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The President's Column

Greetings Fellow Club Members!

Is it Spring yet? I can enjoy a good rain here and there but it seems like this year we are getting more than our fair share! Not that water would ever stop a driving event for us, but I do get annoyed with having to wash my car(s) more often. Especially that silly M3 LTW that I still have in my driveway. Luckily my ZHP is kind of a faded version of Imola Red so you can't tell it's dirty. The M3 on the other hand, being Alpine White, tends to lose its shine unless washed once a week. Needless to say, I need a garage!

The club is in full effect for March and April. We have an Autocross both months; a go-kart day with another local car club; and in April there is a group of us going up to the Long Beach Grand Prix to watch BMW take on the other manufacturers in the IMSA series.

We are trying a new social gathering event. The last Tuesday of every month, we will be having a meet-n-greet at La Jolla Brewing Co, starting around 6:30. Then at 7:00 we will be assembling into a team for a trivia night. Travis Sterne, Jonathan King and I have been attending a few trivia nights around town, hoping to see how we can apply them to our chapter. We have figured out a way to make it work, so please join us on the last Tuesday of every month and come see what it is all about.

Lots of fun things going on. Hope to see you out and about at one of many our events!

Nick Owen



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Please send us your stories, tech. tips, photos, etc. We welcome and encourage any material you think would be informative or interesting to other members. All information should be submitted to the editor directly by e-mail to sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com. The deadline for submitting information to the editor is the 15th of even months.

Calendar

March 4

Inter-Car Club K1 Speed Challenge at K1 Speed Carlsbad

March 11

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

March 14

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

March 28

Social Meet & Greet and Trivia Night at La Jolla Brewing Company

March 29

Ladies' Tech Session at Independent Motor Cars

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BMW Team RLL Pit Tour and Q&A at the Long Beach Grand Prix

April 11

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

April 29

San Diego Chapter – Autocross, Qualcomm Stadium, SE Lot

May 6-7

Overnight Drive to Palm Springs

May 21

Jack Cavanaugh Memorial Car Show, Clean Car Contest & Charity Auction

New Club Members

Welcome! We look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming club events!

John Baker Steven Hypnarowski
Wayne Jones

Michael Bowman Tim Klimpel

Aimée Cabanding Matt Kriegsfeld

Yu Cai Leo Luna

Alex Chang Austin Lynch

Brad Daluiso Gary Madsen

Nicholas Davison Eric Marc-Aurele
Frank Drdek Steve McKinnon
Kyle Everard Anoush Nadiri
William Grant Nick Nguyen

Tim Holve CJ Osuna
Richard Horowitz Gary Peritz

lan Hesse

Dakota Ross

Bryce Schaefer

Alex Schroyer

Robert Tanner

Ali Torabi Dirk Wray

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Chapter Website:

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Monthly Meetings

Chris Novascone

San Diego Chapter monthly Board Meetings are held the **2nd Tuesday of each month** at:

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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CHRIS KEEFER

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



IAY PRZEPADLO

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





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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We will discard your lowest two event scores when we tally the results. The points structure uses a formula that is based on your time: (Class-winning time / your time) * 100. For example, if 1st place turned a 62.837 and you place 4th with a 64.123, you will receive 97.99 points.

If you switch classes during the season, we will use the class in which you received the most points. In other words, only the points accrued in one class will count toward your total.

You must class your car appropriately and we will verify before awarding trophies.

If you have questions about classes, please ask for help. Any protests of drivers or cars will be handled as follows: Contact the Protest Chair, Matthew Kogan (koganmb@gmail.com) and he will re-class the driver/car to the appropriate class with no other penalty. Any protest beyond a reclassification will be reviewed by the Protest Chair and all decisions will be final.

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Upcoming Autocross Dates

March 11 – Qualcomm West Lot

April 29 – Qualcomm SE Lot

June 18 - Qualcomm West Lot

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ur Chapter hosted a now-annual driving day at the BMW Performance Center West in January. Maybe you thought that BMW doesn't actually make Hybrid M cars? Well, as the Performance Center Chief Instructor Mike Renner likes to say, "M cars burn both gas and rubber." We discovered that first-hand on a perfect sunny day in Thermal.

