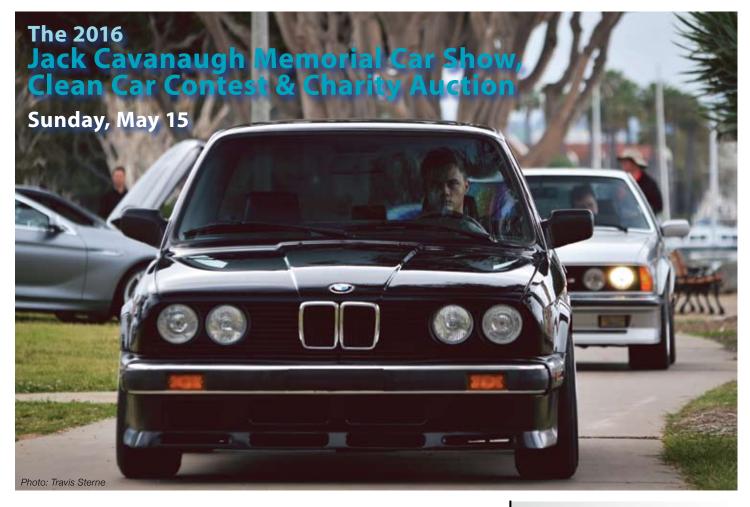




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The President's Column

This has been an eventful few months for me. I recently spend 17 days in Europe following the 2016 M Tour group in their M cars. The trip was great fun and will be the feature story in the August *Roundel*. While we were at the BMW Welt, we were able to present Dan Tackett with the highest volunteer

honor the club has, Friend of the Club. It was a special moment due to the location, the people involved, and the fact that it was a complete surprise for Dan. I remember when the Volunteer Recognition program was announced, that a number of us immediately thought of Dan. I'm so pleased that the recognition committee agreed with what we in San Diego have known for a long time. We also have another honoree, Chris Keefer, as the



Outstanding Volunteer for the Pacific Region. We also have the Outstanding BMW Center for the Pacific Region in BMW of Escondido. Every award is well deserved and I'm grateful to be associated with a chapter and area with so many great people.

I want to thank Brandon Watson for his work on the board over the last few years. He has a new job with BMW NA that has forced him to relocate to the LA area and give up his board position. I want to congratulate him on his well-deserved job with BMW, and remind him that the trip to San Diego is always worth it to hang out with the San Diego crew. The board appointed Emily Kluzak to fill Brandon's seat on the board. Emily is a BMW Product genius at BMW of San Diego, who will bring enthusiasm and new ideas to the board.

I'll give one more reminder about this year's Oktoberfest. If you only go to one O'fest in your life, this is the one. There are still spots open, but you don't have much time. Get all the details at www.celebratebmw.com. You can sign up for Legends of the Autobahn, Festorics at Laguna Seca and O'fest in Monterey. The celebration of 100 years of BMW will make these special events – you won't regret coming.

Our board meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at Giovanni's, 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. We welcome visitors, so come by and see what we are planning. The formal meeting starts at 6:30, but get there at 5:45 for pizza, soda and conversation with fellow BMW fans. All members and prospective members are welcome. Hope to see you there.

Jim Patterson

A kinetic sculpture at the BMW Museum in Munich cycles through silhouettes of various models – one of which is my current car, the Z4 M Coupe.



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2016 Calendar of Events

July 12

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

July 23

San Diego Chapter – Summer Fun Autocross, Qualcomm Stadium West Lot

August 9

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

August 20-22

BMW CCA Festorics – 100 Jahre Jubilaum! Monterey, CA. Saturday, Aug. 20, 10am to Monday, Aug. 22, 11pm. More info at http://festorics.org/







August 23-28

47th Annual BMW CCA Oktoberfest – 100 Jahre Jubilaum! Monterey, CA. Tuesday, Aug. 23, 9am to Sunday, Aug. 28, 5pm. More info at http://ofest.bmwcca.org/

September 11

San Diego Chapter – Summer Fun Autocross, Qualcomm Stadium West Lot

September 13

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

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!

