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The President's Column

Happy New Year! Here we are starting a whole new decade already! Can it be? The holidays are now behind us and we turn our attention to what the New Year will bring. The challenge is that we seem to be facing a variety of uncertainties looming on the horizon. Will the general stagnation experienced by numerous car clubs continue? Will this be the year we finally bid farewell to Qualcomm Stadium and hold our last autocross there?

One thing we DO know is that our CCA membership dues will be increasing in February. Hopefully you've all seen the announcements about the pending increase, and are taking advantage of the grace period to renew your memberships now at the current rates. Even amid ongoing financial pressure for the national club, members have enjoyed a stable rate structure for over ten years now; a modest increase will help the CCA cope with the ever-increasing cost of doing business and creating great experiences for club members to enjoy. I believe most members would agree that the value of Club membership is well worth it. The camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts, unique experiences, discounts, outstanding publications, and BMW Rebate Program more than offsets the price tag of membership.

Here at home, we'll continue working to bring value to our local members. This year we're trying something different with a post-holiday Winter Party. We're also looking at additional opportunities to get members together for casual car shows, Meet & Greets, etc. And, of course, we'll maintain our focus on popular driving events, whether on track, or on scenic backroads. And we want to know what other types of events you might like to participate in.

I'd like to welcome back nearly all of our Board of Directors from 2019, along with a couple of new additions: Trevor Haag and Tyler Johnson. I certainly appreciate the time and energy our volunteers put in to our Chapter. Whatever challenges we may face in the coming year, we'll continue to provide our time-honored popular events, look at new suggestions and feedback, and will strive to provide more great experiences for our membership. We hope to see you at our upcoming events!

As always, keep an eye on our website, E-newsletter, and social media for additional events as they are added.

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

January 11

SD Chapter - Autocross
SDCCU Stadium, West Lot

January 12

SD Chapter - Winter Party
Mike's BBQ, Escondido

January 14

SD Chapter - Board Meeting

January 25

SD Chapter - BMW Performance Center
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February 9

SD Chapter - Autocross
SDCCU Stadium, West Lot

February 11

SD Chapter - Board Meeting

February 23

SD Chapter - Country Drive

March 7-8

SD Chapter - High Performance Driving
School, Buttonwillow Raceway

March 10

SD Chapter - Board Meeting

March 14

SD Chapter - Autocross
SDCCU Stadium, Southeast Lot

March 28

SD Chapter - Go-Karting Event
K1 Speed, Carlsbad

New Club Members

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

Manuel Agah	Gordon Gin	Sam Mayorga	Irene Robinson
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Monthly Meetings

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

Please join us to meet fellow members, be the first to
hear about upcoming events and learn how you can
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Upcoming Event

San Diego Chapter Winter Party

Sunday, January 12

Sponsored in part by BMW/MINI of Escondido

Join fellow members for a casual gathering at Mike's BBQ to celebrate the past year with friends old and new. Test your Club knowledge in the Trivia Contest, select your choice for our annual Volunteer of the Year Award, meet the Chapter's 2020 Board of Directors, and enjoy our "celebrity" guest speaker, Satch Carlson, Editor of *Roundel* magazine!

A BBQ sandwich buffet and dessert will be provided; drink orders may be purchased separately.

If you're in the market for a BMW or MINI, plan ahead and stop by BMW/MINI of Escondido between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. to browse or arrange a test drive. They're less than 5 minutes away. And let them know you appreciate their gracious sponsorship of our event!

WHEN: 5:00 p.m. to approx. 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Mike's BBQ, "The Owner's Box" Room, 1356 W. Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA

RSVP by Wednesday, January 8 by email to sd-events@sdbmwcca.com

Include your current BMW CCA membership number and number of guests.

** Seating is limited **



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2020 SAN DIEGO BMW CCA BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

President Lisa Goehring, **Vice President** Jim Patterson, **Secretary** Paul Silver, **Treasurer** Ryan Moore, **Director Autocross** Rob Walker, **Director Driving School** Seth Hanson, **Director Equipment** Grant Kluzak, **Director Newsletter** Greg Uhler, **Director Social** Matt Gage, **Director Wachmeister** Dennis Damon, **Director Web** Jim Patterson, **Directors at Large** Kim Dais, Trevor Haag, Tyler Johnson and Brett Litoff.

Upcoming Event

San Diego Chapter High Performance Driving School

Saturday & Sunday, March 7–8

Register NOW at msreg.com/SDBMW-HPDE

Learn to drive your BMW as it was designed to be driven! Join the San Diego and Central California BMW Chapters on March 7 & 8 for our High Performance Driving School at Buttonwillow Raceway. We appreciate the support of BMW/MINI of Escondido & Brecht Motorsports, Independent Motorcars, and Oceanside Motorsports.

