



## And the sun sets on another successful High Performance Driving Event...



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**Our club has lost a treasure. IN MEMORIAM: Rich Gehring**

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## The President's Column

I recently returned from the yearly BMW CCA Chapter Congress, which is a meeting with the national club leadership as well as representatives from every chapter (detailed article later in the issue). I was once again reminded of how lucky we are as a chapter. We have the great San Diego climate and fun places to take our cars to play – whether that is the Qualcomm Stadium parking lot or the backroads of the county. That said, our biggest resource is our membership. We have a group of enthusiastic volunteers that work well together to put on fun and exciting events on a consistent basis. We have already had our first Autocross, a karting event, a meet and greet, a pre-driving school tech session, our annual driving school/club race and a Tire Rack Teen Street Survival School and it isn't even May! The board members and volunteers we have make my job as president easy, and I will confess to boasting a bit at the Chapter Congress about how we do things in San Diego.

If you like to do long term planning, the club has big plans for 2016 which is BMW's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. BMW will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Germany and Monterey. The club will have our 2016 O'fest in Monterey to coincide with the BMW events. Keep your calendar open for the middle of August next year – you won't want to miss out.

Starting with the July/August 2015 issue of *Fahren Affairs*, you will have the option of choosing an electronic-copy-only newsletter delivery. This is completely optional; we will continue to produce paper newsletters for members who want them. If you want to change your delivery to electronic, you need to log in to the national website to make the change. Detailed instructions are later in this edition. If you have any questions about the Newsletter, feel free to contact me at [sd-president@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:sd-president@sdbmwcca.com) or Andrew at [sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com).

Our board meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at Giovanni's, 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. We welcome visitors, 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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Please send us your stories, tech. tips, photos, etc. We welcome and encourage any material you think would be informative or interesting to other members. All information should be submitted to the editor directly by e-mail to [sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com). The deadline for submitting information to the editor is the 15th of even months.



# 2015 Calendar of Events

## May 3

San Diego Chapter – Tech Session at 5 Point Auto Detail, new location in Kearny Mesa

## May 9

San Diego Chapter – Autocross, Qualcomm Stadium

## May 12

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting

## May 17

San Diego Chapter – Jack Cavanaugh Clean Car Show & Charity Auction, Spanish Landing Park

## May 16

San Diego Chapter – HRE Experience. See website for information.

## May 23

Bimmerfest 2015 at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana. See Bimmerfest website-[bimmerfest.com](http://bimmerfest.com)-for details

## May 24

San Diego Chapter – Vista Strawberry Festival, 8:30-3:30. We are planning to host a BMW display area. Check website for details as event nears.

## June 13

BMW CCA Members-only 2-day M School at BMW Performance Center West, Thermal Club Raceway near Palm Springs. See chapter website for more info.

## June 18

San Diego Chapter – Car Corral at Charlies Foreign Auto, downtown Encinitas.

## June 27

San Diego Chapter – 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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## Encinitas Classic Car Nights June 18th 5:30-7:30 PM

Charlies Foreign Cars will host the BMW club with a special Corral on June 18th from 5:30 to 7:30 at their lot at F Street and 101 in downtown Encinitas. Charlies will provide beer, wine and brats for club members. The lot has enough space for 25 BMWs, so dust off your classic BMW and come spend the evening with BMW fans. See the event website for more details: <http://www.encinitas101.com/events/rods-woodies-classic-car-show/>

## New Club Members Welcome!

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## In Memoriam

# Rich Gehring

Just prior to this newsletter going to print we heard the sad news that Rich Gehring passed away. Rich was a member of the club for over 30 years and served on the board of directors for most of that time. He was a past President and most recently Equipmentmeister for our truck and trailer. Rich was the recipient of the first Volunteer of the Year award and would have won it every year if the rules allowed. He was always there for the club and the members giving his time and skills to help make the club better. Rich will be greatly missed by his friends and family, both inside and outside the BMW club.

The next issue of *Fahren Affairs* will have a tribute to Rich and his legacy of service to the club.



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We will be enabling electronic delivery starting with the July/August 2015 issue. If you are already signed up for electronic delivery, you will receive an introductory email to let you know that you won't be getting a paper newsletter starting in July.