Kai Ablinger Alex Hare John McGurk John Artz **Daniel Hester** Michael Mulloy Tim Bach Clay Higgins Andrew Nguyen **Bob Bankard** John Nikom Harry Hill **Bernard Bogard** Wesley Hogan Ron Palmer **Bradley Palmer** Ashlyn Byers Andrew Jensen **Austin Caldwell** Sean Johnson Skye Parisi **Stuart Crosby** Garrett Johnson Keith Steffen Shawnjit Dhesi Sun Joo **Brice Tiano** Riley Dickinson Reza Karegaran Drew Witte David DIspenza Martin Keegan Jeff Wysard Hassan Zaidi Dan Dominik **Brian Kelley** Corbin Frohreich Peter Zettl Adam Kelley

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Chris Keefer of Independent Motorcars Wins BMW CCA Award for Outstanding Volunteer for Pacific Region

The BMW CCA has instituted a Recognition Award program, and I'm pleased that the San Diego chapter has two winners (Dan Tackett's story is on page 9).

I want to congratulate **Chris Keefer** for winning the first annual BMW CCA Recognition Award as Outstanding Volunteer for the Pacific Region. Travis Sterne submitted the nomination and stated the following about Chris: "Whether it's through his shop, free autocross in-tent repairs, hosting autocross workshops, or helping CCA members wherever he can, Chris is always there to assist fellow enthusiasts and club members. I recall when the club nominated him as a Board Member at Large, he stated 'I love this club. I'll do anything for this club.' Those words stuck with me and I felt he deserved the recognition."

I'm delighted with the national recognition of the contributions Chris makes to the club and the BMW community. Thanks, Chris, for all you do. — *Jim Patterson*





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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.



KATE CONSTABLE

Kate is a huge car nut which makes her the perfect fit as the Customer Relations Director at Independent Motorcars. Her daily computer feed is jammed with everything from the latest offerings from European auto manufacturers to the latest news and cars from sites like Jalopnik and Bring a Trailer.



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.



We held our annual rain dance to the rain gods the night before the show. However, it didn't work that well this year, as we experienced a few hours of cold wind with a few rain drops. Next year we will have an increased rain dance troop.

We had 58 BMWs show up, which is a little less than previous years, probably due to the uncertain weather conditions.

A special thanks to Neil Daly of Oceanside Motor Sports (OMS) for providing the Brats & soft drinks.

Our charity, The United Ostomy Association, will receive checks from your club and individual members for \$3,000 as a result of this event.

The Wachsmeister









Photo: Rachel Mills















MASTERS Rob Clark – 1975 2002



Winner's Gallery photos: Rachel Mills



JACK CAVANAUGH PERPETUAL AWARD Darin Stephenson – 1988 535is



SUPER CLEAN 1ST Doug Park – 1985 M635



SUPER CLEAN 2ND David Stillwell – 2002 M3



SUPER CLEAN 3RD
David Sanmugam – 1972 CSL 3.0



CLEAN 1ST Rob Walker – 2000 M Roadster



CLEAN 2ND Paul Quattrocchi – 2007 Z4 M Coupe



CLEAN 3RD
Sebastian Gonzalez – 1987 325is



OUR JUDGING TEAM: Ron Perry, Gordon Anderson, Christopher Kohler, Curt Horst, Norma Anderson, Gary Collins, Tim Yost, Kimberly Perry, Jim Lloyd and Darin (barefoot) Stephenson.

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Dan Tackett Selected for Highest National CCA Honor

Beginning with 2015, the BMW CCA established a Recognition Program to recognize and honor individual club members, chapters and businesses for outstanding achievements and exceptional dedication. San Diego's own Dan Tackett was recently announced as a recipient of the Club's highest tribute for an individual – "Friend of the BMW CCA." Dan was one of five outstanding members named to the first class of honorees, the only one on the West coast, and received the highest number of nominations. The criteria used by the Recognition Program Committee to select candidates nominated by club members included: demonstration of outstanding enthusiasm, passion, and dedication to the Club; investment of time, talent and/or energy in the Club; demonstration of continual effort to improve and enhance the Club experience. Recipients will be announced in *Roundel/Roundel Weekly*, will have a nameplate engraved and added to the Wall of Honor in the National office, will be permanently listed on the Recognition Page on the BMW CCA website, and may only receive this award once in their lifetime.

