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## The President's Column

Well, what a year 2020 has been... filled with challenges, but also a few highlights. We got in a couple of events early in the year, including our annual High Performance Driving School at Buttonwillow, thankfully; and then the COVID-19 pandemic hit and brought everything to a screeching halt. And to add insult to injury, our renowned stadium autocross site was sold and is being demolished. Oh the agony!

But rest assured that your Club continues to look for ways to enjoy our cars and our members. We've met up at a casual 'cars & coffee' and plan to find more opportunities to do that; we'll join our friends at BMW of Escondido for some Halloween treats; we're working to schedule a mountain area meet-up and gatherings at some of our local partners' shops. And in the new year, we are scheduled to return to the BMW Performance Center for our annual January event! Be sure to watch for registration to open since there will be a lower limit on attendees.

We haven't given up on autocross and will continue exploring options with other cars clubs, and eagerly await the construction of a new driving facility in the Otay Mesa area, expected for next fall. We may even be able to find more opportunities for track days to quench our need for speed in the meantime.

If you'd like to help drive the club's efforts, please consider joining our Board of Directors! We won't have our traditional annual election meeting in December, out of concern for COVID-19 safety and restrictions, so the election will be conducted electronically; see more election information in this issue. We need volunteers for all positions, and we welcome new faces and new ideas to keep the club going strong! While it's been an honor for me to serve as Chapter President these past three years, it's time for me to take a step back and have someone else take the lead.

It's sad to see that this final 2020 issue of *Fahren Affairs* is the last newsletter issue, at least for the foreseeable future. The Board has decided to shift to more electronic communication, so we hope you'll stay in touch with us online at our Facebook pages, Instagram, Twitter, chapter website, and our E-news emails.

We'll be looking forward to easing on the gas pedal towards more activities in the coming year, so continue to take care of yourselves, have safe and healthy holidays, and we hope to see you down the road sometime soon!

Lisa Goehring

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### SUBMITTING INFORMATION TO THE EDITOR

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

## Calendar

As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, our San Diego chapter looks forward to resuming many exciting activities for our members, including...

Autocrosses

Country Drives

Car Shows

Tech Sessions

Annual Party

Board Meetings

...and more!

## New Club Members

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

Rick Beckerman

Jameel Burris

Emma Curran

Drew Dohn

Robert Fisher

Christopher Hill

Zarion Jacobs

Dave Kealoha

Thomas Kluczynski

Songmao Li

Shahram Mani

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Michael McTigue

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## Monthly Meetings

*After COVID-19 restrictions are lifted*, the San Diego Chapter monthly Board Meetings will be 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 contribute to our chapter.

## Are you moving?

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<b>Marco Polo Independent</b>	10% discount parts and labor
<b>Miramar Automotive</b>	20% discount on labor
<b>Oceanside Motorsports</b>	Complimentary detail upgrade

## FAREWELL to *Fahren Affairs*

The Chapter Board of Directors has decided to discontinue the *Fahren Affairs* newsletter in 2021, and this will be its final print issue. Ongoing chapter communications will focus on the chapter website, E-News emails, and our social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Be sure we have your current email address so you don't miss any E-News updates! Confirm or update your communication preferences in your membership account on [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org), and ensure you have not opted-out of chapter emails. We look forward to staying in touch, and hearing from you on our digital platforms!

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**Upcoming Event**

**2021**

**Chapter Elections**

**We want YOU!**

As we reach the end of 2020, it is time to select the members of the 2021 San Diego BMW CCA board of directors. Because we are not able to meet in person due to COVID concerns, this year's election will be held online for the very first time, using MotorsportReg.com. Here is the information for nominations and voting:

**Nov 1 - Nov 30: Nominations**

If you are interested in running for office, send your name, member number and the office you want to run for to [info@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:info@sdbmwcca.com). All offices are open for this election. The current office holders are listed on page 3 of this newsletter and at [www.sdbmwcca.com/club-board](http://www.sdbmwcca.com/club-board). If you want more information about being a board member, feel free to ask anyone on the board.

**Dec 1 - Dec 7: Open Voting**

To vote, go to [www.bit.ly/2021-BOD](http://www.bit.ly/2021-BOD). You will be prompted to log in or create a free motorsportreg.com account. When creating your account please be sure to use the same name shown on your BMW CCA membership card. You can only vote once, and you must be an active BMW CCA member.

**Dec 8: Election Winners Announced**

If you have any questions about the election, please send them to [jhp@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:jhp@sdbmwcca.com).