Many participants began our day with an informal caravan drive over the Pines-to-Palms highway, with a clear view of beautiful, snow-capped peaks nearby (and snow along the road at one point), and a winding descent into the desert. At the facility, we were greeted by BMW's impressive new permanent

Photo: Andrew Barber

building. Replacing the nice tent they've used for years, the new structure has the BMW corporate look: bright white and glass and stainless steel. Upstairs is a permanent kitchen and meal room with a large balcony and mountain view. Downstairs features a lobby, large classroom, and gift shop full of tantalizing items. Outside the building a large deck was built, which on that day featured a spectacular M760i with a 600hp V12 and frozen matte paint. I wonder how long it will remain frozen in the desert?

With five events and 100 drivers, we divided into groups of 20 to even out the activities and rotate between them. The Rat Race took place on the wet, polished concrete skidpad to simulate an icy surface that many Southern Californians had probably never experienced. On a small oval course, two cars started half-a-lap apart and "chased" each other for three



laps. Though speeds were very slow, it took a lot of concentration to maximize efficiency of motion. Sideways was not the fast way. A drag race pitted pairs of M5s, X5Ms, and X6Ms to accelerate at maximum, then brake at maximum to stop within a box that wasn't much longer than the car. Over 560 hp and huge brakes kept us entertained all day.



Since our Chapter is known for hosting excellent autocross events, many of us were especially looking forward to the Timed Autocross. A batch of silver M240i's were used on a tight mini road course, and boy were they fun! Leaving them in Sport Plus mode so the traction control was still active, these little beasts reminded us of our favorite BMWs of the past. The M240i's rotated very well, with a frisky rear end and great brakes. The course had a variety of corners, including a long decreasing-radius turn that required a lot of patience, and it was wide enough to choose a line just like we do at Qualcomm. Each driver got 3 runs with a passenger riding along, and needed to stop at the end within a tight box (no flying finishes as in our autocrosses). When the times were compiled, the podium was Sam Swinehart 3rd, Greg Uhler 2nd, and Kardon Aston 1st.

For many drivers, the highlight of the day was the 2 events held on the South Palm Circuit road course in Competition Package M3s. One group did several laps in a Lead-Follow format, with an Instructor

in the lead car and two drivers in each of the cars behind. Using a radio inside the car, the Instructor carefully described the course, the braking points, the apexes, and the exit points so everyone could learn the line and get a feel for the M3's capabilities. After a few laps, we came in and switched drivers so both got equal time. While that was happening, a separate group was also on track for the Hot Laps event. In these M3s, the Instructor drove while three passengers hung on tight. Since the Instructors were allowed to deactivate traction control, they mixed high speed and heavy braking with some lurid slides, leaving passengers to exit with big grins and wide eyes. The M3s were very impressive, never missing a beat during extreme use with full throttle and heavy braking all day long.



We drew participants from the LA Chapter, and one of our Facebook followers even flew in from Dallas to join us for the day! Judging by all of the smiles, everyone really enjoyed the M car experience and appreciated what a great value the Performance Center provides for BMW CCA members. As before, the 100 spots were snapped up quickly. The good news is, we have scheduled our next Performance Center visit for January 27, 2018. Mark your calendars!

Dan Tackett



BMW Performance Center First-timer

The day started off great with taking the long drive from San Diego to the BMW Performance Center through the mountains via highway 79 / 371 / 74. It was a beautiful day for a drive.

The event started off with excellent sandwiches for lunch and jumped right into the instructor speech to give us the basic guidelines regarding the rules of the day, the different events, and the ideal driving position. We then swiftly marched out to begin the day on the track.

The autocross exercise was extremely fun with our M240i in MDM mode, getting a little loose around each of the turns. The drag race exercise was surprising — the X6Ms consistently beat out the M5s time after time. A difficult, but fun quirk of these two exercises was they both ended with needing to hard brake to a complete stop inside a cone box to avoid a penalty.

