



## High Performance Driving School



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## The President's Column

On April 7th, the Club staged our 5th Tire Rack Teen Street Survival driving school. The school is an opportunity for teen drivers to explore the limits of their cars in a controlled environment. In past years we have run the event in conjunction with an autocross on the West lot, which has made it difficult to corral enough volunteers and instructors for both events. This year we ran as a standalone event on the South East lot. Because of the extra expense, we looked for sponsorship in addition to the support provided by Tire Rack and the BMW CCA Foundation. I'm happy to say the BMW of Vista came through with \$500 and BMW of El Cajon provided much appreciated bottled water. We had 37 teen drivers, most under 18, who spent a full day in the classroom and on the course learning things that can't be taught in traditional driver training programs. I was working registration and it was obvious that most of the students would rather be somewhere else; many were accompanied (dragged in) by their parents. By the end of the day, the attitude had completely turned around and there were grins all around. The teen drivers pick up information very quickly and it is hugely rewarding to help them become safer drivers.

Before I talk about all the chapter events for May, I need to remind everybody that registration for the August Oktoberfest in Monterey is open. Go to the National website, [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org), to sign up. There are over 500 people signed up already, so don't wait until the last minute. This May we have a tech session on the 4th at Charlie's Foreign Car Sales and Service, an autocross on the 11th (rescheduled from April 28th), Bimmerfest in Pasadena on the 18th, our annual Jack Cavanaugh Memorial Car Show, Clean Car contest and Charity Auction on the 19th, another tech session at Black Forest on the 22nd about data acquisition and finally the Strawberry Festival in Vista on the 26th. The event I look forward to each year is the Car Show and Auction. I enjoy looking at the amazing work people do to clean, polish, pamper and shine their cars. But the highlight for me, is the charity auction. Dennis Damon does an amazing job of getting items for the auction and then selling them off for to benefit United Ostomy. There are bargains to be had, but mostly it's fun to bid on cool BMW stuff. If you overbid, you can always feel good that the proceeds are going to a good cause.

All the events that we put on are planned at the monthly board meetings. We welcome new members; come by and see what we are planning. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Giovanni's. The formal meeting starts at 6:30, but get there around 5:45 for pizza, soda and conversation with fellow BMW fans. All members (and prospective members) are welcome. Hope to see you there.

Jim

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# 2013 Calendar of Events

## May 3

Los Angeles Chapter – High Performance Driving School at Auto Club Speedway, Fontana, CA. See: [losangelesbmwcca.org](http://losangelesbmwcca.org)

## May 4

San Diego Chapter – Tech Session at Charlie's Foreign Car Sales and Service, 751 2nd Street, Encinitas. 8:30 a.m.

## May 14

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting. The board meeting is open to all chapter members

## May 18

Bimmerfest 2013 – Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA. See [bimmerfest.com](http://bimmerfest.com) for more information.

## May 19

San Diego Chapter – Jack Cavanaugh Memorial Car Show, Contest, and Charity Auction. Spanish Landing Park, 9:00 a.m.

## May 22

Joint Tech Session on data acquisition with PCA at Black Forest Automotive, 8066 Engineer Road, San Diego. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## May 26

San Diego Chapter – BMW Car Show at Vista Strawberry Festival, downtown Vista, CA. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

## June 2

San Diego Chapter – Two County Cruise; from BMW of Escondido. 9:30 AM

## June 11

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting. The board meeting is open to all chapter members

## June 19

San Diego Chapter – Tech Session at Discount Tire, 4355 Genesee Ave, San Diego. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



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## June 26

San Diego Chapter – Meet & Greet, TBA

## July 9

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting. The board meeting is open to all chapter members

## July 18

San Diego Chapter – Classic Car Night in Encinitas. Parking at Charlie's Foreign Car. 5:30-7:30 PM

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Dahlen, Lloyd	1973 2002; 1989 535i
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Prosser, Craig	
Ragus, Rich	
Rasmussen, Mark	
Schweitzer, Abhay	
Sobczyk, Jeff	
Terramagra, Devon	
Williams, Geoffrey	

### San Diego Chapter Monthly Board Meeting

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant,  
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

6:00 P.M. – Pizza & soft drinks

6:30 P.M. – Board Meeting



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# BMW CCA San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

## Board Members Present:

Jim Patterson, Brett Litoff, Lisa Goehring, Andre Pantic, Rich Gehring, Kim Dais, Don Duncan, Kim Schwarz, Dennis Damon, Anne Littrell, Ted Lange, Scott Sansom, JoJo Gonzales, Jim Lloyd

## Members Present:

Paul Silver, Peter Winokur, Peter Engels, Nick Owen, Ryan Lindsley, Chris Woods, Steve Johnson, Dan Tackett, Jose Padilla, Satakhal Khalsa, Ryan Moore, Mike Turpen, Nate Risch, Devin Charters, Dennis Darnall, Seth Hanson, Gordon Anderson

## Secretary's Report – Brett Litoff

The minutes were approved.

