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The President's Column

Spring has now sprung, and hopefully that means our unusually wet winter weather is finally on its way out. Days are getting longer, and that's a good thing because our spring schedule is packed with some of our major events of the year.

By the time this issue is published, we'll have concluded our 30th annual

High Performance Driving School. That's a huge milestone for our chapter, and a great testament to the dedicated volunteer organizers and instructors that have made this a consistently outstanding experience over the course of three decades. Personally, I can only claim to have attended the past dozen schools, and I sure wish I could have gotten started a lot sooner. But I'm looking forward to many more years to come, and want to thank our Driving School team for their tireless efforts to put on such a high quality, educational, and safe event. Watch for full coverage in the next issue of *Fahren Affairs*.

Fast forward to May, and we have the other marquee event—our annual Jack Cavanaugh Memorial Car Show, Clean Car Contest & Charity Auction. A complete change of pace from our driving school, this event features an array of outstanding BMWs & MINIs, from classic to modern, staged in a uniquely picturesque park setting right on the waterfront of San Diego Bay. Join us for a relaxing day along the water, check out some amazing vehicles, and bid on some cool auction items to raise money for a good cause. We also encourage you to see just how clean you can get your cherished bimmer, and enter it in one of the judged categories. We all know how rewarding it is to drive an immaculately clean car. We hope you'll join us, and show us the pride you have in your ride!

Keep an eye on our website, E-newsletter, and social media for additional events in the works. And if there's something else you'd like to see the club do, please let us know!

Lisa Goehring

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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 at sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com. The deadline for submitting information to the editor is the 10th of March, June, Sept., and Dec.

Calendar

April 9

SD Chapter - Board Meeting

April 12-14

Long Beach Grand Prix (gplb.com)

May 11

SD Chapter - Car Control Clinic & Autocross Practice, SDCCU Stadium

May 14

SD Chapter - Board Meeting

May 19

SD Chapter - Jack Cavanaugh Car Show, Clean Car Contest and Charity Auction Spanish Landing Park, San Diego

May 25-26

Bimmerfest West (bimmerfest.com) Auto Club Speedway, Fontana

June 1-2

SD Chapter - Overnight Drive

June 2

34th Huntington Beach Concours Huntington Beach Central Park

June 11

SD Chapter - Board Meeting

June 29

SD Chapter - Autocross SDCCU Stadium, West Lot

New Club Members

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

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Ryan Schaffer

Reza Sharghi

Amir Shoar

Robert Shuford

Patrick Singler

Trevor Smith

Michelle Smith

Kevin Solomita

Brian Stafford

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

Filippi's Pizza Grotto
5353 Kearny Villa Road

5:45 p.m. – Pizza & soft drinks

6:30 p.m. – Board Meeting

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Saturday, May 11

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**This clinic is geared toward drivers who have not had prior performance-driving experience. Experienced autocrossers should check out our Advanced Autocross Practice, also scheduled for May 11.*

What will my day look like?

7:00 am – Arrive at Qualcomm Stadium; Empty your car
7:20 am – Registration and Safety Inspection Open
8:00 am – Introduction and Classroom Session
9:00 am – Car Control Exercises
12:30 pm – Lunch & Classroom
2:00–4:00 pm – Practice Laps

What car can I bring?

All registered, street-legal cars are welcome.

Who can register?

Anyone with a valid driver's license who is 16 or older. Drivers between 16 and 18 years must bring a parent or guardian to sign the Minor Release Waiver. BMW CCA membership is not a requirement. Two drivers may share one car, but both drivers must register separately. Registration is restricted to members and family or friends of members. Member may register up to two participants.

What is the cost?

The cost of this event is \$60 and includes a taco lunch catered by Taquizas.

How do I sign up?

Registration is online using MotorsportReg. You'll need to create an MSR account if you don't already have one.

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What should I bring?

Your car with a full tank of gas and good tire tread, your driver's license, sunscreen, a hat and if you have one or can borrow one, a Snell 2010 or newer helmet. A limited number of helmets are available first-come, first-served, so please let us know if you will need one.

Will my insurance be valid?

You will have to check with your individual carrier to see if you are covered for an event such as this.

I have more questions. Who do I ask?

Email Rob at autocross-director@sdbmwcca.com



these two events...

Advanced Autocross Practice

Saturday, May 11

Register NOW at sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com



If you're looking to hone your advanced autocross skills or if you want to dial in your car, then join us for a morning of autocross practice. Make sure you have a full tank of gas and plenty of tire tread, because you'll get a lot of laps in. We will have a few advanced autocross instructors available to help. Points and trophies will not be awarded as this is not a competitive event.