Dan has been a Club member and actively involved with the San Diego chapter since 1983, filling a wide variety of roles such as: Autocross & HPDE instructor; San Diego Chapter Autocross Director for approx. seven years; Chief Instructor for S.D. HPDEs (10+ years); helped organize and lead Instructor Training Schools for southern Pacific Region HPDEs; co-organizer/Chief Instructor for S.D. Chapter Street Survival schools; former CCA Club Racer and 2000 BMW Challenge Trophy winner; lead driver/organizer for BMW VIP Hot Laps event at Coronado Speed Festival; Car Control Clinic organizer/instructor; former San Diego Chapter President, Pacific Region RVP, and Pacific Region Driving Events Committee representative; contributing writer for Roundel; regular CCA Oktoberfest attendee and volunteer, including Trivia Contest organizer; organized & instructed North American club members at past BMW Club Driving Schools at the Nurburgring; organizer of exclusive events for local CCA members at the new BMW Performance Center West beginning in 2015.

Nomination submissions for Dan included included the following comments:

"His dedication to the brand, but also the passion for driving, has allowed him to be an incredible influence for the members he interacts with."

"... it's obvious that BMW CCA was, and continues to be, one of the biggest passions in Dan's life. ... He naturally gravitates toward leadership positions, not because of the power that comes with it, but because of the pure joy that he derives from making other members delighted in the results."

"He's always done whatever he can to help the club and its members: giving his time, lending his expertise, providing inspiration and leadership, and always setting an impeccable example of what it means to be a BMW CCA member."

"... has developed connections with prominent people in related automotive and motorsports industries – including BMW NA – helping to showcase great aspects of the club and raise the profile of the CCA even more."

"Dan is steadfast in his dedication and promotion of the CCA, the ideal brand ambassador of the club – selfless, vigilant of the image of the club, and a natural at promoting the spirit and camaraderie of the BMW CCA experience."

Please join us congratulating Dan for this well deserved honor!

Lisa Goehring
Photo: Lisa Goehring







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RESULTS

RESULTS			
G – Gold Clas Mark M. William W. Sean T. Andrew S. Greg D. Nick O.	\$ 1990 2004 1992 2003 1996 1994	RF90 Miata Miata S2000 328i Miata	97.973 99.743 100.826 101.508 104.412 105.039
Satakal K.	2000	323i	106.594
LC – Legacy Nicolas B. Chris Ke I. Aly T. Michael D. Chris S.	1986 1992 1992 1986 1987	325 318is 318is 325ES 325ic	104.06 109.163 118.759 122.659 123.719
NAM – Natura Alpesh K. Spencer W. Simon R. Tom W. Jeffrey G.	2005 1988 2004 2001 2001	irated Modifi 330ci 325i 325Ci 325 i 325Ci	106.048 110.575 110.875 111.672 113.097
NAS – Natura			100 242
Peter O. Harry W. Deidre R. Audrey U.	2000 2000 2008 2005	Z3 Z3-2.8 328i 325i	109.343 110.78 113.466 117.833
MS – M Car Stock			
Jack R. Paul H. Jason W. Sidney C. Wilson L.	1999 2004 2004 2004 1998	M3 coupe M3 M3 M3 M3	104.026 104.673 105.892 105.977 108.651
MM – M Car Modified			



Photos: Emily Kluzak



Fastest Woman!

103.28

103.572

103.997 104.053 104.937

106.679

114.294

114.871

Evan F.

Lisa G.

Steve P.

John S.

Murat E.

Nikki M.

Sal A B.

Bryant N.

1998

1995

1999

1988

2000

2011

1988

1997

М3

M3

М3

МЗ

М3

M coupe

M Coupe

MPM - M Modified Over 400 Stock HP

Roger B.	1991	e30	106.63
Brian J.	2016	M3	107.034
Blake J.	2015	M3	107.264
Ken S.	2015	M4	110.6
Carlos A.	2015	M3	110.644
Ken S.	2015	M4	111.864
Justine D.	2016	M4	115.509

MPS- M MStock Over 400 Stock HP

INIT 3 - INI INI 3C	OCK OVE	1 700 Stock	111
Matthew W.	2016	F80 M3	103.069
Stephen H.	2011	M3	108.443
Nicholas N.	2015	M3	109.752
Vinh L.	2015	M3	109.907
Tim M.	2011	M3	117.45
MC – Mini Co	oper		
Michael O.	2007	Cooper S	105.31
Sunny R.	2012	cooper	123.642

Fastest BMW!



