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BIKE TOUR

Saturday, September 21st, 2002
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ON THE HORIZON IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

AUTOCROSS

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FALL DINNER & ELECTIONS

Saturday, November 2, 2002
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PLANNING / BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, November 10, 2002
Bring your ideas and a brunch item to share!
Alan Warner's Club Room, 303-333-9387
Details in October Issue

On the cover: Tim and Roxi Wasmer's X5, Car of the Month.

by Dave Walker

Fond memories of Oktoberfest in Keystone linger on. I hope you, too, had a chance to attend, if even for just one day, and feel the camaraderie of a few of the more than *seven hundred* Bimmernutz assembled for this annual fete. It's certainly hard to argue with the venue—is there a more idyllic spot on this green Earth than the Colorado Rockies?—but that merely adds to the *gesundheit* of being around the varied souls from all walks of life assembled for the sole purpose of sharing their enthusiasm with like-minded *Skitz von Bimmerhead* devotees. Call it car worship (complete with double-kidney organ music—sung to the tune of, “Turn Your Hymnals to 2002”) if you like. But, you can do that in the privacy of your own home—er, garage. Turn on your surround-sound theatre if you must. No matter what the tenor, it's a bumper-to-bumper rendition of the open-road song best shared with your BMW choir mates.

It's not the metal we celebrate, but rather the communion of disciples of the canyon road: the perfectly-executed turn-in, the precise apex, the siren wail of a finely-honed *Bayerische Motor* at full song. And, most importantly, all who revel in and admire the fact that these fine machines were created by craftsmen and women with the same sense as you and I. It was the German poet Goethe who said, “A few good friends can make of this earth a garden.” Garden party, indeed!

Thank you, Bruce Hazard and Fred Iacino, for orchestrating this fine event, and to all the hard-working volunteers who carried the tune in perfect harmony.

It's Election Time Again!!

Election time is coming in November. Under the Chapter's staggered set of two-year terms, the positions up for election this year are **Treasurer** and **Secretary**. Regardless of whether incumbents wish to run for re-election, it is imperative under a democratic system of electing officers that all interested candidates are encouraged and given the opportunity to run for office. If you have ever considered offering your time to help run your club, please give serious thought to candidacy. You can announce your interest in a position to any Board member listed in the *Motorsport Report*.

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by Malcolm Quentin

It's election time again, and my two-year term as Treasurer is nearing its end. How time flies when you're having fun! We will have accomplished a lot over the two years: we have been able to fund the purchase of some significant autocross equipment for the Chapter; and, as a result of our merchandise sales for O'fest 2002, we are now looking at the purchase of a panel van for the Autocross and Driving School committees. We can thank our Driving School committee for keeping the books solidly in the black, as the Chapter's driving schools have always made money for us; and now that we have invested in autocrossing, our financial analysis indicates that there will be good cash inflows there as well. Another change to the Chapter's financial structure is that of our eCommerce activity. The Chapter has established a merchant account and website for selling merchandise and taking payments for events. The website alone generated over \$6,000 in gross sales for O'fest 2002....Only four months left, and a new Treasurer will take over the reigns.

The Chapter wants that new Treasurer to be YOU! The Treasurer is an elected official and sits on the Board of Directors of the Chapter. As Treasurer, you will be responsible to the Board for the financial well-being of the Chapter, and will review and approve the budgets for all events. You will also be responsible for paying all the bills incurred by event chairpersons and paying the entire Chapter's operating expenses; and you will process all payments mailed to the Chapter, usually checks from members paying for events. The Treasurer is also responsible for financial reporting to the Board of Directors every month. This includes the reconciliation of our two checking accounts, a Balance Sheet and a YTD Profit and Loss Statement. You will also produce Profit and Loss Statements for all events.

My monthly workload for the Chapter varies from month to month, but on average, I spend at least 6 hours preparing for the next month's board meeting towards the end of the month, and spend about 1 hour per week processing payables and receivables. There are also unique events that will require more attention.

