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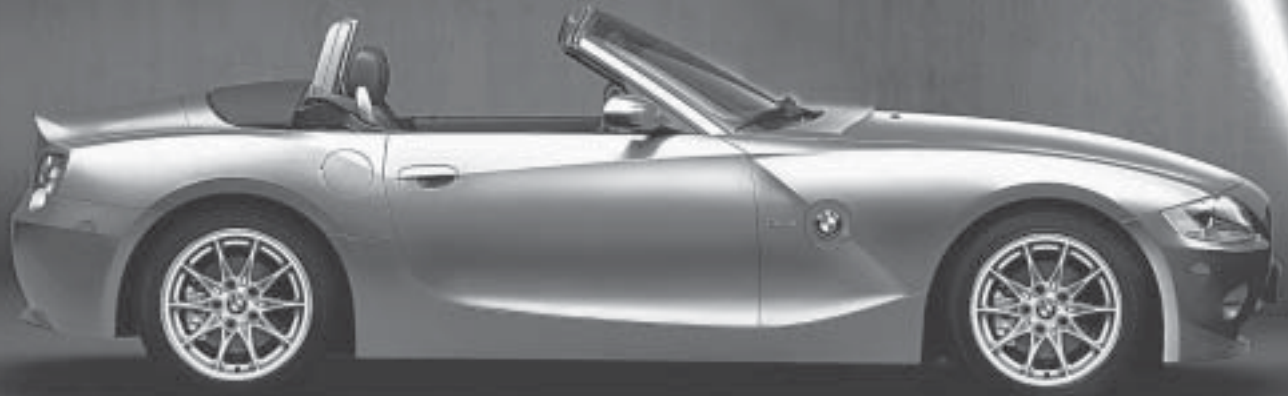


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Late-braking News

by Dave Walker



What obligations do we have to our children when it comes to teaching them automotive responsibility? Traditional high-school driver's education courses give them only the rudiments, such as how to parallel park, stop at the crosswalk line, and avoid puking during the obligatory gory driver's ed, "This Could Happen to You" movies. You

have to start somewhere, and these classes are adequate preparation for passing the driver's license exam—the main requirement for which is that the applicant is able to fog a mirror.

Meanwhile, the Colorado state legislature is debating new rules to prohibit young drivers from engaging in certain types of unsafe behavior, such as having more than one passenger in a vehicle being driven by a first-year licensee. While such laws in and of themselves may do some good, I firmly believe that BMW owners generally take a more proactive role. We buy these cars in the first place due in part to BMW's "active safety" emphasis: it's better to avoid an accident than try to survive one (although BMW is at the forefront in passive safety as well). Chassis, suspension, and braking system engineering have always been BMW's forte, making the cars both safe and fun to drive. Who says you can't have your cake and eat it, too? Our kids naturally gravitate towards the

fun part; providing the education to use the car's capabilities responsibly is up to us.

There is no greater automotive legacy we can bestow upon the youthful drivers in our lives than the gift of an enduring, meaningful driver's education. On June 25th, our chapter will host its second annual *Street Survival* training course, aimed at teaching youthful drivers critical skills they can use for a lifetime (literally and figuratively) of on-the-road driving. We are indebted to Alain van der Heide for picking up the gauntlet and spearheading the effort this year, following on Bob and Lauri Sutterfield's heels last year (who are also kindly providing guidance and advice to Alain and company). As always, Alain and the whole chapter would be grateful for volunteers to help out before and during the event. Please e-mail Alain at ajvdh1@comcast.net.

If there's a licensed driver between the ages of 15½ and 19 in your household, family, or circle of friends whom you know would benefit from the *Street Survival* course, please encourage them to sign up early, as space is limited to 40 applicants. We'll be doing more advertising this year to get the word out to local schools and other organizations, so register early. Hope to see many of you, both young and old, at the event on June 25th. For more information on the *Street Survival* program, please visit <http://www.bmwccafoundation.org/ss2005/index.asp>. *MSR*



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Ponderings by the Editor

by Darlene Doran

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This event has been limited to the first 50 registrants and one guest each. See page 31 for more information.

Thanks to all of you!

