sdbmwcca. If you have any questions about the club, shoot an email to info@sdbmwcca.com and either Brett Littoff or I will get back to you.

Our board meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at Giovanni's, 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. We welcome visitors, so come by and see

what we are planning. The formal meeting starts at 6:30, but get there at 5:45 for pizza, soda and conversation with fellow BMW fans. All members and prospective members are welcome. Hope to see you there.



Jim Patterson

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2016 Calendar of Events

March 8

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

March 12-13

San Diego Chapter – High Performance Driving Event, Chuckwalla Raceway

March 20

San Diego Chapter – Foothills to Mountaintop Cruise

April 10

LÅ Chapter – TireRack Teen Street Survival, Auto Club Speedway, Fontana

April 12

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

April 30

San Diego Chapter - Rich Gehring Memorial Spring Fling Autocross, Qualcomm Stadium

May 10

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

May 15

San Diego Chapter – Jack Cavanaugh Clean Car Contest and Charity Auction, Spanish Landing Park. See page 6 for details.

May 28-29

Bimmerfest, Auto Club Speedway, Fontana, CA. Info at bimmerfest.com

June 14

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

June 18

San Diego Chapter – Rug Cunningham Memorial Runoff Autocross, Qualcomm Stadium

San Diego Chapter Monthly Board Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant, 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

5:45 P.M. – Pizza & soft drinks 6:30 P.M. – Board Meeting

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New Club Members Welcome!

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Footbills to Mountaintop Cruise

Our next Club Cruise is going to be a fun Sunday drive, on March 20, that will be having participants traveling from the local foothills to over a mile high and back to a lower elevation. We will be touring through the scenic countryside in San Diego county. A number of the roads that we will traveling on will be twisty – especially up

and down Palomar Mountain – but lots of fun. This should be a great drive for all BMW aficionados. At the end of the cruise we will have lunch at the cafe by Lake Wohlford.

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CHRIS KEEFER

Formerly of La Jolla Independent BMW Service, Chris has been a leading technician in the San Diego BMW community for the last 13 years. Chris started Independent Motorcars in order to continue to deliver a high level of service to his customers and expand those services to the other makes and models his customers have in their garage.



IAY PRZEPADLO

Formerly of La Jolla Independent BMW and Herman Cook VW, Jay has an extensive knowledge of BMW cars and has been factory trained in VW and Audi automobiles during his 15-year career. His main focus is to maintain customer vehicles to a higher-than-factory standard.



KATE CONSTABLE

Kate is a huge car nut which makes her the perfect fit as the Customer Relations Director at Independent Motorcars. Her daily computer feed is jammed with everything from the latest offerings from European auto manufacturers to the latest news and cars from sites like Jalopnik and Bring a Trailer.



ERIK STORER

Formerly of La Jolla Independent BMW, Erik is our resident customer service advocate, in-shop assistant, code enforcer, neat freak and comedian. Erik is the support system of Independent Motorcars in all facets of what we do. Chances are he has picked you up or driven you home without the use of navigation or Google Maps.

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Detail Upgrade



e held our third event at the BMW Performance Center West on January 30, 2016. The BMW Performance Center West (PCW) is located on the grounds of the Thermal Club (www.thethermalclub.com), a private racetrack/club just west of Palm Springs. For car enthusiasts it truly is Disneyland – BMW M cars, lots of smooth asphalt and rides that include brake, throttle and steering. The PCW has dedicated facilities including an air conditioned chalet, a short road course, a wet skid pad, a long dragstrip and an autocross course, and shares the racetrack with the Thermal Club. We would take advantage of all of the facilities during the course of the day.

We started the day with a very nice catered lunch in the chalet. We had from 12-1:00 to eat, chat with other people in the group, shop in the BMW store and check out the cars that the Performance Center had parked outside the chalet. Since we had lovely weather, many people took advantage and dined on the outside tables (not an option later in the year!). The cars on display were a new 750 and an i3, which were on different ends of the BMW model spectrum, but both got a lot of attention from the attendees.