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On Sunday, April 12, club members and guests met at the Target storefront in El Cajon for a tour of San Diego's back county roads. There were 80 people, two dogs, and around 40 autos. Most of the cars were BMW but there were a few other nameplates. We were also honored to have several members from the Southern California Z Club with us.

Our run started around 10:30am after the group had signed up and socialized. We ran into some traffic on a couple of roads because of church services and a casino location. Two of the most challenging roads were Mountain View from La Cresta to Harbison Canyon and Highland Valley with their numerous quick twists and turns.

We arrived at Smokey's Lake Wohlford Cafe just as the last part of a motorcycle club from Orange County was leaving. All of us gathered for a great lunch filled with lots of car talk.

Our next cruise is scheduled for July but check our Club's newsletter and website for details.

*Jim Lloyd*







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The event details are still being decided, see the website [www.sdbmwcca.com](http://www.sdbmwcca.com) or Facebook group, [www.facebook.com/sdbmwcca](http://www.facebook.com/sdbmwcca) for latest information and details on how to sign up.

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### BRANDI ROENICK

Former Olympic level Equestrian with a Dressage career throughout the United State and Europe. Brandi has gotten out of the saddle and into the driver's seat as Independent Motorcars Customer Relations Director.



### JAY 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.



### 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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# 2015 BMW CCA Chapter Congress

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The BMW club national office convenes a variety of meetings with chapter representatives to discuss various topics of concern to the club. This year the Chapter Congress was a lovely weekend in a Dallas airport hotel. Each chapter sent at least two representatives; we sent Don Duncan, Jonathan King, Paul Silver, and myself. The chapter meetings have two goals, the first is to understand where the club is going and the second is to get ideas from representatives from other chapters. On both fronts we had a successful meet.

The weekend began with the BMW club's annual meeting. Steve Johnson, member of the San Diego chapter and former VP, took over as president. We had a very nice tribute for Bruce Hazzard, the outgoing president, for his 12 years of service on the board.

A big focus of the meeting was membership growth and retention. The key to retention is for members to feel connected to the club. One way to do that is to increase communication throughout the year, not just at renewal time. We'll be looking at more ways to engage our members and expand our communication through a variety of means. We also need to look at the types of events we put on with a goal of engaging more of our membership in fun activities.

The club will begin a national recognition program this year with individual, Chapter, BMW center, and independent shop awards. The nomination process will open in April and close January 31 of the following year. The awards will be presented at the annual chapter congress. We will publicize the nomination process as soon as it is released.

The member strategy committee has been working since the 2014 Chapter Congress to come up with ideas to improve the club. The first idea discussed was online

event waivers that would streamline the waiver process and make it easier to retain the waivers for the mandated 7 years. We are looking into faster insurance requests so that arranging a driving event can be done without needing several weeks to request insurance. The most interesting idea was to combine the chapter newsletters into a single regional newsletter that would be mailed with Roundel. We will be participating in the pilot project with other Pacific chapters. Once we see how the regional newsletter works we will have to carefully consider our options for publishing our chapter newsletter. We will continue to publish our current newsletter for the rest of this year while the regional pilot takes place.

We saw a presentation by the BMW CCA Foundation about the state of the Teen Street Survival program. Our very own Gordon Anderson was named in the first group volunteer recognition awards for his pioneering work on getting the Street Survival program started. The Foundation is planning on 110+ schools this year

For those of you who like to plan ahead, Oktoberfest will be in Monterey in 2016. BMW's centennial will be celebrated in Monterey so we expect a lot of manufacturer participation to include factory racecars.

That covers the club's status, for getting ideas from the other chapters Jonathan and Paul did a great job talking to other chapter leaders and came back to the board with fresh ideas. As a teaser, we talked about doing more informal car shows, adding different social events on different days of the week, movie nights, tech sessions to work on members' cars, and more. Stay tuned in the coming months to see what we come up with.