As Treasurer you will be intimately involved in ALL of the Chapter's activities, both short term and long term. Your ability to keep the books straight and provide guidance to other board members and event chairpersons on how certain activities will affect the Chapter's financial well being is an integral part of the job. This is a demanding, but also very satisfying job, which, for me, has been a labor of love to give something back to the Chapter in return for the benefits I have received as a Chapter member. This is a GREAT Chapter, and I wish the next Treasurer all the best! Identify yourself as a candidate for Treasurer right now. Pick up the phone and call any board member to run for office. You should also submit a short autobiography to the editor ASAP for inclusion into the next *Motorsport Report*.

ponderings by the editor

by Darlene Doran

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

My genuine appreciation to these members who wrote articles and took pictures for the September issue of the *Motorsport Report*: **Malcolm Quentin** for his article on the upcoming elections; **Jeff Sherrard** for his Tribute to 2002 article; **Bill Farrell** for his newcomer article; **Doug Gordon** for his article on the Golden Bimmer Burger Night and photos; **Mike Cotsworth** for his article on the new 745i and photos; **Mark/Darlene Irvin** for coordinating the Autocross for August and the upcoming October Autocross; **Mark Irvin, Doug Gordon, Doug Grande, Arnie Coleman** and **Jeff Sherrard** for their efforts in forming the Autocross Committee; **Tim and Roxi Wasmer** for their Car of the Month article and photos; **Dave Walker** and **Leila Vale** for coordinating the Platte River Bike Tour and article and **Dave Walker** for his "late-braking news." A Big thanks to everyone for helping make this a great newsletter!

OUR SINCERE APOLOGY

Doug Grande and I would like to apologize to Bill Farrell and his wife for inadvertently not giving credit where credit is due. Bill and his wife were awarded 2nd Place in the 1960-1990 *BMW Car Class* in the 19th Annual Exotic Sports Car Show / Concours d'Elegance. Sorry ☹

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Best wishes to all members who have birthdays or anniversaries this month!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking to get involved in the Rocky Mountain Chapter BMW Club? We are always looking for volunteers for upcoming events. If you have given your name to **Doug Gordon**, he will be contacting you soon. Please consider getting involved in our upcoming events and/or committees. Please call or email Doug at 303-215-9116 or gordonm3@rmi.net

REWARDS PROGRAM REMINDER

Looking to purchase a new BMW? You're in luck. BMW CCA has brought back the Rewards Program; all vehicles qualify except the Z8. The only qualifications are you must have been a Car Club member for at least one year. Check it out in your monthly *Roundel* or the BMW CCA website at <http://www.bmwcca.org/services/svcfset.shtml>

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car of the month

Car of the Month is a series in which Club members will have a chance to showcase their pride and joy in the Motorsport Report. Our membership will see the variety of BMWs and the level of personalization that makes each car unique.

Each month throughout the year we will feature a "Car of the Month". Any car owned by a Chapter member is eligible. Just send several photos (they will be returned to you) of your car, along with a written description about the vehicle. But wait, there's more, in the December/January issue you will find a ballot to choose from the 12 Cars of the Month, and a Car of the Year will be announced in the next issue.

Our September **Car of the Month** comes to you from Aurora, Colorado belonging to Tim and Roxi Wasmer. As I sit here penning this article I am faced with an interesting quandary. I have told many of you that the X5 4.4i is probably the best all around BMW I have EVER owned. How can I quantify that statement against the e39 M5 and e46 M3?

Here is my attempt; the 4.4i X5 is essentially built on a 5 Series chassis, with a center of gravity only 3 inches higher than the standard 5 Series, it is no lumbering SUV. It is a quite nimble SAV. The 19-inch rims and tires hold it to the road, as well as any sports car. The standard bit of BMW under steer is still present. The transmission is geared a bit more aggressively than the 540i, which shares the same power plant. The all wheel drive system moves the 4800 lb. SAV through the corners with ease. Although the X5 does not have the hauling capacity of other SUVs, such as the Suburban, it will out perform any SUV/SAV out there. So I guess the well-rounded aspects of the X5 make it one of the best BMWs out there.