After lunch we had a talk from the chief instructor covering the basics of high performance driving and reminding us of the rules of the event. Some of the more enthusiastic in the crowd were disappointed that M Dynamic mode must remain on, but I didn't find that an onerous restriction. After the briefing, we split up in groups of about 20 to go to 5 different exercises.

The exercises were:

Rat Race on the wet skid pad.

This event started with two cars on opposite sides of the circular skid pad. Once the cars were in position, the instructor gave the "go" signal over the radio and the each car attempted to catch the other. Since the surface has a near-zero coefficient of friction, the chase was done at extremely low speed. The race concluded after 3 laps or if one of the competitors completely spun out. It was great fun getting the tail out and steering with throttle, brakes and occasionally the steering wheel.

Drag Race

We lined up in M5s and X6 Ms for a drag race with a twist. The end

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of the race had a stop box – to win you had to be completely inside the box. The way to win the event was to get in the X6 M for 4-wheel drive traction and then hammer the carbon ceramic brakes to stop in the box. The takeoff performance was impressive, but the brakes were the star of the event. They took hard stops from large cars going quickly all day long without a hint of fade.

Short Course lapping

The short course was set up on the far end of the BMW property. The course was set up with a straight long enough to get decent speed on the way out, and some interesting medium speed corners coming back. There were 5 M3s waiting for the participants and after a slow-speed orientation lap they were spaced out on the track for their 3 lap session. The goal wasn't to catch the person in front but it was fun trying.



The Autocross was short by San Diego standards, times were around 30 seconds. The participants were given one practice run and then two runs for time in M4s. The extra goal on the course was the requirement to stop completely inside the box or suffer a 2 second penalty. While I was there, some good runs were ruined by coming into the stop box too fast. The carbon brakes are amazing but they can't yet defeat the laws of physics.

Lead/Follow Laps on the South Palm Track

The laps on the 1.8 mile South Palm Circuit were in M3s in a lead/follow configuration. The groups of 3-4 cars followed an instructor lead car on a familiarization lap and then 3 hot laps. During the hot laps the drivers



swapped position behind the instructor so that everybody had a chance to drive as quickly as the instructor. Unfortunately, just like real Disneyland, at times the lines were long. Getting in required careful time management and keeping an eye out for an opening.

Our previous events at PCW had been more structured, everyone got equal time at each exercise. That gave everyone a fair amount of time at the disadvantage of making people stay at exercises that they weren't interested in. For January we went with a pick what you like format which resulted in long lines at the more popular





exercises like the lead/follow lapping. For next year, we are going to modify the event to add time, and we will put measures in place to make sure that people get an equal chance to participate in each event.

Jim Patterson



Online Registration will open on February 22

Register Online at http://sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com



Scan and register now!

Come on out to Qualcomm's big west lot on Saturday, April 30, and celebrate a special event with us! The Spring Fling autocross commemorates Rich Gehring, who was the backbone of our Chapter for over 30 years. Rich served on the San Diego Chapter Board of Directors in many different roles, but the role that he is famous for is that of Equipmentmeister. Rich kept all of our autocross and driving school equipment, along with our truck and trailer, in perfect working order for more years than we can remember. He was at every autocross and HPDE, where he would help with setting up and running the event. Rich gave an immeasurable gift to our chapter through his time, generosity, knowledge, and experience. His exceptional kindness and his genuine smile continue to inspire us.

Back in his day, Rich won more than his share of autocross trophies, so celebrate his memory by engaging in one of his favorite events – a fast and fun San Diego Chapter autocross!

We are updating our helmet ratings to Snell 2010 or 2015. If you have Snell 2005, get your new helmet soon as our grace period ends Dec 31, 2016!