*Jim Patterson*





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I want to particularly thank all of the instructors who came out and worked extremely hard to ensure a successful event. As usual, the success of these events is dependent upon volunteers. I really want to thank my staff for all their hard work and dedication. Dan Tackett orchestrated the instructor core, while Matthew Kogan took care of the Club Racers. Our stalwart chief steward Kelly Sakata-Moon was ably assisted by Nate Risch. Rich Gehring took care of the trailer and



Photos: Lisa Goehring

equipment. Seth Hanson handled track set up and tear down. Satakal Khalsa and Sonia Minassian worked the Friday and Saturday registration. Our Michigan snow bird Lindsay Draime assisted with the delivery and distribution of the lunches. And to Andre and



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*Anne Littrell - BMW CCA San Diego Driving Events*



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***Will it be you?***

Please note: We have new car classifications as shown at right. Please update Motorsport Reg with your new car class and if you have questions, feel free to email us at [autocross-director@sdbmwcca.com](mailto: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.**

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](http://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.



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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](mailto:sd-autocross@sdbmwcca.com).

See you at the Q!



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*\*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
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- Non-stock software/firmware is permitted on naturally-aspirated engines only
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- 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, non-stock 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)

# The Texas Trifecta

**3 Chapters, 3 days,  
and over 3 miles of a  
world-class racetrack**

*By: Dan Tackett*



Photos: Dan Tackett

**M**ost Chapter members have heard about our annual Driving School at Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, and several have driven with us on that oasis of apexes in the desert. It's the closest public racetrack to San Diego, and its 17 turns provide an excellent venue for safely exploring high-performance driving skills.

Two weeks after Chuckwalla, I was instructing on another racetrack. The Circuit of the Americas in Austin is a world-class facility and host of the Formula 1 US Grand Prix. And it is amazing: 3.4 miles of very wide, glass-smooth asphalt with no pavement seams, both natural and man-made elevation changes, a tricky series of esses designed to mimic the challenges of the Silverstone (UK) and Suzuka (Japan) Formula 1 tracks, a high-speed 4-apex turn that rewards throttle steering, and

a straightaway a full kilometer (.62 miles) long! While Chuckwalla is great for new track drivers because it features lots of runoff areas into the desert, at CotA, the wide runoff areas are paved! And painted, in red, white and blue. The infield even contains a 150 foot tall observation tower (with a see-through floor) surrounded by an amphitheater for music and cultural events. Rumors say that nearly \$500 million was spent to build CotA... I believe it.



I heard about the BMW CCA Texas Trifecta event after Pete Engels and Matthew Kogan flew there and rented 328s last year. Several new M cars and others have been introduced to the press at CotA, so my personal bucket list grew by one more event. This year, five San Diegans made the trip: myself (E46 M3), Kevin Perdriere (E46 M3), Mark Livesay (M4) and Zeke Wooley (Z3 M Coupe) all drove out, while Bob Manion flew to Austin and rented a new M5 (you read that right!). The drive is over 1,300 miles of featureless desert, but at least



the Texas speed limit is 80 mph (the half-way point is El Paso - already in Texas!) and I was prepared with lots of music and dried fruit snacks.

The HPDE included about 250 driving Students and 75 Instructors, as well as a strong field from BMW CCA Club Racing. Entry fees are expensive, because the track costs over \$50K per day to rent. The Lone Star (Dallas), Houston, and Tejas (Austin and San Antonio) Chapters combine to organize and staff this large-scale event. The facility is

I have no illusions about being at that level. The signature Turn 1, at the top of the steep "Fill Hill" (built up with dirt excavated around the rest of the track) has a blind apex, but it wasn't too intimidating. The long straightaway was good for 140 mph in my car, but the real task there is to find a braking point. The esses are all different and closely linked, requiring some left-foot braking and a careful line where the radius decreases. That took the longest to dial in, along with Turn 19, which is much faster than it looks. There are few visual references on such an expansive track, and no pavement seams to guide your line. Getting the nuance and pace right took a while, but it was so rewarding and well worth the trip. Some might think



first-rate, as expected, including the Instructor meeting room in the press building. I was lucky to share in renting a garage space, because we had rain on Friday afternoon and much of Saturday. Hmmm... I wonder which F1 team had used the garage that I parked in? I'm used to the behind-the-scenes challenges of organizing events, and they did a good job, though there was some vagueness about passing and Instructor responsibilities. They kept to their schedule precisely, despite the weather and fitting several races in over the weekend.

So what's it like to drive the Circuit of the Americas? Very challenging at first, especially when you're instructing Students. This layout was designed to test the skills of the best drivers in the world, and



we were crazy to drive for two days on the highway so we could drive for 3 days on a racetrack, just to drive two days home again, but not anyone in this Club. Right? And now I'll understand the track better when I'm on the other side of the fence for Formula 1 in October.