TM - 6/8/12 Turbo Modified

Rob W.	2014	M235i	109./45
Daryll H.	2007	335i	110.28
Maria V.	2007	335i	118.419

TS - 6/8/12 Cylinder Turbo-Stock

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Clint B.	0	M235i	103.465
Andreas H.	2011	Z4	107.944
Paul S.	2014	X1	111.416
Roberto R.	2012	335is	111.853
Kurt M.	2010	535i	116.944
David A.	2010	335i	119.83
Jasmine E.	2015	328i	120.048
Emily K.	2011	335d	121.159
Diane H.	2010	325i M	121.504



Photos: Emily Kluzak





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X - Non-BM	W		
Robert D.	2009	Corvette Z06	102.09
Scott S.	2005	Elise	102.394
Marc L.	2015	Corvette	102.857
Mathieu H.	2000	Miata	103.209
Robert J.	2012	MX-5	103.824
Eiman R.	2016	Golf R	104.292
Andreas K.	2006	Exige	104.592
Josh R.	2016	BRZ	105.139
Fred C.	1994	Miata	105.68
Keith L.	2015	Corvette	106.27
Jim A.	2013	FRS	106.792
Julien B.	2015	Catfish	107.559
Luis R.	2009	Cayman	107.663
Jason L.	2000	Focus ZX3	108.377
Jarred H.	2014	WRX	108.4
Nicholas R.	2000	Focus	108.66
lan G.	2001	S2000	109.05
Edward F.	2009	Corvette Z06	109.593
Greg B.	2012	C63	109.763
Peter A.	2014	ILX	110.302
Jacob D. Brian O.	2005 2016	Altima 3.5SE MX-5	111.055
Anastasia B.	2010	Boxter S	111.315 114.314
Alfred R.	1993	Miata	114.365
Terran B.	2012	c63	114.303
Richard L.	2009	Mazdaspeed 3	115.272
Richard S.	2016	Spark	115.272
Dave D.	1998	CX	115.964
Ryan W.	1992	740	117.055
Lori S.	2012	500 Abarth	117.033
Ken S.	2004	RX-8	117.219
Russell N.	2013	FR-S	117.819
Mark S.	2016	MX-5	119.33
Deanna L.	2009	Mazdaspeed 3	119.469
Mark S.	2007	Corvette	122.423
Julie J.	2013	FR-S	128.711



The project car. It's the pinnacle that all true gear heads think and dream about. Everyone has their own perspective of a project car. Some have just one, some have many. Most of them don't run. I



think its safe to say that most of the project cars out there were started with the best intentions, but sometimes we do get over our heads. I may or may not have thought out what I was getting myself into by taking on a project like this, but if I'm going to ever have an opportunity to massage an e36 M3 Lightweight back to life, then I'll figure it out. What had originally started out as a small favor to drive an M3 Lightweight 1200 miles south from its stable in New Jersey, turned into a cross country mission to retrieve a legend of its era and bring it to San Diego for its massaging, in preparation for its official debut in Monterey, CA for the big BMW



celebration. If there is ever going to be a time and place to glorify a BMW in 2016, its going to be in Monterey this August.

If it weren't for the BMW CCA I probably would have never met her second and current owner, Matt'Cadillac Boy'Russell, who wanted to not only get around to fixing this car (like how most project cars go) but privilege me to be the one to do the work. Considering I live in a place where we don't have things like winter, this was

no easy hand off for either of us. We agreed to meet half way in Dallas, TX at the BMW CCA Annual Meeting and Chapter Congress. Here in Dallas is when Matt gives me the rundown on the M3's current driving condition after driving it 1600 miles from New Jersey: "Well, it wants to step out on you above 50mph in the wet and it has a strange, intermittent misfire that eventually clears up while driving." I thought to myself: "OK, this will

be interesting." Matt then says: "Oh, we did lose a muffler hanger along the way so the muffler is hanging crooked and we recommend wearing shorts when driving." The gears in my head are turning with mild concern as Matt takes me out to the car in the hotel Westin parking lot and I do a brief once over. I had to make sure there is nothing that developed on the way down that will hinder our 1300 mile trip back to San Diego. Now, no semi-cross country road trip would be complete with out a good co-driver. Good thing I was able to bring my good friend and BMW Performance Center West Instructor, Brandon Watson, to drive this M3 home with me. It took very little arm twisting to get Brandon to buy into this little trip. Since we had worked at the dealership for about 7 years, I really didn't think Brandon would want to miss out on spending a few hours with me in a car like this. But by the time Brandon realized the lightweight didn't have air conditioning or a radio, I had already booked his ticket.