My genuine appreciation to these members who wrote articles and took photographs for the April issue of the MSR: **All Participants** for their "Car of the Month" articles and photos, which are now candidates for "Car of the Year"; **Keith Liese** for his "Car of the Month" article and photos; **Janet Kiyota** for coordinating the "Meet Eat & Greet New Members Video Night South" and her article; **Tom Cowden** and **Dick Grubb** for their "Emails to the Editor"; **Bob Tunnell** for his "Bimmer Haus Performance Brake Tech Session" article; **Guy McCoy** for his "The Case of the Missing Driving Dog" article and photos; **Stephen Schroeder** for his "Spring Driving School Tech Inspection" article; **Mark Irvin** for his "Autocross Warm-Up" article; **Andy Peavy** for coordinating the "Car Control Clinic" and his article; **Peter Richards** for coordinating the "Shelby American Collection Car Museum Tour" and his article; **Andrew Jordan** for his "Spring Tech Tips" article; **Dave Stackhouse** and **Dee Raisl** for coordinating the "Concours d'Elegance" and their article; **Alain van der Heide** for coordinating the "Street Survival" and his article; **Goetz Pfafflin** for his "Colorado Holiday" article; and **Dave Walker** for his "late-braking news." A BIG thanks to everyone for helping make such a great newsletter once again!

Happy Birthday / Happy Anniversary

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



BMW Continues to have Great News!

Rewards Program Extended

Looking to purchase a new BMW? You're in luck. BMW CCA has extended the Rewards Program through December 31, 2005; all vehicles qualify except the Z8. Check it out in your monthly *Roundel* or the BMW CCA website at <http://www.bmwcca.org/services/svcfset.shtml>. The basic guidelines remain the same – **one must be a member in good standing of the BMW CCA for at least one year continuously prior to purchasing your vehicle (please do not contact BMW CCA about back dating memberships, they will not wavier on this issue)**, and one must file the documentation within 60 days of taking delivery of the vehicle. We have not received the updated forms yet, but understand that BMW NA has also included the Z4 in the program. Anyone purchasing a Z4 after January 1, 2005—and fulfilling the other program requirements—can apply for the rebate.

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Car of the Month



Keith's 1999 528i

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Our April **Car of the Month** comes to you from Denver, Colorado belonging to Keith L., who writes:

Cars are for driving! As an owner of fine crafted German automobiles for over 20 years, the driving experience still feels fresh. Driving is what it's all about – miles and miles of gear shifting, red-lining, sideways sliding, and even the occasional off-roading! My current ride is a 1999 528i 5-speed with a sport package and sport seats. It's finally broken in with 112K miles! The off-road adventures are severely curtailed on this car due to the low ride height of the sport suspension. Not that I haven't tried, but that's a story for another day... (I can tell you that some of the plastic parts under the front of the car have been replaced and SUV drivers have looked at me in disbelief!) The car is so low that I can't even remove the oil drain plug without jacking the car!

To keep things fresh, I've replaced the head and tail lights with the latest offerings from Hella – angle eyes in front and Celis LED's bringing up the rear. The clear "European" style indicator lenses have made the color and the lines of the car flow. Deep dish Roundel's replaced the original sport wheels and are similar to the sport wheels on the 530i without the imitation rivets. The original BBS wheels are now snow rims for another club member's 530i.

The other cosmetic changes have been to change the

hood, trunk, and steering wheel Roundels. A few BMW "purists" looked at the change incredulously. For most people, especially those behind me in traffic, the change makes them smile. What's the change? Smiley faces have replaced the Roundels making my BMW a Be Merry Wagon!

Since we all read, or at least look at the pictures in the *Roundel*, you've probably noticed the German license plates. My car also has German plates so a little primer is in order. (This is more fun than telling you how great BMW's are since we know already!) I had the great fortune of living near Trier in the Mosel region of Germany some years ago, and visit the homeland every few years since. Which brings me to my plates: TR Ku55. The first two letters indicate the city. One letter is for large cities: M – Munich, F – Frankfurt, etc; two letters is for medium size cities: TR – Trier (over 2000 years old!), DA – Darmstadt, etc; and three letters is for small cities: BIT – Bitburg (great bier, bitte ein bit!), COC – Cochem, etc.

CALLING ALL PARTICIPANTS

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Car of the Month

After the city designation are the inspection (yellow) and registration (black) stickers. Next are numbers and/or letters. To the best of my knowledge, these are random although Ku55 was deliberate. Without being too obvious and take away from the authentic look, Ku55 is short for Kusse – which is kiss in English.

This car is used for daily commuting, autocrossing, mountain bike off-road transporting, and weekend ski trips. It is neither the fastest nor the sexiest of the BMW lineup, but it is the most versatile and dependable all-around car for my purposes. Be sure to smile and say “hi” at the next event! *MSR*



Emails to the Editor

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom Cowden [mailto:tom@tcowden.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2005 9:14 AM
To: msreditor@rmcbmwcca.org
Subject: Great Issue!

Hi Darlene,

I thought I'd drop you a note to let you know I thought the March MSR was one of the best in memory (and 44 pages!!). It had a lot of great articles and the preliminary info on the planned events was terrific. Thanks for all of your work! — *Tom Cowden*

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Grubb [mailto:rgrubb@computer.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2005 10:33 AM
To: msreditor@rmcbmwcca.org
Subject: RSVP Preview E90 3 Series.