## Treasurer's Report – Don Duncan

The tax returns have been filed.

## Driving Events – Andre Pantic

64 students have signed up for Chuckwalla.

## Membership Report – Kim Dais

Membership is steady and she will have more to report next meeting.

## Street Survival Planning – Gordon Anderson

36 students signed up and 14 are on the waiting list. We still need more volunteers to put on the event.

## Autocross Report – Kim Schwarz

The March of Time Autocross was sparsely attended. The next autocross is April 28th.

Jim Patterson stated that we are looking to do the Autocross event for Oktoberfest. Steve Johnson stated that National would like this to be a revenue neutral event for our chapter. National and our chapter are currently in negotiation on the terms. There was a motion that we run the Oktoberfest autocross and it was approved.

Chris Woods stated that he would like to do a car wash with his Explorer group at an autocross. Kim Schwarz stated that she would look into doing this type of event at a future autocross.

## Wachmeister Report – Dennis Damon

He complimented Lisa Goehring on the Clean Car Contest brochure. Neal Daily will provide a BBQ during the event and will sell the food at cost. We continue to receive donations for the auction and are looking for someone to run the bake sale.

## BMW of San Diego Meeting – Brett Litoff

We are looking to do more events with BMW of San Diego. They are more open to advertising and having a dealership representative.

Mike Turpen stated that the club should do a better job of tracking why members don't renew.

There was discussion about treating all dealers equally. Steve Johnson stated that the club as a whole buys 2% of all BMW's for North America.

## Advertising Report – Ted Lange

All advertisers that have left the Newsletter have been contacted. Many of those that left stated that they would like to see more content in the newsletter.

## Newsletter Report – Lisa Goehring

We need to find another contact at EMG. EMG is the vendor that prints the Roundel and we are looking to see how much they would charge to print the Fahren Affairs.

## Communications Committee Report – Lisa Goehring

The committee is working on E-blast and e-mail distribution.

## Social Events – Anne Littrell

April 7th is Street Survival.

There was discussion about promoting events at dealerships that are not official SD BMW CCA events.

Meet and Greet on 4/24 at Fuddruckers.

5/4 tech session at Charlie's.

5/22 joint tech session with PCA at Black Forest. This is a track data acquisition event.

6/19 tech session at Discount Tire with PCA. They will be showing the new Falken Tire.

Anne talked about doing an event at The Cooley Museum.

Jim Lloyd discussed the last cruise. There were over 50 cars and 70 plus people. We are looking to do another cruise on 6/2 starting at BMW of Escondido.

Lisa Goehring asked that the club do a better job of giving directions and stating the rules of the road before the start of the next cruise. There was discussion of doing a stagger start for the next cruise.

Dan Tackett thanked Jim Lloyd running another successful cruise and for continuing to do this event. JoJo stated that he would assist Jim with the cruise schedule/planning.

Satakhal stated that the LA Chapter is working on putting on better autocrosses. They are looking for more instructor involvement. Their autocross events are held at Auto Club Speedway and May 22nd is their next one.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

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# Tech Session

## Charlie's Foreign Car

Saturday, May 4  
8:30 A.M.

Charlie's Foreign Car  
751 2nd Street, Encinitas



We will put an assorted mix of 10 cars from BMW CCA membership up on the lifts. The details of the vehicle will be explained and discussed. If you missed this Tech Session the last time it was offered now is your opportunity to view your cherished BMW from the bottom side.

Coffee and VG Donuts will be provided by Charlie's.

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## The Two County Cruise

**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, will be the San Diego Chapter's next cruise. We will meet at the BMW of Escondido Service Center, 330 South Hale Avenue (formerly know as Brecht BMW.) Mr. Brecht, the dealership owner, will supply us with coffee and goodies to fortify us on our run.

We will be driving on some very interesting roads, which will include Highways 78, 79, and Olde Highway 395, running through San Diego and Riverside Counties. The cruise comes only two weeks after the Club's Clean Car Contest, so we should have some highly shiny autos participating. This will be a great drive with many enthusiastic participants and a variety of models. So mark the date to be sure to join us.

