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## The President's Column

As I write this, final preparation is being completed for our annual Chuckwalla High Performance Driving Education (HPDE) and BMW CCA Club Race. For the first time, I've attended the planning sessions for the event and I've seen the amount of work involved in putting together a first-class event. This year Anne Littrell took over planning the driving school and is doing a tremendous job getting everything organized. Our goal for the HPDE is to make it fun for the participants and volunteers while putting on a safe event. I'll give you a brief overview on the HPDE setup steps from the last few months.

The first milestone is picking a date, which requires coordination with the track and the local hotels. There are a surprising number of activities in the Indio area that have to be scheduled around. Once a date has been selected, the track and hotel contracts have to be negotiated and deposits have to be sent. Now the business of organizing the event begins. The format of the event needs to be chosen and detailed schedules need to be setup. This year we are running the driving school and a club race so the schedule has to be planned with extreme care.

Now that the format is set, we can start signing up students and racers. While signups trickle in, the team continues the detailed planning, including food, flag crew, ambulance, tow truck, volunteer and instructor assignments, and truck and trailer transport. Now that the logistics are in place, the final step is developing the student assignments matching the various drivers and cars with the available instructors. With the planning completed, the weekend of the event will have 60 students, 20 club racers, 30 instructors, 10 flag workers, 7 volunteers, track workers and a schedule with very little room for error. Needless to say, I'm really glad that Anne is in charge, and I'm looking forward to congratulating her on a fantastic event.

Getting this all accomplished requires a lot of volunteers who I want to thank for their contribution. Anne for taking over the event planning and logistics. Dan Tackett for recruiting instructors and setting up the run groups, with Seth Hanson's assistance. Kelly Moon, once again Chief Steward, will be running the track with Nate Risch helping out. Matthew Kogan coordinated the club racers group and will keep them in hand during the weekend. Rich Gehring is preparing the equipment trailer and giving ride-alongs during the event. Don Duncan is keeping the budget under control and driving the trailer to Chuckwalla. Andre and Ines Pantic will be helping out at the event along with Lindsey Draime.

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 6:30pm, but get there at 5:45pm for pizza, soda, and conversation with fellow BMW fans. All members and prospective members are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Jim Patterson

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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](mailto:sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com). The deadline for submitting information to the editor is the 15th of even months.

# 2015 Calendar of Events

## March 7-8

San Diego Chapter – High Performance Driving School, Chuckwalla Valley Raceway

## March 10

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting

## March 25

Meet & Greet at Ballast Point Brewery, Miramar location

## March 28

San Diego Chapter – Autocross, Qualcomm Stadium, West Lot

## April 14

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting

## April 26

Tire Rack Street Survival - Qualcomm Stadium

## May 3

Tech Session at 5 Point Auto Detail, new location in Kearny Mesa

## May 9

San Diego Chapter – Autocross, Qualcomm Stadium

## May 12

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting

## May 17

San Diego Chapter – Jack Cavanaugh Clean Car Show & Charity Auction, Spanish Landing Park



Photo: Fred Latimer

### San Diego Chapter Monthly Board Meeting

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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## New Club Members Welcome!

Ahrari, Hooman	Huang, Charles	Nygaard, John
Ailes, Jim	Hulko, Oleksa	Perdriere, Kevin
Alessi, Frank	Jadhav, Dhiraj	Perry, Blake
Barnes, Austin	John, Vinu	Perry, John
Basil, Gary	Johson, Michael	Phillips, Rob
Behr, Brandon	Karasoulas, Nas	Powell, Lea
Bentel, Bruce	Katsuyama, Brent	Pratt, Michael
Bidiwi, Abdul	Klimek, Michael	Richardson, Travis
Birkenstock, Rick	Kocherga, Michael	Riesenberg, Marc
Bondesson, Jeffery	Kownacki, Cody	Roche, David
Bundy, Jon	Landers, Brian	Savage, Sherri
Chau, William	Lewis, Alan	Schweitzer, Abhay
Collazo, Leyshla	Linderman, Marlene	Seskin, Michael
Cook, Thomas	Ly, Vinh	Sinclair, James
Diaz Garza Jr., Jose	Means, David	Slusser, Peter
El-Moussa, Ghassan	Michajlenko, Andrew	Smith Jr., George
Friedenberg, Jeffrey	Miglio, Mario	Stone, Jason
Gardner, Andrew	Moore, Fritz	Strauss, JC
Gilmour, William	Morton, Tony	Tashima, Darren
Gold, Kellen	Motsenbocker, Skip	Thompson, Sean
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Houston, Travis	Noga, Rene	

