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The President's Column

One of the challenges of the volunteers on the board is coming up with new, interesting activities for the members. There are lots of considerations before we put an event on the calendar: what is the cost, how many people will attend, what is the risk if nobody signs up, etc. A few months ago Dan Tackett proposed holding an event at the newly opened BMW Performance Center in Thermal. He had been contacted by sales at the Performance Center about hosting an event for the club. The board considered an event for 100 drivers with the special low price of \$199. After some spirited discussion, we decided to move forward with the event as long as we put an out in the contract in case we couldn't get enough drivers. Now that we had approval, Dan put together the event flyer and we published it on the club webpage, on Facebook, in the monthly email update and eventually *Fahren Affairs*. We decided that the easiest way to take money was to accept checks and have them sent to a member's house (that would be me). We hit publish on Facebook and waited for the entries to roll in. What happened next was genuinely surprising. First, people hand-delivered checks to my house, then the next day about 50 envelopes arrived, including several Fed Ex deliveries. In three days, we had completely filled up the 100 spots. This was not good, because the newsletter wasn't due to be out for a few weeks and we were advertising an event that was already full. Some quick phone calls and we arranged for a second date at the Performance Center and offered the new date to everybody that didn't get in. With a bit of shuffling we ended up with 200 drivers on two days with a number of people on the waiting list. Needless to say this is an event that met all our criteria for success. We will be repeating in the future, with a registration system that doesn't involve checks delivered to me!

Summer is over and school is back in session, which means the end of the year is right around the corner. For the club, year-end means the Holiday Party and board elections. We have 15 board positions which are described in this month's newsletter. If you are interested in helping the club as a board member the first step is to come to the monthly meetings. The meetings are open to all members and there are usually 30-40 people in attendance. After you see what we do, if you see something that you would like to do, talk to a board member or me about your interests. We like to mix in new members on the board so I urge you to come to the next meeting and see what is going on with the club.

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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SUBMITTING INFORMATION TO THE EDITOR

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. The deadline for submitting information to the editor is the 15th of even months.

2015 Calendar of Events

September 6

Big SoCal Euro 2015. Qualcomm Stadium.
Info: www.bigeuro.com

September 8

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting

September 19-20

Coronado Speed Festival, NAS North Island.

September 20-27

46th Annual BMW CCA Octoberfest.
Stockton Seaview Hotel and Gold Club,
New Jersey. Info: ofest.bmwcca.org

September 27

San Diego Chapter – BMW Performance
Center Experience. The Thermal Club,
Thermal, CA. 9:30-3:00.

October 4

San Diego Chapter – 2nd BMW
Performance Center Experience. The
Thermal Club, Thermal, CA. 9:30-3:00.

October 10

San Diego Chapter – Autocross at
Qualcomm, Southeast Lot

October 11

San Diego Chapter - Photo Shoot on
Shelter Island, 5-7pm

October 13

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting

October 31

San Diego Chapter – Autocross at
Qualcomm, West Lot

December 6

San Diego Chapter – Holiday Party at
the San Diego Automotive Museum

December 8

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting
and Annual Election

December 12

San Diego Chapter – Autocross at
Qualcomm, West Lot



New Club Members Welcome!

Saad Abbas	Peter Fletcher	Brett Oslund
Kassidee Allen	Ben Foster	Aaron Passarelli
Arthur Astorino	Howie Frederickson	Jeremy Patterson
Tiffany Avitt	Murray Galbraith	Pablo Rios
Carlos Ayala	Mattieu Gray	Martin Rivera
Cord Bauer	Michael Heinitz	Marc Robledo
Craig Baumann	Patrick Hesters	Frank Rojas
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Thomas Blakely	Stuart Karasik	Juan Diego Saffon
Evan Bolton	Kris Kluzak	Randall Schreckhise
Vance Boucher	Emily Kluzak	William Shenk
Karen Callander	Grant Kluzak	Bruce Teris
Arturo Corona	Mike Krasovic	Demetrio Tessada
Jacob Danielson	Richard Le	Tommy Tse
Anthony De Leon	Anthony Mah	Tyler Waldron
Robert DeAgazio	Charles Mark	Nathan Weaver
Patrick Dimeglio	Jim Mcloughlin	Skyw Wilson
Bojan Drakulic	Robert Morton	Andrew Wood
Matthew Etchepare	Peder Norby	Nicholas Wright
Michael Eyer	Robert Ortega	Zhen Zhang

**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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WANTED: Newsletter Editor

One of the most important ways the Club communicates with our members is through the bi-monthly newsletter. Once again, we have an urgent need to recruit a new newsletter editor.

What do you need to do as the newsletter editor? The editor needs to produce 6 newsletters per year. This means that you need to make sure that event coordinators are turning in event descriptions on time, solicit articles from members, find interesting material from other newsletters, work with our graphic designer and printer to get the newsletter published on time.

The Newsletter Editor board position comes with all the perks of Board membership: monthly free pizza dinners at the board meeting, the opportunity to participate and vote on club issues, a nifty name badge and an exclusive board member shirt.

If you are interested in the position, please contact me for more information. The best thing to do is come to our next board meeting and see how the club works.

Jim Patterson

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Coastal Cruise - Sunday, July 19, 2015

Sunday, July 19, started out as a lovely summer day for a coastal cruise. The waiver sign-up sheet was on the parking lot of Vista BMW dealership and the service director, Vincent, provided coffee and donuts. Over 50 BMW aficionados seemed to enjoy themselves touring from Vista to Oceanside and south down Old Highway 101. A few cars missed a turn or two in La Jolla, but didn't get lost. Participants saw the Mt. Soledad Cross Monument--some, for the first time!

