

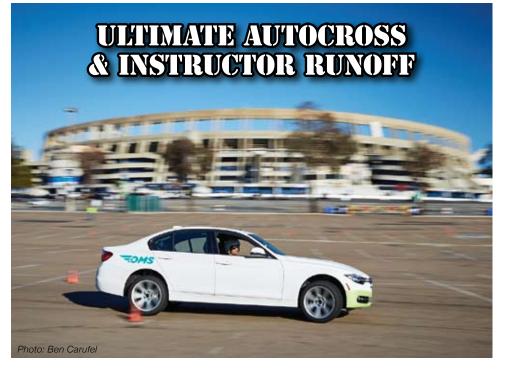






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The President's Column

Back in the Saddle Again

Greetings fellow club members! It has been a few years since I did my last monthly column for Fahren Affairs as chapter President, but I must say, it feels good to be back. Over the last four years I spent some time as the Pacific Regional Vice President and got to experience club life with other chapters from around the country. Needless to say, I learned a lot about how our club works and the different kinds of challenges chapters have from one to another. Luckily our chapter is rather blessed, and not just because we have good weather, but because the 2017 Board of Directors are ready to rock and roll! Kicking things off for this year we have 2 new faces to the board. I would like welcome Aly Keefer, Director at Large and Greg Uhler, Newsletter Editor. The remaining board positions for 2017 are: Brett Litoff, Vice President; Don Duncan, Treasurer; Lisa Goehring, Secretary; Kim Schwarz, Autocross Director; Anne Littrell, Driving School; Theju Ganesh, Webmaster; Travis Sterne, Social Director; Satakal Khalsa, Equipment Meister; and finally Chris Keefer, Emily Kluzak and Matt Kogan as Directors-At-Large.

Now that we are in 2017 we are already on our way to some excellent club events early on this year! We will be hosting a day at the BMW Performance Center in Thermal, and our first HPDE and Club Race School in February at Buttonwillow. We also have some new social events coming up, so be sure to join and follow us on facebook, and keep an eye out for updates on our future events in 2017!

Nick Owen



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2017 Calendar of Events

January 10

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

January 28

San Diego Chapter – BMW Performance Center Experience



February 4

San Diego Chapter – Kickoff Autocross, Qualcomm Stadium, West Lot

February 14

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

February 25

HPDE, Club Race and Club Race School at Buttonwillow Raceway Park

March 11

San Diego Chapter – Beat the Clock Autocross, Qualcomm Stadium, West Lot

March 14

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

April 29

San Diego Chapter – Autocross, Qualcomm Stadium. West Lot

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







New Club Members **Welcome!**

Noe Alduenda Taz Galaz **Brian Lewis** Lisa Bernard James Goodale Tim Littrell **Chris Bonar** Tom Grannen **David Malmberg** Leslie Bonar David Gretlein Derek McCracken Leigh Bromley Ralph Grossmann Matias Melendez John Buergers Bernadette Grunewald J.B. Miller Caleb Chao Amanda Hart Partick Miller Shing Chen Mark Hendricks Justin Miloro James Cioffi Dallas Hermsen Mort Mirmontazeri Scott DeNobile **Dusty Jarrell** Joseph Saegert Kenneth Dontje Merrily Jones Bryan Salgado **Andrew Dover** William Klumpp Ron Shapov Eric DuFresne David Kopald Orlando Vargas Kenneth Farrell Reece Kopald Tyler Whitfield Graham Fletterich Lucas Krall Kevin Woo Derek Fry Jose Ledezma Srbijanka Zufku

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Welcome New and Returning Board Members

Back Row (from left): Chris Keefer, Aly Keefer, Dennis Damon, Greg Uhler, Emily Kluzak, Kim Schwarz, Theju Ganesh, Matt Kogan, Travis Sterne. Front row (from left): Don Duncan, Nick Owen, Brett Littoff, Lisa Goehring.



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Hosted by San Diego Chapter and Central Cal Chapter, BMW Car Club of America

oin your fellow club members for a track weekend featuring a High Performance Driving School, BMW CCA Club Race, and a BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School!

The track configuration for the weekend is #1, counterclockwise, which includes the Bus Stop and Star Mazda.

Our **Driving School** (HPDE) mission is to help you improve your driving skills, while also having fun, in a safe and controlled environment. We use a combination of classroom and track sessions to emphasize the relationship of the driver and vehicle, and how to make them function in unison, giving you the opportunity to learn your capabilities, limitations, and refine various driving techniques. Our Instructors have extensive experience in mentoring and developing students at all levels.

Using a racetrack provides a well-managed environment, and the emphasis is on safe, smooth, and controlled driving. At no time will you be pressed to go any faster than you are comfortable.

Participants will be grouped according to experience and, to some degree, model of automobile. We believe that what you learn at an HPDE will benefit you in your normal day-to-day driving, especially when confronted with emergency situations.

The weekend will also feature the opening race

Tire Rack BMW CCA Club Racing season.

Currently licensed BMW CCA Club Racers will
take to the track for some friendly, wheel to wheel
competition. And when they're not
racing, take the opportunity to
stop by to say hello, chat
with the racers, and check
out all their cool BMW race
cars in the paddock!

CLUB RACING

If you're interested in taking that next step in your driver development, the **BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School** is open to advanced HPDE drivers, HPDE instructors, non-licensed racers, and licensed racers who are looking to safely participate in new driving experiences that will take you to next level! You do not need a BMW or a race car to attend the school. Your HPDE

prepared street car, a SNELL 2010 helmet, and the drive to perform at your best is all that's required. Open to all organizations: BMW, PAC, POC, NASA, SCCA.