Before I can really tell you about this lightweight, you need to understand some things. This is no ordinary M3 Lightweight. And I say that because almost every M3 Lightweight I've seen (and probably you've seen too) is either a BMW CCA Club Race car or a low mileage, concourse winning, show car. This particular M3 Lightweight happens to be, arguably, the highest mileage M3 Lightweight of its breed at 183,960 miles and counting! So you can imagine what kind of things this M3 has been

through. From all the roads, all the tracks, and the 20 or so years of east coast winters, this M3 has seen it all.

We hadn't gotten a chance to get properly acquainted with the car



the night before, so we started to familiarize ourselves with this unique M3 during our morning departure from Dallas. This car is kinda noisy with



the rear seats down and the trunk is filled with tools, parts, our luggage and an authentic, unpainted, aluminum, passenger door. The passenger side A-pillar cover is missing. Multiple warnings lights are illuminated on the instrument cluster. The shifter trim isn't even attached anymore and it doesn't look like it will ever reattach again. A funny but annoying problem was when you went to use the turn signal and go over a bump in the road at the same time, the

high beams would flash on. And did I mention the steering wheel would go crooked due to the worn RTABs in the back?

We hit the road just after 6am Dallas time as we set out on our 1343 mile mission back to San Diego. Withh half a tank of gas, I hit the highway while Brandon connected our Valentine 1, dash cam, iphone chargers and Bose bluetooth speaker. The first 75 miles were me trying to see around the giant rear wing, which sits perfectly in the middle of the rear window where I would conventionally look out of. I found myself completely redoing my mirror settings, all while trying to get comfortable in a new-to-me-butworn-out car. We came to our first pit stop and it was time to switch places with Brandon. The cool part here is that this M3 isn't exactly stock. Lets just say that the original, handpicked, high output, 3.0 S50 is loooooong gone and will never be found again. So this M3 has been fitted with a 3.2 liter long block for some added kick. But when you add that 3.2 liters of kick to 3.38 rear differential gearing, a 11lb flywheel, a DINAN intake, a pair of long tube exhaust headers and some 24lb injectors with a mysterious, custom engine tune... You sure do get a nice kick from that Frankenstein S52ish under the hood!

The last time I drove through Texas was 2011 and it was in my new M3. Here I am 4 years later with a co-pilot and I still hate driving through Texas. Sorry Texas, nothing personal but y'all got too much plain scenery and road kill for my liking. Needless to say the long drive from Dallas to EL Paso wasn't that exhilarating except for the part where a rock made its mark on the windshield and the occasional passing of a wrecked car towing another wrecked car as they made their way towards the boarder. Once we got through the halfway point in El Paso, the drive started to get really good. Traffic was non existent and the scenery got better. I was back at the wheel and after changing into shorts, I realized what Matt was talking about. You

really need to think around that no air conditioning option on this car! By now we have acclimated to the car's characteristics. The noises, the imperfections, the crooked drivers seat frame, the irritating misfire that would cause the engine to surge for a split second. All of it. We switched off from driving every other tank of gas along with Brandon's occasional bathroom breaks. While stopped we got some



beautiful pictures of the car that we shared on our social media channels and the BMW CCA instagram page. Despite the car's up close condition and missing parts, she is incredibly photogenic.

But even though the car hiccuped the entire 16hrs of the 1343 miles of highway we conquered on the way home, all 3 of us made it back safe and sound with lots of stories to tell. Stay tuned as I go over and under the car to evaluate its overall condition and start the planning on making it the car it deserves to be.





RESULTS

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G – Gold Cl	ass	
Brian G.	Miata	61.661
Mark M.	RF90	63.024
lan A.	325i	63.19
Sean T.	Miata	63.835
William W.	Miata	64.224
Peter E.	M3	64.418
Andrew S.	S2000	64.544
Greg D.	328i	66.408
Nick O.	M3	67.392
Satakal K.	323i	67.728
LC – Legac	y	
Nicolas B.	325e	64.932
Ben T.	325e	68.366
Ryan B.	327is	71.816
Mark S.	318is	72.264

MC – Mini Cooper

Owen N.