**MEET:** BMW of Escondido Service Center,  
330 South Hale Ave., Escondido  
in the Escondido Auto Park

**DATE:** Sunday, June 2, 2013

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**DEPART:** 10:00 a.m.

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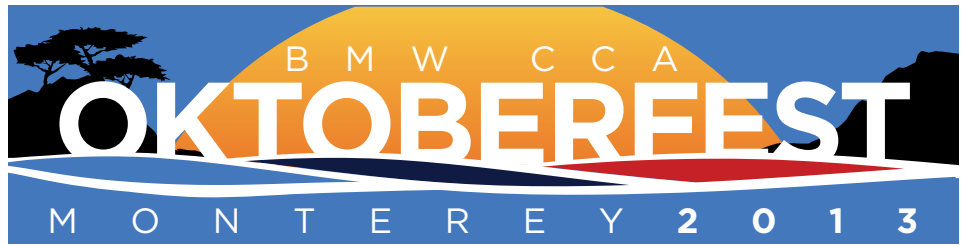


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## Joint BMW CCA/PCA Tech Session

# Track Data Acquisition Systems & Analysis

**Wednesday, May 22  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Black Forest Automotive**  
8066 Engineer Road  
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858-292-1192

This is the Tech session you track types have been asking for, provided by some of our own club members such as Andre Eisenbach, and hosted by Black Forest. This Tech Session will provide an overview of available Data Acquisition systems and software to include advantages of using track data acquisition systems, smart phone software, data loggers, creating video overlays, and basic data analysis.

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Please indicate your participation and sign up to volunteer at our booth on Motorsportreg.com: <http://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/event.advert/uidEvent/9DAE04F8-CE72-9A49-1DED9B6B1A5C539D#.UU9gDhzU81J>

Once you have registered you will be sent, via email, a template with the model information about your car. To this template you can add specific information about your car. This will then be displayed at the car show.

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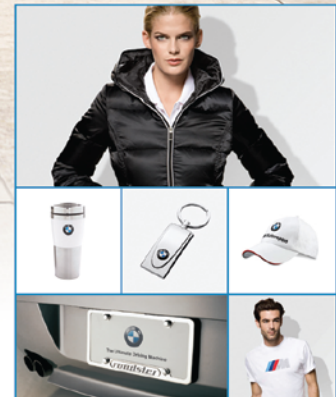
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Our sincerest thanks to BMW of El Cajon for their support for our Autocross Program for another year!

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. Our Chapter autocross policy gives priority to members who are driving BMWs or MINIs. Members driving non-BMWs will be allowed to participate if space is available.

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**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.
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Women drivers and Novices are classified based upon the car they are driving. We also 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. For example, a very fast novice could win a novice trophy and a trophy in his car class. Remember, you are only a novice for the first and second time you autocross, and if you win a trophy you are now a ringer, not a novice.

QUESTIONS? Contact Jim Patterson at: [sd-autocross@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:sd-autocross@sdbmwcca.com).

ATTENTION NEWCOMERS: See the Autocross Tips at [www.sdbmwcca.com](http://www.sdbmwcca.com) to get a better idea of how to prepare for this wonderfully addictive sport for your first time.

See you at the Q!

## And in June...



## 2013 Runoff Autocross

**Find out who’s the BEST on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Online Registration will be open from June 1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>  
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# Great Vibes at San Diego's High Performance Driving School

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**W**ell, this one was a bit of a cliffhanger for us until a couple of weeks before the event. It seems like everyone decided to sign up later than usual this year. It made it a bit exciting for the team, shuffling all of the variables, but it all worked out in the end!

This year we changed our hotel and Saturday night banquet venue due to some area-wide events, notably the Indian Wells Tennis Tournament. It seemed to work out well for us though, as I can say that our banquet/raffle was one of the best we have had in the seven years since my wife Ines and I have taken over running the school. It was a very intimate environment around a large U-shaped table in the hotel pool house. The caterers from Cactus Jacks did a very nice job serving us and the food was great! Once again,



Toyo tires provided a set of tires to raffle, as well as many very nice items from BMW of Escondido. We did miss Tim Brecht this year as it seems he was learning how to dance for an event with his daughter!



While he was on the dance floor, our students were dancing out on the track with their cars! This year we reverted back to the clockwise layout, which feels smooth and flows well. All of the students worked through their daily programs and our track operations team reported that this was the most incident free event they had ever experienced at a high performance driving school. Kudos to all of the students and their instructors!