Please note: We have new car classifications as shown at right. Please make sure that your car class is up to date in Motorsport Reg, and if you have questions, feel free to email us at autocross-director@sdbmwcca.com.

Remember the sound limit at Qualcomm: all cars must be under a 92db noise level – we'll be checking!

Our sincerest thanks to BMW of El Cajon for their continued support of our Autocross Program!

Newcomers: We've all had a first time and we're all still learning, so relax, have fun, and enjoy your time with us. You will have an instructor take you around the course for one lap in your car showing you turn-in points, braking zones and so on. Your instructor will then ride with you for your next three laps helping you learn the course. In your next session, and the timed runs, you can have an instructor with you as much or as little as you want – whatever makes you comfortable. These events are what you make them; you can push for good lap times and enjoy the friendly competition or you can have more of a social event where running laps is just another part of a fun-filled day.

See the **Autocross Information Page** at http://www.sdbmwcca.com/autocross to get a better idea of how to prepare for this wonderfully addictive sport for your first time.

Note: We do run if it's raining – you'll learn more and your tires will wear less – so if you see some unusual drops of water falling from the sky, grab your raingear and head to the Q! Also, the helmet standard has changed to require Snell 2005 or 2010 ratings. Check yours now to be sure it's up to date – rentals are limited.

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The entry fee is \$65, including breakfast items, lunch, and beverages. You can pay online if you register in advance at http://sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com, or with cash or check if you wait to register onsite. You must be a BMW CCA member to participate, and you can join online at www.bmwcca.org in advance. Please **print and bring your membership confirmation** if you have not yet received your BMW CCA membership card. We check membership of all participants at the gate.

REMEMBER: IF REGISTERED ONLINE, **BRING PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP** AND ARRIVE BY 7:30AM (BEFORE ON-SITE CUT-OFF) TO KEEP YOUR RESERVED SPOT

Gates will open at 6:30am; tech and registration will open at 7:00am. Tech will close at 8:20am and no cars will be inspected or allowed to run after this time. There is a **mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30am** and the course opens for runs at 9:00am.

When you arrive:

- 1. If you registered online, stop at the gate to sign the waiver and notify the Gate Greeter. Your name will be checked off the pre-registration list. All participants must show their BMW CCA membership card. Those who did not register online will receive a numbered card at the gate in their order of arrival; take it to the Registration table. There is no guarantee that spots will be available for those who wait to register the day of the event.
- 2. Empty all loose items from your car, then go through the Tech Line and have your car inspected. Bring your Tech card and you will receive Tech and helmet stickers.
- 3. Take Gate card and Tech card to Registration to get checked off for pre-registration or pay your \$65 entry fee. You will receive car numbers to place on your side windows.
- 4. If you don't have a helmet, you can rent one from the club for \$10.
- 5. Your entry fee of \$65.00 includes one lunch and unlimited beverages. Additional lunches can be purchased at Registration for \$7 each.

Women drivers and Novices are classified based upon the car they are driving. We award a Women's Class trophy to the woman with the fastest time, and two Novice trophies to the two fastest novices. This means women and novices will be eligible for multiple trophies. You are only a novice for the first and second time you autocross, and if you win a novice or class trophy you are no longer a novice.

QUESTIONS? Contact Jim Patterson at: sd-autocross@sdbmwcca.com.

See you at the Q!



Please note car classes:

CAR CLASSIFICATIONS:

- LC ALL BMWs through Model Year 1988; E30s through Model Year 1986; all naturally aspirated 4-cylinder models Stock or Modified
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- NAM ALL naturally aspiriated, non-M BMWs not in Legacy Class Modified
- TS ALL turbocharged BMWs (4-6-8-12 cyl, gas or diesel)
 Stock
- **TM** ALL turbocharged BMWs (4-6-8-12 cyl, gas or diesel) Modified
- MS ALL M cars under 400 factory hp Stock
- MM ALL M cars under 400 factory hp Modified
- MPS ALL M cars over 400 factory hp Stock
- MPM ALL M cars over 400 factory hp Modified
- MC ALL R-class MINI Cooper models (Stock or Modified)
- X ALL non-BMW, or Austin MINI models
- **G** ALL Instructors OR experienced drivers who choose Gold Class *and* drivers running non-DOT tires (i.e. slicks)