Even if you do not plan to be a race car driver at this time, that is no reason to miss this opportunity. The BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School is fun, highly structured, and conducted in a non-contact environment. Limited to 30 participants, the BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School features an experienced team of racing instructors, and professional racing drivers from the winning BimmerWorld IMSA race team, including James Clay. All candidates must submit a basic summary of their driving experience, including references, to Ralph Warren (ralph. warren@cox.net) before their registration will be accepted.

REGISTRATION

Opens December 21, 2016 on MotorsportReg.com.

HPDE Early Bird registration fee is \$449 through February 6, 2017 (or \$425 without the Saturday Banquet.)

BimmerWorld Club Racing School registration is \$525. (Sorry, no Early Bird pricing. Saturday Banquet may be added.)

The registration fee includes individual in-car track instruction, classroom sessions, lunch Saturday and Sunday, PLUS Saturday Night Banquet at Willow Ranch BBQ with a raffle of merchandise from our sponsors. Water will be provided throughout the event.

The host hotel is the Motel 6, located at 20638 Tracy Ave, Buttonwillow, CA (661) 764-5153

Plan to join us for light appetizers at the hotel on Friday evening, February 24, for our event Registration Mixer from 7:30 – 9:00 PM.

Please bring your Tech Inspection form, Medical Information form, proof of insurance, and SNELL 2010 or newer helmet to be signed off and finalize your registration.

Additional lodging is also available at the

Best Western Plus Wasco Inn and Suites, 1704 CA-46, Wasco, CA, (661) 758-1111.

Buttonwillow Raceway Park is located at 24551 Lerdo Highway, Buttonwillow, CA.

Support our longtime sponsors: BMW of Escondido/Brecht Motorsports and Toyo Tires.





FAQ's about HPDE can be found on the BMW CCA website: www.bmwcca.org/events/hpde

Any questions, contact Driving School Chairs:

Anne Littrell, sdbmwccadriving@gmail.com (858) 487-8094 or Terry Eidson, wteidson@comcast.net (559) 940-0551









BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing and NASA Competition License School

Are you ready to take your driving skills to the next level?

Are you looking for a new, unique and challenging driving experience? Consider attending the **BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing** and **NASA Competition License School** at Buttonwillow Raceway Park, February 25-26, 2017. This special event is being held by **BMW CCA Club Racing** in partnership with **BimmerWorld** and our friends at **National Auto Sports Association (NASA).**

Even if you are unsure about the idea of becoming a race car driver, this program is the perfect way to figure out if you are ready for the challenge. Don't miss this opportunity to dramatically improve your on-track driving skills, challenge your limits, and have a ton of fun doing it! You'll gain better situational awareness, utilize more advanced visual techniques, and get a glimpse into race craft development.

The **BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing and NASA Competition License School** is open to advanced HPDE drivers, Time Trial drivers, non-licensed and licensed racers, and HPDE instructors who are looking to safely participate in new driving experiences that will take you to the next level. You do not need a BMW or a race car to attend the school. Your HPDE prepared street car, a helmet (SNELL 2010 or newer), and the drive to perform at your best are all that's required.

This program is highly structured, and conducted in a non-contact environment. Limited to 30 participants, the **BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing and NASA Competition License School** features an experienced team of both BMW CCA Club Racing *and* NASA Competition instructors, along with professional drivers from the winning BimmerWorld race team.

Register at msreg.com/sdbmwccahpde. The entry fee of \$525.00 includes a total of eight classroom and on-track sessions. You will experience open corner passing, three-wide exercises, practice race starts, and participate in a simulated race experience along with intensive classroom sessions. All this under the watchful eye of your on-track racing instructors.

This event is intended to assist experienced drivers in getting a taste of what racing is all about. Graduates of the program will be qualified to apply for their BMW CCA Club Racing license and/or a NASA Competition License. Typically, both of these licenses are recognized by many racing sanctioning bodies (VARA, AER, PCA, and SCCA).

All candidates must submit a summary of their driving experience, which will include two references, to Ralph Warren (mail to: ralph. warren@cox.net) before their registration will be accepted.

Initial registration will close on January 23th, 2017, at which point at least 25 students must be registered to hold the event. If so, registration will be extended for additional students, closing finally on February 6th. If the 25-student threshold is not reached, the event may be cancelled at that time.

For further information contact Ralph Warren at mail to: ralph.warren@cox.net



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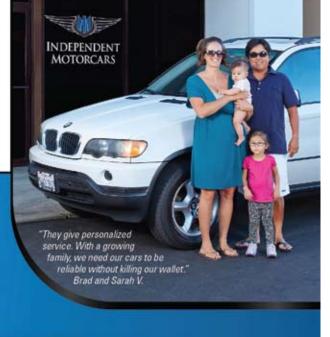
CHRIS KEEFER

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.



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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Buttonwillow Wrap-up



he Back to Buttonwillow - Track or Treat HPDE at Buttonwillow Raceway Park was a held October 29-30. The event was hosted in conjunction with Central Cal Chapter. It was a successful event both for the driving experience, and the cooperative effort of the two chapters. There are many people to thank for making this being a successful event. From Central Cal Chapter Terry Eidson, Driving Events Coordinator; Eddy Funahashi, co-chief Instructor; Wayne Wundram, Rick Kapheim, George Aguilar, Allison Uremovic and Debbie Warner.