At the rest stop, Kate O Sessions Park, we all could enjoy the outstanding view of Mission Bay Park and downtown San Diego. After that respite, we drove around Mission Bay Park and stopped at the Firefly Restaurant in the Dana Hotel for lunch. Unlike our Coastal Cruise of 2011, this run was a dry and sunny trip. But after lunch, the weather changed to rain squalls.



Photos: Lisa Goehring

The Club will be planning another cruise in November. Look for further information in October on the Club's website and in the Fahren Affairs newsletter.

Jim Lloyd





2015 Holiday Party

San Diego Automotive Museum

Sunday, December 6th

5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

San Diego Automotive Museum

Balboa Park, San Diego

Come celebrate the holidays with your fellow club members at the Auto Museum.
We have privately reserved the entire facility so we can enjoy the cars too!!
Spouses and families are welcome of course.

This year's party will be catered featuring a variety of
holiday dishes and desserts.
Please bring your own adult beverage.

We are limited to a total of 130 Members & their guests

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*** Gift Exchange ***

As always, for those who want to participate, we will have an automotive
gift exchange with theft privileges. Gag gifts are fun, but not the idea here.
Naturally, the \$10 – \$15 gifts should be wrapped.

San Diego Chapter Photo Shoot

Sunday, October 11 • On Shelter Island, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Attention fellow club members: there is a new type of event coming to town! We are organizing what will hopefully be our first annual San Diego Chapter Photo Shoot! Bring your car down and get professional pictures taken of it.

A few years ago, Jonathon King had mentioned to me an idea about putting on a photo shoot event as he had done with his previous chapter. I thought it was a super idea. I ended up running with it, as my good friend and club member Gary Flannigan is a professional photographer and he offered to take all of the photographs. He will be bringing supplemental lighting and will stage your cars for the perfect look. Our backdrop will be downtown San Diego.

Drive down to the parking lot next to the Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island. We will have our BMW CCA banner so you won't miss us. We will be set up and ready to go. Each car will roll into place and have five perfectly angled pictures of it with the sun setting on the buildings downtown.

The price for the five pictures is a real steal at only \$15.00 for the set. He will e-mail you a link to open your high-resolution goodness. Please bring cash or make checks payable to Flannigan Photography.

Please RSVP to me at apexandre@gmail.com or give me a call at 858-342-5605 by October 10.

See you there! *Andre Pantic*



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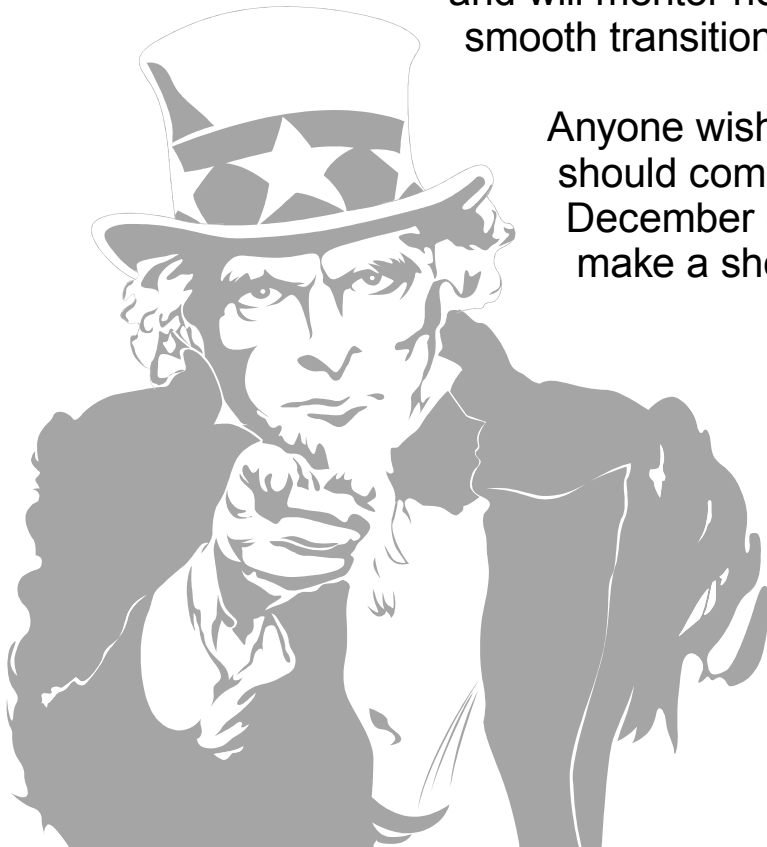
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YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

We're looking for a few good men and women to help our Chapter. That's right, annual elections for the San Diego Chapter's Board of Directors are just around the corner on December 8th. All of the Chapter's events are planned and organized by your all-volunteer Board of Directors. The Chapter is looking for folks who are interested in getting involved on a regular basis to become new board members. All members are encouraged to run for office. If you already come to the board meetings, you're halfway there. As a board member, you get to vote to make changes and be heard on issues that are important to you.

In addition to job-specific roles, all board members commit to attending the monthly board meeting on the second Tuesday of the month for one calendar year. Outgoing board members are dedicated to the success of our Chapter and will mentor new officers to ensure a smooth transition to the new Board.

Anyone wishing to run for office should come to the meeting on December 8th and be prepared to make a short verbal statement.