## **BMW CCA San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2015**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:24 pm.

### **Board Members Present:**

Jim Patterson, Brett Litoff, Don Duncan, Paul Silver, Kim Schwarz, Anne Littrell, Rich Gehring, Andrew Golseth, Ryan Moore, Dennis Damon, Thejusvi Ganesh, Lisa Goehring, Jim Lloyd, Brandon Watson, Jonathan King

### **Members Present:**

Peter Engels, Andre Pantic, Tony Montisano, Steve Robbins, Lindsay Draime, Satakal Khalsa, Chris Keefer, Jim Binford, Jon Bundy, Peter Winokur, Dan Tackett, Seth Hanson, Nick Owen, Rachel Mills, Ramze Beydoun, Connie Patterson

### **Secretary's Report – Paul Silver**

The January 2015 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Membership Report – Brett Litoff**

We have 31 new members, 62 renewing, and 22 lapsed, for a total of 1626 members.

### **Treasurer's Report – Don Duncan**

The club is fiscally sound, however, we still have not heard from the LA chapter on the ITS results, and we need to see how Chuckwalla goes. The 2014 Form 990-T has been filed with the IRS.

### **Topics for Discussion:**

**Volunteer of the Year Plaque Presentation** – The award was presented to Jim Lloyd

**National Chapter Congress in March** – Four board members will attend.

**Website Transition** – Jim sent a link to a proposed website to board members to review. Feedback was discussed.

### **Event Planning**

**Tech Session** – February 18<sup>th</sup> at Independent Motorcars  
The event will start at 6:30 pm. All attendees will receive a free pre-Chuckwalla inspection and brake flush.

**Chuckwalla HPDE** – March 7-8 – Anne Littrell  
The early registration deadline has been extended to February 13.

**New radio batteries** – Rich Gehring proposes spending approximately \$1010 to purchase new batteries for our radios prior to the event. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to that effect. Rich will investigate acquiring an FCC license for our radios.

**Autocross – March 28** – Kim Schwarz  
“Celebrate 328 Autocross” will be held, named for the BMW 328i model. There will be two additional trophies, one for the fastest 328i and one for the People's Choice Award.

### **Street Survival** – Thejusvi Ganesh

A meeting will be held soon to begin planning. The event will be April 26. An event flyer will be sent to the Newsletter Editor within the next few days.

### **Spring Cruise** – Jim Lloyd

Jim suggests Sunday April 12. Jonathan King suggests we include a photo shoot in the event.

### **Tech Session – April at 5 Point Detail** – Jim Patterson

This event will be Sunday May 3, 10:00 am, at 5 Point Detail's new location at 5745 Kearney Villa Rd. Suite 107, 92123.

### **Event Reports**

#### **K1 Speed Event** – Ryan Moore

The event was a success, with approximately 12 people who came out for the races.

#### **Autocross – February 7<sup>th</sup> I Heart Autocross** – Kim Schwarz

The event was full and ran smoothly.

### **Director Reports**

#### **Waxmeister Report** – Dennis Damon

Dennis has extra copies of the January/February issue of the newsletter for dealerships and shops.

#### **Webmeister Report** – Thejusvi Ganesh

The website is up to date. A change was made to autocross results processing.

#### **Social Director Report** – Ryan Moore

Ryan is setting up some Meet & Greet events, and is investigating the new Ballast Point location as a possible place for an event.

#### **Newsletter Report** – Andrew Golseth

The March/April issue will be entirely done by Andrew. He is requesting that all items are submitted by the deadline of February 15.

#### **Advertising Report** – Lisa Goehring

Independent Motorcars has renewed for a full year of advertising. HT Motorsports is interested in hosting a tech session. Lisa will contact them about advertising to find out what they had in mind for an event, and what they're offering our members.

### **Other Business**

A question was raised about getting additional photographs or having an additional photographer for events for the new Instagram site.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.



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# BMW CCA San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2015

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The meeting was called to order at 6:29 pm.