Thanks for a great newsletter! — *Dick Grubb*

Buying Your First Rental Property

The Top 10 Mistake's People Make When Buying Their First Rental Property and How to Avoid Them

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

From Car of the Month to “Car of the year”

This is the **Official “Mail-In or Fax” Ballot** to vote for the “Car of the Year”. You may also go to our website at www.rmcbmwcca.org to vote. **Voting Closes March 31, 2005.** Please check the box for the car that gets your vote. Keep your pictures and descriptions as this series will continue starting with the March Car of the Month. Ballots and Car of the Month articles should be sent to: Darlene Doran, RMC BMW CCA, PO Box 370128, Denver, CO 80237, 303-758-420, **Fax 303-758-1841.**

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MINI Korner

MINI Hits Milestone With 100,000 Cars Sold In The U.S.

Sales Target Achieved Ahead of Projections

Woodcliff Lake, NJ - February 18, 2005... MINI USA announces it has achieved a sales milestone, retailing the 100,000th MINI in the US market. With initial sales targets of 20,000 units per year at the time of launch, MINI has consistently exceeded expectations over the last three years, reaching the 100,000-unit mark a full two years ahead of projections.

The car, identified as a MINI Cooper was retailed in Florida and represents MINI's strong foothold in the US market. Since MINI's 2002 launch, the brand has grown from a less-than 2% unaided public awareness to an awareness of over 60% today. In addition, MINI USA has expanded its business, adding ten more dealers to its retail network to bring the total number of dealers to 80 nationwide.

MINI's unique combination of style, substance and value along with its 'cheeky' brand personality, continues to attract new and enthusiastic customers to the fold. With a full compliment of individual options, customization is a key draw for new customers. To date more than 70% of all MINIs sold were specified by a retail customer prior to delivery.

Jack Pitney, vice president of MINI USA said, "The 100,000th MINI represents a significant milestone for us as it shows we have cultivated a unique appeal with our brand and products and have clearly established MINI's place in the US market." *MSR*

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Car Museum Tour

Tour the "Shelby American Collection" Car Museum

with Fellow Euro Club Members

by Peter Richards, Coordinator

The museum has offered Sunday, May 15, 2005, as a special time for the five car clubs Rocky Mountain Chapter BMW, Audi, MINI, Mercedes and Porsche clubs to come and visit. Feel free to bring family, friends and neighbors with you. I bet many of you have never been here before... even though you live close to it.

If you were a car enthusiast in the 1960's and paid attention to automobiles, you certainly knew who Carroll Shelby was... and knew what the Ford Cobra was, and what the Ford GT was, etc. This museum is full of those cars in Boulder—which really run and race!!

When: Sunday, May 15, 2005, 10 AM - 2:00 PM

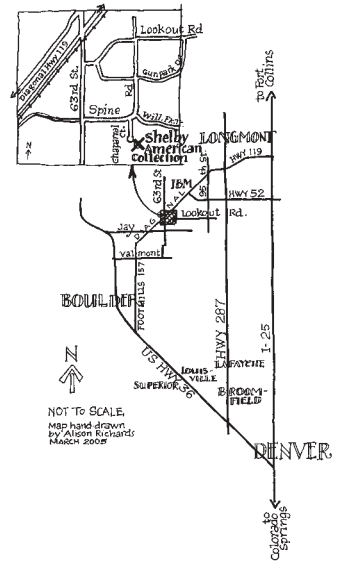
Where: Shelby American Collection, 5020 Chaparral Court, Boulder, CO 80308 (Northeast of Boulder, east of the Longmont Diagonal, Hwy. 119)

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Website: www.ShelbyAmericanCollection.com

Cost: Adults \$8, Children \$4 (Children are 12 and under), Includes museum admission and a continental breakfast

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BMW Team PTG M3s Four-Strong at Grand Prix of Miami Two F1 Air-sponsored M3s to Debut

Woodcliff Lake, NJ - February 28, 2005... Round two of the 2005 Rolex Sports Car Series season will see the defending GT champion's debut two new BMW M3s. Drivers RJ Valentine and Kelly Collins will share the No. 17 F1 Air M3, and Justin Marks and Tom Milner will co-drive the No. 16 F1 Air M3.

"By doubling our efforts this season, BMW Team PTG is more than doubling our chances for year-end success," said Tom Milner, BMW Team PTG owner. "Manufacturer points are only awarded to the highest-finishing car. Last season, after poor Daytona finishes, six wins were needed to take the class lead. BMW does not have the sheer number of cars that Porsche has, for example, but, four M3s finishing in the top-five can more than make up for that."