**This event caters to advanced drivers. If you're new to performance driving or if you want to learn important car-control skills, check out our Car Control Clinic, also scheduled for May 11.*

Planned Schedule

6:10 am – Gates open
6:30 am – Registration and Tech Inspection open
7:20 am – Course walk (optional, self-guided)
8:15 am – Driver meeting
8:40 am – Course opens
Three run groups of 20 cars. Each get:
 Two 40-45 min run sessions
 Two 40-45 min rest sessions
 One 80-90 min work session
1:30 pm – Day ends

Registration

Opens on March 1 through MotorsportReg.
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Who can register?

Anyone with a valid driver's license who is 16 or older. Drivers under the age of 18 years must bring a parent or guardian to sign the Minor Release Waiver. Two drivers may share one car, but both drivers must register separately.

Is a BMW CCA membership required?

Registration will be open to BMW CCA members on March 1 and will open to non-members on April 1.

What cars are allowed?

All marques are welcome. Cars must pass our tech inspection. SAV, SUV and trucks are not permitted at this particular event.

Cost

The cost of this event is \$80. Coffee and muffins will be available first thing in the morning, and water will be on hand all day, but lunch will not be provided.

What to expect

If the day runs as scheduled, each driver should get two 40-45 minute run sessions which should result in 20-25 laps in total. Additionally, each driver will have two 40-45 minute rest sessions and one 80-90 minute work session.

Sound Limit

The stadium's normal sound limit of 91dB will be in effect. Cars over the limit won't be able to run and entry fee will not be refunded.

Timing

Timing equipment will be running and the display will be available for drivers to see, but times will not be recorded.

Items to bring

Driver's license, snacks or lunch, sunscreen, hat, Snell 2010 or newer helmet.

Insurance

As with most parking lot or track events, your insurance may not be valid. Check with your individual carrier.

Questions?

Email Rob at autocross-director@sdbmwcca.com

Upcoming Event

Overnight Drive—Saturday, June 1 & Sunday, June 2

Join us the weekend of June 1 for the San Diego BMW CCA's third annual overnight drive! We are going back to an old favorite, starting mid-Saturday on a classic drive to Palm Springs where we'll stay the night. This route will take us through Borrego Springs, around the Salton Sea, and north to Palm Springs.

On Sunday, we'll drive from Idyllwild thru Anza and Warner Springs back to Escondido. Watch our website and Facebook page for a registration link soon, which will include all the details.

For questions, contact Jonathan at kingjon@gmail.com

Huntington Beach Concours—Sunday, June 2

Over its thirty four year history, the Huntington Beach Concours has grown to be one of the outstanding automotive events in Southern California. On the picturesque lawns of Huntington Beach Central Park, the field of entrants includes the best domestic, British, European and Asian, vintage to current automobiles.

Last year we set a record with 49 BMWs, the largest marque at this event! I hope we can achieve an even larger turnout this year. No need to be judged—most BMWs are Display only—although Street (Clean) and Concours (Super Clean) judged categories are available. Mark your calendars now, registration is open and we encourage owners to sign up early. We make sure that everyone's cars are displayed prominently.

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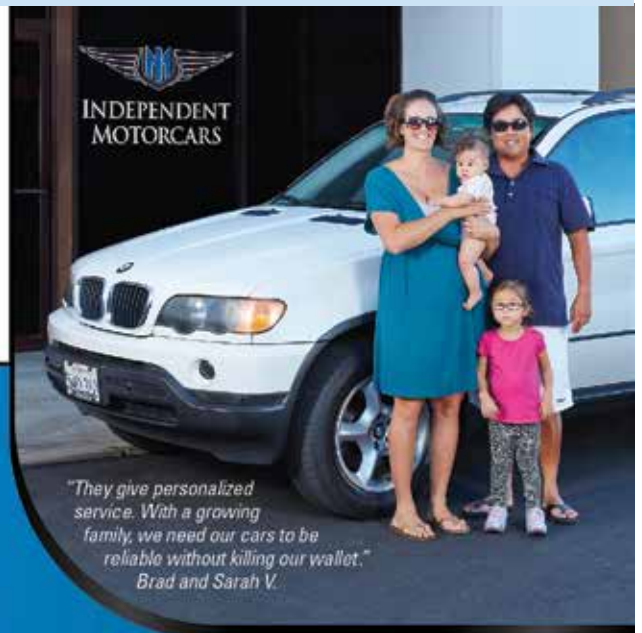
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M Car Fun at the BMW Performance Center



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On January 26, over 100 members ventured into the desert to Thermal, CA, location of the Thermal Club and BMW's Performance Center facility. To provide the maximum driving time to all members, our goal was to be very efficient. We all registered and paid online beginning last September, most participants filled out another online registration and waiver for BMW in advance, and we pre-sorted drivers into 5 equal-sized groups with a sequence of activities to follow. That got us into our buffet lunch early and led right to the driver's meeting.