Board of Directors Position Descriptions

PRESIDENT

- Conduct the monthly board meeting.
- Represent the chapter at club and non-club functions.
- Respond to email and telephone inquiries regarding the chapter.
- Oversee the activities of the board directors.
- Review financial reports and ensuring that the chapter is in good financial condition.
- Check the chapter website at least once per month to ensure it is up to date.
- Write the monthly president's column for the newsletter.
- Schedule the yearly election meeting in December. If not running for reelection, conduct the meeting. If running for reelection, arrange for someone to conduct the meeting to avoid a conflict of interest.
- Coordinate with other chapter presidents and the BMW CCA regional vice president on regional issues.
- Within two weeks of the chapter election, submit the Chapter Officer Questionnaire form to national.
- Provide positive motivation to all board members and chapter members.

VICE PRESIDENT

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Support the chapter president as required.
- Conduct board meetings in the absence of the chapter president.
- Act as Membership Chair by sending welcome letters to all new members.
- Answer numerous email inquiries concerning membership.

TREASURER

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Reconcile accounts payable and receivable on a monthly basis.
- Present chapter financial status at monthly board meetings.
- Perform financial analysis for cash flow, income, and expenses.
- Verify expenses and write reimbursement checks.
- Oversee the preparation of the annual tax return for the IRS.
- Prepare the Chapter Financial Report to national by March 31st of each calendar year.

SECRETARY

- Keep accurate minutes of each Board Meeting.

- Present the previous month's minutes to the Board for approval.
- Submit monthly minutes for publication in the newsletter and website.

DIRECTOR/AUTOCROSS

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Negotiate stadium dates with the stadium officials and other car clubs.
- Arranging liability insurance for the events by submitting the insurance certificate request.
- Ensure that payment and insurance certificates are delivered to the stadium office.
- Arrange lunch, drink, and comfort facilities for the event.
- Coordinate volunteers for course design, set-up, tech inspection, timing, registration, lunch, and clean-up.
- Coordinate with the Chief Instructor to ensure there are enough instructors for the event.
- Ensure the event is on schedule and supervise throughout the event.
- Coordinate procurement of trophies before the event and present them at the end of the event.
- Provide event information to newsletter editor and webmaster for publication.
- Manage email contact list and communicate with members about upcoming events to maximize attendance.
- Manage online registration, including timely updates to the registration website and generating reports of paid attendees.
- Report to the Board of Directors on the financial results and needs of the autocross program.

DIRECTOR/DRIVING SCHOOL

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Plan all aspects of the driving school.
- Coordinate the volunteer staff for the annual driving school.
- Arrange liability insurance for the school by submitting the insurance certificate request.
- Coordinate with the motel to ensure rooms are reserved for instructors and students.
- Coordinate with the Chief Instructor to ensure there are enough instructors for the school.
- Coordinate with the Chief Steward for track supervision.
- Coordinate with the track officials for dates, track rental fees, corner workers, emergency medical

vehicle, and all necessary equipment.

- Oversee logistics for the chapter's equipment transport.
- Submit the Driving Events Reporting Form within 30 days of the driving school.

DIRECTOR/EQUIPMENT MEISTER

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Maintain all aspects of Club truck, including arranging service/maintenance, insurance, registration, service records, storage location, washing, exercising and fueling.
- Maintain Club trailer, lights, brakes, tires, hitch, and cover in good working order.
- Arrange suitable, secure trailer storage location.
- Maintain current inventory and value of trailer equipment, contents, and supplies.
- Maintain electronic equipment batteries, generator, PA system, radios, timing display, fire extinguishers, helmets, canopies, flags, vests, and other related autocross equipment.
- Maintain supply of wrist bands and insurance waiver forms.
- Organize trailer equipment and loading plan.
- Transport club truck and trailer to and from each autocross event.
- Assist with set-up and teardown of equipment, helmet rentals/returns, packing/unpacking trailer at autocross events.
- Coordinate use of truck and trailer with Driving School Director for annual driving school.
- Transfer items not currently in use from trailer to club storage unit to open up space in trailer.

DIRECTOR/NEWSLETTER EDITOR

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Write/edit material for newsletter.
- Provide photos for the newsletter.
- Lay out submitted articles, ads, photos, etc for each issue as required.
- Coordinate with the printer to ensure the newsletter is published eleven times per year.
- Provide updated mailing lists to the printer.
- Provide newsletter in PDF format to chapter Webmeister and National BMW CCA website.

DIRECTOR/SOCIAL EVENTS

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Research local events.
- Present information on events to the board for consideration.
- Procure tickets.
- Provide event information to the newsletter editor

and the web master for publication.

- Keep the board advised of how the sales for events are going and, if necessary, seeking others' participation to sell out the event planned.
- Collect fees, deposit funds into the chapter's account and coordinate the distribution of tickets for events.

DIRECTOR/WACHSMEISTER

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Responsible for the annual clean car event & charity auction.
- Negotiate with the city to the schedule and date of the annual clean car contest.
- Coordinate with BMW dealers and sponsors to obtain support and auction items for the clean car contest and charity auction.
- Coordinate volunteers needed to support the annual clean car contest including all judges.
- Procure event awards.
- Obtain event insurance.
- Arrange for catered lunch for the event.
- Supervise set-up and clean-up of the clean car event.
- Run the charity auction portion of event.
- Provide event information to newsletter editor and web master (LA & SD chapters) for publication.
- Provide event information to other chapters, local dealerships, and the general public.
- Submit the insurance rebate form to national.
- Submit the event report to the board.

