## Spring IS GETTING STARTED



BMW Car Club of America Lone Star Chapter





## **Letter from the President**

We've almost finished the first quarter of 2017 and lots of things are moving and shaking. Our AutoCross season has started off strong, the tour group has been active, cruising along the backroads for different destinations. Our High Performance Driver's Education events are on track and the social hours are starting to get more people participating.

If we've not met, my name is Raymond Mimick and I was elected by our members in January. It's been a while since we have had elections but you should expect to see elections each year to help represent all of us, as members of our local chapter. We maintain our membership numbers around the 1,200 member count each year but we could have an even bigger, more active group with all the BMWs in the area. We have brochures if you want to pass them out to friends or acquaintances.

In this newsletter, we'll have our financial report for 2016 and you'll notice big dollars on the balance sheet. Most of this money is due to our participation in the Texas Trifecta group organizing our Circuit of the Americas (COTA) events. If you remove that, our chapter is doing well financially (thank you Mark Williams, Joe Sullivan and Matt Dashiell for your guidance in leading us into this strong financial position).

I hope you get to come out and join us in the different events we have put on and hopefully you can look at your calendar and find a few days to try something new. In January I was able to participate with the Auto Cross group at Pole Position and had a great time. A little surprised about the bump from behind when I was not expecting is (yeah, getting passed is probably not going to win the prize).

Let me share a quick story with you. Back in October I

received a call from a gentleman in Fort Worth and he was offering up a free BMW 2002, we just had to go a pick it up. Strangely the Oklahoma chapter passed on this find but I know we have a very active 2002 group in the DFW area and reached out. Marc Leediker took the lead and found a new home.

I ran across Marc at Classic BMW and he introduced me to the owner of this 2002, Billy Slocum. When I asked Marc about the car a few months back, he was really excited at how much of the car was all in one piece and how complete the car was in total. Talking with Billy in the here and now, the story is a little different. The car is now doing a complete restoration with everything pulled out and pulled off.

Billy was at Classic BMW to order all new rubber bushings for the car. Classic was ready to go out of their way and get the parts from Germany and get them to Billy as quickly as possible. While the car is not yet at show stage, this car will eventually become a wonderful addition to our BMW family.

It's exciting to see the Sewell BMW of Grapevine come together. The store will be opening in this summer and we are in the works on making plans to celebrate with them. Watch your monthly announcement emails and Facebook for more details to come.

You should have received the notice that OktoberFest 2017 registration is now open. If you've thought of attending, this will be the closest (New Orleans) the national meetup will be for the next 2 years. Consider joining us on our drive down on Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> and stay and chat with others for the week ending with a return trip on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

So onward to our newsletter...



# 2016 Chapter Financial Statement Worksheet

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#### **ASSETS**

Cash in bank accounts	129,202.92
Accounts receivable	0.00
Other:	0.00
Total assets	129,202.92

#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Accounts payable	0.00
Other:	0.00
Equity/retained earnings	129,202.92
Total liabilities and equity	129,202.92

#### **INCOME STATEMENT**

#### **INCOME**

Membership dues	14,451.11
Rebates from National	0.00
Advertising revenue	0.00
Driving school fees	377,562.33
Street Survival Rebates/CCC	2,057.80
Other event fees (Auto-x)	14,062.82
Interest	2.49
Total Misc./other income	0.00
Total income	408,136.55

#### **EXPENSES**

Insurance	11,354.00
Driving school expenses	271,034.61
Street Survival/CCC expenses	600.00
Meeting expenses	835.72
Other event expenses (Auto-x)	12,590.75
Total Misc./other expenses	0.00
Total expenses	296,415.08

NOTE: Anomalous high "income" in 2016 is due to 2016 COTA final payment for November 2016 event hasn't yet been paid to the track. Will be offset with a higher "expense" in 2017

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### **2016 Election Results**

Thank you for all that participated in the elections last January. Watch for the next election opportunities this December/January. Here is a summary of the positions and the newly elected officers along with the results of the bylaw change proposals.

#### **OFFICES:**

President - Raymond Mimick Vice-President - Ben Qureshi Treasurer - Matt Dashiell Secretary - Brian George Member-At-Large - Scott Schumacher

#### **BYLAW CHANGES:**

#### Change 1: Changing the board's term of service

The first change proposal is to change the service term from one year to two years for each officer position (except for Member at Large) to allow for continuity of the operation of the chapter.