Our X5 has been modified with the following improvements: K&N free flow air filter to improve the breathing of the V8, the DINAN ECU upgrade pepped the SAV up a bit (although I have not added the transmission software, yet I am thinking about it). The interior has been graced with a DVD/VCR entertainment system. The screens are mounted in the backs of the headrests. The only drawback to this system is when you are on a long road trip no one wants to be in front with the driver ☺. I added the front and rear spoilers from the X5 4.6 is for a bit of flair. Although no one thought these pieces could be mounted on a standard X5, I did it, and put together a "How To" for other X5 owners. I personally think it gives the X5 a sportier look. The final touch was a set of BMW aluminum running boards.

There is one final point to bring up about the X5. I have put on a set of Pirelli Scorpion Zero tires. These tires in their 19-inch size cost a fraction of the Michelins and have a very stout tread. Many people on the Internet have said that you cannot drive the X5 with 19s in the snow. I am here to tell you, that it can be done with the Pirellis and if you sipe them it is even better. Granted, it does not handle like an X5 with 17 inch studded snows, but with the lack of snow we have received here in Denver, I prefer the sporty feel of my 19s year round.

So if you are looking for an all around fun and useful BMW look seriously at the X5.

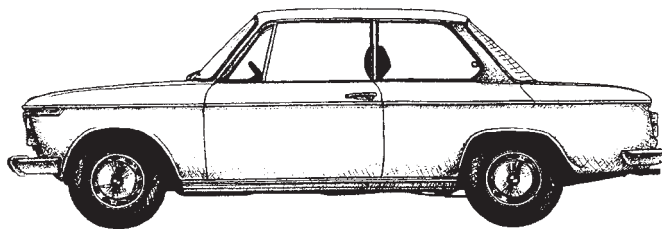


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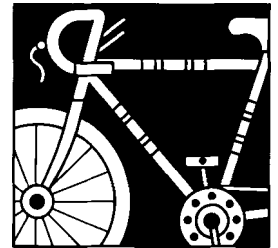
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Platte River Bike Tour

by Dave Walker & Leila Vale

Come join your presidents (him and her) for a leisurely jaunt along the scenic Platte River bike trail on Saturday, September 21, 2002. We'll meet at 9:00 AM for a 9:15 departure and wind our way north for about an hour—approximately 15 miles. Speed is not an issue; fresh air and good company are, so bring the whole family, along with your appetite. At the end of the ride (around 11:30) we'll reconvene at the starting point for lunch. If you wish to ride a shorter distance, no problem! Turn around whenever you like and hang out on the restaurant deck overlooking the bike trail and the Platte River!

Ride starts and ends at the Platte River Bar and Grill, 5995 S. Sante Fe, Littleton; telephone (303) 798-9356. Please RSVP to Dave Walker and Leila Vale at (303) 499-7416 no later than Thursday, September 19, 2002, so we can give the restaurant a head-count for lunch. It'll be cool in September—trust me. See you there!



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tribute to the 2002

by Jeff Sherrard

Some of My Fondest Memories

I bought my first BMW in the spring of 1980. I remember it well...

I was in high school, looking for a sports car. I had my eyes set on a Fiat X1/9. My brother recommended that I try a BMW. He said they were sports cars that could fit 4 people and/or all my ski stuff. Since I was skiing virtually every day, the idea of having a car that was good in snow and could hold all my stuff, really appealed to my practical side. I don't know how I would have fit all my stuff in the X1/9, or what size snow tires it would take.

I test drove a 1975 Nitro Green 2002 and loved it! Seems the dealer had purchased it for his wife, but it wasn't enough to keep her. The car was in perfect condition. It ran strong, started every time. It was also great in the snow. I soon had a spare set of wheels with great snow tires on them. I quickly learned to appreciate 4-wheel drifts through the Colorado mountain passes. The car was exactly what I needed.