Ron E. Cooper S cabrio 68.041

325i

 NAM – Naturally Aspirated Modified

 Peter B.
 325i
 68.732

 Jason W.
 328is
 70.416

 Jeffrey G.
 325Ci
 72.263



72.269



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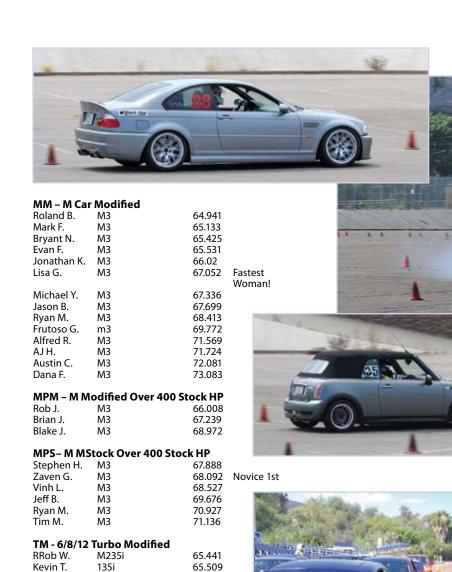
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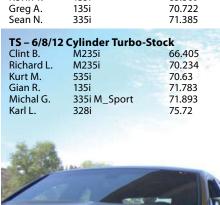
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X - Non-BMW

Y - MOLI-DIM	VV		
Robert J.	MX-5	63.459	
Henry B.	Z06	63.685	
Mathieu H.	Miata	64.317	
Scott S.	Elise	64.32	
Marc L.	C7 Stingray	65.429	
Keith L.	Exige S 240	65.571	
Paul C.	civic	66.074	
Patrick D.	TT	66.089	
Andreas K.	Exige	66.276	
Julien B.	Catfish	66.305	
Carl L.	Miata	66.924	
Jim A.	FRS	67.268	
Justin N.	sti	67.333	
Michael K.	Miata	67.572	
Mark B.	RX-8	68.041	
Patrick A.	Miata	68.693	Novice 2nd
Luis R.	Cayman	69.004	
Peter B.	S2000	69.67	
David R.	Corvette C5 Z06	69.679	
David C.	miata	69.954	
Steve B.	Miata	70.237	
lan G.	s2000	70.937	
Lori S.	500 Abarth	72.471	
Karen C.	RX-8	74.389	
Andrew J.	Mustang	74.712	
Ryan S.	Miata	78.58	

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2016 Runoff Autocross: **Heck Yeah!**

On June 18, we held our ninth annual Rug Cunningham Memorial Runoff Autocross. This event honors the memory of a man who was a very influential member of our San Diego BMW CCA Chapter, our local community and the BMW community. Rug Cunningham loved cars. He loved collecting them, racing them and sharing his passion for them. His racing career ranged from SCCA events, where he was a five-time regional champion to racing vintage cars like his famous #988 CSL—a car built by BMW Motorsport for IMSA Racing and driven by the likes of Sam Posey and Hans Joachim Stuck. Rug was able to marry his passion for vintage racing with his dedication to the military by co-founding the Coronado Speed Festival—an event that you must attend on September 17-18.

Rug and his father, Allen, opened Cunningham BMW in 1975, which is now BMW of El Cajon. Rug and his dealership supported the BMW CCA, and in particular our San Diego Chapter. That support continues today, as BMW of El Cajon sponsors our autocross program.

This runoff event gives us the unique opportunity to pit driver against driver in the same car. We take the first place finishers from each of the 11 classes and put them behind the wheel of the same car for two laps. To go a step further, we try to be clever by picking a car that we hope will be equally unfamiliar to each driver. We're also very quiet about the make and model of the car until right before the runoff finalists are ready to run.

After one set of practice runs, we announced the winners for each class. There was tough competition in several classes—just ask Mark Farmer, who missed out on what would have been his second runoff, by less than two-tenths of a second. After we announced the class winners, they were charged with determining their run order. This can be very important—if you're first, you get cold tires, but at least they're fresh. If you go last, you get warm tires, but they might be worn by then. The finalists decided that the fairest method to determine run order would be to draw names and so they did just that. First in the car would be Roland Bartsch, then Shawn Flanagan, Hans Voigt, Stephen Haase, Clint Boyd, Rob Jones, Peter Bush, Ron Escudero, Rob Walker, Nicolas Beier, and finally Robert Joe. But what would they be driving?