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Once again this year, all participants were treated to several club racing sessions that included qualifying and races. There was a great new grandstand that provided nice views into the first corner complex.

and I was only able to teach one run group. Those of you who know me are probably not surprised by this! I will look forward to giving people rides when I get my tires for next year's event.

Unfortunately this year, I was unable to turn a wheel on track all weekend, but I did finally hop in a student's car to fill in as an instructor. While I was excited about the opportunity, my stomach was even more excited

Speaking of next year, we are looking to confirm that our event will move one week later than it has been the last three years in order to give us less expensive hotel options. In addition to this, there is a good



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possibility that there will be a new track ready for us to experience! This will be the start of several major upgrades scheduled at Chuckwalla in the near future.



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Once again, I would like to extend my warmest thanks to both of our long term sponsors, BMW of Escondido and Toyo Tires, as well as all of you who came out to support the event as students, racers, instructors, and staff. This event has always been one of the premier club events and we look forward to holding many more successful ones in the coming years.

Andre Pantic  
Driving Events Coordinator



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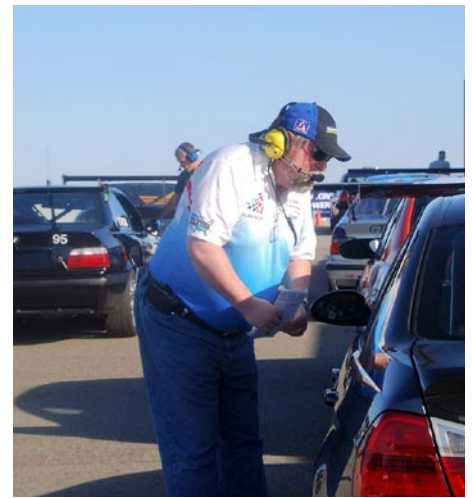


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# BMW CCA Club Racers Share HPDE Weekend



The San Diego Chapter played host to the BMW CCA Club Racers in March at Chuckwalla Valley Raceway in Southern California.

With the paddock full of student and instructor cars, it was fun to see race versions of the street cars take to the track for battle.

The C-Mod cars seem to be the tool of choice for the sweeping medium-speed Chuckwalla corners. Saturday's qualifying saw the C-Modified cars of Vic Pizzino, Geoff Sykes, Steve Dais and Bob Strom sweep the first 4 spots.

For the race, Pizzino and Sykes were able to separate themselves from the field making it a two-car battle for the lead. Pizzino held the lead for most of the race as Sykes filled his mirrors looking for openings in the Pizzino armor. With a lap to go, Sykes made his move and was able to get by Pizzino for the win by just two-tenths of a second.

Instructors Ralph Warren and Kim Dais had a great battle as Ralph's E90 M3 power would ebb and flow the lead of Kim's light and nimble E36 M3 each lap. Both cars enjoying advantages in different areas of the track. Kim drove well and held off the veteran in the end – both of them winning their class.

Alex Perry and James Fluckey also had a great race-long battle with Perry holding off Fluckey who won the J-Prepared.

Sunday's qualifying saw a shake-up as Ralph Warren (now in B-Modified) set an early lap time thought to be good enough for pole. With seconds to go, Geoff Sykes stole the pole as the checker flag waved. This put Warren between Sykes and Pizzino who, although just the first race of the year, already seem to be battling for a National Championship. On the start, Warren's power put him the lead with Pizzino snookering in to second until the nimble and quicker duo of Pizzino and Sykes passed Warren and again made it a two-car race. Pizzino was able to hold Sykes off this time to even the score one-to-one.

The best battle on track was the battle of the Bob's as Bob Strom and Bob Perry were never more than a car-length away from each other – Strom winning the battle in the end by less than a second.

The final race was showdown time for Pizzino and Sykes. Pizzino this time made things a bit less interesting and gapped Sykes, and the rest of the field right, from the start. Sykes held on for a strong second but Pizzino made a statement with his victory north of 20 seconds ahead of the field.

Great battles in the final race also included Alex Perry and Steve Dais with Alex driving real well and taking 4th overall. The father-son duo of Bob and Brett Strom also had a great battle with the father Bob giving his son a beating he so desperately deserved.