## **Board Members Present:**

Jim Patterson, Brett Litoff, Don Duncan, Paul Silver, Rich Gehring, Andrew Golseth, Ryan Moore, Dennis Damon, Thejusvi Ganesh, Lisa Goehring, Jim Lloyd, Brandon Watson, Jonathan King

## **Members Present:**

Bill Jackson, Lindsay Draime, Cris Bottijer, Matthew Kogan, Steve Robbins, Jose Potella, Charles Lee, Skip Motsenboucer, Satakal Khalsa, Scott Sansom, Patrick Roybal, Tony Montisano, Jim Binford, Mike Knapp, Cindy Knapp, Chris Keefer, Seth Hanson, Jon Bundy

## **Secretary's Report** – Paul Silver

The February 2015 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

## **Regional VP Report** – Nick Owen

Chapter Congress will be occurring this weekend. One thing to be discussed is the possibility that chapters will be losing about \$1 from our rebate for insurance purposes.

## **Membership Report** – Brett Litoff

We have 24 new members, 55 renewing, and 35 lapsed, for a total of 1631 members.

## **Treasurer's Report** – Don Duncan

Our finances are looking good. Financials for Chuckwalla are not yet complete, but will be for the next meeting. We are anticipating a loss of about \$3000.

## **Topics for Discussion:**

**Congratulations!** – to Andrew on producing his first newsletter and Anne for chairing her first HPDE/Club Race! And to the San Diego chapter for receiving the Spirit of Club Racing award from the club racers.

**Street Survival Planning** – Thejusvi Ganesh – Street Survival is Sunday April 26. Motorsportreg is open as of today, and it's listed on the Street Survival website and our website. It will be added to Facebook soon. We will need 34 volunteers to cover the various exercises.

## **Event Planning**

### **25 March Ballast Point Social Event** – Ryan Moore

This is at the new Miramar location, with a full restaurant. We will have a 6pm brewery tour, so interested parties should show up before then.

Other social events proposed include a Classic Car night at Charlie's in Encinitas, Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>, a tech session at Charlie's this spring, Vista Strawberry Festival May 24<sup>th</sup>, Meet & Greet at Urge in Rancho Bernardo this summer.

### **28 March Autocross** – Satakal Khalsa for Kim Schwarz

The next event is on 3/28, a celebration of the BMW 328i. Anyone with a 328i should bring that car. Regular volunteers who cannot make the event should contact Kim as soon as possible.

### **12 April Spring Cruise** – Jim Lloyd

The cruise will start at the Target store in Rancho San Diego

and end at the Lake Wolford Café for lunch. Cars will leave at about 10:00 am and lunch will be at about 1:00 pm.

### **3 May Tech Session at 5 Point Detail** – Jim Patterson

This was an entertaining event the last time it happened, and it will focus just on how to detail your car, rather than how to prepare for the Clean Car Show.

### **17 May Clean Car Show** – Dennis Damon

The event is on track, and judges are selected. Gordon Anderson will be the head judge. The charity auction will occur. One of the auction items will be a gift certificate for a free beer tasting for 10 people at the La Jolla Brewing Company, donated by Ted Lange.

## **Event Reports**

### **Tech Session at Independent Motorcars** – Jim Patterson

This was a successful event. The "passing" car was a 1M and the "failing" car was a 318i with wobbling wheels.

### **Chuckwalla HPDE** – Jim Patterson for Anne Littrell

We had a successful event with 66 HPDE students and 21 club racers. The financials are not yet complete. We will have a loss, but one with which our treasurer is comfortable. Full financial results will be available at the next meeting.

## **Director Reports**

### **Equipmentmeister Report** – Rich Ghering

20 radio batteries were purchased prior to the Chuckwalla event. One thing we discovered is that our old chargers for the NiCad batteries do not charge the newer Nickel Metal Hydride batteries very quickly. Rich is investigating the requirements for getting FCC licensing for our radios.

### **Webmeister Report** – Thejusvi Ganesh

The website is partially up to date. Jim has been working on the new website, which will enable event chairs to add their events to the website calendar easily.

### **Advertising Report** – Lisa Goehring

We have received some updated ads from advertisers. Lisa would like to ensure we get extra newsletter copies to our advertisers, and needs someone to deliver to 5 Point Detail and Chris Amato's Body Werks.

### **Newsletter Report** – Andrew Golseth

Andrew thanks everyone who assisted in the transition and got him info for publication by the deadline.

## **Other Business**

**Nametags** – People who would like to purchase a club nametag for \$10, please contact Anne Littrell.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.



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