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# 2014 Volunteer of the Year

Since 2003 we have honored the memory of Bill Brecht by presenting an annual award for the individual who best reflects the spirit of volunteerism that Bill represented through his life. The club has been fortunate to have incredible volunteers and each year we have the difficulty in choosing a single volunteer worthy of this award. This year was no exception, we had 6 very strong nominees for the 2014 Volunteer of the Year. I'm delighted to announce Jim Lloyd as winner of the 2014 Bill Brecht Memorial Volunteer of the Year award! Jim has been helping with club events as long as I can remember and as a long time board member, Jim has been instrumental in the success of our chapter. He has created and managed the very successful quarterly cruise program. He assists in our autocross events by picking up our water supply and helps out at the gate directing traffic. He is one of the key judges at the annual Clean Car contest and regularly attends our social and technical events. It has been my pleasure to work with Jim on club events and I'm looking forward to many more in the future.



Jim Patterson (left) presents award to Jim Lloyd (right)

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focused on teaching car safety and control in real-world situations such as skid control and emergency lane changes. All instruction will be held at Qualcomm Stadium where these maneuvers can be taught in a safe and controlled environment.



The San Diego Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America is holding a Street Survival School on **Sunday, April 26, 2015**. The cost of this one-day school is only \$75 and includes lunch. Learn more about Street Survival and register your driver between the ages of 16 and 21 at: **[www.streetsurvival.org](http://www.streetsurvival.org)**. Registration is now open.

**The first 34 students to sign up will be enrolled.**

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Students use their own daily drivers, while parents are encouraged to attend the classroom instruction and observe the driving. To participate, students must present their valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and, if under 18, have their parent or guardian electronically sign the Minor Waiver.

You may also send questions to the local registrar, Thejusvi Ganesh at: [AUXLIFE@gmail.com](mailto:AUXLIFE@gmail.com)

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# Beers And Bimmers: Ballast Point Meet & Greet

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# Connecting with the Club – Virtually Expanding our Chapter

The club has setup accounts on a number of social media platforms. For our Facebook users, the chapter has a Facebook brand page at <https://www.facebook.com/SanDiegoBMWCCA> where we post topics of interest to the club members, “like” the page to get club updates posted on your timeline. We also have a Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sdbmwcca/> where over 1,100 members hold discussions about all things BMW.

Also, our chapter’s Twitter account is @sdbmwcca. We use the account as another means to announce upcoming events and retweet interesting content. The account follows BMW and race related accounts so expect retweets from BMW and race teams.

Additionally, we just started an Instagram account at [instagram.com/sdbmwcca](https://www.instagram.com/sdbmwcca) with Brandon Watson as the primary contributor. Expect cool pictures of Bimmers from our chapter events!

We also have our traditional communication mechanisms, our newly redesigned website at [www.sdbmwcca.com](http://www.sdbmwcca.com) is the place to source detailed information on upcoming events. Finally, we have the bimonthly newsletter for our longer form articles and photo essays.



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### BRANDI ROENICK

Former Olympic level Equestrian with a Dressage career throughout the United State and Europe. Brandi has gotten out of the saddle and into the driver’s seat as Independent Motorcars Customer Relations Director.



### 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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- Demonstration of new advancements in paint correction for swirls, wash lines, and other flaws.
- Demonstration of easy-to-use wash techniques using no-rinse solution to avoid re-introducing paint damage.

I attended the last tech session at 5 Point Auto Detail and Adam gave a great presentation. Everyone left with a lot of new information about cleaning his or her vehicle(s). I'm looking forward to learning a few new things and seeing 5 Point Auto Detail's new shop.