Now for the true BMW sales pitch: yes, this was a high school/college kid in a BMW, which I paid for with my own money (and that was not easy). I liked the fact that the car handled like a sports car and all my stuff could actually fit in it; however, this is *not* why I'm a BMW fan today. I'm a BMW fan today because this 2002 saved my life!

I was driving home from a high school football game, when a full-sized Oldsmobile rear-ended me. He was traveling at approximately 40 mph at the time. Unfortunately, the line of cars in front of us had stopped for a stoplight over the hill ahead of us. We plowed into another full-sized car in front of us, the 2002 acting as the hood ornament for the Oldsmobile! The rear of the 2002 was completely crushed; the front was

only half it's original length. My best friend and I opened our doors and walked away thanks to the strength of that BMW and the skill of its engineers. The car was totaled; the check didn't seem to cover the "emotional stress" of trying to find another pristine 2002 at a "high school price". I found another 1975 2002, dark blue this time. That one's another story....

I was driving to school (Boulder) late one Sunday night. Some of you might even know the road I was on — north-bound on Indiana, north of 64th, before the railroad overpass. I remember it like it was yesterday. It was late, just starting to snow, just enough cars coming the other way that I couldn't drive with my brights on. The houses are few and far between up there. Lots of pastures, horse fences, etc. I thought I saw something in my peripheral vision.

Not an instant later, I saw a horse standing across the road. He was about a car's length in front of me, in *my* lane! That hood worked very effectively to knock the legs out from under the horse. His body came right over and into the windshield. I'll argue with anyone on the strength of BMW A-pillars. They saved my life!! The driver's side A-pillar bent down to my head; the other one, even lower. That horse pressed a lot of windshield glass into my knuckles, but I never let go of the wheel and was able to drive the car to the side of the road and stop safely. I walked away, literally, with only scratches, not even any stitches.

So what do you do with a 1975 BMW 2002 with no roof? Find a donor! I found a donor car and had the roof replaced. I buffed the abrasions out of the bumper and front of the hood, and it was nearly as good as new!

I LOVE 2002s. Just think, I almost bought a Fiat X1/9...

A Succinct Discussion of a Few Terms

Reprinted from the April 2000 Motorsport Report

Front wheel drive cars have more front weight bias; therefore their rear tires sometimes lose traction and skid with throttle life when turning in slippery conditions. This is because the lift momentarily shifts even more weight to the front of the car, thus unweighting the rear end whose tires then lose their grip on the road. The car is then described as being "loose" or being in a condition of over steer.

Oversteer means that the rear of the car turns faster than the front because the rear tires lose traction and slide before the front tires do. Sometimes described as the rear end trying to pass the front.

Understeer means that the front wheels lose traction when turned, causing the car to continue in a more "straight ahead" condition as it "plows" forward. The car still turns but the turn is enlarged and the car slows due to scrubbing off a little of the front tire's rubber. When the car slows enough, the scrubbing stops, and the car turns normally. This slowing effect is safer than an oversteering condition, so car manufacturers build understeer into the design. Understeer is especially prevalent in heavy front drive cars. High performance aficionados often spend lots of money attempting to remove this built-in understeer because it is speed limiting.

Apex essentially means "the top of the curve" which is where the wheels come closest to the inside edge of the road in a turn.

Normal Apex is where most cars turn in, come closest to the inside edge of the road (which marks the apex), and then track out of the turn safely. This is where one may see depressions or ruts in old roads. One can usually see the exit before turning.

Early Apex is when the driver turns in a little sooner than normal. How to tell? You run out of road before completing the turn. This is a less safe condition and why friends don't let friends early apex. One often does not see the exit before turning.

Late Apex is when the driver waits a little longer before fully committing to the turn. How to tell? There is plenty of road left at the edge after completing the turn, thus there is more "built in" safety. One can usually see the exit before turning.