The buffet lunch offered a tasty variety of salads, fruits and gourmet sandwiches, giving us a great start to our event. Our Instructor lead for the day was Brian Randall, who was very entertaining as he reviewed driving technique and briefed us on safety measures. "I named my dog Apex

to make sure he would never be hit by a car." Brian also drove us around the Hot Lap course, 3 passengers at a time, showing us how well an M3 can be drifted with careful management of extreme throttle and steering inputs. For many, riding sideways on a track was a highlight of the day. The Performance Center managed the inevitable tire destruction by having three more M3s parked in reserve. As Brian wasted one pair of tires, he'd just hop into the next car!

Another driving station was the Drag Race, including a U-turn at the end and a drag race back to stop precisely inside a tight box. As last year, the AWD straight-line specials included the X5M, X6M and M550i. The heavy SUVs are uncanny in their ability to accelerate, corner and stop so quickly. You can't break the laws of physics, but these X5s and X6s surely bend them. With full throttle and full braking runs all day long, the cars never got hot and the brakes never faded on a nearly 80 degree day. Good thermal management indeed. A surprise treat was that BMW included two of their exclusive M760i's, with 600 hp twin turbo V12s! Never



Photo: Dan Tackett



Photo: Dan Tackett

before has a sub 4-second 0-60 been so stately. Where else would you get to drag race two V12 sedans side by side?

To learn how to manage momentum on a slick surface, our experience included a “Rat Race.” Using their polished concrete skidpad and a tight oval layout, two drivers would start on opposite sides, then chase each other round and round while trying to close the distance. This rewarded deft throttle and steering skills to control a drift that was just sideways enough to keep the car moving forward without being at an angle that cost momentum. “When you’re going sideways, you’re not going forward.” Last year, we used 340i sedans with traction control off, which required miniscule throttle and steering inputs to win. This year was different. BMW gave us new M5s to drive, with 600 hp and all wheel drive. Having AWD was controversial when the M5 was introduced, but in this application, it was brilliant! Instead of tip-toeing around to avoid a spin in the 340i, the AWD Sport setting enabled heroic slides with lots of power that could be easily recovered with the pull of the front tires. The M5s

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allowed sideways AND forward to coexist, and boy was that fun! BMW generated a lot of AWD converts that day, which is good since the next-generation M3 will have the same system.

Those with a competitive streak reveled in the timed autocross event. Nimble M2s and a challenging, tight course combined to bring out the Beast Mode in all of us. Each driver got to be a passenger first, learning the layout of the turns, why “Patience Corner” earned its name, and when to apply full ABS to stop within a tight box at the end. We were required to leave DSC engaged, so there was no option for the throttle steering that many of us have used at Chapter autocrosses to point our cars tighter. Each driver had two timed runs, and when the red mist cleared, the clock told us that our third place finisher was Serhan Emre, second went to Greg Uhler, and our champion in the Autocross was Joey Cipponeri. Congratulations guys!

The main draw for many participants was a chance to drive on one of their 3 racetracks. Only members of the Thermal Club, credentialed journalists at manufacturers’ press events, or

Performance Center participants are allowed to drive at this facility. We were able to learn the most challenging layout, the Desert Palm Circuit, in a lead-follow format. Three groups of Instructors would each lead three drivers on the correct “line” while in constant radio contact. It was a great way to learn how to manage straight-line braking, precise turn-in, accurately hitting the apex, progressive throttle application, and unwinding to the exit in each turn. The layout had everything from a second-gear hairpin to a 115 mph straight, and the M4 Competition coupes never missed a beat all day. To provide the maximum driving time, two reserve M4s were parked in the paddock when refueling was needed.

When the day in Thermal was over, we had managed our driving time, the BMWs managed continuous hard use without strain, and all of us managed to have a big smile on our faces.

If you missed it, we have already reserved January 25, 2020 for our next Performance Center experience.

Dan Tackett



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Join us on May 11 for two driving events at SDCCU stadium. Improve your driving skills, increase your confidence, and experience your car's capabilities at the Car Control Clinic. Or, for those with performance driving experience, choose the Advanced Autocross Practice to hone your skills and dial in your car. All marques are welcome!

Saturday, May 11, 2019

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