*Jim Patterson*



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*Jim Lloyd*





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Ryan P.	90	Miata	74.869
Pete E.	2013	M3	77.068
Andrew S.	2003	S2000	77.372
Sean T.	1992	Miata	78.214
Anish P.	1995	M3	80.629
Satakal K.	2000	323iT	80.979
William W.	2004	Miata	80.993
Nick O.	2015	M6	81.101
Greg D.	1996	328	83.625



<b>LC-Legacy</b>			
Theodore S.	1995	318TI	86.208
Todd S.	1995	318TI	86.509



<b>NAS</b>			
Hans V.	2009	328i	83.421
Alpesh K.	2005	330ci	84.937
Harry W.	2000	Z3-2.8	86.811
Theju G.	2003	540i	88.99
Rene N.	2001	325i	91.128
Ahmet T.	2005	Z4	92.143

<b>NAM</b>			
Ryan W.	1989	327is	81.42
Chris M.	1987	325is	83.249
Kaustav A.	1993	325i	83.597
J. F.	1991	325i	86.812
John Y.	2005	Z4	87.777



<b>TM - 6/8/12 Turbo Modified</b>			
Rob W.	2014	M235i	80.931
Scott S.	2012	135i	81.273
Daniel S.	2009	135i	81.859
Greg U.	2013	135is	83.726
Austin F.	2013	135i	86.677

<b>TS - 6/8/12 Turbo Stock</b>			
Rachel M.	2013	135i	85.736
Rick E.	2013	335i	91.026

Photos: Lisa Goehring

**MS - M Stock**

Arman C.	2005	M3 ZCP	79.706
Shawn F.	2011	1M	80.711
Jack R.	1999	M3	82.503
Henry L.	2004	M3	86.302
Sidney C.	2004	M3	87.833

**MM - M Modified**

Mark F.	1998	M3	78.635	Fastest BMW!
Jason B.	2006	M3	78.773	
Aj Y.	1999	M3	79.882	
Charlie O.	1997	E36 M3	80.589	
Lisa G.	1995	M3	81.121	
Steve P.	1999	M Coupe	81.796	
Lee E.	2001	M Coupe	82.646	
Alfred R.	1999	M3	82.677	
Ryan M.	2002	M3	83.644	



**MC - Mini Cooper**

Michael O.	2007	Cooper S	81.337
Bryant S.	2004	Cooper	82.358
Ron E.	2005	Cooper S Cabrio	82.837
Daryl P.	2004	Cooper R50	86.403
Mike C.	2006	Cooper S	88.349
Lauren T.	2013	CooperS	89.264
Diane C.	2006	Cooper S	92.315



**MPS - M Stock**

Patrick F.	2008	M3 Sedan	79.996
Travis H.	2011	M3	81.357
Stephen H.	2011	M3	82.268
Rob J.	2013	M3	82.587
Mike P.	2013	M6	84.057
Ken H.	2011	M3	85.047
Ashley A.	2008	M3	89.85



**X - Non-BMW**

Andi M.	2007	Miata	77.793	Fastest Woman!
Hooman A.	2013	FR-S	78.28	
Carl L.	2006	Miata	78.567	
Robert J.	2012	MX-5	79.128	
Justin S.	2013	FRS	79.496	
Jason L.	2000	Focus ZX3	79.517	
Keith L.	2008	Exige	79.624	
Nicolas B.	2013	Evo X	79.839	
Mathieu H.	2011	GTI	79.972	
Justin M.	2006	WRX STI	80.772	
David H.	2002	Corvette	80.956	
Austin B.	2009	Corvette Z06	81.339	
Scott S.	2012	2	81.775	
Richard P.	2014	FR-S	81.959	
Mark C.	1987	911 SC	82.037	
Hank Y.	2001	S2000	82.622	
Marc L.	2015	C7 Stingray	82.751	
Daniel R.	2007	RX-8	82.984	
Dhiraj J.	2013	BRZ	83.204	
Jamie A.	92	Miata	83.933	
Vinu J.	2008	Cayman S	84.064	
Robert D.	2009	Corvette Z06	84.296	
Bridget S.	2013	FRS	85.159	Novice 1st
Jodie S.	2009	Corvette Z06	85.28	
Ken S.	2009	Corvette Z06	85.95	
Joel W.	1990	Hairdresser	86.748	
Jason S.	1990	Miata	87.383	
Tony M.	2014	Focus ST	87.833	Novice 2nd
Jim A.	2013	FR-S	87.997	
Mark B.	2007	RX-8	88.804	
Scott I.	2015	FR-S	90.846	
Anne L.	2009	Jabbit POS	94.674	
Kevin D.	2011	Mustang	94.954	
Rigau X.	2009	Jabbit POS	95.31	
Lori S.	1991	Miata	96.499	
Leyshla C.	2003	WRX	98.467	



**Online Registration opens March 29th**  
**Register Online at <http://sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com>**

Scan and  
register now!