An Apex Clue: A dead giveaway for most any apex at the racetrack is finding where cars just brush the edge of the road in a turn and wear away grass or create a rut in the dirt next to the pavement. The worn spot is the apex. This clue is especially valuable when learning a new racetrack with little time to practice before qualifying — or when practice is qualifying. Worn spots help outline "The Line", which is normally the fastest way around the track.

upcoming event

by Mark Irvin

AUTOCROSS 2002-3

The Rocky Mountain Chapter's third autocross of the season will be held October 20, 2002, at Bandimere Speedway. If you have not participated in an autocross before, don't sweat it, now is a great time to give it a shot! No special skills are required — come out and join us!



For additional information please feel free to give us a call at (303) 425-5604. Please come prepared for any weather, we live in Colorado.

DETAILS...

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2002

Location: Bandimere Speedway – C 470 and Morrison Road, Morrison, Colorado

Directions: Take C470 to the Morrison exit, go west to Rooney Rd., (there is a large Conoco station on the corner) proceed north for about a half mile to the Speedway entrance. Follow the signs to the parking area.

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by Doug Gordon

Golden Bimmer Burger Night

One of the advantages of being on the Rocky Mountain Chapter Yahoo Groups list (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rmc-bmwcca/>) is that we can quickly organize an informal get-together. Over the last year, some members have organized impromptu get-togethers at Sonic Burger Drive-Ins in their areas. The response to these informal evenings has been great — and for good reason: They don't cost anything, they are a great chance to meet other BMW fans, and they don't require a tech inspection or helmet!

On Sunday, June 30th we had another one of our "Bimmer Burger Nights" at the Sonic Drive-In in Golden. An estimated 35 BMWs (and one super-modified Audi S4) showed up. We all mixed it up for an hour or so while enjoying good drive-in food. About 20 of us gathered up for a sunset drive in the mountains after our food had a chance to settle. The route took us up I-70 towards Central City. Two of us E30 M3 drivers got a late start and thought we lost the group, but caught up with the others in Central City and snapped some photos at a casino parking lot.

After re-grouping, we headed North on the peak-to-peak highway, then down Golden Gate Canyon for some twisties. As luck would have it, the two lead cars missed the turn, so I found myself in the lead with 17 BMWs on my tail at the entrance to a long, twisty, canyon run. Let's just say that everyone was anxious to get down to some spirited driving that night. We were fortunate to have the entire canyon to ourselves without any traffic. It was truly refreshing to have some open road to enjoy instead of the stop and go traffic that seems to be everywhere these days.

Thanks to everyone that made it out that night. If you want to plan a Bimmer Burger Night at your local Sonic Drive-In, just call the store manager and let them know what you'd like to do! If you haven't made it to any club events in a while — make sure to attend one of these — what have you got to lose?



Headed up the Peak-to-Peak Highway



Hanging out in Central City



Rest stop in Central City

by Bill Farrell

Newcomers First Event

Atending the 19th Annual Exotic Sports Car Show/Concours d'Elegance was a unique experience for my wife and I. We are newcomers to such events and didn't know what to expect. We entered the Concours d'Elegance with a 1990 Red 325iS (page 21 of program entry # 509).

We detailed the car for 22 hours prior to the Concours d'Elegance and then drove the car to California the following week to give it to our son as a present for excellent work in college (Santa Clara University) and his community service in Santa Clara and San Jose, California.

We were awarded second place in the show. I agree with your observation on the judging — I had points deducted for dust on the brake, clutch and accelerator pedals and because I didn't remove the registration and emissions materials from the glove box, as well as the floor mats. Oversights that cost — but nonetheless, a rewarding experience.

RKY MTN LITHO

2/03

The road to the winner's podium begins at Bimmer Haus.

A hearty **congratulations** to all the participants at this year's Oktoberfest driving competitions! Bimmer Haus Performance customers and staff grabbed a total of 38 trophies — 21 of them First Place — in the Club Race and Autocross alone!

Watch next month's MotorSport Report for full race reports, results, and photos of all the activities at Second Creek, Keystone, and throughout Summit County.