The lead-follow laps in M3s began with an instructor showing us the perfect line and just the right amount of gas/brake in each turn. After three laps of that, I jumped in the passenger seat to allow the instructor to show us his skills around the track. I really felt the seat belt in my chest when the instructor brakes for each turn. I ended the day with a silly exercise around a wet circular course in which I faced off with another participant to see who could make it three laps around the extremely slick course first. I was surprised just how slow I need to go.

Overall, the event was fun. It was nice to drive some other cars I might normally only see in pictures. My only gripe is that just when I was starting to get a feel for each exercise, my time behind the wheel was over. I greatly look forward to the next event!

Matt Gage



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2016 Bill Brecht Memorial Volunteer of the Year

Since 2003, we have honored the memory of Bill Brecht by presenting an annual award to the club member who best represents the spirit of volunteerism that Bill represented throughout his life. The club is fortunate to have a number of great volunteers, and each year we have a difficult time choosing only one volunteer of the year.

This year we are proud to present the 2016 Bill Brecht Memorial Volunteer of the Year award to Chris Keefer. Chris became active in the club in 2015. His first activity was to host and conduct a tech session for members attending the annual Chuckwalla HPDE. He went over the requirements for cars to pass tech for the HPDE and even offered to tech the cars for free.

In February 2016, Chris hosted an autocross clinic attended by 40 members where he and Satakal Khalsa went over tech inspections, car preparation, suspension options and autocross driving techniques. Later in the year, Chris was nominated and awarded the Outstanding Volunteer of the Pacific Region for his autocross in-tent repairs, hosting autocross workshops or helping CCA members whenever he can. In October, Chris sponsored and hosted the "Women's Autocross and HPDE Tech Session" which was well received by the woman participants. Chris also designed and ordered tshirts for our Big SoCal

Euro booth volunteers and represented the Chapter at our booth by interacting with attendees and encouraging new membership. In December, Chris was nominated and elected to our club's board as Director-at-Large.

Chris can be seen tech-ing cars at our club autocrosses, helping club members with mechanical issues and operating the computer and software for the timed results. Chris has been a welcome addition to the club and the board of directors, and enthusiastically participates and volunteers to help in any way he can.

Don Duncan



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Please email questions to Travis Sterne at sd-events@sdbmwcca.com.





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Saturday May 6th: Quick Discussion of Day 1 Meet at Target of Escondido at 12:00pm; Depart 12:30pm Sunday May 7th: Quick Discussion of Day 2 Meet at Jack-in-the-Box (Ramon Rd) 8:00am Depart 8:30am

Hotel Options

Here are two hotels in close proximity to the Sunday start point.

- 1) Holiday Inn Express and Suites Cathedral City
- 2) Welk Resorts Palm Springs

Registration

Please RSVP at msreg.com/social. There is no cost to join this event, but you will need to make your own hotel reservations.

Social Meet & Greet and Trivia Night in La Jolla

Join us on Tuesday, March 28th for a social meet-and-greet and trivia night at La Jolla Brewing Company! Get to know fellow chapter members and compete as teams in general trivia (popculture, geography, history, etc.) with a chance to win prizes and free drinks. This is a free event to participate in. Food and drinks are available for purchase at your own discretion. This is a fun activity that blends challenging questions with socializing. Check out Sunset Trivia to see how it works!

http://sunsettrivia.com/how-to-play/

Plan to arrive around 6:30pm to socialize and order food and drinks. Trivia starts at 7:00pm and lasts roughly 1 – 1.5 hours.