# Board of Directors Position Descriptions

## PRESIDENT

- Acquire facility and conduct monthly board meeting.
- Represent the chapter at club and non-club functions.
- Respond to email and telephone inquiries regarding the chapter.
- Oversee the activities of the board directors.
- Review financial reports and ensuring that the chapter is in good financial condition.
- Check the chapter website regularly to ensure it is up to date.
- Contribute content for the chapter website and social media.
- Schedule the yearly election meeting in December. If not running for reelection, conduct the meeting. If running for reelection, arrange for someone to conduct the meeting to avoid a conflict of interest.
- Coordinate with other chapter presidents and the BMW CCA regional vice president on regional issues.
- Within two weeks of the chapter election, submit the Chapter Officer Questionnaire form to national.
- Provide positive motivation to all board members and chapter members.

## VICE PRESIDENT

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Support the chapter president as required.
- Conduct board meetings in the absence of the chapter president.
- Act as Membership Chair by sending welcome letters to all new members.
- Answer numerous email inquiries concerning membership.

## TREASURER

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Reconcile accounts payable and receivable on a monthly basis.
- Present chapter financial status at board meetings.
- Perform financial analysis for cash flow, income, and expenses.
- Verify expenses and write reimbursement checks.
- Oversee the preparation of the annual tax return for the IRS.
- Prepare the Chapter Financial Report to national by March 31st of each calendar year.

## SECRETARY

- Keep accurate minutes of each Board Meeting.
- Present the previous month's minutes to the Board for approval.
- Submit monthly minutes for publication on the website.

## DIRECTOR/AUTOCROSS

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Negotiate stadium dates with the stadium officials and other car clubs.
- Arrange liability insurance for the events by submitting the insurance certificate request.
- Create MSR event and email members about upcoming events.
- Manage online registration, including timely updates to the registration website.
- Market event on Facebook.
- Ensure that payment and insurance certificates are delivered to the stadium office.
- Arrange lunch, drink, and comfort facilities for the event.
- Coordinate volunteers for course design, set-up, tech inspection, timing, registration, lunch, and clean-up.
- Coordinate with the Chief Instructor to ensure there are enough instructors for the event.
- Manage event: ensure it is on schedule and supervise throughout the event.
- Report to the Board of Directors on the financial results and needs of the autocross program.

## DIRECTOR/DRIVING SCHOOL

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Plan all aspects of the driving school.
- Coordinate volunteer staff for annual driving school.
- Arrange liability insurance for the school by submitting the insurance certificate request.
- Coordinate with the motel to ensure rooms are reserved for instructors and students.
- Coordinate with the Chief Instructor to ensure there are enough instructors for the school.
- Coordinate with the Chief Steward for track supervision.
- Coordinate with the track officials for dates, track rental fees, corner workers, emergency medical vehicle, and all necessary equipment.
- Oversee logistics for the chapter's equipment transport.
- Submit the Driving Events Reporting Form within 30 days of the driving school.

*(continued on next page)*

### **DIRECTOR/EQUIPMENT MEISTER**

- Attend board meetings & vote on issues as required.
- Maintain all aspects of Club truck, including arranging service/maintenance, insurance, registration, service records, storage location, washing, exercising and fueling.
- Maintain Club trailer, lights, brakes, tires, hitch, and cover in good working order.
- Arrange suitable, secure trailer storage location.
- Maintain current inventory and value of trailer equipment, contents, and supplies.
- Maintain electronic equipment batteries, generator, Trailer PA system, radios, timing display, fire extinguishers, helmets, canopies, flags, vests, and other related autocross equipment.
- Organize trailer equipment and loading plan.
- Transport club truck and trailer to and from each autocross event.
- Assist with set-up and teardown of equipment, helmet rentals/returns, packing/unpacking trailer at autocross events.
- Coordinate use of truck and trailer with Driving School Director for annual driving school.
- Transfer items not currently in use from trailer to club storage unit to open up space in trailer.

### **DIRECTOR/COMMUNICATIONS**

- Attend board meetings & vote on issues as required.
- Develop, coordinate, and distribute information and content for Chapter's various media channels to inform members and the public of the club's activities, news, and benefits.
- Lead the Communications Team and ensure management of social media channels
- Produce and distribute regular E-News email blast.
- Coordinate content for submission to regional BimmerLife Magazine.
- Update Chapter Membership Guide as needed & coordinate its printing and distribution

### **DIRECTOR/SOCIAL EVENTS**

- Attend board meetings & vote on issues as required.
- Arrange social gatherings, such as Meet & Greets, or suggest local events/activities for Board consideration
- Recruit volunteers for events as needed
- Provide event information for promotion in Chapter newsletter, website, and social media.