Your San Diego Chapter staff included Kelley Moon as Chief Steward, Dan Tackertt, co-chief instructor, Theju Ganesh, Seth Hanson, Matthew Kogan and Mihajlo Tomic. Without the support of our members who volunteer to instruct and work on the driving events committee these events could not happen. Thank you to all.

We were fortunate to be able to offer a new program for advanced drivers. The Advanced Data Class, ADC, organized by Mark Magee from Golden Gate Chapter. Using data acquisition equipment (AIM



Solo) the students who participated in the class received feed back on their track sessions allowing them to focus on specific driving techniques.

Additionally we introduced a new Student/Instuctor evaluation program, Driving Evals. This is a online program that allows instructors to grade students and give feedback. Students may also evaluate instructors and the event. As we more forward with this program it will facilitate event organizers in planning future events.

Again thank you to all for your support, students, instructors and staff.

Anne Littrell



I am pleased to share with you the picture of the memorial plaque to Rich Gehring placed by a young tree at Buttonwillow Raceway Park. May this tree grow strong and straight as we commemorate the strength and wisdom of Rich.









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RESULTS

G - Gold Class

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Mark M.	1990	RF90	75.483
William W.	2004	Miata	76.397
Andrew S.	2003	S2000	77.577
Neil D.	1987	325i	79.394
Greg D.	1996	328i	80.738
Lisa G.	1995	M3	82.885
Tim S.	1999	M3	83.288
Phil K.	1998	325i	84.703
Linda K.	1998	325i	85.572

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Evan F.	1998	M3	79.061
Stephen Y.	1995	М3	80.194
Daniel L.	1988	M3	80.287
Ryan M.	2002	M3	80.611
Ed S.	1995	M3	80.893
AJ Y.	1999	m3	81.494
Paul H.	2004	m3	81.959
Noe A.	1998	M3	82.169
Alfred R.	1999	M3	83.433
Richard L.	1997	M3	83.786
Mervin F.	1995	M3	86.423
Timmy O.	2004	M3	88.819
John B.	1997	M3	90.291





Shawn F.	2011	1M	82.227	
Steve Y.	1995	M3	84.362	
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М3

80.231

1999

Rob J. 2013 М3 81.146 Ashley A. 85.471 2008 М3 2015 Μ4 89.971 Ken S. Jake D. 2015 M4 90.485

MPS-M MStock Over 400 Stock HP

Ludovico v.	2010	1717	79.093	
Cesar C.	2016	M4	82.007	
John D.	2015	М3	82.993	Novice 1st
Vinh L.	2015	М3	83.17	
Stephen H.	2011	M3	84.33	
Jan G.	2015	М3	86.717	
Douglas S.	2015	M3	88.926	

LC – Legacy

Grant K. 1997 318ti 90.719	Rachel M.	1993	31818	85.541
	Grant K.	1997	318ti	90.719

MC - Mini Cooper

MS – M Car Stock

Jack R.

Ron E.	2005	Cooper S	81.798
Jodie S.	2010	Cooper S	93.738

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NAM - Naturally Aspirated Modified

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Ryan K.	2001	330CI	81.822
Chris K.	2006	330i	83.554
Ramze B.	1991	325is	84.932
Simon R.	2004	325Ci	86.217
Aly T.	2006	330i	86.425
Patrick M.	2019	325i	88.654
John A.	2019	325i	88.877
James G.	2019	325i	91.258
Jeffrey G.	2001	325Ci	92.997
James M.	1987	325i	97.691

NAS – Naturally Aspirated Stock Peter O. 2000 Z3 83.9 Orlando V. 2000 3231 89.4 83.953 89.424

TM - 6/8/12 Turbo Modified

Rob W.	2014	M235i	80.544
Andreas H.	2011	Z4	84.909
Arthur G.	2007	335	89.447
Christian G.	2007	335	91.366

TS – 6/8/12 Cylinder Turbo-Stock Tiffany A 2015 M235i 81 32

Ппапу А.	2015	IVI235I	81.32
Richard L.	2015	M235i	83.616
Derek M.	2013	335i	85.906
David G.	2016	340i	91.078
Chris S.	2010	335d	91.407
Carley A.	2010	335d	96.942

Fastest Woman!



X - Non-BMW

A HOII-DIVI	••			
Mike A.	2015	GT3	76.247	
Robert J.	2012	MX-5	76.446	
Carl L.	2006	Miata	76.647	
Hi L.	2016	GT4	77.99	
Scott S.	2005	Elise	78.686	
Thomas F.	2016	MX5	79.088	
Keith L.	2008	Exige S 240	79.405	
David R.	2007	C6 Z06	79.873	
Andreas K.	2006	Exige	80.341	
Jason L.	2000	Focus ZX3	81.15	
Michael B.	2016	Mustang GT	81.551	
Patrick D.	2012	TT	81.713	
KC M.	2016	MX5 Miata	81.961	
Jim A.	2013	FRS	82.258	
Fred C.	1994	Miata	82.506	
Justin C.	2012	Civic	82.651	
Alan L.	2008	RX-8	82.836	
Daniel R.	2007	RX-8	82.962	
Dallas H.	2002	Viper GTS	84.245	Novice 2nd
Mark B.	2007	RX-8	85.105	
Karen C.	2007	RX-8	85.804	
Bryan S.	1998	civic	86.001	
Alisha W.	2015	Cayman	91.17	
Josh D.	2016	GTI	92.279	
Mark H.	2015	Corvette	93.194	
Xavier R.	2009	Jabbit POS	94.331	
John S.	2009	Rabbit	99.342	
Lucas K.	2013	GTI	100.016	



2016 Autocross: Year in Review

2016 was a very full year for our autocross program! In addition to nine regular autocross dates, we hosted several new events. It's thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers and sponsors, that we are able to bring you these amazing events.