Come on out to Qualcomm's big west lot on Saturday, May 9th and celebrate spring with us! With an extra hour of sunlight, we're back to 100 open spots – that should put a spring in your step!

Please note: We have new car classifications as shown at right. Please update Motorsport Reg with your new car class and if you have questions, feel free to email us at [autocross-director@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:autocross-director@sdbmwcca.com).

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

***Our sincerest thanks to BMW of El Cajon for their continued support of our Autocross Program!***

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](http://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 7:30 (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](mailto:sd-autocross@sdbmwcca.com).

See you at the Q!



# Please note new 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 aspirated, non-M BMWs not in Legacy Class – Stock
- 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-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, non-stock 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)

# BMW “Club Race” at K1 Speed

**O**ur new Social Director, Ryan Moore, didn't waste any time setting up his first event of the 2015 social season with Karts at K1 on January 20<sup>th</sup>. We have had quite a few events at the Carlsbad location, this was our first trip to the Downtown K1 location. For those of you who aren't familiar with K1, they operate about 25 indoor go-cart locations throughout the US. The karts have 20hp electric motors with a top speed of 45mph. We assembled at 6:30 and formed a race group of 11, so we were able to run by ourselves. We started with a 12 lap practice session to figure out where the track went (I finished a dismal 10<sup>th</sup>). Next up was a 14 lap qualifier where I was able to improve to 5<sup>th</sup> by a combination of speed and punting my competition off the track (Sorry Lisa and Lindsay). The race was 16 laps which was won by Nick Owen over Geoff Sykes with Michael Floerchinger third. I was battling it out in mid-field so I didn't see how Nick managed the win, but clearly his time in low powered cars is paying off.

We had a local celebrity join us, Geoff Sykes ([www.geoff-sykes.com](http://www.geoff-sykes.com)) came out to have some fun with the club. Geoff has a very successful history in BMW racing which started with the club's Autocross program. He is currently racing in the Global Rallycross professional series. It was great to have an opportunity to visit with him at a casual event, hopefully he can come to a few Autocrosses between races this year.

*Jim Patterson*



*Photos: Lisa Goehring*

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**Online Registration will open on May 10th**  
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It's time again for everyone's favorite event--our annual Runoff Autocross! This is our eighth runoff event that honors the memory of Rug Cunningham, founder of Cunningham BMW, now BMW of El Cajon.

Eleven drivers will qualify for our 2015 Runoff by winning their car classes. The winner of the Runoff will get his or her name on the perpetual trophy and will receive a personal trophy to display proudly and commemorate the event. Our format includes one practice session for all drivers, followed by three timed runs to determine trophies for this event. The first-place winner of each car class earns a runoff position in the afternoon. As all other drivers continue to enjoy fun runs in the afternoon, each runoff contender will drive the same "mystery" car. The driver with the best time will be crowned our 2015 Runoff Champion.

*Will it be you?*

**Do you have a suggestion for a  
good place to have a Meet & Greet?**

**Let us know!**

**Contact Ryan Moore at [sd-events@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:sd-events@sdbmwcca.com)**

**Be sure to also keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for upcoming events.**

# Independent Motorcars Tech Session

Before every High Performance Driving Event (HPDE), the participants must have a tech inspection completed by a qualified BMW mechanic. A few months before our Chuckwalla HPDE, Chris Keefer, owner of Independent Motorcars, offered to host a tech session to show our members what the tech inspection covered. Chris offered to provide food and to do a free inspection and brake fluid flush for all attendees. This was an offer that we couldn't refuse, so we scheduled a February 18<sup>th</sup> date at Chris' shop. A week before the event Chris was concerned that there weren't very many RSVPs, but we assured him that the club would turn out for free food and the chance to look at cars up on a lift.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> I made my way to Independent Motorcars, conveniently located in the Miramar Autoport Mall. I thought I was early but there were already 20 people in the shop. There were two cars lined up for inspection, an E30 318 convertible and Shawn Flanagan's Valencia Orange