Location

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Conner B.	1999	Miata	67.541			
Daniel H.	2016	Miata	68.220			
Brian G.	2016	Miata	68.557			
Sean T.	2016	Miata	69.598			
Sonny W.	1990	Miata	70.101			
Peter E.	2016	M4	70.360			
Nick O.	2016	M3	71.019			
William W.	2004	Miata	71.167			
Donald A.	1990	911	73.794			
Satakal K.	1993	325i	75.736			
Dean C.	1996	328is	75.917			
Rob W.	2014	M235i	76.121			
LC - LEGACY						
Grant K.	1997	318ti	80.465			
Zach F.	1991	318is	82.507			
Kim K.	1993	318is	89.823			
Sherry E.	1993	318is	90.800			
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78.031

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Vinh L.	2015	M3	73.810				
Graham F.	2016	M4	76.810				
Nick D.	2013	M5	77.243				
Steve M.	2013	M5	79.916				
Bojan D.	2012	M3	80.311				
MS - ///M STC	CK						
Greg U.	2016	M2	71.651				
Shawn F.	2011	1M	72.601				
Jack R.	1999	M3	73.429				
Austin F.	2002	M Roadster	76.723				
Shaheen K.	2006	M3	79.824				
NAM - NATUI	NAM - NATURALLY ASPIRATED MODIFIED						
Ryan K.	2001	330CI	72.299				
Aĺpesh K.	2005	330ci	73.155				
Jason W.	1996	328i	73.865				
Peter O.	2000		74.130				
Chris K.	2006	330i	75.712				
Thejusvi G.	2003	540i	77.805				
Tim K.	1997	328is	81.618				
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Mike C.	2000	Z3	82.218				
Jeff A.	2006	325i	82.700				
Walter G.	1991	325i	82.935				
Diane C.	2000	Z3	85.365				
TS - 6/8/12 TU	JRBO ST	оск					
Kurt M.	2010	535i	78.609				
John B.	2013	135i Conv.	84.858				

X - NON-BMW					
Robert J.	2012	MX-5	69.023		
Robert D.	2009	Corvette	69.286		
Carl L.	2006	Miata	69.936		
Andreas K.	2006	Exige	70.224		
Aaron D.	2003	Lancer Evo8	71.073		
Rick G.	2003	Lancer Evo8	71.282		
David R.	2007	Corvette Z06	71.943		
Hooman A.	2013	FR-S	71.969		
Michael B.	2016	Mustang GT	72.434		
lan G.	2001	s2000	72.481		
Patrick D.	2012	TT	72.558		
Keith L.	2008	Exige S 240	72.688		
Marcela A.	2012	Boxster	72.786		
Rachel M.	1999	Miata	72.973		
Andy O.	2015	Cayman GTS	73.972		
Daniel J.	1992	300zxTT	74.348		
Fred C.	1994	300zxTT Miata	74.392		
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Twinning in a Pair of Space Grey 135s Photos: Travis Sterne

Looking at the photos, the two cars are identical. 2011 and 2012 BMW E82 135i M-Sports in Space Grey Metallic. But keen eyes will quickly notice the 2012 features face-lifted front and rear lighting.

Under the hood, both sport the twin-scroll, N55 inline sixes. Closer inspection reveals the dealer-installed Power Performance Kit, as noted by a plaque affixed to the intake boot on the 2012, good for an additional 20hp/17 lb. ft. of torque.

Inside, the cars both sport black leather seats, premium package, iDrive, and virtually all of the bells and whistles these cars could be optioned with. The 2011 sports grey poplar grain wood. The 2012? The more appealing and sportier aluminum hexagon trim.

This is where the similarities (and minor differences) end. There is one glaring difference I've intentionally omitted until now.

The 2011 features the Getrag 6-speed manual transmission (6MT) while the 2012 transfers power via a true, 7-speed Dual Clutch transmission (DCT).

So when my friend and longtime San Diego BMW CCA club member, Alexander Tock, tosses me the keys to his 135s to solicit my impressions, I jumped at the chance. Naturally, photographing the pair during a sunrise on the Silver Strand Beach was an added benefit.