DIRECTOR/WEBMEISTER

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Maintain the chapter's website including adding/removing events, posting announcements, posting autocross and other event results, posting Fahren Affairs, photos, and managing the Classifieds.
- Administer and maintain the Chapter's e-mail list and e-mail service.
- Administer and maintain the Chapter's domain names and GoDaddy account, Google Apps, and Picasaweb accounts.
- Administer and maintain the Chapter's Facebook account and add events and updates as necessary.
- Manage the chapter's account with web hosting service.

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE (four positions)

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Bring new ideas to the chapter.
- Plan and run technical and/or social events.
- Assist other directors in running their events.

Tech Session

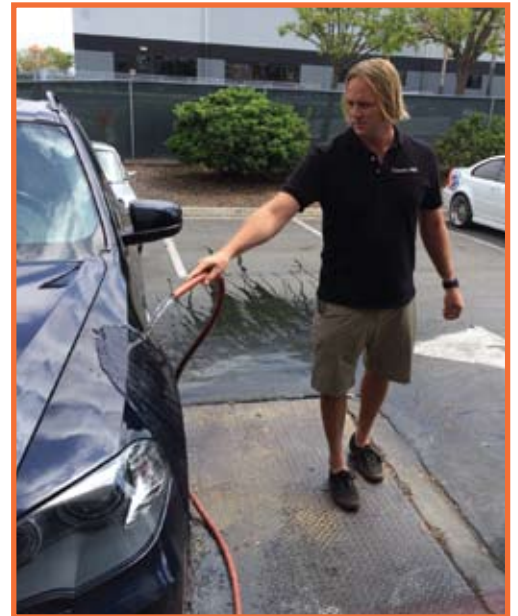
5 Point Auto Detail

Sunday, May 3

Club members enjoyed a very informative Tech Session at 5 Point Detail, hosted by owner Adam Cote. Adam, along with representatives from Ceramic Pro, discussed some of the extremely high-tech products now available on the vehicle protection market. Several stations were set up and attendees saw how products like ceramic coatings and films can protect and preserve paint from scuffs and scratches, environmental contaminants, and more. Amazingly, ceramic coatings can even be used on interior fabrics to repel soil and liquids.



Photos: Lisa Goehring



Adam demonstrated how easily a car can be cleaned with a light spray of a no-rinse solution—the slippery coatings repel both dirt and water. These new technologies can also be real timesavers, trimming down the time it takes to get your ride car-show clean!

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Our 31st Annual Spring Fling Autocross was held on May 9, 2015. Rich Gehring always had a key role in this event since the inception, and so it seemed appropriate to honor him going forward with this special event, now called the Rich Gehring Memorial Spring Fling Autocross.



Photos: Rachel Mills

Autocross results can be found on the club website.

T-shirts are available for purchase from Kim Schwarz.



This small collage now hangs in the club trailer. It's nice to see pictures of Rich as we work there. He meant everything to the AX program. He was the man behind the scenes who made sure we had everything we needed, and that everything worked and was organized. We're doing our best to follow in his footsteps, and the photos are also a gentle reminder to us to put everything back where it belongs, just as Rich did.



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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.



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.



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.

Encinitas Classic Car Night

Charlie's Foreign Car *June 18, 2015*

Thanks goes out to Charlie's Foreign Car Service in Encinitas for hosting a couple of great events. First, Charlie's hosted a corral area for our chapter members at Encinitas Classic Car Nights on June 18. About 10 chapter members were able to park their BMWs in Charlie's lot on the main drag in Encinitas to show off their rides, representing everything from classics to current models. Charlie's provided a wood-fired pizza oven for all the gourmet pizza we wanted, sodas, and also wine tasting. The car night was a great opportunity to hang-out with auto enthusiasts representing all kinds of cars.



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Tech Session

Charlie's Foreign Car

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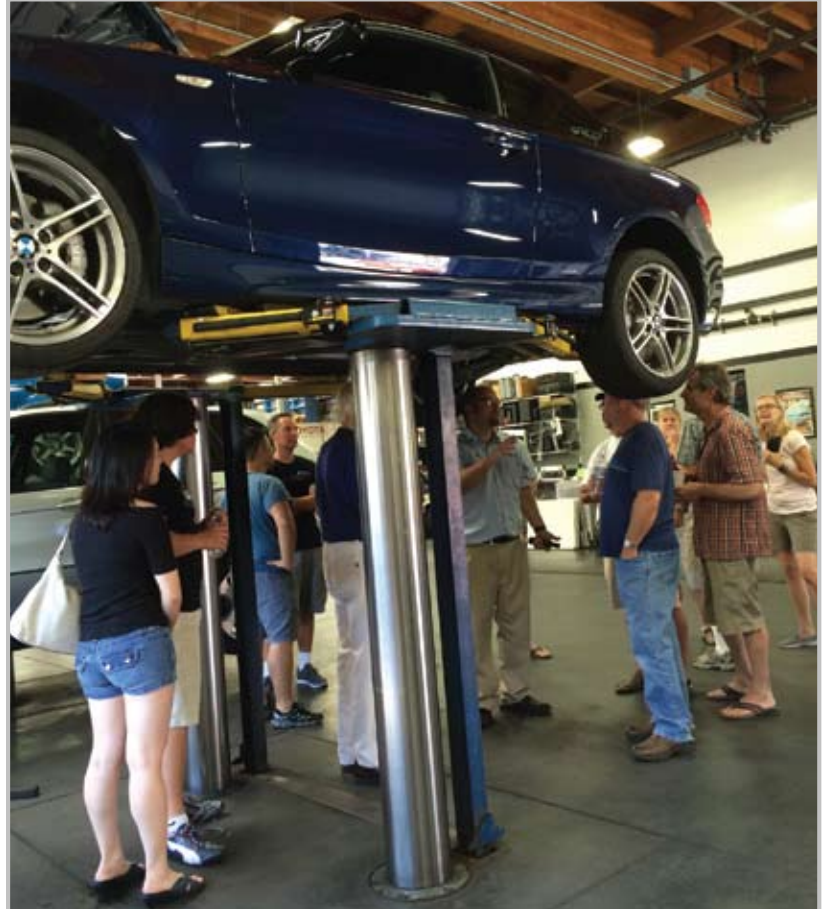
Second was the popular 'up-on-the-racks' Tech Session. On Saturday morning, August 15, 14 club members came to the shop to look more closely at a variety of members' own BMWs. We had five different automobiles up on the service rack where we checked out how BMWs have changed over the years in their construction. The master mechanics discussed maintenance issues about the various cars, pointed out features and answered questions about how the vehicles work. Donuts and coffee were provided to keep us satisfied.