IM Coupe. Chris had promised that he would have a car that wouldn't pass – my money was on the E30. After filling up on delicious catered Mexican food, we started the session. Although this inspection would be in the shop, Chris emphasized the importance of the road test to be able to determine if there were any problems with the car being inspected. This resulted in some good-natured kidding about good places to



Photos: Lisa Goehring

test the IM, while keeping strictly to the speed limits. After that our attention turned to the 318. Chris began by pushing down the nose and counting how many times it bounced, apparently 3 bounces is bad. OK, so the shocks were shot. Next up a check under the hood – the hoses and belts were surprisingly good and there were no obvious leaks. Now the 318 went up on the lift so that we could get a good look at the suspension. Chris showed us how to check the play in the bearings and pointed out that 1" of play is bad. While the car was in the air, he showed us where to check the tire date code and suggested that a

different tire make on each wheel was not recommended. There were a few more problems, clearly this car would need a lot of work before it would be ready to drive.

Now we were ready to inspect the IM. Since it is a low mileage car I expected that the inspection would go very quickly. Chris pointed out that inspecting a newer car was just as important as an old one, especially if the car was a veteran of previous HPDE events. He showed how to check for cracks on the drilled brake rotors as well as checking the pads. As with all modern BMWs, getting a clear view of the underside requires removing the underbody panels. Chris's tech made quick work of the panels and we got to see the beautiful aluminum components that are usually hidden from view. There was a little bit of oil on the pan from the gasket but it wasn't a concern because HPDE use won't make that type of drip worse. Chris mentioned that if you see oil on the garage floor from a late model car you should have it checked. Because of the underbody panels, there can be a lot of oil trapped before you see it on the garage floor.

I want to thank Chris for inviting the club to his shop and for providing dinner for 35 members. Also, I want to thank Autobahn Parts for providing the 318 that "failed" inspection. I noticed a few members looking it over closely, maybe we will see an article about saving a 318 'vert from being parted out in a future *Fahren Affairs*.

*Jim Patterson*



# CBAD CARS: The Quintessential Local Cars and Coffee Meet

Every Saturday, automotive enthusiasts meet in parking lots around the country to share their passion with fellow enthusiasts. With the best weather and insane variety of automobiles, it's no surprise that Southern California is prime for weekly cars and coffee meets. The Carlsbad Cars and Coffee meet (more commonly referred to as "Cbad Cars") has been growing exponentially since the famous Irvine Cars and Coffee meet was officially shut down in December 2014.

Cbad Cars takes place every Saturday morning from 7:00 am – 9:00 am in the Carlsbad Premium Outlet parking lot next to Starbucks. However, the last Saturday of the month has consistently been most successful thanks to the crowd drawn from the Porsche Club of America's and local Ducati Club's appearance. Every final Saturday of the Month, Porsche and Ducati folks manage to show up, so why don't we? There have been several BMW at Cbad Cars but we'd love to see that number grow.

Come on out to Cbad Cars on Saturday mornings! If you can't make it every week, you should definitely aim for the last Saturday of the month. We only ask that you responsibly follow the Cbad Cars founder's rules:

- No burnouts!
- No revving!
- No littering!

Cbad Cars is a great way to spend the weekend morning meeting new gearheads and appreciating a variety of cars. Show up, grab a coffee, talk cars, and enjoy watching the parking lot fill up with everything from classics to modern exotics, and hopefully more BMW!

**When:** Every Saturday

**Time:** 7:00 am – 9:00 am

**Where:** 5620 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, CA 92008



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# Built Not Bought!

by Andrew Golseth

When gearheads can't buy what they want, they build it. That's exactly what automotive enthusiast Amir Abadi did. Amir is a student at San Francisco State University and, like many of you, he dreams of owning his very own E30 M3. Unfortunately, Amir currently suffers from an all too common illness known as "full-time student" syndrome, which has temporarily delayed his dream of buying the homologation collector racing legend. That was until he realized he could just build one. As an engineering student Amir had a vision of building a LEGO version of his dream car.