Before we dive into this year's events, we would like to thank BMW of El Cajon for their generous sponsorship of our autocross program. It's because of their support that we are able to award beautiful plaque trophies to our winners at each autocross. At the January Resolution Autocross, Rob Walker resolved to add to his trophy collection, and proved his commitment by taking home BMW Top Time of the Day.

In February, we had our first Autocross Tech Session, hosted by Independent Motorcars, where Satakal Khalsa and Chris Keefer discussed the details of tire choices, camber, tire wear, tech inspections and much more. We quickly followed-up with our second autocross of the year where Matthew Wells won Top Time.

On May 1, we celebrated the life of our friend and volunteer, Rich Gehring, with a fun-filled day of autocross – one of Rich's favorite things to do. Matthew Wells came back for his second consecutive Top Time of the Day.

We had one autocross this year that did not take place in the Qualcomm Stadium parking lots. If you attended Bimmerfest this year and saw some BMWs trashing tires – well, that was probably us. Matt Kogan and Satakal Khalsa organized and executed a special autocross just for the Bimmerfest attendees. A special thanks to them and to the other volunteers and instructors who made the drive up to Fontana for that event.

Next on our calendar was the Rug Cunningham Runoff Autocross – probably our most popular autocross. It's at this event where the winners of each class are determined a little earlier in the day so that they may then face off for two laps in the same car. This year's car was a quiet, little Smart car loaned to us by Autobahn Dismantling. Shawn Flanagan seemed pretty darned happy to find out that his name was going on the Rug Cunningham Perpetual Trophy. Congratulations to him!

Back to the regular autocrosses, Nicolas Beier took

home three consecutive Top Time trophies at the July, September, and October events. Top Time was won by Evan Ford in November, and Ludovico Verducci won in December.

We embarked on new territory this year. In an effort to encourage more women to give autocross a try, we held two special events in October just for women. Independent Motorcars was our venue for our Women's Autocross and HPDE Tech Session where we talked about what to expect at these driving events, how to prepare for each type of event, and the fundamentals of driving at autocross and big track. Less than two weeks later, the women put their newly acquired knowledge into practice at our first ever Women's Car Control & Autocross Clinic on October 15. This day included a classroom session, practice of four unique driving exercises, and autocross practice laps. We received great feedback on this event and we look forward to doing it again in 2017. This event was possible thanks to generous support from BMW & Mini of Escondido, Independent Motorcars, Flying Pig Pub & Kitchen, and Lady Driven.

Speaking of women in autocross, Kelley Sakata-Moon took over the role of Chief Instructor at the beginning of this year from Peter Busalacchi after he served eight years in the position, and Lisa Goehring was welcomed into the instructor core a few months back.

In July, we introduced our new point series, which ran through December. Five events comprised this year's abbreviated trial series. Points were awarded to drivers based on their performances within their classes.

Congratulations to our 2016 Points Series winners: Robert Joe (X Class), Phil Linskens (MC), Nicolas Beier (LC), Rob Walker (TM), Richard Le (TS), Ryan Keeley (NAM), Peter Oneppo (NAS), Stephen Yurkovic (MM), Shawn Flanagan (MS), Rob Jones (MPM), Ludovico Verducci (MPS), and Andrew Simmons (Gold). Since the series seemed to go off without a hitch, we'll run it for the full year of 2017 starting with our first event on February 4.

Our final fun event of the year was our fourth annual Instructor Runoff. Oceanside Motorsports provided this year's runoff car – a pristine 2016 328i with a 4-cyl turbo and auto transmission. Each instructor was given two



Members of the Instructor Corps competed against each other in a 2016 328i 4-cylinder turbo with auto transmission provided by Oceanside Motorsports.

laps in the runoff car, and since Neil always likes to put a fun spin on things, he added a karaoke contest to the mix. Instructors chose a song to sing along to as they took their laps and Neil had his camera recording the whole time. Some instructors reported being very happy that they had closed-face helmets. Soon enough, Neil will post the videos and we'll get to vote for the best in-car karaoke. We may have to wait to find out who won that contest, but fortunately we had immediate results on the lap times. For many folks, the winner came as no surprise because we watched him win the Rug Cunningham Runoff in 2012, several podiums in the IMSA Conti Series and the Instructor Runoff in 2014, 2015 and now 2016. Congratulations to Connor Bloum! We look forward to continuing to watch as his career... blossoms.

Finally, we give out two recognition trophies at the end of the year – one for Staff Volunteer of the Year, and one for Instructor of the Year. The recipients of these two awards are chosen by the votes of our participants and volunteers. Our 2016 Staff Volunteer of the Year is Jim Patterson, and our Instructor of the Year is Pete Engles. Jim and Pete are dedicated, hard-working volunteers who play key roles in the success of our autocross program. We can't thank them enough! Thank you to all of our volunteers, instructors and participants for another exciting and successful autocross year!