Thank you again to for Charlie's for hosting a couple of great events for our club members!



Photos: Lisa Goehring



2015 Runoff Autocross

June 27, 2015



Photos: Ben Carufel

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A Big Day for the Mini

Once a year, we hold a very special autocross, called the Rug Cunningham Memorial Runoff Autocross, where a select group of drivers have the chance to compete in the same car. This was the eighth year for our Runoff and it continues to be our most popular event of the year. On June 27, another sunny San Diego day, we had over 100 participants driving their hearts out hoping for a spot in the Runoff.

Our Runoff Autocross honors the memory of Rug Cunningham who was an avid collector, racer and genuine enthusiast of performance cars, especially those carrying the BMW marque. Rug and his father, Allen, opened Cunningham BMW in 1975 which is now BMW of El Cajon. Rug was extremely influential member of our local community and the BMW community, and along with his dealership, supported our local Chapter and our autocross program.

At a typical autocross, we see a wide array of cars with highly varied performance specs. It's nearly impossible to determine our top drivers when their cars are so different. That's where the Runoff comes in. This event gives us the unique opportunity to pit driver against driver in the same car. After we do a set of timed runs to determine our winners for each car class, we announce the winners names and we reveal the mystery runoff car. Then each class winner is given two laps in the runoff car.

Several months prior to the event, one of our loyal participants reached out with an offer that I couldn't believe (or refuse). The email was simple and beautiful. It read, "Hey Kim. Have you already got the runoff car lined up for the June AX? If not, I have a car to loan the club." Say whaaat? Who could be so awesome? Shawn Flanagan, that's who. Since Shawn is a busy guy, he felt like this was his best opportunity to give back to the Chapter and the autocross program. His only request was that we shred the 420 tread-wear Winruns so that afterwards, he had a good excuse to buy some tires that he could enjoy.

During the morning of a Runoff, the most frequently heard question is, "What is the Runoff car?" We usually try very hard to keep that detail a secret until just after we announce the class winners. And this year, we could hide the Runoff car in plain sight, and not because it was little, but because we have anywhere from three to five of them at any given autocross. What was this little car? A Mini, of course! (Or rather, a Mini on course?)

Our class winners who had their big moment in the small car were Nicolas Beier (Legacy Class), Charles Engen (Mini Cooper), Mark Farmer (M Mod), Jack Roybal (M Stock), Rob Jones (M Plus Mod), Travis Harrell (M Plus Stock), Andreas Hehle (Naturally Aspirated Mod), Tyler Johnson (Naturally Aspirated Stock), Scott Sansom (Turbo Mod), Roberto Rimini (Turbo Stock), and Carl Lewis (X Class).

Each driver had a very short opportunity to familiarize himself with the six-speed, manual transmission Mini before jumping in and giving it everything he had in just two quick laps. It was over in an instant. But before we get to the results, let's talk about the trophies. Normally, only the winner of the Runoff gets a trophy, but this year, we had a special surprise. Out in the parking lot, one of the course workers found a lovely cross-stitch portrait of Ernest Hemingway. It seemed only logical that this special piece of art be awarded to the second place winner of the Runoff. Imagine Andreas Hehle's delight as he realized that as our Runoff Runner-Up, he would get to take home this fabulous prize! Congrats, Andreas, and remember us when you sell your sure-to-be collectable trophy for millions!



It's almost a bit cruel that we offered the artsy cross-stitch portrait to the second place winner instead of the overall winner, because while we always have two trophies for the overall winner,

we allow only one of those two trophies to be taken home. Our first place winner gets his name on the Rug Cunningham Memorial Perpetual Trophy, but that trophy resides at BMW of El Cajon. So that our winner has something to show his friends as proof of his incredible skill set, we have a personalized trophy made for him after the event. What name goes on this year's trophies? Mark Farmer! It seems like a natural progression for Mark to win the Runoff since he won four of the last five trophies for Top BMW Time of the Day. What's next for Mark as he continues on this ladder of success? Staff? Instructor? Whichever "mandatory" option he chooses, I'm sure he'll be great at it!

Since the Runoff, Shawn Flanagan has replaced his Winrun tires with a set of Michelin PSS and because tires for the Mini are much easier on the wallet than those that go on his usual autocross beast, his 1 Series M, we may see Shawn in his Mini at an autocross soon.



RUNOFF RESULTS

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| 1. | Mark F. | 93.430 |
| 2. | Andreas H. | 93.444 |
| 3. | Carl L. | 95.570 |
| 4. | Nicolas B. | 95.751 |
| 5. | Travis H. | 95.779 |
| 6. | Scott S. | 95.796 |
| 7. | Jack R. | 95.802 |
| 8. | Charles E. | 97.449 |
| 9. | Rob J. | 98.582 |
| 10. | Tyler J. | 98.854 |
| 11. | Roberto R. | 101.385 |



Thank you to BMW of El Cajon for their continued support of our autocross program and thank you to Shawn for allowing us to borrow his Mini Cooper!