New Text:

<u>Article Five, Section 1:</u> A President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually from the membership, with President

and Secretary on odd-numbered years and Vice President and Treasurer elected on even-numbered years. The fifth voting Board member (Officer at Large) shall be elected annually by the duly appointed volunteers from within their ranks. These five elected Officers shall appoint other members as officers with titles, responsibilities, and specific duties deemed appropriate to conduct activities for the Club.

*Election Result: - For the change* 

#### Change 2: New Article Eleven

A new article eleven regarding the finances of the club is being proposed to provide board support of activities outside normal budget operations.

New Text:

Article Eleven

Financial

All expenditures outside of normal budget that exceeds \$2000 require a majority of board approval.

Election Result: - For the change

## **Calling Volunteers!**

Lone Star Chapter: Calling volunteers to help -

If anyone is wanting to connect to more of our members or help us grow our chapter, please contact one of your board members or call your chapter president, Raymond Mimick at 817-999-0078. We have some needs to spread the work load among more of our members.

## Want to Reach Our Members?

Interested in advertising to our members? Contact Raymond Mimick at 817-999-0078 and let's discuss the opportunities and what we can do to provide a mutual benefit.

## The 2017 Lone Star Board and Committitee Chairs

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## TIRE RACK® STREET SURVIVAL® teen driver safety is coming to Mesquite to stop the #1 killer of teens!

WHAT: Tire Rack Street Survival® Teen Driving School

WHERE: Mesquite Memorial Stadium, 2500 Memorial Blvd, Mesquite, TX 75149

WHEN: Saturday, April 29th, 2017; 8:30am - 4:30pm

HOST: Lone Star Chapter BMW CCA

## **2016 Holiday Party Update**

Joe Sullivan organized our Holiday party to Bavarian Grill Restaurant on January 21st. It was in an intimate background where we all got to know each other a little bit better and enjoyed each other's



From Left: Brian George, Lisa George, Matt Dashiell, Scott Schumacher, Renelda Schumacher, Christopher & Carolina Helms (facing waitress), Walter Hustmyre, Kay Hustmyre, Karen Roo Card, Mark Williams



From left: J.O. Miller, Jyl Miller, Gay Sullivan, Peter Link, Franco Maras, Mary Maras, (Bill's wife),
William Cantrell, Bill McNally, Raymond Mimick, Peter's Wife,
Gay's mom, Joe Sullivan, (Jim Doutre taking photos). •



By Raymond Mimick

For those not familiar with OktoberFest in context with the BMW CCA, this is our annual meet for all members at an interesting destination to celebrate the club and the cars that we love. This year, Oktoberfest will be in New Orleans – the closest it will be for at least the next two years. The only challenge is that it is from Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Excluding the heat, we'll have a great time visiting with friends and making new friends.

I have signed up for July 11<sup>th</sup>-July 16<sup>th</sup> and am looking forward to meeting more of our members, and hopefully just relaxing out there. Some of the things I've signed up for is included in the social package – dinners, casino night, special evening activities, etc. I've also signed up to try my hand at the concours and I'm planning to retry my effort on the Time Speed Distance Rally that our own Tony and his wife Cathy are helping to organize. These are not the only activities the club puts on – you have a competitive Auto Cross event, a Gymkhana, special presentations from Michelin, track days on Friday and Saturday and time to explore the city. If you've never been, it's a lot of fun.

If you want to join me, I plan to leave out of town Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and stop somewhere interesting along the way. If we have some friends to come along, we'll make an interesting route and find some new places to visit.

Sign up at <a href="http://ofest.bmwcca.org/">http://ofest.bmwcca.org/</a>

See the schedule of activities <a href="http://ofest.bmwcca.org/ofest-schedule">http://ofest.bmwcca.org/ofest-schedule</a>

2018's Destination: Pittsburg, PA during the Vintage Gran Prix with the theme of 50-year anniversary of the 2002.

2019's Destination: Greenville, South Carolina with the theme of the 50-year anniversary of the BMW CCA.

## 2017 Tour Update

So far, we are hitting our goal of having one tour event per month and it's been awesome. This year's New Year's Day tour was not as large as 2016's New Year's but we rung the day in style. It started off a little wet (seems like the story of our lives recently) but it did not deter us too much. We had about 16 cars along for the ride and we even got to see an Alpha Romero C4 in our group.