Kim Schwarz



Instructor Run-Off Results

GRO - Gold class run-off

Conner B.	2016	328i	91.824
Peter E.	2016	328i	92.6
Matt K.	2016	328i	93.064
Nick O.	2016	328i	93.149
Greg G.	2016	328i	93.672
Sean T.	2016	328i	94.111
Neil D.	2016	328i	94.182
Satakal K.	2016	328i	95.396
Fred Y.	2016	328i	95.397
Andrew S.	2016	328i	96.278
Lisa G.	2016	328i	105.065
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2016 Holiday Party

This year's event was held, as it has been for many years, at the San Diego Automobile Museum. To change things up, the tables and buffet were placed at the opposite end of the facility, giving us all an excellent view of the hanging BMW sign.

After an delicious meal, the gift exchange was held with Dennis calling out numbers picked by Brett Littoff's daughter, Emma. Spirited swapping ensued.

As an added bonus, Travis Sterne, with the help of Trivia Master Dan Tackett, challenged everyone's knowledge of BMW facts with a contest. Not surprisingly, the table with Satch Carlson took the prize.

Reservations have been made to again hold the party at the museum next year. Hope to see you there.

























RESULTS

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a – adia ci	333		
Brian G.	2017	124	85.308
Connor B.	1999	Miata	86.258
Peter E.	2016	M4	87.12
Sean T.	1992	Miata	87.567
Neil D.	1995	M3	89.284
Greg D.	1996	328i	92.608
Michael M.	1995	M3	94.016
Greg G.	1988	325i	95.174
Lisa G.	1995	M3	95.201

LC – Legacy

Nicolas B.	1986	325e	89.96
Efren F.	1985	323i	102.189
Kaelin T.	1970	2002	104.835
Aryana Z.	1993	318is	109.131
Beth A.	1993	318is	109.365

MC - MINI COOPER

Phil L. 2016 cooper 96.077





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MM – M Car Modified Jonathan K 1998 M3

Jonathan K.	1990	1012	09.024
Stephen Y.	1995	M3	90.422
Daniel L.	1988	M3	90.469
Paul H.	2004	M3	90.725
Evan F.	1998	M3	91.535
Bryant N.	1988	M3	92.32
Alfred R.	1999	M3	93.881
Kali M.	2007	Z4 M Cpe	96.766
AJ H.	1999	M3	97.658
John B.	1997	M3	99.021
Tom J.	2004	M3	100.894

MS – M Car Stock

Shawn F.	2011	1M	89.257
Jack R.	1999	M3	89.631
Jacques B.	2017	M2	91.639
Tyler J.	2007	Z4 M	97.969
Paul R	2000	M Rdstr	100 653

MPM - M Modified Over 400 Stock HP

Rob J.	2013	M3	89.838
Tom F.	2016	M4	94.683
Mason S.	2015	M4	99.265
Ashley A.	2008	M3	99.715

MPS-M MStock Over 400 Stock HP

Ludovico V.	2016	M4	89.172	Faste
				BMW
Jan G.	2015	M3	94.372	





NAM – Natu	rally Asp	oirated M	odified
Ryan W.	1990	325is	91.758
Ben T.	1985	325e	91.874
Ryan K.	2001	330CI	92.145
Chris K.	2006	330i	93.574
Jason W.	1996	328is	93.755
Kyler S.	1987	325is	95.176
Jeremy P.	1991	318i	95.53
Jeffrey G.	2001	325Ci	95.991
Aly K.	2006	330i	99.019
Thejusvi G.	2003	540i	102.392
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NAS – Naturally Aspirated Stock

Michael D.	2004	330i	98.222
Walter G.	1991	325i	101.92
Jeff A.	2006	325i	104.948

TM - 6/8/12 Turbo Modified

Rob W.	2014	M235i	92.922
Kevin T.	2009	135i	93.172
Greg A.	2011	135i	96.72
Christopher G	. 2007	e90 335i	97.267
Sean N.	2013	335i	97.281
Daryll H.	2007	335i	97.45
Nick B.	2011	335i	98.023

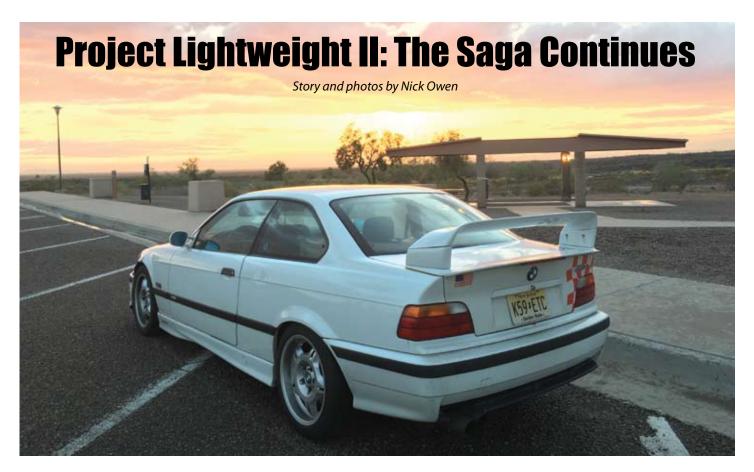
TS – 6/8/12 Cylinder Turbo-Stock

Richard L.	2015	M235i	93.301
Kurt M.	2010	535i	97.059
John A.	2011	535i	97.187
Kristen A.	2016	750ix	97.362
Peter O.	2008	335i	99.055
David G.	2016	340i	100.128
Carley A.	2010	335d	102.801
Brad D.	2014	328i	103.302