### **DIRECTOR/WACHSMEISTER**

- Attend board meetings & vote on issues as required.
- Responsible for the annual clean car event & charity auction.
- Negotiate with the city to the schedule and date of the annual clean car contest.
- Coordinate with BMW dealers and sponsors to obtain support and auction items for the clean car contest

and charity auction.

- Coordinate volunteers needed to support the annual clean car contest including all judges.
- Procure event awards.
- Obtain event insurance.
- Arrange for catered lunch for the event.
- Supervise set-up and clean-up of the clean car event.
- Run the charity auction portion of event.
- Provide event information to newsletter editor and web master (LA & SD chapters) for publication.
- Provide event information to other chapters, local dealerships, and the general public.
- Submit the insurance rebate form to national.
- Submit the event report to the board.

### **DIRECTOR/WEBMEISTER**

- Attend board meetings & vote on issues as required.
- Maintain the chapter's website including adding/removing events, posting announcements, posting autocross and other event results, posting Fahren Affairs, photos, and other content.
- Administer and maintain the Chapter's e-mail list and e-mail service.
- Administer and maintain the Chapter's domain names and web hosting account.
- Assist with maintenance of Chapter's social media accounts.

### **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE (ASST. EQUIPMENT MEISTER)**

- Attend board meetings & vote on issues as required.
- Bring new ideas to the chapter.
- Coordinate use of club equipment in support of various club events (Clean Car Show, HPDE, SoCal Euro, etc.)
- Assist the EQUIPMENT MEISTER in the maintenance / organization of the club equipment.

### **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE (three positions)**

- Attend board meetings & vote on issues as required.
- Bring new ideas to the chapter.
- Plan and run technical / social events or driving tours.
- Assist other directors in running their events.



# Upcoming Event

## BMW Performance Center

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# Mid America 02 Fest



**IN JULY 2018, I DROVE MY 2002 FROM SAN** Diego to the official BMW CCA Oktoberfest in Pittsburgh, joining hundreds of other BMWs (including 120 BMW 2002s) for a packed, week-long event. In contrast to that massive event, almost a year later I went to a smaller, more focused event that was, as some of the attendees said, “what Oktoberfest used to be”...

Mid America 02 Fest held its 19th gathering in Eureka Springs, Arkansas at the Best Western in the middle of town. This event has always been at the same hotel and the staff, upon checkout, ask if you want to reserve a room for next year’s event. I heard on the last day that one of the attendee’s wife actually swapped gifts with the dining room waitress since they were the best once-a-year friends. You won’t see THAT at Oktoberfest.

Eureka Springs is a weekend getaway town without stoplights. It’s a forty-five minute drive from Rogers, AR, the home of Walmart (and yes, I can check the experience of visiting Walmart Store #1 off my bucket list). With miles and miles

of twisty roads thru the Ozarks and around the appropriately named Chain-O-Lakes, it is a driving enthusiast’s paradise (think Tail of the Dragon with more roads but the same amount of bikers). As one of America’s Distinctive Destinations, this town with a population of about 2,000 is, in my opinion, one of the coolest in America and worth visiting if you’re ever in the area.

As much as I wanted to drive Julius (my ’71 2002) cross country (again) to the show, I couldn’t get the time off of work. Instead, I flew to Kansas City where some friends, Tim Skwiot and his son Ellery, picked me up on their way to Eureka Springs from Wisconsin. The four hour drive reminded me of all the highway hours I spent driving Julius to Pittsburgh, except Tim’s car was way more sorted out. The final hour of the drive down was on the back-country fun roads, and Tim took full advantage of them, including blind hills that give you that mid-air free-falling effect from rollercoasters and corners with high G-forces. We noted how utterly smooth the

roads were, and how almost every turn was banked, as if another driving enthusiast designed these roads.

Once at the Best Western, the rest of the attendees started to arrive. Every variation of the 2002 appeared, sans a Turbo. Four Convertibles, four Baur's, factory originals, full restorations, engine swaps, body flares, fog lights, etc. In all, 74 different 02s made the trek—a record turnout for this event.