—Ralph Warren

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# Behind the Scenes at CVR

By Lisa Goehring



**E**ach year as we approach our annual Driving School weekend, there are only a few basic steps most folks need to take to prepare for a great weekend of high performance driving: a few mouse clicks to register, a quick call to reserve a hotel room, and have a tech inspection done (and maybe a little extra maintenance for good measure.) It's just a little weekend getaway filled with fun, friends, and the ultimate driving experience, right?

*How hard can it be?*



Well, for our Chapter's Driving School Committee, it involves a significant amount of preparation that begins months earlier. The team consists of key volunteer staff members, led by Andre Pantic, with assistance from his wife Ines. Planning began in January for the mid-March event. As event director, Andre had to secure the track date at Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, along with event insurance, tow truck and ambulance services, paid corner workers, and sponsorship from Toyo Tires. The hotel room block and Saturday banquet facility were also critical arrangements that were made. Kelley Sakata-Moon, our go-to Chief Steward, and Bill Woolard were enlisted to run course control for the weekend.

Chief Instructor Dan Tackett began recruiting instructors 60 days before the event date. Committee meetings continued and the team finalized details for the registration materials, Saturday night's banquet, breakfasts, and necessary supplies. Registrar Anne Littrell opened registration

on MotorsportReg.com and began fielding inquiries from students.

Equipmentmeister Rich Gehring coordinated sponsorship from Brecht Motorsports/BMW of Escondido, and arranged for the always highly anticipated school swag gift item. Promotion for the school began online, in social media, and in Fahren Affairs, with Andre also promoting the event to neighboring CCA chapters.

Meanwhile, Dan continued to recruit and confirm instructors, and arrange for them to pair up in the provided hotel rooms. Dan also had to determine who the group leaders and classroom instructors would be, along with the individual tent leaders.



Door prizes for the Saturday night banquet were procured, with thanks to BMW of Escondido. School registration continued to be monitored, having started off a bit slowly. The committee had to analyze the anticipated registration numbers and event costs to determine potential financial liabilities. A decision was ultimately made at one of the final meetings to continue forward and keep the

*Photos: Lisa Goehring*

event open. Fortunately, the school was filled by an influx of last minute registrations, which was great news unless you waited too long to sign up and couldn't get in.

Once the registration deadline had passed, Dan then needed to review the students and assign them to the run groups. It's a bit of a black art—considering each driver's experience (or not), and their desired run group, while needing to balance only three run groups into equal numbers that can be accommodated by the amount of available instructors. Dan also finalizes the curriculum with the classroom instructors, and Anne assisted him in compiling informational binders for each tent leader.

Committee members gathered for a "Stuffing Party" where all of the individual student packets are stuffed with car numbers, nametags, instructions, schedules, plus meal and raffle tickets. Rich ensured the truck and trailer were ready for the weekend. All of the equipment, supplies, and materials are loaded by Friday, when Andre takes the wheel and heads for the track.

Other committee members, instructors, and volunteers also head for Indio early on Friday. There, staff and key volunteers



began busily preparing for the evening reception and registration check-in, while others joined Dan and instructors at CVR for track set up. They surveyed the track to determine and mark passing zones, corner apexes, and turn-in & track-out points, clarifying what the 'school line' would be.

Saturday morning was an early start for everyone, but especially the instructors and staff who make the long trek to the track extra early for final preparations before the students begin arriving. Instructors did some track recon laps and had their group meeting; and Andre gathered the students for the mandatory drivers meeting, where Dan and Kelley reviewed the track rules and gave final instructions to the drivers.



Finally, the first session was underway. Throughout the weekend, Kelley and Bill monitored the run sessions and kept a close eye on the clock. When an incident on track would cause a delay, such as a car needing a tow in, they had to adjust the schedule on the fly. Somehow they always seemed to be able to find a minute here or there to keep the run session times as equal as possible and on schedule. Dan monitored the run groups and classroom sessions, making any adjustments as needed each day.

On Sunday, some of the A group drivers arrived at the crack of dawn for an up close look at the track, offered by group instructor Dale Schaub. The 'track walk' (with assistance from a pickup truck)





involved stopping at various corners, getting out and examining the track surface, sightlines, camber, and various driving lines. Dale and Club Racer Matthew Kogan answered questions and provided unique insights into driving the track.



A number of other volunteers help make our annual driving school successful, performing a variety of unseen work that contributes to a well-run event. This year, even Mother Nature did her part to make it great weekend by providing warm, clear weather. Don't get left out next year—plan to join us in March 2014 for our annual High Performance Driving School. It's the best way to learn your car's capabilities and improve your own behind the wheel. It's easy—all you have to do is sign up, show up, and enjoy!