I wasn't without my doubts, however. Coming from one of the most driver-centric BMWs, an E36 M3, I prepared myself to be underwhelmed by the steering and road feel. First, addressing the commonalities across the two 1s. I'm happy to report that I was pleasantly surprised. While the e36 features a very classic 1980s/1990s BMW steering feel of being numbon-center but loading up exquisitely, the 135i's steering was direct and precise. At center it was very responsive and took less input than the e36. With more aggressive driving, it loaded up progressively and predictably.

Before I delve into the DCT versus 6MT debate, I'd like to call out that the 2011-2013 135i autos are uniquely among a handful of other non-M BMWs to receive the Dual Clutch Transmission. N54-powered 135s (pre-2011) uses a 6-speed torque converter automatic transmission and the M235i/M240i utilizes an 8-speed ZF auto. It's a unique niche that the 135i N55 DCT has carved out for itself which makes this debate interesting.

Jumping into the DCT there's no getting around it: this thing is fast. Crackles and burbles of the turbo are intoxicating with every downshift. And that instant, unadulterated response! Wow! It wastes no time seamlessly putting the power to the ground. Surely I could shave a few tenths of a second, if not more, off my novice lap times.

Next up, I give the 6MT a go. Unlike the stock DCT 135i, this car features the highly beneficial Clutch Delay Valve (CDV) delete and the pedal throw benefits from a bump-stop. My first observation was how easy it was to drive coming from the ZF 5MT of the E36 M3. In normal city driving I hardly have to

think or monitor clutch engagement and release on the 1-series. Shifting is precise and shifter throw is surprisingly short considering the car lacks a short shift kit or long, gooseneck-style knob. Throttle response was snappy and pedal-feel light. Yay for snappy, boo for light pedal feel. I attribute this to the drive-by-wire throttle. There is something to be said about the classic feel of manually pulling on the throttle cable coupled to one (or several butterfly valves). It's a direct input-output that is precise and offers the driver a direct, symbiotic relationship where drive-by-wire cars fall dismally short.

The manual is still a quick car. Does the DCT feel faster running through the gears, or downshifting and rev-matching? Absolutely. But don't be so quick to dismiss the manual as a slow alternative. It just takes more effort to maximize output, and real-world experience shows there's very little between these two thoroughbreds.

Moreover, driving the 6MT 135i made it become increasingly apparent that the manual transmission felt like an afterthought in BMW's development of the 1-series. It almost seems as though it was a band-aid solution to please the manual transmission loyalists. That's not meant to be a dig. The 1-series represents an intriguing chasm cross-point for BMW. The 135i and 128i are hailed as the last of the BMW purists' cars where steering feel is brilliant, size is sublime, and road feel is a perfect balance of communicative yet supple.

At the conclusion of testing, I step out of the manual transmission car and state "this car would take me a week before I get into serious trouble. The DCT would get me in trouble in days."

It's true: The manual slows your thoughts down just enough that your better judgment weighs in. You need to consciously decide to grab another gear whereas the DCT has already shifted and is busy queuing up the next gear, making it all too easy to reach speeds best saved for the track.

It's hyperbolic to say that the 'auto' is sacrilege or for neophytes. Just like it's a stretch to say that the 6-speed manual is inferior because its shifts are slower. After thoroughly driving both cars in a true A/B test, I can confidently attest that both transmissions are fantastic to drive. I would be ecstatic to add either car to my garage.

Ultimately the decision depends on your intended use. Will you be driving the car around town, commuting, or otherwise daily-driving the car with occasional spirited drives? Then I would recommend the DCT. The ease of the auto, performance, and lack of needing to use the clutch in traffic deserve recognition. I'd quickly get over the lack of a manual during those occasional spirited drives—downshifting the DCT is simply sublime, and in many ways more satisfying than the 6MT and still outperforms the newer torque converter ZF 8-speed.

If this is a weekend car used only for spirited driving then I can see the manual becoming the desired option for those who want true driver focus and driving engagement, but even then it still represents a bit of a tough sell. Just don't ask me which I'd choose for the track. That decision becomes one of whether I desire to become a better all-around driver or perfect my lap-time.