Throughout the weekend, there were mini events that were car focused: a demonstration on how to tune your 2002tii (early Kugelfischer fuel injection), what is a carburetor and how to tune one, how to install the newest Bluetooth controlled distributor, and how to do paint correction on older paint. There were also some presentations and open Q&A sessions, including where to find knowledge (since these cars were built pre-internet), where to find NLA (No Longer Available) parts, reputable service/tuning shops, and how a few people took a literal barn find and made it a daily driver. For newer owners like myself, having two days focused on one model

answered many questions, but also left me with new questions I didn't know to ask. Fortunately, the car is simple enough that I don't need a computer or crazy expensive tools to be able to diagnose or repair issues that may arise.

The benefits of being in my mid-thirties allows me to live my life in the age of the internet, and have access to technology unheard of 20 years ago. The downside is being attracted to a car that isn't completely documented online and getting resources to troubleshoot it is occasionally not resolved with a Google search. As an engineer, this weekend, with its model focused event, was the perfect summer camp experience as a first-timer. Geeking out on rare items, S14 engine swaps, and more tourings than I thought existed in this country, it was the exact opposite type of weekend as Bimmerfest, or Big SoCal Euro.

Overall, I can't wait to go back, and preferably with my own 2002. Everyone there had a story about their ownership, whether it be the car they bought brand new, or the recently completed Kawasaki Green Paint job with four



8" fog lights that makes little kids (and old guys) giddy. As we all do, I take pride in my cars, and especially the effort I put into getting my car back on the road. Being able to talk to people who have forgotten more about these cars than I know shows a different level of enthusiasm than what we are typically exposed to, and I love it. The little workshops and tech sessions were something we used to do in this chapter, and I hope we bring them back. I was kinda surprised how many people attended the "what is a carburetor" talk since most people there had one. They didn't know what they were? Some of the people were older than the carb on their car!!! For this young whipper-snapper, I wanted to know what the parts were, how to rebuild, how to jet them. Maybe the old guys felt bad for

the presenter and didn't want him to feel that he picked a topic that was equivalent to "what is a tire," so they supported whatever the topic was, and didn't give him too much heckling.

It also makes me think about what Oktoberfest used to be, if comments I overheard were correct. Gone are the times of events that cater to this type of owner. Now we have these mega-events with thousands of attendees, track sessions and demo drives. Yes, the level of enthusiasm is there, but I bet it was just "different." Maybe in 30 years I'll look back at today's events and say, "remember the good old days?" Yea, what a time it was to be alive!

*Jonathan King*



# How Many Cars Can You Fit in a Two-Car Garage?



Photos: Miguel Cubano

The answer to that question can be as straightforward as, “What’s the color of Napoleon’s white horse?” The answer is actually “gray” not white, in horse-breeding terms for some reason.

Going back to the two car garage question, in my case the answer is 3, if you are a proud owner of a 1958 Isetta 300. The “little one” like we call it around the house, took 10 years to restore by Mr. Werner Schwark from Isetta’s R US. It is our pride and joy. It has won many trophies including “Best European” at one of the largest Virginia Car Show. The trophy was taller than the car! The “little one” shares the garage with a 2008 M5 and a 2002 911 Porsche, but he is the star of the show every time I open the garage door!

After 25 years in the Navy, we finally got orders to San Diego, so we are looking forward to meeting all the wonderful people of the BMW CCA San Diego Chapter.

So the next time someone asks you, “how many cars you can fit in a two car garage?”, the safer answer would probably be “it depends.”

With front door clap regards,

*Miguel and Luz*



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### CHRIS KEEFER

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



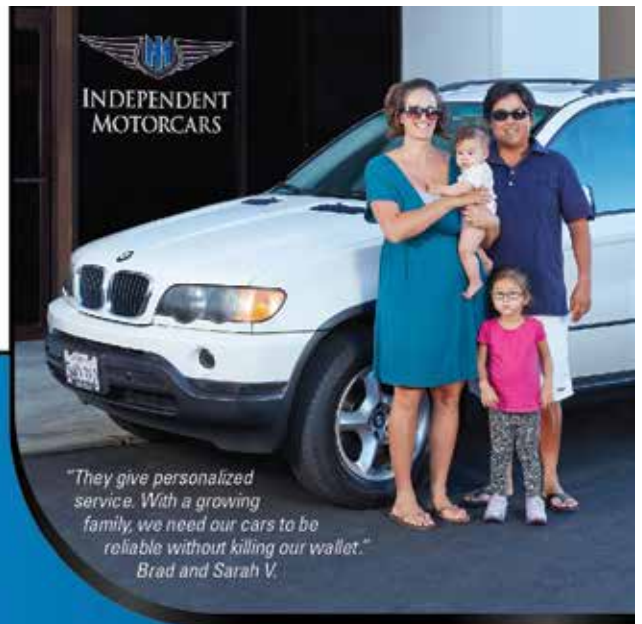
### JAY PRZEPADLO

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



### ERIK STORER

Formerly of La Jolla Independent BMW, Erik is our resident customer service advocate, in-shop assistant, code enforcer, neat freak and comedian. Erik is the support system of Independent Motorcars in all facets of what we do. Chances are he has picked you up or driven you home without the use of navigation or Google Maps.