And the winning isn't over yet — good luck to all the competitors heading to the SCCA ProSolo Finale, Tire Rack Solo II National Championships, and Valvoline Runoffs in September. We're counting on you to bring some gold back to Broomfield!

There will be no live webcast this year, but you can follow the action by watching for regular updates, photos, and in-car video uploads on our website beginning soon.

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by Andrew Jordan

Wide Open Throttle

Would you know what to do if your car's throttle became stuck in the wide-open position? Knowing what to do could save your life, or your engine, your car or someone else's car too. The following advice could come in handy, hopefully not needed though. It is like giving someone a fire extinguisher for a house warming present and saying to them that you hope that they never have to use your gift.

If your throttle gets stuck then the car takes off; brakes don't help much. The engine is stronger than the brakes. So if the brakes don't slow you down, then what is the next instinctive reaction? You put the clutch in and slip the car into neutral. Bad mistake. The engine revs up and basically blows up, unless you drive a newer car and the rev limiter kicks in and grounds out your ignition. But you could still hurt the engine. I had a wide-open, struck throttle, during rush hour on Federal Boulevard recently. Unbeknown to me at the time, a large spring had dislodged itself from the clutch system, and was now jamming the accelerator throttle linkage. Trying to lever the foot pedal up from the left, underside did not help at

all. I instinctively moved from the center lane towards the right lane and turned the ignition off. Then I shifted to neutral. Well the engine shut off, but the steering locked, so I had to turn the key back a notch, but not as far as the ignition function.

The looks I got from other drivers. "Crazy BMWs. Always in such a damn hurry, they think they own the whole road. Just look at that idiot." Well, I am used to it. Some other driver follows me and has words to vent with me about every third month, on an average.

This experience shook me up considerably. It was my second similar experience in less than a year. The other excitement occurred during an SCCA race in my white BMW 2002 between Kamikaze and Spectators Hook. On that occasion I had to hit the kill switch and aggressively kick at the accelerator foot pedal. It could very easily have been the fastest lap ever recorded at Second Creek Raceway. But it wasn't. Damn!

So how you know. Kill the ignition and be prepared for the next step, whatever that might be. Drive fast and take chances!

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by Mike Cotsworth

BMW 745i – too much of a good thing...?

The 2002 BMW 745i is arguably the most technologically advanced and innovatively designed vehicle in the world today. So what, you say. With a price tag of nearly \$76,000, the 745i is not on the shopping list of the average new car buyer. Yet, many of the ground-breaking and unique features introduced on the 745i will soon find their way into other, more affordable, BMW's – and from there to the many competitive vehicles that target BMW as the benchmark for their market segment.

There are too many truly amazing features in the 745i to list in the space of this column. For example, the windshield wipers have been redesigned to cover 10% more area, the washer nozzles and area where the wipers “park” when not in use are heated, and when not in use they automatically move slightly every three days so the wiper blades don't get distorted from being stationary too long. Bet you didn't know that...

Visually, the 745i is a departure from traditional BMW styling. The twin “kidney” grills are still there, but the headlight treatment is all new. The rear of the car is dramatically different, with wrap-around “three-dimensional” LED tail and brake lights, and a light bar across the trunk lid (by the way, the brake lights are the world's first “adaptive brake lights” that signal the intensity of the driver's braking both by brightness and number of lights used). The raised trunk lid is the car's most controversial styling element. I like the look, it's elegant, and is somehow evocative of the luxury cars of the 30s.

Settle yourself in the spacious leather and real wood-trimmed interior, and the first thing you notice is the dashboard – simple and uncluttered. This was the goal of the 745i's designers, clean up all the buttons, knobs, and switches necessary to control the myriad of systems in today's hi-tech luxury cars. Their answer – put all the driving controls on or about the steering wheel (true to BMW's credo of emphasizing active driver involvement), and combine everything else into one control. Thus the “iDrive” system: climate control, GPS navigation, sound system, on-board computer, built in cell phone, etc., etc. – all operated by one multi-functional “joystick”, and displayed on a large visual display (or by voice command, if you know the menus...). Akin to the mouse on your home PC, this one large shiny metal knob rotates, points and clicks to access and activate all of iDrive functions – all 700 functions!