So is it true what they say? Can you have your cake and eat it too? I guess that depends whether you have room in your garage for two seemingly identical cars, making your transmission choice based on the needs of the drive you're about to take.

Travis Sterne





Online Registration opens March 15

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



Saturday, April 29

Come on out to Qualcomm's Southeast Lot on Saturday, April 29, and celebrate a special event with us! The Spring Fling autocross commemorates Rich Gehring, who was the backbone of our Chapter for over 30 years.

Rich served on the San Diego Chapter Board of Directors in many different roles, but the role that he was famous for was that of Equipmentmeister. Rich kept all of our autocross and driving school equipment, along with our truck and trailer, in perfect working order for more years than we can remember. He was at every autocross and HPDE, where he would help set up and run the event. Rich gave an immeasurable gift to our chapter through his time, generosity, knowledge, and experience. His exceptional kindness and his genuine smile continue to inspire us.

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

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

IMPORTANT:

- Only Snell 2010 and 2015 helmets are allowed
- · All cars MUST be under a 91 dB noise level and we'll be checking! Over 91 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:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.

- 3. 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.

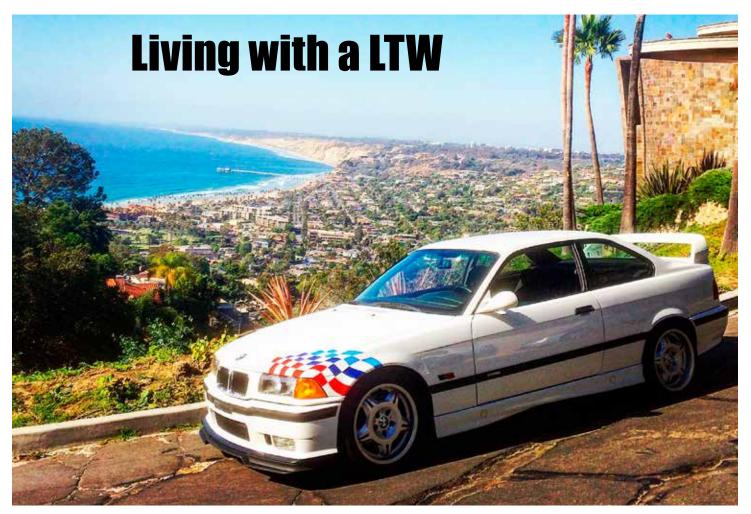
If you have registration questions, contact Jim Patterson at sd-autocross@sdbmwcca.com.

See you at the Q!

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This is a long overdue follow up to #projectlightweight that you may have read about over the summer. To make a long story short, I took the car to Monterey for Oktoberfest and it was great! The car looked incredible, it drove great around town and performed flawlessly on Laguna Seca. I was supposed to do a follow up column but the truth is, life got busy! But here we are in February and I still have an M3 Lightweight parked in my driveway!

For most of us, we don't get to live with an E36 M3 Lightweight. In fact, only very few do. For me, I've gotten used to it. But it is still a very special car to have immediate access to. After Oktoberfest was done, I brought the car back to my home in San Diego and made a few small repairs to some things I had to get done. One of them being an oil change. Good friends of mine, Cecil Perez and Ryan Castro of Motorsport Hardware and Fluids sent me a case of oil for the engine, transmission and differential. I was a little hesitant at first about running a different kind of oil in this car but Cecil and Ryan explained the compounds used in their fluids, which gave me a lot of clarity as to what exactly is in today's motor oil.

So far the M3 likes it! Thanks again Ryan and Cecil!

I also got a proper detail on the car from my new friend Xavier Beltran at Time to Shine Detail. Xavi came to my house and gave me the best bang for buck shine he could muster given the car's imperfect paint texture on the roof and rear quarter panels. The paint felt smooth and healthy, a lot smoother than it was while the car was being fixed. The polish alone was absorbed almost instantly when applying because the paint was *that* dry. But after Xavi did some magic, the car shined beautifully!