Participants barely noticed the tiny, quiet car sneaking up behind them. Were they shocked? Maybe, maybe not. It wasn't the first time that we've enjoyed an electric Smart car in a runoff. It was just back in December that Sean Steele of Autobahn Dismantling loaned us two Smart cars for our instructor runoff. Sean thought it would be fun to do the same thing for the participant runoff and we couldn't have agreed more!

Some of the finalists were skeptical about the Smart car; Stephen Haase was one of them, but when he pulled through grid after his first lap, he was grinning ear-to-ear. There's something about driving this little car that makes grown men giggle!

As the finalists did their runoff laps, the rest of our participants ran some fun runs. Lap times were not displayed for the Smart car as we wanted to keep them secret until trophy time.

Most would agree that the runoff trophy is the most coveted trophy of the year. The Rug Cunningham Memorial Perpetual Trophy has been awarded to some incredibly talented drivers: Ted Drcar, Peter Engels, Ian Allegoran, Andre Eisenbach, Connor Bloum, John McPartlan, Serhan Emre and Mark



Farmer. So, who gets to add his name to this list of high-caliber drivers?

Before we get to the winner's name, let's talk about the competition. The top three times were really tight; second and third place were off by only 0.26 seconds, and first placed was nabbed with a mere 0.27 seconds to spare. Those numbers are incredibly close and they speak to the skill and consistency of these drivers.

If you've ever seen the trophy session for any of our runoffs, you know that we like to drag it out, because, well, it's fun for us to watch everyone fidget with anticipation. This runoff was no exception. For a while, I regaled everyone with my fishing adventures and other "then there was this one time" stories. But soon, I feared that the laughs were on the verge of jeers, so I got on with it. I turned to the finalists, who were made to stand behind me while I rambled, and casually walked up to one of them. I held the

trophy out to him and asked if he would like to have it. He looked at me puzzled and said, "Well, yeah, of course." I told him that the data suggested that it was his... and he then went crazy. The disbelief turned into pure joy. He thrust the trophy over his head with an expletive-filled exclamation of exuberance (best described as a more colorful, alternative title to this article). Suffice to say, Shawn Flanagan was pretty

Thank you to BMW of El Cajon for their continued support of our autocross program and thank you to Autobahn Dismantling for once again letting us borrow a Smart car!



RUNOFF RESULTS

1.	Shawn F.	/6.218
2.	Clint B.	76.488
3.	Rob W.	76.75
4.	Nicolas B.	77.271
5.	Robert J.	77.387
6	Roland B.	77.811
7.	Hans V.	78.348
8.	Stephen H.	79.542
9.	Peter B.	80.051
10.	Ron E.	82.306
11.	Rob J.	83.772

2016 Inaugural Points Series

We are very excited to announce the first point series in SD BMWCCA history!

This series will begin with our July 23rd event in the West Lot and will run until our last event of 2016 on December 17th.

All autocross participants will automatically be entered into the series. In other words, if you sign up for any event between July 23 and December 17, your results will automatically be entered. Of the five events scheduled during the last half of the year, we will take each entrant's top four results for the end-of-season tally.

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, and 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, but with only four of the five events counting, switching classes will almost guarantee that you will not be in contention.

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) 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.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the first event of this 2016 Point Series on July 23!

*Please note that this is a trial run for the Point Series. As we have never had such a series, we ask for your cooperation and understanding should we stumble along the way. If all goes well, we will adopt the series on a permanent basis next year.

Upcoming Autocross Dates July 23 West Lot

September 11 West Lot October 15 West Lot

November 18 SE Lot December 17 West Lot



Online Registration will open on June 21

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



Join us for first autocross of our new points series, which runs from July 23 to December 17! Don't miss out! For more information on this exciting new addition to our autocross program, see story on page 17, or go to www.sdbmwcca.com.

We are updating our helmet ratings to Snell 2010 or 2015. If you have Snell 2005, get your new helmet soon as our grace period ends Dec 31, 2016!

Please note our car classifications as shown at right. Please 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-director@sdbmwcca.com.