Kim Schwartz





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The Man Behind the Mini

Months ago, when the autocross-boss/better-half told me that Shawn Flanagan wanted the Club to use one of his cars for the Rug Runoff car, I thought he was nuts. Also, I was sure Kim wouldn't allow it.

At our autocrosses, Shawn drives his Valencia Orange 1 Series M in the M stock class. When he autocrosses with the Porsche Club, he drives his wife's Porsche Cayman R. There is no way Kim would green-light 11 run-off drivers abusing one of those cars. Right? C'mon, both of those cars have seen close to zero depreciation. They are still worth what he paid for them. Allowing our fastest autocross drivers 2 hail-mary laps in such nice cars is a terrible idea.

Like usual, I was making a judgement based on partial information. It turns out, Shawn had a different member of the Flanagan automotive fleet in mind. His white-with-black-top Mini Cooper S. Six speed manual, turbo motor, front wheel drive, no sunroof, and 420 tread-wear tires. Those tires are Shawn's claimed motivation for offering the Mini for the runoff. The plan was to have the run-off drivers take all four tires down to the cords in one afternoon so that he could replace him with something more to his liking.

The day of the Rug Runoff, I took great pleasure in keeping the secret to the often heard question, "What is the Runoff car?" All day, my coy response was, "It's got 5 wheels and 3 pedals." At least I was entertained by my non-answer answer, even if the questioner wasn't. This led to a lot of guesses. None of them correct. The most memorable guesses were: BMW El Cajon's white M235i that was on display, the autocross boss's black

Cayman R, Chris "Independent Motorcars" Keefer's black Ferrari F355, Theju Ganesh's green Honda Odyssey, Ben Carufel's Sprinter van, and Devin + Neil's Lemons E30 in fresh Oscar The Grouch livery.



I don't know if it was a good choice or not, but before the runoff, I had the cold tire pressure set to 40 psi all around. I'm guessing hot pressures got to around 46 front and 44 rear. My hope was that it would be a lower grip endeavor for the drivers. After all, anyone can drive an easy-to-drive car to a good lap time. A driver worthy of our perpetual trophy would need to overcome an unknown challenge.

When it was all over, the drivers managed to destroy only one tire – the right front – which makes perfect sense because the course was laid out anti-clockwise.

Thank you, Shawn. Thank you for your support of our club, its autocross program, and for being a good dude who is always willing to help.

-Satakai (Helrot E46 touring driver, fiancé to the autocross boss, Equipment Meister, course worker dept mgr.)

GOLD

Ian A.	2016	Something	82.466
William W.	2004	Miata	84.008
Satakal K.	2012	Cayman R	84.105
Thomas S.	1984	944	84.292
Greg G.	1995	M3	85.216
Andrew S.	2003	S2000	85.284
Peter E.	2013	M3	85.706
Neil D.	2015	Race Car	86.472
Matt K.	1992	325is	86.799
Greg D.	1996	328i	87.594
Sean T.	1992	Miata	90.876

LC - LEGACY

Nicolas B.	1986	325e	87.142
Theodore S.	1995	318TI	89.943
Todd S.	1995	318TI	90.019

MC - MINI COOPER

Charles E.	2006	Cooper S	86.158
Bryant S.	2004	Cooper	88.673
Ron E.	2005	Cooper S Cabrio	88.956
Daryl P.	2004	Cooper R50	95.173
Heather H.	2012	Cooper	110.933

MM - M MODIFIED

Mark F.	1998	M3	85.052	Fastest BMW!
Jonathan K.	1998	M3	86.122	
Ryan M.	2002	M3	88.972	
Stephen Y.	1995	M3	89.865	
Aj Y.	1999	M3	91.552	
Alfred R.	1999	M3	93.725	
Peter B.	1991	318is	95.141	

MPM - M MODIFIED OVER 400 STOCK HP

Rob J.	2013	M3	89.54
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MPS - M STOCK OVER 400 STOCK HP

Travis H.	2011	M3	87.229
Stephen H.	2011	M3	91.006
Steven W.	2009	M3	91.111
Ken S.	2015	M4	91.986
Ken H.	2011	M3	92.324
Greg P.	2015	M3	94.586
Bojan D.	2012	M3	95.41
Kathryn S.	2001	325i	100.303

MS - M STOCK

Jack R.	1999	M3 Coupe	86.353	Novice 1st
Josh G.	2003	M3	87.745	
Arman C.	2005	M3 ZCP	88.533	
Shawn F.	2011	1M	89.343	
Sidney C.	2004	M3	90.475	Fastest Woman!
Rich G.	2001	M3	91.009	
Sean G.	2001	M3	91.738	
Mihajlo T.	2008	Z4 M Coupe	92.171	
Paul S.	1995	M3	92.549	

NAM - NATURALLY ASPIRATED MODIFIED

Andreas H.	2001	330i	87.56
Cody K.	2004	330i	91.779
Bennett H.	2003	325i Touring	91.822
Tom W.	2001	325 I	93.017
Jp H.	2004	330Ci	93.359

NAS - NATURALLY ASPIRATED STOCK

Tyler J.	2006	Z4 3.0si Coupe	87.663
Jason O.	2002	325i SportWagon	91.343
Alpesh K.	2005	330ci	91.664
Lisa G.	2003	330i	92.265
Marc H.	2005	Z4 3.0i	94.355
Harry W.	2007	Z4 Coupe	94.64