Good idea, but in actual usage, way too complicated. Described by one critic as “the most conspicuous example of tyranny of digital control”, iDrive is too much of a good thing. Too much to master, too many sub-menus to navigate through, and far too distracting. Some functions are intuitive others are decidedly not. It got easier to use over time, but even after 45 minutes of initial instruction and a week of everyday use, it remained frustrating.



The best thing about the technologically advanced 745i is that it still drives like a BMW. There's plenty of power from the new 4.4 liter V-8 (325 HP, same as the V-12 in the old 750i), the 6-speed automatic is state-of-the-art (unfortunately, there is no way to manually shift), and handling is superb (the 18 inch wheels are cool, 19 inch are optional). A rolling technological tour-de-force to be sure, but still the Ultimate Driving Machine.

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BMW Press Release July 2, 2002

BMW 3 Series, M coupe and M5 voted best in their class

Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, July 2, 2002 ... The BMW 3 Series was named "Best Sedan"; the M coupe was named "Best Coupe"; and the M5 was named "Best Sports Sedan" in the Annual "America's Best" survey conducted by *AutoWeek*.

AutoWeek recently tabulated results of its 13th Annual Survey; conducted entirely online this year at www.autoweek.com, and BMW had three models named among the "Best". *AutoWeek* created the 24-question survey to allow the voters to identify their most preferred make/model for cars, trucks and SUVs. More than 7000 people responded to the "America's Best" survey entirely online, which ran from May 7th through June 6th.

"We're particularly pleased to receive these kinds of awards because they come from the readers themselves," said BMW of North America CEO Tom Purves, "the M5 and M coupe are truly outstanding cars and we're delighted that the 3 Series sedan, our most popular model and is held in such high regard by the readers of *Autoweek*."

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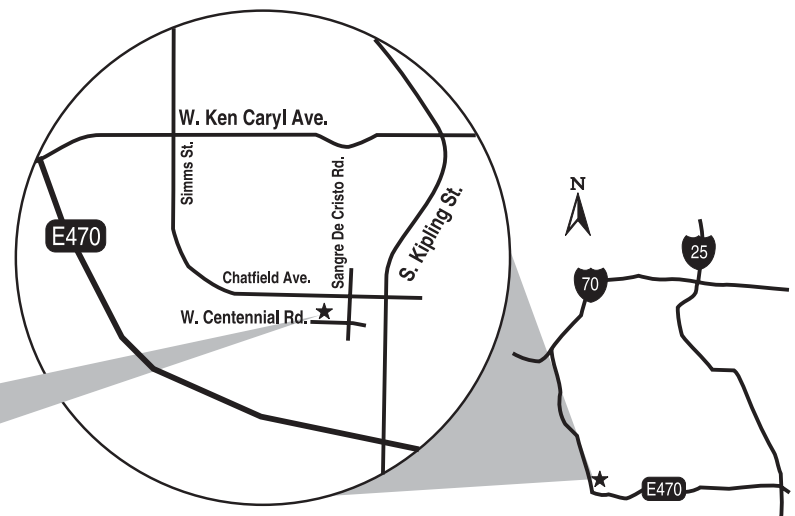
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BMW Group Reports Strong Year-to-Date Sales

BMW Press Release August 1, 2002

YEAR-TO-DATE SALES UP 16 PERCENT; JULY SALES UP 15 PERCENT

WOODCLIFF LAKE, NEW JERSEY, August 1, 2002... The BMW Group (BMW and MINI brands combined) sustained impressive sales increases this month, reporting the strongest first seven months ever in the U.S. with 146,430 vehicles, a 16 percent increase over the same period a year ago. The BMW Group also recorded July sales of 21,955 vehicles, up 15 percent over the 19,046 reported a year ago.