We started out from the Hulen Mall area and ran down through Godley, into Grandbury and stopped in Weatherford. By Weatherford, the weather improved greatly but the roads were still damp. From Weatherford, we headed down to Glen Rose and then onward on the Pulaxy Highway, otherwise known as Texas 51. We ended the Hair of the Dog 2017 in Godley at Del Norte Tacos (see, I can get us to all these destinations eventually).



Scott Denman (Tiny) and George Zimmerman

The cars were dirty but the food was good and we were able to catch up with friends and see how our holidays went. By the time we hit our February tour to Mineola, we were all ready to go out.

## **May Driver's Education Event**

### Fri, May 5 – Sat, May 6: Spring 2017 Driver's Education Event

Register now at <a href="https://www.motorsportreg.com">www.motorsportreg.com</a> \$199 for Novice, Intermediate: Saturday only \$175 for Advanced Students: Friday and Saturday.

#### Fri, May 5 – Sat, May 6: BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Race School at MSR

Register at <a href="https://www.motorsportreg.com">www.motorsportreg.com</a> \$350 for anyone that is at least a "B" level/upper intermedia level student. This non-contact environment is limited to 20 participants. Questions about the race – ask Bruce Heersink at <a href="mailto:spam@heersink.org">spam@heersink.org</a>

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## **BMWCCA Foundation Call for Volunteers**





#### http://www.bmwccafoundation.org

For those unfamiliar with the BMW CCA Foundation, the BMW CCA organization spun off a 501.c3 Non-Profit in 2002 to provide three programs:

Conservation and Preservation – creating education programs regarding vehicle conservation and preservation. The Library, Archives and Museum Program – a repository for BMW-related historical documents, vehicles, literature and paraphernalia.

The Tire Rack Street Survival Program – a teen-driver education program with the goal to reduce teen deaths from driving. (<a href="http://streetsurvival.org/">http://streetsurvival.org/</a>)

We see the CCA Foundation in action on April 29th with Street Survival hosting an event at Mesquite Memorial Stadium and with our volunteer instructors helping teach these teen drivers (to register, visit the Street Survival web site).

During the BMW CCA Chapter Congress at the end of March, the CCA Foundation is reaching out to our chapter and asking for Ambassadors that will speak to and find owners that are interested in providing additional knowledge to others in their social circle and outside our current membership.

Job Description for the Ambassador Program:

- Advocacy
- Prospecting
- Street Survival
- Giving

Ouestions or interested?

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Scott Dishman, Executive Director of the Foundation

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Museum Exhibit (https://www.facebook.com/bmwccafoundation):

May 19<sup>th</sup>- August 31<sup>st</sup>, the BMW CCA Foundation Museum will have the exhibit 75 years of BMW MotorSport. If you are in the South Carolina area, go check it out.

## **2017 Tour Update (Continued)**



Vic Sorlie, Manny Carter, Chris Carter, Lonny Cordell

It was a great surprise to have an 850i in the group along with a Z8 and quite a few others. We had about 17 cars in the group and quite a few new people join us for the trip. After we had some time to chat at Allen Café, we hit the road and rolled along what felt like the Texas Lakes trail. We stopped in Royce City where I got everyone confused by providing two gas options. Not to worry, we did not lose anyone and we got back on track. Eventually, we started running out of our allotted time (I heard a number of people needed to be back in DFW and needed to be in Minneola by 1:00p), so we made an unplanned detour (no U-turns) and on our way back to Minneola, the 850i had a tire issue. Luckily they had a spare and a number of our members had a pump that could assist. We completed the tour in Minneola and had our lunch at East Texas Burger Company.





Now we've arrived at the pinnacle of our winter driving season - our trip to Fredericksburg. This was the second year that I organized it for the first weekend in March. When I've talked with various participants, avoiding motorcycles is a great goal and the dates are ok with them. We also get a discount on our room rates because it was still considered the Winter Rates. Sunday House Inn provided us with 15 rooms up front and by the time we got to the trip, all 15 rooms were booked.



We started off in Cleburne and I set the start time for 10:00a and it appears to be working out pretty good on getting everyone at the starting point with too much stress. Because we were not in a rush, we were able to have some social time talking to one another and getting to know our new participants - Patrick and Teri, Dennis and Dave. We ended up with 15 cars for the caravan/tour down to Fredericks-

burg. We had a few surprise guests on the list but it was not a problem.