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# The Comparison no one asked for



Photos: Jonathan King

**PEOPLE ASK ME ALL THE TIME, “JONATHAN, why do you have three BMWs when you can only drive one at a time?”** It’s a good jab, and they are right. Until science can advance to a point where I CAN drive multiple cars at once (imagine that F1 race), I’m stuck driving only one tin can at a time. Sometimes just one carbon fiber can—you get my point. But I do have three cars, and they each serve different purposes; daily driver, autocross/track rat, and weekend cruiser. Today you’re in for a treat, you lucky reader you. I’m going to compare my E36 M3 to my E39 540i wagon to my 2002. It’s the comparison no one asked for.

Let’s start with the car I’ve owned for 12 years, my Boston Green 1998 E36 M3 coupe. I bought this car from what is now Enthusiast Auto Group when I lived in Ohio. Originally, this was my only car, so it had to get me to work AND go procure the once rarely sought after toilet paper. I did road trips all over the East coast, including Oktoberfest at Watkins Glen where I had my first track day. Ever been in a three-way BMW accident? This car has, while in Atlanta attending a large BMW gathering: 4ngiefest. That was a slow and sad drive back to Ohio. This car has seen lots of weekend back road drives with friends, dinner dates with the ladies, and early morning

commutes to work. I learned in this car that summer tires really don’t work well in an Ohio winter. Oh boy was that embarrassing. I was naive, and literally thought it was because the tires were too wide. My 245/40R17 rear tires. Too wide. Lead a horse to water, they say.

At that time in my life, the M3 did everything I needed it to do. Fast forward to the summer of 2017. In our favorite magazine, Roundel, I spotted a Diamond Schwartz 2003 E39 540i M-Sport wagon with a 6-speed manual transmission in the classifieds. Now I knew that the E39 wagon with a factory V8 did NOT have the option of getting the manual transmission, at least in the states. The V8 sedans had both transmission options, but the wagon did not. So I knew this was an aftermarket swap. But it’s a 6-speed V8 wagon. So I bought it. Happy me.

This wagon is currently my daily driver. I drive it to work, I haul a baby in the back seat, and I go in search of that elusive toilet paper when the hunting grounds are stocked. I’ve hauled two Christmas trees, a bunch of 8 foot 2x4s, the entire interior of an E28, including the carpet, and I can fold the seats down and sleep lengthwise with the gate closed. In my opinion, this wagon can do everything. Except return more than



19mpg. You know the 2/3s principle? Practicality, economy, fun? This clearly isn't a Prius.

Finally, my pride and joy that honestly hasn't been driven for two months: my Colorado Orange 1971 2002. I wrote an article a couple years ago on the trip from San Diego to Pittsburgh for Oktoberfest after a mad rush to assemble the car in 3 month's time. This is my weekend car. Prior to our little girl, the wife and I would take this car out on the weekends for drives up the coast, looking at open houses, and occasionally to go shopping. For the most part, it really is a point A to point A car. It ferries me to Cars and Coffee most Saturdays, and neighborhood drives when I need to escape the confines of my tiny abode. The drawback I currently have is my daughter. Ok, wait, that sounded bad. Let me try that again. The drawback I currently have is that this car isn't set up for family travel (nailed it!). Not only are the rear seats deep bucket seats that won't accept a baby seat, but there aren't even any seat belts back there for anyone to secure themselves! Speaking of securing things, the seats aren't even bolted to the car! If I leave my car unlocked, you can literally pull the seats out with no tools. Man would that be a good joke! But seriously, don't do that.

Unlike some families with multiple children, I can't pick a favorite. They each have their own personality, they each excel in ways that the others cannot, and one isn't more prone to breaking down than the others. They all break down equally as often. I'm fortunate to have these cars, and to be able to choose the one that matches my personality for when I leave the house. The family hauler, the track rat, and the cruiser. Sounds good, but maybe I should get another car. I don't have a garage queen yet. Or a beater. Ok, maybe I'll get two more.

*Jonathan King*



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