*Classification for specific cars is at the discretion of the Autocross Director

ONLY Alterations Permitted in Stock Classes:

- ANY size wheel and tires. Tires must have DOT treadwear rating of 140 or higher
- ANY shock absorber using stock mounting and ANY suspension bushing material
- ANY air filter or air intake AHEAD OF mass airflow meter
- Non-stock software/firmware is permitted on naturally-aspirated engines only
- ANY brake pad material is allowed with Stock-size brake components
- Catalyst-back exhaust systems and strut tower braces are permitted

ANY other alterations move to Modified Classes, including:

- Tires with DOT treadwear rating under 140
- Non-stock springs, coilover suspensions, nonstock anti-roll bars
- Software/firmware alterations to turbocharged/ supercharged engines
- Non-stock mass airflow meters, camshafts, downpipes, removed catalytic converter
- Non-stock-size brake rotors or calipers (stock-size replacements OK in Stock)

How to Be A Better Autocrosser

Novice and experienced autocrossers, along with members who've yet to try out this addicting sport, gathered at Chris Keefer's Independent Motorcars shop on February 12 for an in-depth Tech Session covering many aspects of autocrossing. Chris Keefer graciously provided a catered taco bar for attendees, along with a drawing for novice autocrossers to win a suspension upgrade for their car. Chris and Satakal Khalsa—the Chapter's Equipmentmeister/ cornerworker boss/and sometimes autocross and HPDE instructor—shared a wealth of information, from tire pressure to hand positions, with the crowd; here's Satakal's summary:

I hear it often from car-girls and -guys; they've heard of autocross but don't know where to start. Also, they have serious concerns about autocross hurting their cars or being too expensive because they've read hyperbole on the Internet that a single autocross lead to the destruction of a new set of tires. Chris and I addressed these concerns and dispensed lots of advise in a 90 minute presentation at his shop.

Ideas shared and items worth repeating:

Performance driving and its possible negative effect on your car is similar to sports or exercise and your body:



Yes, driving your car does put it at risk, but sensible maintenance – probably no different than what you're already doing – is all that's necessary to ensure your car drives home just like it drove to the event.

In order to autocross, each car must pass a safety/ tech inspection the morning of the autocross. The most typical reason a car will fail tech is the battery being insufficiently secured. This is frequently an issue with older cars. More information can be found here: http://www.sdbmwcca.com/frequently-asked-questions/



Autocross instructors are a valuable resource and should be used to maximize fun and learning. Riding with an instructor in her car when it's her turn to drive is a great way to help you learn the course better.

The autocross program has a handful of car classes in which you compete for a trophy against similar cars.



Take a look at our rules and modify your car as much or as little as you see fit. Even if you don't autocross a BMW with us, we've got a class for you. Check them out at http://www.sdbmwcca.com/carclasses/

Tires are the only part of your car that touches the ground and are key to your car's performance. I recommend an article authored by professional racer Billy Johnson titled, "How to PROPERLY Select and Size TIRES for PERFORMANCE." From

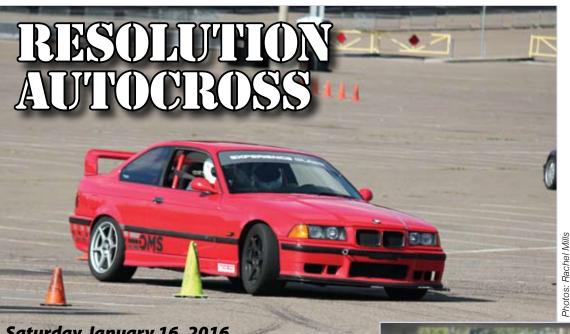
this article, I've adopted Billy's rule of thumb: "For ideal handling: when sizing a tire for a given wheel, I usually target a tire's TREAD width to be as wide as the WHEEL width, or 0.5" narrower than the wheel width." Tread width is a standardized measure you can find for all tires sizes at TireRack.com