TM - 6/8/12 TURBO MODIFIED

Scott S.	2012	135i	85.702
Greg U.	2013	135is	88.312
Rob W.	2014	M235i	90.225
Mark P.	2012	135i	91.081
Kevin T.	2009	135i	91.964

TS - 6/8/12 TURBO STOCK

Roberto R.	2012	335is	95.364
Kurt M.	2010	535i	97.381
Matt H.	2011	135i	97.437
Jesse S.	2015	M235i	97.703
Danielle C.	2013	335i	105.156
Emily K.	2011	335d	117.461

X - NON-BMW

Carl L.	2006	Miata	82.995
Gregory P.	1992	Miata	83.437
Robert J.	2012	MX-5	83.477
Hank Y.	2001	S2000	83.964
Chris T.	2008	MX5	84.752
Tom W.	2003	S2000	86.367
Nicholas R.	2014	STI	86.69
Joel W.	1990	Miata	86.905
Michael K.	1993	Miata	87.415
Jason L.	2000	Focus ZX3	87.498
Mathieu H.	2011	GTI	88.187
Evan A.	2004	350z	89.362
Scott O.	1992	300ZXTT	89.537
Scott S.	2003	S2000	89.773
Richard P.	2014	FR-S	89.857
Jim A.	0	FRS	89.986
Victor W.	2013	FRS	90.049
Jason S.	1990	Miata	90.209
Jerry C.	2013	GTI MK6	90.361
Joshua A.	2005	Miata	90.367
Alan L.	2007	RX-8	90.544
J. Brandon C.	1988	Mustang GT	91.555
Edward F.	2009	Corvette	91.639
Paul S.	2006	S2000	91.894
Jett C.	1988	Mustang	92.55
Luis R.	2006	Exige	92.759
Anthony S.	2007	Corvette Z06	92.82
Jodie S.	2009	Corvette	93.146
Mark B.	2007	RX-8	93.856
Patrick R.	1999	Miata	93.871
James S.	1993	Miata	98.418
Chris K.	1995	F355	98.698
Derek H.	1999	Integra	99.428
Kevin D.	2011	Mustang	100.323
Lori S.	1992	Miata	100.423

Novice 2nd



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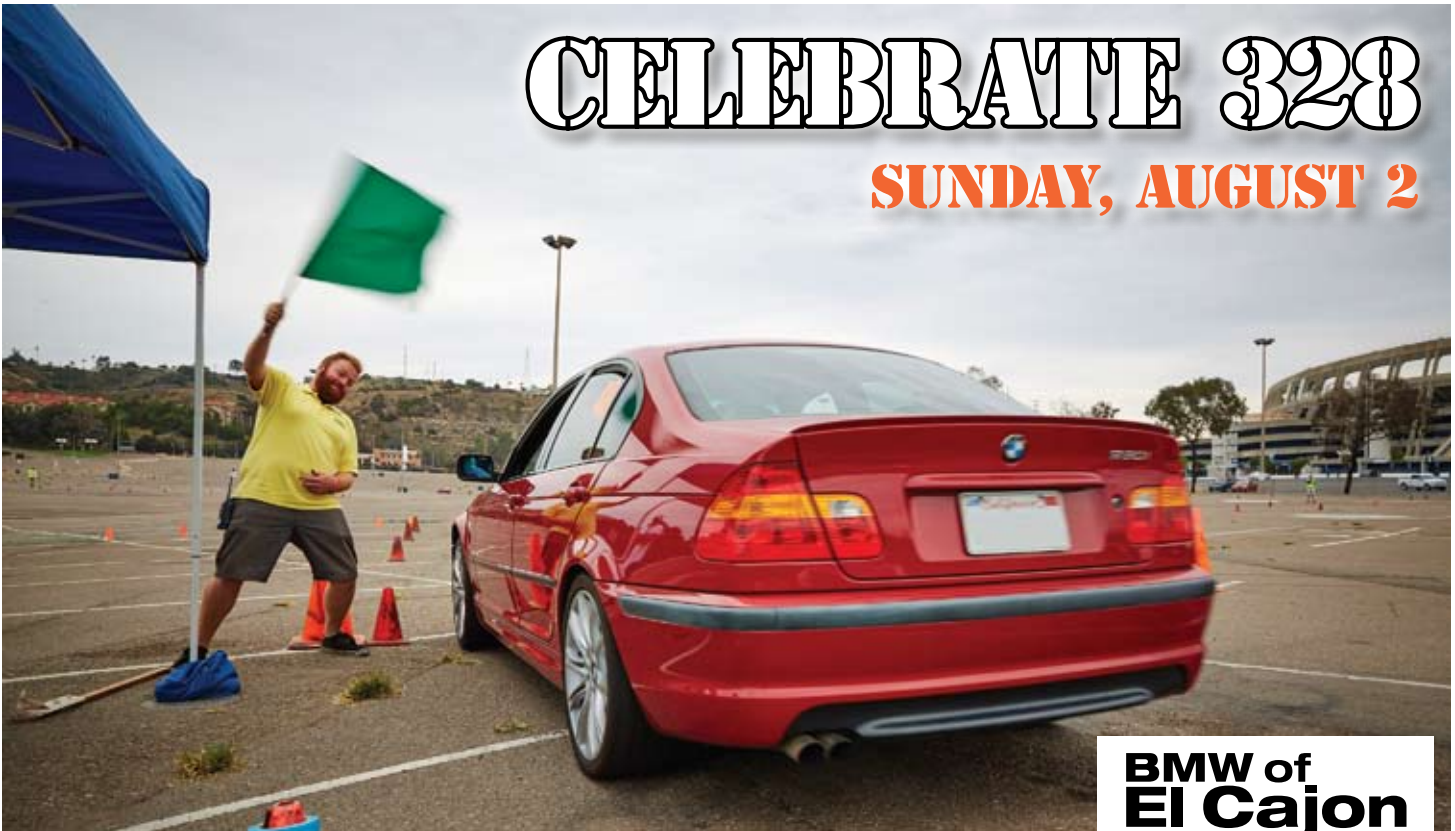