X - Non-BMW							
Julien B.	2015	Catfish	87.078				
David R.	2007	C6 Z06	87.794				
Thomas F.	2016	MX5	88.533				
Henry B.	2009	Z06	89.326				
Mathieu H.	2000	Miata	89.597				
Luca C.	1990	miata	91.412	Į			
Rachel M.	1992	Miata	93.28	Į			
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Mark B.	2007	RX-8	94.191				
Josh R.	2016	BRZ	94.303				
Alan L.	2016	Spark	94.846				
Kardon A.	1991	Mustang	95.137				
Jake D.	2015	GTS	95.614				
Daniel R.	2007	RX-8	96.188				
Alex S.	2016	Fiesta	96.813				
Bryan S.	1998	civic	97.114				
Karen C.	2007	RX-8	97.244				
Richard S.	2016	Spark	98.523				
Alisha W.	2015	Cayman S	101.583				
Lori S.	2012	Abarth	101.99				
Steven H.	2015	Mustang	103.073				
Xavier R.	2009	POS	103.389				
Juan H.	2002	Mustang	104.531				
Jason F.	2003	350z	105.056				
Russell N.	2013	FR-S	106.221				
Rocco D.	2016	Mustang	106.839				
John S.	2009	Rabbit	107.286				
Julie J.	2013	FR-S	111.409				

Novice 1st Fastest Woman!





I should have known better. When an M3 Lightweight sits in a barn for a while it usually means it's at a point in its life where the time and money to fix it is just not in the cards at the moment. And a poor sap like myself is the one who has to deal with the next surprise as I dig deeper and deeper into bringing this car back to life.

For the sake of time and word count, I'll have to just brief you on the things I found on this car. Mechanically it was mostly good, I mean it just drove across the country! But it still needed a lot of attention.

When it came time to put the car under the knife, I started from the back and worked my way forward. Ripping out the complete rear suspension was the first part. With a car like this, I had to make frequent trips to Autobahn Dismantling. My first trip over was to



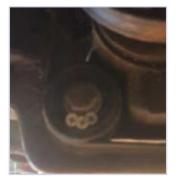
replace the rust cracked subframe and bent right rear trailing arm! I knew this would not be the first emergency phone call Autobahn would get from me.

Have you ever had to remove suspension bushings? If so, you probably used a special tool. But if you are a DIYer (like most) then you probably did not have access to fancy BMW special tools. Well, in this particular case, I turned to the DIYers as to

what their technique of choice was for extracting suspension bushings when the tool was not available. Not to mention, the tool for this particular job was not that fun to setup and use. Who would have thought a propane torch and a good prying tool would be so useful? It's kinda oddly satisfying to be able to hold a torch and watch something start to change form while extracting it from a pressed-in component.

But when it came time to get the differential 'nose' bushing out. Well, that was a small challenge.

Now I may be a BMW professional, but I did not expect this. As you can see from the picture, this bushing is hardly even intact. In fact, it's somewhat supported by 3 metal screws about 2.5in long, to help take



up the slack from the worn-out bushing. I spent twice as long trying to get this particular bushing out since it was probably the original part at 184k miles.

Once the rear was put back together, we moved to the driveshaft center support bearing and pinion flange. And after we replaced all four brake rotor backing plates (due to rust), the car got fresh wheel bearings and control arms with bushings. Combine that with a completely new cooling system and a few miscellaneous loose ends, this car was ready for another cross country drive!

Now, no half-restoration would be complete without the interior needing some TLC. If you own or have owned an e36, you would know that after a certain amount of time the interior pieces tend to just biodegrade. This M3 was no different. The car was handed off to me with the incorrect passenger door panel, and all four door panels werec ompletely falling apart. The carbon fiber center console trim was no longer attached, headliner was sagging and the drivers seat frame was physically bent from years of track use with it being used with a 4-point harness. Good thing the BMW community is resourceful, as I was able to find a pair of new front seats for this thing. But first, let's remove the interior to be repaired.

Removing an interior is easy. You just start taking it apart and placing it outside the car. I started with the pillar covers and worked my way back to the rear parcel shelf. You know, that part under the rear windshield that turns purple no matter what? Let just say that will no longer be the case on this car. Next, the headliner.



Oh, is that a rat's nest? Well yes it is. Not surprised when this car was in fact stored in a barn for a few years. Hopefully that's the only surprise in store for me.

Since the carbon fiber center console trim won't reattach and cannot be sourced from BMW, I suggested we just replace the center console piece with a black one.

Of course I'm going to find another rat's nest when I go under the passenger side dash!

But that's not all folks. We still have the body to address. If you ever saw this car in person, you would notice the RF fender, bumper, hood and nose panel



did not fit very well. Mainly the RF fender, but other parts of the front end needed to be fixed. The hood was crooked enough to allow the hood hinge to touch the windshield, causing a massive crack. Knowing this car has had a right side inpact, we did not know the extent of the damage and repairs performed on this car in the past. Luckily, this is where my friend Rami, from California Motorsports, comes in. While I was repairing other parts of the M3 at my dealership, Rami was making routine visits to the service department as a sublet vendor for body work on our CPO cars. Best part, his shop was not far from the dealership. I asked Rami if he could look over the M3 project I was working

on, which he gladly agreed to. We spent some time looking at the car and talking it over, which ended in a reasonable estimate to remove, refit, replace, and refinish the complete front end. A few weeks later, I dropped the car off, and we took the front end apart to see what we are working with.



Good news, the RF fender fits with a little massaging. Bad news, the new hood doesn't fit.

We found the right side frame to be bent. From passenger side to drivers side we were ok, but from drivers side to passenger side, we were off. Good news, it was able to be fixed, so we can properly fit the front end components.