Our first stop was in Hico for fuel and a rest break; back on the road, we made it to Goldthwaithe right on time. We sat down for lunch at El Tapatio and they were able to serve us without too much trouble. As we were waiting for lunch, I got a call from our former tourmeister, Marc Leediker, and he was on his way down to Fredericksburg, too and saw all of our cars.

We made it down to Fredericksburg and for those interested in the wine tasting tour, we headed out to Grape Creek Vinyard. What a nice layout. The wine was not too bad, and the location was quite nice.

This tour, I did not organize a big group dinner but that is something I will be making a different plan for next year. We were able to split up into multiple smaller groups and chat with different members of the club. I know quite a few were able to make reservations at different places that we have enjoyed in the past.

Saturday sadly started off damp and got worse. But did that stop us? No. We ended up taking 18 cars out to the Twisted Sisters. Just as we started to roll out of the hotel, we had a vehicle with their tire problem. Strangely, 7 cars pull off to assist. Well, that made splitting into two groups not a problem.

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## **Fort Worth Happy Hours**

Over the last six months, Jim and I have made diverse restaurant choices to provide a variety of cuisines for the Lone Star Chapter members.

Presently, our group participation has grown between 14 to 20 members each time.

Our goal is to increase member participation and not prevent monotony by going to the same locale each month.



January Happy Hour at BFF Asian Grill and Sports Bar

L-R (Clockwise): Cathy, Raymond Mimick, ?, Scott Denman, Tom Heikkinen, Marian Newland, Leo Newland, Barabara Denman, Vic Sorlie, Jim Doutre, Tony, J.O. Miller, Jyl Miller & Jim Doutre. •

## 2017 Tour Update (Continued)



L-to-R: Lisa Hula, Don Hula, Bill Lewis, Randala Poonawala, Nadeem Poonawala, Dennis Luczycki, Dick Richardson (back to us), Hollis Richardson, Karen Roo Card

I will say that our first leg of the journey was a little too long and the rain dampened our parade but we got to our destination and the second group was only about 10 minutes behind the first group. After our rest break, one group was sent out to do the clockwise loop along the twisted sisters and the other group would do the reverse, meeting in Rocksprings to meet up.



In my group, we took the first leg of the twisted sisters with the cattle guards along the route. I believe I counted 9 of them. We only had one small section where the cows were moseying along the route but even with the wet roads, all the cars and drivers did an excellent job.

After our stop in Rocksprings, we waited for the other group but they did not catch up. We started out for the second leg and ended up passing the other group. We swapped our experiences, organized our lunch destination and kept on moving with our old-school

## **2017 Tour Update (Continued)**

CB-radios working hard. This next leg of the journey found heavier rains and a more cautious group. Both groups ended up a Friend's Grill about the same time and we had a great lunch catching up with new friends and sharing our experiences.



L-R: Ted Glover (Red shirt), David, Michael Nied, Nadeem Poonawala, Randala Poonawal, Brian George, Don Hula



L-to-Right: Mark Williams (Yellow Shirt), Renelda Schumacher, Karen Roo Card, Scott Schumacher, Holis Richardson, Erica Richardson, Dick Richardson

After lunch was the final leg of the twisted sisters but we also started to see a bunch of deer along the way. This was a precursor to our safari adventure on Sunday.

By the time we reached
Fredericksburg, all of the white
cars were brown with road crud. A
few of us stopped to wash off even
though we got ridiculed for it later.
Dinner plans were flexible Saturday
night and a big group of us
ended up at West Side Pizza. It was
a pretty good place tucked in
Fredericksburg. We also sent off
a few to Hilltop Café and a few to
Otto's.

Sunday started out damp but not real rain. Our first leg of the journey ended up being a deer sighting adventure. They mostly stayed on their side of the road but one adventurous soul decided to test Scott Schumacher's brakes and see if it could make it. Scott had the reflexes of a ninja and came through it a little shaken but ok.

The next surprise was along the route where I missed a notice that one of our roads was mud. Yeah, that's a U-turn event even though it was 8 miles down the road before someone would tell you that. Not to worry, we had plenty of easy U-turn space for that one. So was it an official tour if I finally had a U-turn or just a good decision not to try and run 15 cars through the mud?