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G – Gold Class

Brian G.	2007	Miata	82.671
William W.	2004	Miata	84.953
Ryan P.	2016	MX5	85.464
Satakal K.	2012	Cayman R	86.336
Sean T.	2016	MX5	86.35
Thomas S.	1984	944	87.019

LC – Legacy

Theodore S.	1995	318TI	90.1
Todd S.	1995	318TI	90.821
Jonathan K.	1999	528it	92.644
Chris K.	1993	318is	96.481
Jp H.	1982	320i	96.502
Owen N.	1985	325i	101.584

NAM – Naturally Aspirated Modified

Andreas H.	2001	330i	89.874
Ryan W.	1989	328is	91.363
Chris M.	1987	325is	95.511

NAM – Naturally Aspirated Stock

Gregory P.	2002	330Ci	94.884
Marc H.	2005	Z4 3.0i	95.031

MPM – M Modified Over 400 Stock HP

Carlos A.	2015	M3	91.757	Novice 2nd
Rob J.	2013	M3	91.848	



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MPM – M MStock Over 400 Stock HP

Travis H.	2011	M3	88.995	
Murat E.	2015	M3	90.893	Novice 1st
Jan G.	2015	M3	93.168	
Howie F.	2013	M5	98.432	

MC – Mini Cooper

Bryant S.	2004	Cooper	91.633
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TM – 6/8/12 Turbo Modified

Austin F.	2015	M235	93.212
Blake J.	2015	M235i	94.001

TS – 6/8/12 Cylinder Turbo-Stock

Tiffany A.	2015	M235i	90.994	Fastest Woman!
Brian J.	2015	M235i	93.33	
Rachel M.	2015	M235i	94.61	
Phil L.	2013	135i	97.777	
Kurt M.	2010	535i	98.406	

MS – M Car Stock

Arman C.	2005	M3 ZCP	87.479
Jack R.	1999	M3	89.658
Shawn F.	2011	1M	91.324
Sidney C.	2004	M3	92.496
Skip M.	2011	1M	92.656
Randy S.	2011	1M	94.279
Henry L.	2004	M3	95.501
Robert M.	1998	M3	102.98

Fastest BMW!

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MM – M Car Modified

Stephen Y.	1995	M3	89.577
Cody K.	2004	330i	91.662
Ryan M.	2002	M3	93.002
Peter B.	1991	318is	94.873



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X - Non-BMW

Marc L.	2015	C7 Stingray	85.593
Mathieu H.	2011	GTI	85.645
Andrew S.	2005	S2000	85.756
Hooman A.	2013	FR-S	85.965
Robert J.	2012	MX-5	86.064
Carl L.	2006	Miata	86.136
Chris T.	2008	MX5	86.832
Richard P.	2014	FR-S	87.408
Michael H.	2002	RSX Type-S	87.866
Jim A.	2013	FRS	88.834
George D.	2006	Viper	89.08
Joel W.	1990	Miata	90.536
Cord B.	2014	Catfish	90.627
Jason L.	2014	Fiesta	90.781
Jason S.	1990	Miata	91.087
Ken S.	1972	240z	91.496
Michael F.	2011	Cayman S	91.765
Luis R.	2006	Exige	91.994
Don A.	1990	911	92.373
Jodie S.	2009	Corvette Z06	92.396
Chris B.	2009	370z	92.459
Anthony S.	2007	Corvette Z06	92.616
Hans W.	2015	Mustang	93.492
Tony M.	2014	Focus ST	93.511
Daniel R.	2007	RX-8	93.53
Jerry C.	2013	GTI MK6	94.441
Robert R.	1970	240z	94.821
Chris V.	2015	FR-S	94.867
Ken S.	2009	Corvette Z06	95.35
Mark B.	2007	RX-8	96.417
Calvin F.	1995	Miata	96.659
Fred C.	1994	Miata	97.361
James S.	1993	Miata	98.141
Jacob D.	2005	Altima 3.5SE	98.996
Alexander M.	2000	MX-5 Miata	102.254
Karen C.	2007	RX-8	103.093
Lori S.	1991	Miata	103.658



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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.

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

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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 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.

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

See you at the Q!



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CAR CLASSIFICATIONS:

- LC** ALL BMWs through Model Year 1988; E30s through Model Year 1986; all naturally aspirated 4-cylinder models – Stock or Modified
- NAS** ALL naturally aspirated, non-M BMWs not in Legacy Class – Stock
- NAM** ALL naturally aspirated, 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, non-stock anti-roll bars
- Software/firmware alterations to turbocharged/supercharged engines
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- Our "Staff" members are actually all volunteers. They spend most of their day working to bring you the best event possible. We try to make sure that they, too, drive in the event, but many of our volunteers attend the event solely to work. That deserves a huge THANKS! Let them know you appreciate them with our Staff Volunteer of the Year Award!

Since we'll be back on Standard Time, we are limited to 80 participants, so register early!

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