Remember the sound limit at Qualcomm: all cars must be under a 92db noise level – we'll be checking!

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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 the timed runs, you can have an instructor with you as much or as little as you want – whatever makes you comfortable. 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.

See the **Autocross Information Page** at http://www.sdbmwcca.com/autocross to get a better idea of how to prepare for this wonderfully addictive sport for your first time.

Note: We do run if it's raining – you'll learn more and your tires will wear less – so if you see some unusual drops of water falling from the sky, grab your raingear and head to the Q! Also, the helmet standard has changed to require Snell 2005 or 2010 ratings. Check yours now to be sure it's up to date – rentals are limited.

The entry fee is \$65, including breakfast items, lunch, and beverages. You can pay online if you register in advance at http://sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com, or with cash or check if you wait to register onsite. You must be a BMW CCA member to participate, and you can join online at www.bmwcca. org in advance. Please **print and bring your membership confirmation** if you have not yet received your BMW CCA membership card. We check membership of all participants at the gate.

REMEMBER: IF REGISTERED ONLINE, **BRING PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP** AND ARRIVE BY 7:30AM (BEFORE ON-SITE CUT-OFF) TO KEEP YOUR RESERVED SPOT

Gates will open at 6:30am; tech and registration will open at 7:00am. Tech will close at 8:20am and no cars will be inspected or allowed to run after this time. There is a **mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30am** and the course opens for runs at 9:00am.

When you arrive:

- 1. If you registered online, stop at the gate to sign the waiver and notify the Gate Greeter. Your name will be checked off the pre-registration list. All participants must show their BMW CCA membership card. Those who did not register online will receive a numbered card at the gate in their order of arrival; take it to the Registration table.

 There is no guarantee that spots will be available for those who wait to register the day of the event.
- 2. Empty all loose items from your car, then go through the Tech Line and have your car inspected. Bring your Tech card and you will receive Tech and helmet stickers.
- 3. Take Gate card and Tech card to Registration to get checked off for pre-registration or pay your \$65 entry fee. You will receive car numbers to place on your side windows.
- 4. If you don't have a helmet, you can rent one from the club for \$10.
- 5. Your entry fee of \$65.00 includes one lunch and unlimited beverages. Additional lunches can be purchased at Registration for \$7 each.

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.

QUESTIONS? Contact Jim Patterson at: sd-autocross@sdbmwcca.com.

See you at the Q!



Please note car classes:

CAR CLASSIFICATIONS:

- LC ALL BMWs through Model Year 1988; E30s through Model Year 1986; all naturally aspirated 4-cylinder models Stock or Modified
- NAS ALL naturally aspiriated, non-M BMWs not in Legacy Class Stock
- NAM ALL naturally aspiriated, 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-BMW, 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 naturally-aspirated 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, nonstock anti-roll 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)



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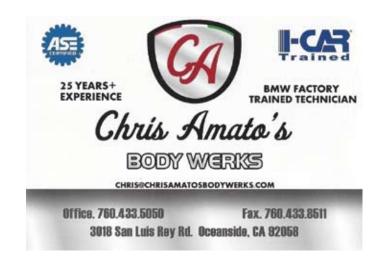
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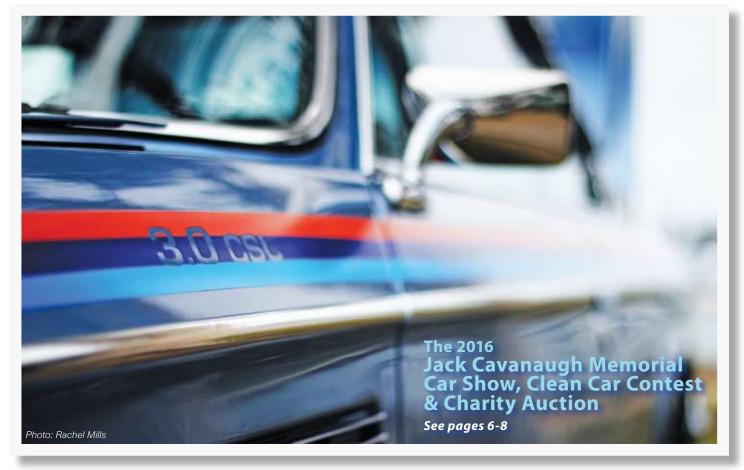
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