BMW BRAND

BMW of North America, LLC reported year-to-date sales of 136,825 automobiles and Sports Activity Vehicles, up 8 percent over the 126,303 vehicles sold in the first seven months of 2001. The company also reported July sales of 19,089, up 0.2 percent over the 19,046 in the same month in 2001.

BMW AUTOMOBILE SALES

Year-to-date, automobile sales are up 7 percent. BMW reported sales of 111,817 compared to the 104,438 cars sold through July 2001. BMW also reported July automobile sales of 15,779, down 0.5 percent from the 15,864 cars sold in the same month a year ago.

BMW SPORTS ACTIVITY VEHICLE SALES

BMW also reported July sales of 3,310 X5 Sports Activity Vehicles, an increase of 4 percent over the 3,182 vehicles reported last year. Year-to-date, SAV sales were up 14 percent, to 25,008 vehicles compared to the 21,865 reported last year.

BMW CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED VEHICLES SALES

Sales of BMW's Certified Pre-owned vehicles skyrocketed, with a 54 percent increase in year-to-date sales of 34,631 compared to 22,442 a year ago. July sales were up 77 percent, with 5,654 vehicles sold compared to 3,204 a year ago.

MINI BRAND MINI AUTOMOBILES

The company reported sales of 1,388 MINI Coopers and 1,478 MINI Cooper S' in July for a total of 2,866. Year-to-date, the company reported sales of 6,378 MINI Coopers and 3,227 MINI Cooper S' for combined sales of 9,605. The MINI brand returned to the U.S. for the first time in 35 years when MINI automobiles went on sale March 22.

BMW GROUP IN AMERICA

BMW of North America has been present in the United States since 1975. Since then, the BMW Group in the United States has grown to include marketing, sales and financial service organizations for the BMW and MINI brands; a South Carolina manufacturing operation; DESIGNWORKS/USA, an industrial design firm in California; a technology office in Silicon Valley and various other operations throughout the country. The BMW Group is represented in the U.S. through networks of 340 BMW car, 327 BMW Sports Activity Vehicle, 148 BMW motorcycle retailers and 64 MINI car dealers. BMW US Holding Corp., the Group's headquarters for North, Central and South America, is located in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey.

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1995 GMC Suburban 1500 SLT, Décor white/beige leather, 95K miles, 4 bucket seats, TV / VCR / Radar 42 gal tank, roof rack, front & rear deflectors, 1 owner, garaged. \$12,900. Contact Dusty 970-845-3804, #186355 (10/02)

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1993 535i, VIN WBAHD1319PBF13120, Silver/gray leather, 112K miles, 5 spd, heated / memory seats, ASC, CD Changer, recent clutch and Inspection II, new front control arms (upper & lower), with 750 bushings, and other miscellaneous parts. Extra set of Yoko snow tires \$12,500. Call Jamie at 303-355-6089 or Jamie.Schnell@Level3.com #167408 (10/02)

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- 7 Sat **Z Car Club of Colorado Track Day, Gary Bracken 303-969-9964**
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- 1 Tue **DEADLINE FOR *MOTORSPORT REPORT* ADS AND COPY FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE**
- 2 Wed * **Business Meeting, 7:00 PM, Jenkins's, Aurora, 303-671-6131 for directions**
- 20 Sat **Autocross - 8:00 AM, Bandimere Speedway**
Mark/Darlene Irvin Chair, 303-425-5604, Details Page 7

NOVEMBER

- 1 Fri **DEADLINE FOR *MOTORSPORT REPORT* ADS AND COPY FOR DECEMBER ISSUE**
- 2 Sat **Fall Dinner & Elections**
Dave Walker / Leila Vale, Chairs, 303 499-7416
- 10 Sun **Business/Planning Meeting, Warner's, Denver, 303-333-9387 for directions**

*** All members are urged to attend the Business Meetings, held the first Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions). IF YOU ARE COMING, PLEASE CALL THE MEETING HOST/HOESSTESS TO ENSURE ENOUGH FOOD, AND IN CASE OF CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES**

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