We were pleased with the turnout of 40+ attendees. I'm guessing we had about a dozen who had never autocrossed with us and about a dozen more who had done 5 or less. If you or anyone you know is interested in autocrossing, feel free to show up to an event and introduce yourself. Spectating is free as are rides with an instructor.

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Lucky drawing winner Sean Nesbitt (L) with Independent Motorcars owner Chris Keefer.





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G - Gold Class

Brian G.	2007	Miata	91.529
Emilio C.	2016	MX5	92.187
Peter E.	2013	M3	95.191
Mark F.	1998	M3	97.474
Andrew S.	2003	S2000	97.674
Sean T.	1992	Miata	98.646
Satakal K.	2000	323i	99.696
William W.	2003	S2000	100.861
LC – Legacy			
Nicolas B.	1986	325E	97.303

NAM – Naturally Aspirated Modified

1992

1992

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Jason W.	1999	328is	101.649
Alex Z.	2004	330ci	105.423
Cole R.	1989	325is	111.716

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NAS – Naturally Aspirated Stock

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Harry W.	2000	Z3-2.8	102.386		
Brett C.	2006	650i	105.104		
Dee R.	2008	328i	106.354		
Nader E.	2015	328i	107.31		
Ramze B.	1990	325is	108.505		
Thejusvi G.	2003	540i	110.948		
Robert S.	2002	328CI	119.022		



MS – M Car Stock

Shawn F.	2011	1M	97.712
Jack R.	1999	M3	101.314
Steve Y.	1995	M3	103.888
Sidney C.	2004	M3	104.822
Benjamin P.	2002	M Roadster	113.251

MM – M Car Modified

Lisa G. 1995 M3 99.235 Fastest Woman! AJ Y. 1999 m3 100.386 Ryan M. 2002 M3 103.157

MPM - M Modified Over 400 Stock HP

Rob J. 2013 M3 100.562 Carlos A. 2015 M3 101.943 Novice 1st

MPS-M MStock Over 400 Stock HP

Arman C. 2013 F10 M5 100.483 Stephen H. 2011 M3 100.995

MC - Mini Cooper

Karl L. 2006 Cooper S 104.019

TM - 6/8/12 Turbo Modified

Rob W. 2014 M235i 96.813 Fastest BMW!

TS – 6/8/12 Cylinder Turbo-Stock

Tiffany A.	2015	M235i	100.682	
Matt H.	2011	135i	103.385	
Kristen A.	2016	750ix	103.598	
Gian R.	2009	135i	107.05	No
Kurt M.	2010	535i	108.997	
lasmine F	2015	328i	114 129	

Novice 2nd







X - Non-BMW

Robert J.	2012	MX-5	95.636
Jamie A.	1992	miata	95.825
Mike A.	2015	GT3	95.978
Marc L.	2015	C7 Stingray	96.295
Robert D.	2009	Corvette Z06	96.738
Jack B.	2003	Lancer Evo	96.846
Keith L.	2008	Exige S 240	97.173
Murat E.	2004	S2000	97.234
Justin M.	2006	WRX STI	97.67
Patrick D.	2012	TT	98.371
Luis R.	2006	Exige	98.425
Andreas K.	2006	Exige	98.625
Charles G.	1970	911	99.225
Jim A.	2013	FRS	99.342
Donald A.	1990	964	100.337
Jacey C.	2002	miata	100.563
Michael B.	2016	Mustang GT	102.218
Daniel R.	2007	RX-8	102.475
Jason L.	2000	Focus ZX3	102.68
Brian B.	1993	Miata	102.808
Alan L.	2007	RX-8	103.356
Saiyed A.	2007	GT3	103.709
Rachel M.	1999	miata	104.461
Mason N.	1999	Miata	105.526
Jacob D.	2005	Altima 3.5SE	105.841
Patrick R.	1999	Miata	106.153
Mark B.	2007	RX-8	106.486
Mitch F.	1991	miata	109.744
Karen C.	2007	RX-8	115.035