Last year, Amir downloaded the LEGO Digital Designer (LDD) program and started building an E30 M3. It took over three months of virtual designing and over four months to source all of the bricks needed to complete the build! The fit and finish is spot on and the details are spectacular. With the body's infamous box flares surrounding the multi-piece mesh wheels, chrome kidney grills, and high-rise DTM-style rear wing these bricks are unquestionably an E30 M3. However, the details under the classic greenhouse are equally impressive with period correct tan interior, manual shift knob, roundel centered steering wheel, and dashboard. The amount of effort Amir put into this build is beyond reproach.

Amir initially built this LEGO M3 out of his own personal interest. Fortunately for the rest of us, this build has a chance at becoming an official LEGO set that could be found on our local toy store shelves. During the build, Amir discovered LEGO Ideas, a LEGO program designed to give fans a chance at seeing their work become an official licensed LEGO product. The E30 M3 needs 10,000 votes in order for LEGO to adopt Amir's build from a one-off prototype to a production BMW LEGO box set. As a community of BMW enthusiasts, Amir is asking for our help! Will you vote for the E30 BMW M3 to become a bona fide LEGO build? Click the "Support" button to vote at: <https://ideas.lego.com/projects/82788>



# **BMW CCA San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm.

## **Board Members Present:**

Jim Patterson, Brett Litoff, Don Duncan, Paul Silver, Kim Schwarz, Andre Pantic, Rich Gehring, Lisa Goehring, Anne Littrell, Dennis Damon, Jonathan King, Matt Kogan

## **Members Present:**

Gordon Anderson, Scott Sansom, Steve Robbins, Bill Jackson, Cris Bottier, Dan Tackett, Connie Patterson, Lindsay Draime, Roland Partolan, Brandon Watson, Thejusvi Ganesh, Andrew Golseth, Chris Keefer, Joel Weinberger, Jojo Gonzales, Mike Turpen, Phil Kogan, Ryan Moore, Adam Cote, Seth Hanson

## **Secretary's Report – Paul Silver**

The November 2014 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

## **Regional VP Report – Nick Owen**

The BMW CCA National Board meeting took place in San Diego this past weekend.

## **Membership Report – Brett Litoff**

This month the chapter has 28 new members, 50 renewing members, and 33 lapsing members, for a total of 1620 members.

## **Treasurer's Report – Don Duncan**

The club is in good financial condition, however there are a few concerns regarding the final numbers from the Willow Springs school and the upcoming Chuckwalla HPDE. We should end the year close to how we ended last year.

## **President's Topics:**

- The BMW CCA Chapter Congress will take place March 13-15. BMW CCA will pay for two officers (President, Treasurer) to attend.
- Who else do we want to send at \$750 per person? Jim suggests sending two more. We will need to decide at the January board meeting.

## **Event Planning**

### **December 13<sup>th</sup> Autocross – Kim Schwarz**

- The Ultimate Autocross is December 13<sup>th</sup> in the west lot of Qualcomm Stadium. Attendees will vote for Instructor of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. An instructor Run-off will take place. Toys for Tots donations will be collected.
- New autocross dates for the first half of 2015 have been selected.
- New car classifications (Dan Tackett) – The Autocross Committee has decided to modify the car classes to accommodate new models. The goal is to announce the new classes at the autocross Saturday.

## **Chuckwalla HPDE – Anne Littrell**

A committee meeting was held. It was decided that instead of colored tents in very windy conditions, we need colored feather flags to denote groups. They are approximately \$50 per flag with stand, \$15 for just the flag. A motion

was made, seconded, and passed to allocate up to \$300 to purchase 4 colored flags with stands (blue, red, yellow, green).

## **Social Events – Anne Littrell**

January 7<sup>th</sup> – K1 Speed, downtown San Diego, 6pm.

## **Event Reports**

HPDE/ITS Report – Anne Littrell, Dan Tackett

The Instructor Training School was successful. There were 21 instructor trainees, 11 from the San Diego chapter. 7 new instructors were approved from the San Diego chapter.

## **Holiday Party Summary – Dennis Damon**

- We had 80 attendees and 6 no-shows.
- Additional Charity Donations for 2014 – \$4082 has been donated so far this year. Dennis wants to know if the board would like to donate any more to charity this year. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate \$1000 to Toys for Tots, \$500 to the BMW CCA Foundation.