We stopped in Hamilton at Storm's Burgers for lunch and this was not what was expected but I did not hear a lot of bad about the experience. I think with our pace

that we travel, Glen Rose was an easy stretch for lunch. Oh well, maybe next time.



Who has the dirtiest M2?

Mark Williams, Michael Nied, Jim Doutre, Karen Roo Card, Joy Nied, ?, Terri Deupree, Susan Richardson, Brian George, Ted Glover

Well, we have a few interesting tours coming up - Easter Weekend (April 15th) we'll head back out and run the Cranfills Gap tour. In May, we are working on plans to return to Let's Eat Café in Bluffdale for dinner. June is looking to have a tour start from Cars & Coffee. July will be a trip down to the Big Easy for Oktoberfest 2017. I just signed up with an arrival date of the Tues, July 11th and a departure date the following Sunday, July 16th, so I'll look at the map for a route that would be interesting and start on a Monday.

September planning has begun, too for our trip out to New Mexico. ◆

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## **AutoCross Update**

So far for 2017, we have run a Go Kart Awards Ceremony and 2 Autocross events. The Go Kart event was a blast with about 30 people participating in 2 qualifying laps and 12 people competing for the first, second and third place awards.



After much racing around and a few bumps and skid outs, we were able to get our winners on the podium and finish up with the Autocross 2016 season awards. Thank you for all that participated and we can't wait to see how everyone is shaping up for the 2017 season.



**Fog & Sunshine**The 2017 season started off February 18<sup>th</sup> at Mineral Wells Airport.



We were greeted with dense fog in the morning, making it a bit challenging to set up the course. Nevertheless, the sun peaked through and participants did get to enjoy a great day of fun.

We welcomed 20 Novices, who all got more comfortable and quicker throughout the day. Some recorded time improvements of 20, 30 and even 40%, with hopefully a similar boost in confidence.

On the other side of the spectrum, we had the Fastest Time of the Day (FTD) battle as new candidates mixed in with the usual suspects. There were seven drivers finishing with times under 84 seconds and ultimately the FTD honor went to Sir Armstrong. Congratulations.





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The extremely nice winter / early spring weather continues for the year and provided a nice background for a good autocross day. We saw another day of strong Novice class participation with nice improvements during the day. The X class participation also continues to be strong with 17 drivers battling for points. Tyler K. ended up grabbing the win by 0.03 seconds before K.B! This week the FTD honor goes to Ken O. in class G, who managed to stay in front of 3 X class drivers. Congratulations!

As always, thanks to everyone who was able to come out to drive and assist during the event. We appreciate your hand in all matters; set up, chalking, clearing the course, corner work, providing improvement ideas and much more. It would not be possible to run our events without your help!

Besides Ken O., Matt D is the only repeat winner for the year. All others are new for the year, setting up for an exciting season.

If you can't make it to the next event, our schedule is published online at <a href="https://lscbmwcca.org/motor-sports/autocross/2017-autocross-schedule/">https://lscbmwcca.org/motor-sports/autocross/2017-autocross-schedule/</a>







Vrooom!

The season continues with an April visit to Mesquite.

#### What is Autocross?

Autocross is an obstacle course for your car on a closed course. You are timed from start to finish and the person with the shortest time is the "winner" in your car category. Over the course of the year, Lone Star BMW schedules 8-10 auto cross events and prizes for each classification are given at the end of the season. This event is open to all makes and models. Beginners are provided an instructor to assist your first time Online registration is available until 6PM the Friday before the event. Cost is typically \$30, but this is based on the site.

#### **Tech Inspection:**

All participant vehicles must pass Tech Inspection on site. Have your car emptied, unlocked, with numbers, hood and trunk up. It begins at 8:00 am and will close at 9:00 am.

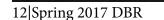
#### **Novice Meeting:**

You need to attend this meeting if this is your first time out with our club.

Novice meeting starts at 8:30 and is followed by a course walk.

#### **Worker Assignment:**

All participants are required to work during runs when they are not driving. *Continued on the next page...*Spring 2017 DBR|13



## **AutoCross Update** (Continued)

The assignments will be posted on the club van before the meetings.

#### Mandatory Driver's Meeting at 9:10 am.

First car planned to start at 9:30 am. We will have 5 runs in the morning and 5 runs in the afternoon. 10 total runs per driver!

After the morning runs we will take a 45-60 minute lunch break. Weather permitting we will provide grilled being able once again to drive the twisted sisters - FM hot dogs.