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The Future through the Eyes of 1985

I had the pleasure of being able to sit in a new 7 series a few months ago and take in all of the new technology and innovations that it offers, at a price just south of six figures. It is truly an amazing piece of craftsmanship, from the feel of the materials to the integration of the infotainment buttons/screens. I did the obligatory button push/door slam/seat space tests and came away thoroughly impressed at what BMW has been able to do to the 7 series in the last thirty plus years.

For those that are unfamiliar, the 7 series was first offered in 1977 as BMW's first real attempt at going after the upper crust of sedan segment. Known as the e23, it was followed by the e32, e38, e65/66/67, F01/02/03, and the current G12. The e23 was the first BMW with a drivers-side airbag, ABS brakes, fuel/trip computer, and a service interval system that calculated mileage/RPM/driving style to determine when and what service was needed/how much less the owners wallet would weigh after leaving the service bay. I currently own the final version, which today would be referred to as the Life Cycle Impulse(LCI) version of the e23(1983-86/early 87).

A little over 3 years ago, I flew up to the Bay Area and picked up a two-owner 1985 735i with the ultra-rare Getrag 265 5 speed manual transmission. As a father with a daughter who loves ballet, I decided that this was the closest that I would get to Euro Delivery for the next decade. The trip back to San Diego was trouble free, save for a known leaky clutch slave cylinder that I had to occasionally feed with a splash of brake fluid. The feel of the steering, smell of the leather, sound of the M30 straight six and touch of the real wood put

big smile on my face the whole way home. Why did I pick this car – you might ask – given the plethora of models available for under \$3k that are faster, lighter, less complex, and more fuel efficient? The answer is because I am still reaping the benefits of buying a car that was on the technological cusp of innovation three decades ago. It offers a lot of what the new 7 does today, in a 1985 package. This includes room for the family, long haul comfort, unprecedented safety and



handling while allowing me to enjoy the BMW ownership experience for less than the tax on a CPO 1 series.

I hope that the new owners of 2016 7 series models take the time to really get to know their new rides and appreciate all of the technology that they offer. When you own a car that is on the cutting edge, it has the potential to feel new longer and consequently take a longer time to feel out of date. After thirty years, my car is definitely old, occasionally cranky, and its owner is dreading the next smog test, but on the whole I am happy to be driving a rare piece of BMW history. It is my hope that the second and third-plus owners of the new 7 will be able to appreciate 2016 tech in 2046.





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RESULTS

LC – Legacy Nicolas B. 2015 325ES 80.946 Michael D. 2015 81.834 Novice 1st 325ES Todd S. 318TI 82.768 Theodore S. 2015 318TI 83.019 Chris K. 2015 318is 89.293 Magdalena P. 2015 318is 98.907

MC - Mini Cooper

Cooper S 84.949 JCW 88.891 Karl L. 2015 William P. 2015

MM - M Car Modified

Jonathan K.	2015	M3	81.576
Steve Y.	2015	M3	82.068
Lisa G.	2015	M3	82.118
David R.	2015	M3	82.212
Alfred R.	2015	M3	82.832
Steve P.	2015	m coupe	83.438
Evan F.	2015	M3	84.772
Sal A B.	2015	M3	85.106
AJ Y.	2015	m3	87.421
Sal J B.	2015	M3	88.776
Katelin G.	2015	M3	92.03