## **Director Reports**

Advertising Report – Nate Risch

No report this month.

## **Newsletter Report – Lisa Goehring**

The Jan/Feb issue is going into production soon. The deadline for content submissions is December 15. Lisa thanked Connie for doing the newsletter production for this past year.

## **Equipmentmeister Report – Rich Gehring**

Rich is investigating the purchase of new safety vests, getting samples for evaluation. He is also investigating replacing the white boards used for posting results at the autocrosses.

## **Other Business**

None

## **Election Results – 2015 Board of Directors:**

President:	Jim Patterson
Vice-President:	Brett Litoff
Treasurer:	Don Duncan
Secretary:	Paul Silver
Autocross Director:	Kim Schwarz
Driving School Director:	Anne Littrell
Equipmentmeister:	Rich Gehring
Newsletter Editor:	Andrew Golseth
Social Events Director:	Ryan Moore
Waxmeister:	Dennis Damon
Webmeister:	Thejusvi Ganesh
Director at Large (Advertising):	Lisa Goehring
Director at Large:	Jim Lloyd
Director at Large:	Brandon Watson
Director at Large:	Jonathan King

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.





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# BMW CCA San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm.

## Board Members Present:

Jim Patterson, Brett Litoff, Don Duncan, Paul Silver, Anne Littrell, Rich Gehring, Andrew Golseth, Ryan Moore, Dennis Damon, Thejusvi Ganesh, Lisa Goehring, Jim Lloyd, Brandon Watson, Jonathan King

## Member's Present:

Lindsay Draime, Andre Pantic, Steve Robbins, Michael Lewis, Ashley Andreoli, Lesa Scarbrough, Cris Bottjer, Scott Sansom, Dan Tackett, Peter Winokur, Jim Binford, Jamy Ian Swiss, Seth Hanson, Russell Moreau, Tony Montisano, Joel Weinberger, Satakhal Khalsa, Connie Patterson

## Secretary's Report – Paul Silver

The December 2014 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

## Regional VP Report – Nick Owen

The national board is preparing for the Chapter Congress in March. Election ballots will be in the next Roundel issue. There will be a Leadership Summit in Dallas at the end of January. A Long Beach Grand Prix event with BMW CCA and/or BMW may occur.

## Membership Report – Brett Litoff

We have 39 new members, 70 renewing, and 30 lapsed, for a total of 1621 members.

## Treasurer's Report – Don Duncan

- Don made a motion to approve \$27.57 to Seth Hanson for reimbursement for the feather flags and stands purchased, in excess of already approved \$300. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Don requests approval of the 2014 Income Tax Returns. The chapter will not owe any money for taxes this year. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the tax returns.
- The club is doing very well financially, however, we are still awaiting financial results from the ITS from the LA chapter, and if there is a loss, we may need to cover some of it.

## Topics for Discussion:

- Communication Committee Report
  - We will begin emailing the newsletter to members that have requested that.
  - We are also looking to change the website technology to allow multiple people to update the content. There is a commitment to have a new website prepared for board review and approval by the next meeting.
  - There was discussion about creating a chapter Instagram account.
- Chapter Congress in March
  - Jim and Don will go. The Congress will include leadership topics, member survey, financial restructuring. A motion was made to allocate funds to send two additional board members, Jonathan King and Paul Silver. The motion was seconded and passed.

## Event Planning

**Social Events** – January 20<sup>th</sup> Karting at K1 – Ryan Moore  
This event will take place at the downtown San Diego location.

**Autocross** – February 7<sup>th</sup> I Heart Autocross – Satakhal Khalsa for Kim Schwarz

Kim sends her thanks to the volunteers for a successful 2014. The next event is February 7<sup>th</sup>. We will debut new car classes, will begin allowing semi-permanent car numbers, and we will have our new safety vests.

**Tech Session** – February 18<sup>th</sup> at Independent Motorcars  
This tech session will cover track day car preparation and inspection. Anyone who attends will be able to bring their car back for a free inspection and brake flush before the HPDE event at Chuckwalla. The event starts at 6:30 pm.

**Chuckwalla HPDE** – March 7-8 – Anne Littrell  
The hotel is Royal Plaza Inn in Indio, \$99 per night. A committee meeting will be held next week.