# TIRE TECH TALK



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Tires for our cars are expensive! And we all try to save money when we can, so this month we are going to cover repairing damaged tires. First off, most of our vehicles come OEM with run-flat tires, many tire manufacturers recommend replacement of run-flat tires driven in a severely underinflated or zero pressure condition because the service conditions they experienced and integrity of their internal structural cannot be confirmed.

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3. The puncture is no greater than 1/4"

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# Saving Teen Lives with Street Survival

The San Diego chapter conducted its fifth Tire Rack Street Survival School at Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, April 7th. The school trains teenagers on how to properly react to emergency situations that can occur on the street.

The San Diego chapter would like to thank the 40+ unpaid instructors and volunteers who made this year's Street Survival school a big success. Also, thanks go to our local corporate sponsor, Mossy BMW of Vista, as well as to the United Truck Driving School for providing an 18-wheeler, and BMW of El Cajon for providing bottled water and air bags to detonate.

Street Survival schools, nationally sponsored by Tire Rack and the BMW CCA Foundation, have been held all over the United States, and it is expected that around 90 of them will be held in 2013.

Upon arrival at Qualcomm Stadium, the students were divided into two groups, and the groups alternated between classroom and driving sessions. There were 20 instructors, and each instructor was assigned one student from each of the two groups, so the students always had the same instructor when driving.

After registration, instructors showed the students how to conduct a tech inspection on their cars, checking for loose items in the trunk and car, as well as the proper way to

check coolant, oil, and tire pressure. Students drove their own daily drivers – a few BMWs, but mostly other makes.

The school started with a short classroom session giving an overview of the instruction and preparing the students for their first driving exercise – panic braking.



When the students filed into the classroom and took their seats, their faces were filled with “negative enthusiasm” because they were in a classroom on a Sunday instead of hanging at the mall with their friends. However, after we got the students in their cars and driving, attitudes began improving. After they completed the braking exercise and came back into the classroom, their facial expressions began to change for the better, and they began to pay close attention because they were relating the classroom learning with the driving exercises.

As the day progressed, the students tackled different exercises: emergency braking, brake and turn, emergency lane change, slalom, and skid pad. To teach the students



how to control their vehicles under adverse conditions, we used a water truck to wet down the parking lot. We even added biodegradable soap to the water to make things extremely slippery. We wanted the pavement to be very slippery so the cars begin slipping at relatively slow speeds which is a safer way to teach handling a car at the limits of traction.



In addition, the dangers of using cell phones while driving was demonstrated by having the students drive the slalom with two hands on the wheel, and then having them drive the slalom with one hand on the wheel and one hand holding a cell phone.

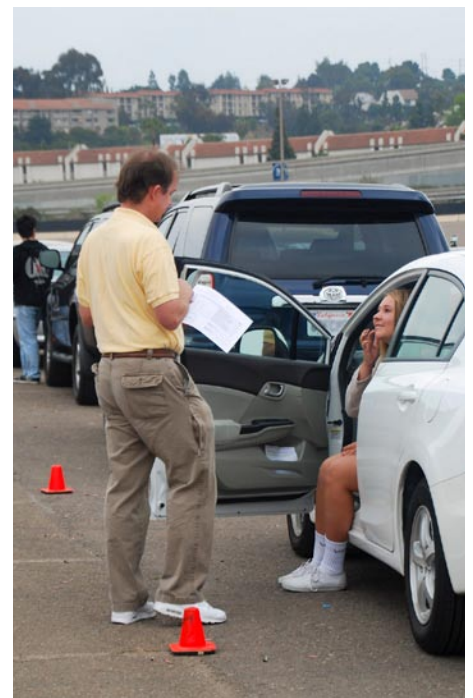
During lunch, the students, under the direction of Dan Tackett, parked their cars around an 18-wheeler and then climbed into the cab to see how extremely limited the truck driver's visibility is. Nick Owen, the car club's







Pacific Regional Vice President and demolitions expert, set off three airbags during lunch to demonstrate the 170 mile per hour explosion that goes off in your face during an accident.



After lunch there was more classroom instruction and driving. The final driving exercise connected the emergency lane change, two skid pads (which were turned into a figure eight), and the slalom into a single exercise that was a little bit like an autocross.

Special thanks go to Rich Gehring, the Chief Steward and Course Designer, and Dan Tackett, the Chief Instructor and Truckmeister for making this year's Street Survival a big success.

Gordon Anderson



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