MS - M Car Stock

Shawn F.	2015	1M	81.474
Jack R.	2015	M3	82.391
Jason W.	2015	M3	83.434
Henry L.	2015	M3	85.026
Todd U.	2015	M3	85.957
Wilson L.	2015	M3	88.108
Sidnev C.	2015	M3	89.23

TM - 6/8/12 Turbo Modified

Rob W.	2015	M235i	80.977	
Scott S.	2015	135i	84.041	
Darvll H.	2015	335i	84.467	

TS - 6/8/12 Cylinder Turbo-Stock

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Clint B.	2015	M235i	81.701
John C.	2015	328i	83.893
James C.	2015	328i	87.1
Roberto R.	2015	335is	87.917
Tom G	2015	135i	91 348







G – Gold Class

Sean T.	2015	miata	78.008
Brian G.	2015	miata	78.419
lan A.	2015	325i	78.684
William W.	2015	miata	79.776
Nick O.	2015	miata	80.59
Greg D.	2015	328i	81.031
Mark F.	2015	M3	81.638
Satakal K.	2015	miata	82.188







MPM - M Modified Over 400 Stock HP

Ken S.	2015	M4	81.657
Rob J.	2015	M3	83.539
Jodie S.	2015	M4	85.23

MPS- M MStock Over 400 Stock HP

Matthew W.	2015	F80 M3	79.457	Fastest BMW!
Zaven G.	2015	M3	82.691	
Vinh L.	2015	M3	86.479	
Ludovico V.	2015	M4	86.767	
Jan G.	2015	M3	88.893	
Hannah C.	2015	M3	94.18	

NAM - Naturally Aspirated Modified

Peter B.	2015	325i	83.435
Jason W.	2015	328is	84.435
Ryan W.	2015	327is	89.7
Jeffrey G.	2015	325Ci	91.734
Michael S.	2015	330ci	94.189

NAS – Naturally Aspirated Stock

Austin V.	2015	530i	82.659	Novice 2nd
Harry W.	2015	Z3-2.8	85.878	
Hans V.	2015	328i	85.938	
David V.	2015	530i	87.828	
Mike C.	2015	Z3	88.596	
Diane C.	2015	Z3	97.605	





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X - Non-BMW					
Mike A.	2015	GT3	77.166		
Robert J.	2015	MX-5	78.438		
Mathieu H.	2015	Miata	80.035		
Jamie A.	2015	miata	80.416		
Paul S.	2015	S2000	81.327		
Keith L.	2015	Exige S 240	81.467		
Ed P.	2015	rx7	81.959		
Rick E.	2015	MR2	82.206		
Scott S.	2015	S2000	82.239		
Patrick D.	2015	TT	82.406		
Andreas K.	2015	Exige	82.882		
Rachel M.	2015		83.075		
Luis R.	2015	Exige	83.131		
Travis H.	2015	Tacoma	84.055		
Anthony S.	2015	Z06	84.628		
Christian D.	2015	4c	85.069		
Mark B.	2015	RX-8	85.357		
David R.	2015	C5 Z06	86.779		
Fred C.	2015	Miata	87.041		
Daniel R.	2015	RX-8	87.159		
Saiyed A.	2015	GT3	87.241		
Jojo G.	2015	miata	87.759		
Alan L.	2015	RX-8	88.397		
Patrick R.	2015	Miata	89.596		
Susana S.	2015	Sti	90.592		
Jim A.	2015	FRS	91.72		
Lori S.	2015	miata	92.334		
Mike D.	2015	FR-S	92.383		
Dylan C.	2015	Miata	94.449		
Karen C.	2015	RX-8	97.076		





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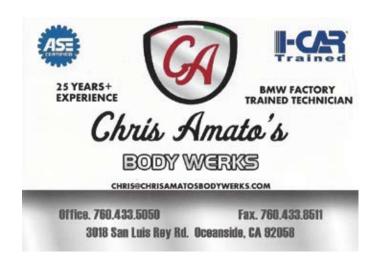
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