As the car sits now, we

are painting the front. She will have new Motorsports flags with a new and authentic Lightweight Front Splitter. But by the time you read this the car will be done and at Legends of the Autobahn. If you see me and this car there, then you will know

everything was able to come together in time. I'm looking forward to her debut at Legends and I know that her owner, Matt Russell, will be there to enjoy her debut too!









Train Them Up in the Way They Should Go...

Beginning with sitting in daddy's M3 wearing his racing helmet at age one, to awakening that competitive spirit in a soapbox car contest at age seven, to her first driving experiences at Legoland and go-kart driving courses, our daughter, Audrey, was immersed in all things automotive from the start. With an avid car enthusiast as a father, what could one expect. I decided to interview our daughter about her driving journey so far.

Mom: What are your earliest memories associated with driving?

Audrey: I remember dad showing us that you can have fun and drive fast, but still be safe. We spent many hours on scenic drives, looking for those long curvy roads. However, this quickly established the "no puking in dad's car" rule. Remember the "blueberry pancake incident" when I was 3 years old? I also remember dad having me put my hand on the gear shift to get the feel for manual transmission driving. He said this would be a mandatory part of my driving education.

Mom: What did you think about your initial driving lessons?

Audrey: I was a little scared, but excited to get started. I was lucky my dad's good friend, Dan Tackett, owned a driving school and shared with us all the current information on getting my license. The American Driving school program included online home study and private behind-the-wheel lessons. I enjoyed having my lessons in a BMW 325 and the instructor was nice. I think the best part was having my dad go on all my lessons with me. I think this is really important because parents should know how the instructors are teaching driving. My dad was given a checklist to follow so we could continue practicing to get my 50 hours of instruction before the big test.

Mom: We are so proud of you for getting your license on the first try. What did you think about your dad recommending the Tire Rack Street Survival Teen driving school a few months later?

Audrey: I was definitely nervous, but wanted to get more driving experience. Dad said I would get hands-on driving experience and learn the handling limits and control of my own car. The instructors were super friendly and patient. It was fun and I got the award for hitting the most cones. At the end, I felt like a better driver and wanted to share this experience with my friends.

...and When They Are Older. They Will Not Depart From It!

Mom: Once you had the Tire Rack school under your belt, what did you want to do?

Audrey: Well, I really loved the slalom cone course, so I asked my dad if I could sign up for the next autocross at Qualcomm Stadium. We did that together and it was a lot of fun. Shortly after this autocross, my history teacher asked us to research a current social issue. I chose to do the writing assignment on the dangers of texting while driving. I learned that text messaging makes a crash up to 23 times more likely. Also if you are distracted for 5 seconds while traveling on the freeway, you are driving the length of a football field without looking at the road. That's scary.



Mom: Were any of your friends having similar driving adventures?

Audrey: Lots of my friends now have, or are in the middle of getting their driver's licenses. A few of them feel like they are not getting enough practice and they don't have much confidence in driving. I told them about how much safer I felt as a driver because of the my experience at now two autocrosses and the Tire Rack school.

Mom: You just volunteered at a Tire Rack school. How did that come about?

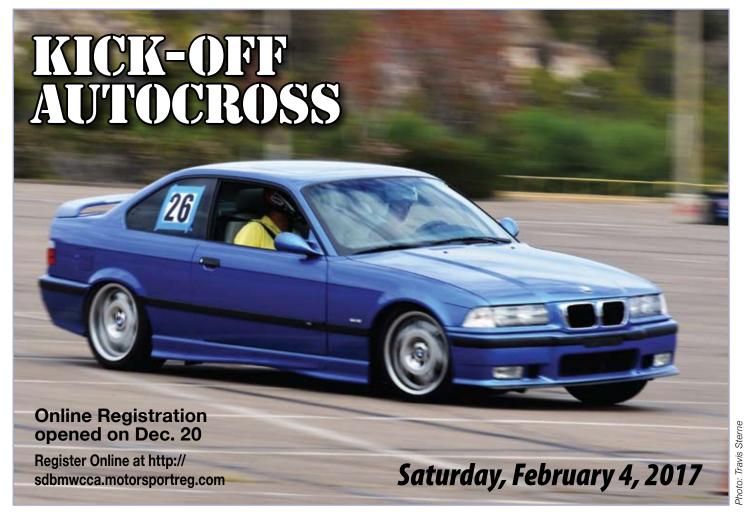
Audrey: My friend, Kate, decided to sign up, so I wanted to volunteer at her event to cheer her on. My dad asked the organizer and I was able to help with registration and picking up cones on the course. My favorite exercise at this Tire Rack school was the distracted-driving course. You drive a short course once and then run it a second time while trying to send a text. Your instructor shouts out scenarios while you attempt to control your car. As a volunteer this time, I got to see how much volunteers are under-appreciated. It takes a lot of planning and people to run the event, not just the instructors. I want to recognize them for the great impact they have on new drivers!

Mom: So what plans do you have now? What's next?

Audrey: I'd like to try a few more autocrosses. Dad wants me to try a Performance Driving School, but I don't think I'm ready for that yet. Maybe later on. You never know.

By Catalina Uhler (Proud mom, Associate BMW car club member, occasional Autocrosser)





We're kicking off our 2017 Autocross Season and Points Series the day before the Superbowl! On Saturday, February 4, we'll start the year out right with a long, wide course in the West Lot.

The helmet standard has changed to require Snell 2010 or 2015 ratings. Check yours now to be sure it's up to date – rentals are very limited.