## Event Reports

**Holiday Party Summary** – Dennis Damon  
We had 80 attendees, for a loss of \$2469. Dennis recommends that we have this year's event Sunday December 6 at the Automotive Museum, and continue to charge \$10.

## Director Reports

**Advertising Report** – Lisa Goehring

Lisa has committed to getting copies of the newsletter to all advertisers.

**Equipmentmeister Report** – Rich Gehring  
The new feather flags will be stored in the trailer.

**Newsletter Report** – Andrew Golseth/Lisa Goehring  
A meeting is being set up for formal transition.

**Social Report** – Ryan Moore

- PCA is having a tech session at Modern Image, and it has been suggested to make this a joint session. The topic will be paint protection, and will be on Feb 11 at 6pm.
- A Meet & Greet for first half of February has been proposed, for the Escondido to Rancho Penasquitos area.
- Ryan also would like to bring back a rally event to combine social, driving, and competitive elements.

**Waxmeister Report** – Dennis Damon

The Clean Car Contest will be Sunday May 17, at Spanish Landing.

**Webmeister Report** – Thejusvi Ganesh

The website is almost up to date. Thejusvi will add the PCA and Independent tech sessions and the Clean Car show. He also added contact email addresses for board members.

## Volunteer of the Year Election

Nominees: Satakhal Khalsa, Scott Sansom, Kim Schwarz, Jim Lloyd, Jojo Gonzalez. The 2014 Volunteer of the Year is Jim Lloyd.

Other Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.



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## 2002 MINI Cooper S Track

**LSD BBK** - 115,100 miles  
- \$13,000.00 OBO VIN#  
WMWRE33472TD50607.  
Engine and Tranny from '06  
MINI installed w/25k mi to date.  
Have receipts. 6-spd w/ Quaife



LSD, Bilstein PSS9s, Adj front camber plates, Stoptech 328mm BBK, rear performance rotors, JCW GP Intercooler, JCW Carbon Fiber Hood Scoop, JCW Exhaust, JCW GP rear wing, B&M Short Shift Kit, Momo shift knob, BenFer Performance Carbon Fiber Air Intake, SSR Comp Type-C Forged Wheels, Racing lug studs, Adj Rear suspension arms, BSH engine mount, Perf engine heat shield, Perf Headers, Alta radio antenna, sound deadening added, XM radio, brake ducting, rubber flr mats, 15% supercharger pulley, fr&rr swaybars, boost & oil gauges, spare tire and jack + extras. Eric at 626.423.8301 or elum79@hotmail.com

## 1989 325i Coupe - 234,000 miles - \$6,199.00

VIN# WBAAA1304K4144307. Great driving e30 325i for sale. The car is a really nice example of a drivable E30 and runs beautifully. All of the things replaced or upgraded on the car since I've owned it (8 years) timing belt all hoses wheel bearings all brake parts eibach springs bilstein sport shocks racing dynamics sway bars all new urethane bushings 3.73 LSD clutch 15" BBS Euroweave wheels bosch battery (recent) short shift catback exhaust (Ireland) control arms new half shafts stainless brake lines windshield all seats There are some things I am forgetting, but when I bought the car I did all the preventative maintenance I could think of. Please call for more info: Rusty at 619.368.2602



**2007 ALPINA B7** - 75,000 miles - \$29,500.00 OBO VIN# WBAHL83517DT89571. Take a look at this Ultra RARE 2007 BMW Alpina B7! This is not your ordinary 750i. The B7 4.4L V8 engine has been finely tuned by Alpina and pushes out a pavement pounding 500HP! For 2007 BMW offered 'M' versions of the 3, 5, 6, and Z series cars. However if you wanted the best 7 series offered in the USA you would have be one of the few very lucky individuals that had the opportunity to order an ALPINA B7. Only 800 of these luxury rocket ships were imported by BMW NA for 2007 and 2008. This 2007 example is the preferred non-metallic black exterior with Nasca black leather interior color combination. New tires just installed. No problems. Super clean in and out. Can assist with transportation. Ryan at 760.450.4037 or ryanh2012@cox.net



## PARTS FOR SALE

### Billet E30 E36 E46 Rear ShockMounts

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### 2010 BMW 650 Wheel & Tire Set

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