Once I got the car where I wanted it, it really just became a routine of taking the car out once in a while. Since the car doesn't have A/C, I'm not about to take it out for errands when its really hot out. For the most part, it's tolerable in the car if you are wearing shorts or if the ambient temperature is just right. But if the air flow stops and you end up in stop and go traffic, you're gonna miss that air conditioning real quick! On the other hand, when I found myself out and about in a rain storm, the car's ability to produce heat was second to none. Not only does the car perform well in the wet, but once you figure out how to regulate the interior windows fogging up in a heavy rain, the car is really easy to drive in the rain. Maybe its those Michelin Pilot Super Sports we put on it?

I've been trying to figure out exactly what it is about this car that makes me smirk when I see it every day in my driveway. Is it because it's a car that reminds me of my first alpine white E36 M3 from 10+ years ago? Or is it that this is a unique piece of BMW history? Maybe its because this car is just cool and special? If someone were to ask me what is my favorite aspect of this car, I would have to say its persona. This lightweight is a good step or two from original, but the way it has been altered makes the car a real hoot to drive anywhere. The throttle is crisp, the power band is sufficient, the noises it produces are more than enough to satisfy the engine note audiophile in all of us.

So what is a like to live with a lightweight? Joy. Pure, absolute, joy. There is no need to impress or show off your horsepower. There is no need to 'Jones' the car with modifications in order to meet an imaginary set of expectations. The car represents mechanical satisfaction and harmony in the simplest way. Every time I drive this car, I'm able to get that "fix" (if you know what I mean). Most of the time I get a wave from someone who recognizes the car and knows its sense place and time with BMW. But most of all, its a car that you live with because you love it. The joy it brings is the reason why we do what we do with our BMWs.

Nick Owen



Ladies' Tech Session

Insider info on buying, leasing and repairing cars

Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. Independent Motorcars 5836 Autoport Mall, SD, 92121

This Ladies' Tech Session will focus on the wallet and getting the most bang for your buck in future purchases and repairs. From buying or leasing a car, to getting it serviced, we will cover an array of topics to keep you informed for the next time you enter the automotive marketplace. Our automotive insiders will discuss some truths and dispel some myths related to purchases and repairs. In addition, our technicians will explain and demonstrate proper car care to keep you safe on the road.

Please join us for a relaxed evening filled with excellent information. This is an informal, intimate atmosphere where you will be able to ask questions at any time. Come meet fellow female enthusiasts and some members of our San Diego Chapter Board. The event is free, and food, drinks and dessert will be provided!

Topics will include:

- · Key things we should know about our cars
- What to do if something happens while commuting or traveling
- Is it really possible to negotiate a lower car price when buying or leasing a car? If so, what is realistic to expect?
- How to know if you're getting taken advantage of by a repair facility

The San Diego Chapter and Independent Motorcars are proud to host this event. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP by March 26 to Alyson.trust@gmail.com.





2016 Financial Statements

BMW CCA San Diego Chapter Income Statement - Cash Basis For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 BMW CCA San Diego Chapter
Balance Sheet
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

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Membership Dues	\$ 22,282
Advertising Revenue	13,910
Driving School Fees	86,400
Autocross Fees	57,066
Other Event Fees	6,468
Interest	6
Other: Miscellaneous	<u>187</u>
Total Income	\$ 186.319

Expenses

Total Expenses

Newsletter Printing & Postage	21,351
Autocross Events	39,026
Driving School Events	81,951
Other Club Events	5,266
Board Meeting Expense	3,595
Maintenance of Equipment	3,419
Insurance	1,719
Storage	730
Donations	2,935
Taxes	- 0
Depreciation Expense	2,606
Miscellaneous	<u>2,678</u>

Net Income (Loss) \$ 21,043

Assets

Cash and Savings in Bank Accounts	3		\$ 60,098
Equipment	\$	69,249	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		63,197	<u>6,052</u>
Total Assets			\$ 66,150

Liabilities and Net Worth

Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$ 66.150
Retained Earnings	<u>66,150</u>
Liabilities	\$ - 0

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