IMPORTANT:

- Only Snell 2010 and 2015 helmets are allowed
- All cars MUST be under a 87 dB noise level and we'll be checking! Over 87 dB = no autocross.
- We do run if it's raining—you'll learn more and your tires will wear less!
- You must be a BMW CCA member to participate.

 Join online at www.bmwcca.org in advance. Bring your membership card or print your membership confirmation if you have not yet received your membership card.
- We usually fill all the spots prior to the event, so register online early.
- If you choose to register onsite, bring cash or check and arrive by 7:30 am.
- The entry fee of \$65 includes breakfast items, lunch and beverages. Additional lunches for guests can be purchased for \$8 at Registration.



Schedule:

6:30 am - Gates Open

7:00 am – Registration and Tech Inspection Open

8:00 am – Tech Inspection Closes (no inspection = no autocross)

8:20 am – Driver Meeting (mandatory)

9:00 am - Course Opens

The day typically ends between 4 – 4:30 pm.

When you arrive:

- If you registered online, stop at the Gate to show your BMW CCA membership card, sign the waiver, receive your wrist band and receive your Tech Card.
- If you did not register online, you will receive a numbered card at Gate in order of arrival; take it to the Registration table after you go through Tech. Walk-up spots are not guaranteed.

- Empty all loose items from your car and fill out the participant portion of the Tech Card. Bring your car and Tech Card to the Tech Line. If you pass Tech, you will receive a tech sticker and a run group sticker.
- 4. Take your Tech Card to Registration. You will receive car numbers to place on your side windows.
- 5. If you don't have a helmet, you can rent one at the Timing Trailer for \$10.

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 during the timed runs, you can have an instructor with you or you can go solo if your instructor feels you're ready. 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.

Please note our car classifications as shown below. Make sure that your car class is up-to-date in Motorsport Reg and if you have questions, feel free to email us at autocross-directors@sdbmwcca.com.

- 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, and i3
- 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-BMWs, 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 naturallyaspirated 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 antiroll 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)

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.

Check out the Autocross pages at http://www.sdbmwcca.com/for more info on this wonderfully addictive sport.

If you have registration questions, contact Jim Patterson at sd-autocross@sdbmwcca.com.

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One special road was Mesa Grande. We were concerned about the repair and construction projects along that route. It turned out to be a total delight, especially when driving down the north side of the road with all its tight curves. There we enjoyed a panoramic view of the upper part of Lake Henshaw and the surrounding natural landscape. We then drove through that landscape on Highway 79 for almost 45 miles. The highway was fast, with long curves that let us cruise and enjoy the picturesque small towns, hills and valleys. Unfortunately, some of us got caught behind a truck pulling a large trailer, and that was very frustrating.

Boris Said, the owner of BMW of Murrieta, went all out for us, providing a tasty lunch and displaying a BMW race car and M-4 GTS for our inspection. We of San Diego BMW Club want to thank Boris Said and Nick Owen for arranging this delightful ending to our Two-County Drive.

Jim Lloyd





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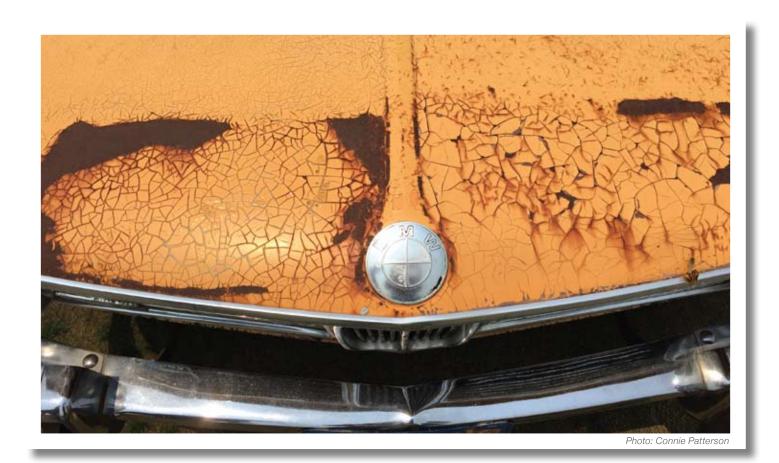
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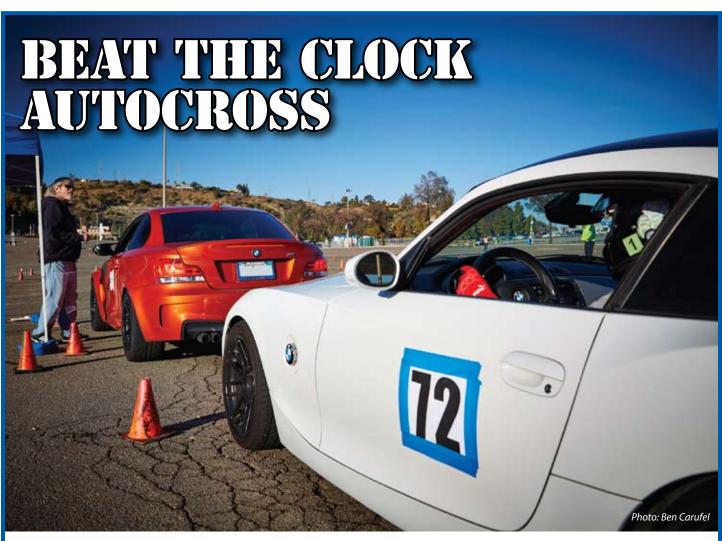
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