Buttonwillow is an accessible and challenging racetrack, making it a great place to learn the art of high-performance driving from a dedicated team of experienced Instructors. These BMW CCA instructors are qualified via an intensive two-day instructor training program to ensure your safety and a consistent, high quality learning experience. Drivers that come through our programs are some of the safest and most capable drivers you will find on the track. We have refined our program to offer a structured school not available through any other program at this price point.

Our event is focused on driver development, not just an open track day. We emphasize safety, learning and having fun. Students will have an extensive classroom curriculum along with a dedicated in-car instructor. The price for this two day event is \$395 for new students, and only \$350 for returning students. All entries include lunch both days and all the water you need at the event. The price increases \$50 on February 8, so sign up early! All Entrants must be BMW CCA members. To join, go to bmwcca.org and tap Join Today.

Our HPDE schools receive rave reviews from driving enthusiasts every year. You'll go home with new skills, a heightened awareness you can apply to your daily driving, as well as some great memories of doing laps at this fantastic racetrack.

Reserve your spot NOW: msreg.com/SDBMW-HPDE



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Upcoming Event

Driving Events

January - June 2020
Register at sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com



We've added lots of driving events for the first half of 2020. Come join the fun!

Saturday, January 11 - Autocross, SDCCU Stadium

Sunday, February 9 - Autocross, SDCCU Stadium

Sunday, February 23 - February Driving Tour, San Diego

Saturday, March 7-8 - High Performance Driving School, Buttonwillow Raceway Park

Saturday, March 14 - Autocross, SDCCU Stadium

Saturday, March 28 - Go-Karting, K1 Speed, Carlsbad

Saturday, April 18 - Car Control Clinic / Open Practice Day, SDCCU Stadium

Saturday, June 13 - Autocross, SDCCU Stadium

Upcoming Event

FEBRUARY Driving Tour

Sunday, February 23

One of the perks of winters in San Diego is that your car isn't locked away waiting for better weather. So prepare for a journey to start the new year. Drive with us on the first Tour of 2020. Meet us the morning of Sunday, February 23 for another day of exciting driving through San Diego county's amazing back roads. Keep an eye out on Facebook and our chapter Website for more details as the date approaches.



Photo: Dan Tackett

Upcoming Event

KICKOFF Autocross

Saturday, January 11

Register NOW at sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com



Join us on January 11 for our inaugural autocross of 2020! We have SDCCU's huge west lot reserved for hanging with friends, claiming trophies, and chewing up tires. As always, a delicious lunch is part of the package. All marques are welcome!

Come on out to chew up some tires, hang with friends, and maybe claim a trophy on another awesome course.

We'll have UCSD's Triton Racing to help out with corner-working in exchange for a donation to their FSAE efforts. Please indicate your interest on the registration form.

Register today because spots fill up quickly as we approach the event date, and on-site registration costs extra. Registration closes at midnight on the Thursday prior.

You don't need a BMW to enjoy the fun; all marques are welcome at our autocrosses!

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.**
- **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. **\$10 extra to register onsite!**
- If you choose to register onsite, bring cash or check and arrive by 7:30 am.
- The entry fee of \$70 includes breakfast items, lunch and beverages. Additional lunches for guests can be purchased for \$10 at Registration.
- We do not cancel for rain.

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.

Check out the Autocross page at www.sdbmwcca.com for more info on this wonderfully addictive sport.

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.



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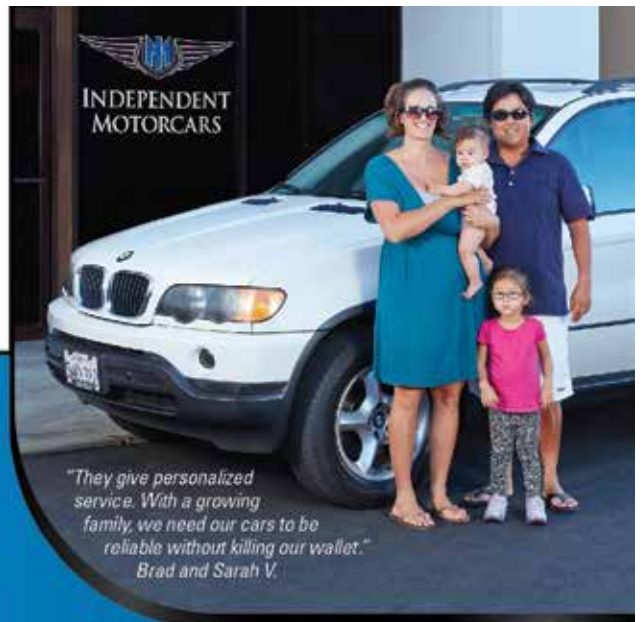
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VALENTINES Autocross



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Join us for another exciting autocross in the west lot at SDCCU Stadium!

Come on out to chew up some tires, hang with friends, and maybe claim a trophy on another awesome course.

Sunday, February 9, 2020

**Online Registration
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