Hope to see you there, Franco Maras LSC BMWCCA AutoX Chair

Follow us on Twitter for up-to-date information: @LoneStarAutoX





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### Thank You!

Since the 2017 schedule was sent out, Jyl & I have been able to participate.

We both agree that each one has been a great experience by learning how to drive the different country roads at the same time enjoying the the time with all the Lone Star Chapter members that have chosen to participate.

You guys have done an excellent job in planning and leading each driving tour.

The Fredericksburg tour was particularly exciting 335-336 & 337 in the rain. It was very challenging handling all the curves and steep hills.

We are both looking forward to the balance of the driving tours for 2017.

Keep up the great work that we guys do.

J.O. & Jyl Miller Arlington, Texas

We have three currently scheduled HPDE events so far this year. Our first event will be a Friday and Saturday event May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6th. The Saturday schedule will be very similar to last year's one day May event. Friday will be added to the schedule to accommodate another instance of the wildly popular BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing school. We have another run group planned for the **org** (driving references day but we will be limiting this to solo drivers only. The club race school

is intended for upper intermediate and advanced drivers to put their toes in the water to see how racing really works. You do not have to have a fully prepped race car (but it is encouraged). You do not even have to want to go racing (but we feel after you do it – your attitude may change). Students interested in this program should email Bruce Heersink at spam@heersink. will be checked). Price for this school will be \$350 for the 2 days.

## **HDPE Update (Continued)**

The advanced group on Friday will get 2 hours of track time for \$125. Pricing for the weekend will be announced on the event registration page which will be on motorsportreg.com.

#### **Austin Schnell Fest**

BMW CCA Lone Star Chapter

Our second event will be Schnell Fest Spring, held May 19-21, 2017 and our third will be Schnell Fest Fal Nov 17-19, 2017. As you have heard we are joining forces with the Lone Star, Hill Country and Maverick Regions of the Porsche Club of America to put on driving schools at COTA this year. The events are titled "Austin Schnell Fest". Registration will open on March 30 for all PCA and BMW CCA members for the Spring event. Registration will be handled on clubregistration.net so if you don't have an account with them, you should do so now rather than when registration opens (an account is free). The event page is here: http://austinschnellfest.clubregistration.net/

You can see the actual links to the registration pages in the blue box on the middle of the page. You can see the entry fees on the registration page. The Beginner group (we have called it Green or Novice or D at previous events) is \$700 for Saturday and Sunday. All other groups are \$945 which also includes Friday. Instructors are \$300 for the 3 days. There are no alternative number of day entries available at this time (nor do we expect there to be in the future). Garages are \$1,500 per garage for the 3 days with no restrictions on number of cars (you can fit 6 with cooperation). If you want to share a garage, get one person in your group to buy the garage. We don't anticipate selling partial garages at this event.

Registration will open on March 30 at NOON Central time for PCA and BMW CCA members. On April 6, registration will open for non-PCA or BMA CCA members (if not sold out).

When you register for an account on clubregistration.net, please fill in your BMW CCA membership number on the profile page. We will be checking this against our national database to ensure active PCA and BMW CCA members are given first priority for spots into this event.

Remember to sign up early and sign up often. Please go to BMWCCA.org to renew your membership. Also tell your friends to go there and sign up for a membership to get into the first wave of people that can sign up for this event. We are expecting to sell this event out quickly.

For our convertible cars, the Schnell Fest events will be run under PCA rules and may allow your convertible on the track. If you always wanted to participate and you have a convertible, now is your chance.

Other Regional HPDE events:

From our regional meeting at the National Chapter Congress, the following dates are available and open to our members:

June 9th-11th: Flat out Classic in Topeka, KS Oct 13-15<sup>th</sup>: No Excuses, Hallet, OK What is an HPDE:

**HPDE:** Learn how your car can handle the track. These events are educational and provide classroom and on-track education. Contact: Steve Hodges at SHodges883@gmail.com for more information on the HPDE program and Club Racing. •

## Calling Writers & Contributors!

Have something interesting you are working one or want to let our members know about? Please email your articles to Brian George @ bgeorge0049@gmail.com or email/phone a board member for more information on how to be included in the newsletter. We'd love to see/hear about your restoration project or a challenge you had working on your car or doing something interesting with your spring/summer vacations.

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