In 2004, BMW Team PTG began a seven-race winning streak at the Grand Prix of Miami with a 1-2 BMW M3 finish. Crossing the finish line side-by-side, the No. 21 M3 of Bill Auberlen and Boris Said won the race from the pole. Joey Hand and Justin Marks finished second in the No. 22 M3.

After co-driving the No. 21 M3 at Daytona together, defending GT Driver Champion Bill Auberlen and Joey Hand will share the No. 21 M3 and Chris Gleason and Ian James will now co-drive the No. 22 M3.

In February's Rolex 24 at Daytona, right rear wheel stud failures forced the withdrawal of both M3s in the eighth hour.




The cars were back at PTG's Winchester, Virginia shop almost before the race's end the next day and work was started to identify and repair the problem.

Milner continues, "We had run a five-lug wheel fixing on our 2003 Speed World Challenge M3s and never experienced a problem. We did not think this season's rule change requiring the move from center lock wheels would cause an issue. Unfortunately, there was no way to identify the wheel studs as a problem until they failed. It has been a very busy three weeks since Daytona. The start of a BMW Team PTG M3 is a BMW-supplied bare chassis and roll-cage, not a large check for a turn-key racing car. Of course, that gives us great control of the finished product, but the hours required to finish the new M3s plus repairing and readying the No. 21 and 22 cars required a 110% effort from every member of our staff. We began the run for the championship last season at Miami and we will have to do the same thing this year."

Practice for the Grand Prix of Miami begins on Thursday, March 3 and continues on Friday with qualifying scheduled for 4:15 p.m. The 250-mile race is scheduled to begin at 3:00 PM EST on Saturday and will be televised live on Speed Channel.

Background:

2005 marks the tenth season of competition for BMW M3s of BMW Team PTG and 30th anniversary of BMW of North America's motorsport programs. In nine seasons of competition, BMW Team PTG has won a total of 46 races in both sprint and endurance racing series and 14 sports car racing championships. In 2004, BMW Team PTG swept the Rolex Sports Car Series GT class Manufacturer, Driver and Team Points championships, winning 10 of 12 races. *MSR*





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Motorsports Around The World

Australian Grand Prix, March 4 - 6, 2005, Preview

With a new and revitalized driver line-up, Mark Webber and Nick Heidfeld will launch the BMW WilliamsF1 Team's 2005 Formula One campaign in Melbourne on Sunday March, 6, the first of a 19 race championship which will conclude in eight months time in China. For Mark in particular, his BMW WilliamsF1 debut will be especially poignant at his home race, where in 2002 in his debut Formula One race he delighted the home crowd by claiming a stunning fifth place, and grabbing the attention of the Formula One paddock.

Since launching the FW27 chassis and the BMW P84/5 engine, the BMW WilliamsF1 Team has completed 25,370 test kilometers on three different tracks, generating an impressive pre-season reliability record. Michelin too have moved forward significantly with a one-race, harder compound tire achieving long run lap times roughly comparable with the best times achieved by shorter life tires last season.

Mark Webber:

Clearly Melbourne is a very special race for me as I'll be competing in front of my home country. It's always a great experience and the party atmosphere around Albert Park is amazing. I hope we can give the crowd something to cheer about by getting the new season off to a good start. I feel I always drive pretty well at Melbourne, it's a track I quite enjoy, but it's always a tough race in terms of reliability, I've had two non-finishes in the last two years but finished fifth in my first race there. I would love to improve upon that result this year.

Being a street circuit, Melbourne provides a good challenge for the drivers. There'll be a lot of other categories racing over the course of the weekend which means the track will be relatively clean for the Formula One cars which is always good news. Australia will be the first race under the new regulations and everyone is going to learn a lot from having to look after the same set of tires for both qualifying sessions and the race, that's going to be very demanding for the drivers and the teams. I'm expecting it to be a very close fight at the front and it would be great if we could come away from the first race with some points in the bag which we could take onto Malaysia and the rest of the season.

Nick Heidfeld:

I've just finished a very busy period of testing and I'm really looking forward to the first race. I have reached one

of my targets by joining a top team, now I want to work on my track performance. The track in Melbourne is nice and demanding for the drivers. At the start of the weekend it will offer only a small amount of grip but, as the weekend progresses, this will change significantly. We proved reliable during winter testing, and this could be a decisive factor in Australia. The balance on the FW27 is generally better than that on the FW26, and for Melbourne we will be getting some new aero parts in order to improve its down force. Australia is my favorite holiday destination, so it is great that we are flying out a couple of days in advance to acclimatize.

Sam Michael (Technical Director, WilliamsF1):

Melbourne is one of the most exciting races for everyone because we all want to know where everyone stands with their new cars. This year will be particularly interesting due to the rule changes. Albert Park is a street circuit, which implies low grip, while the layout is a combination of slow and medium speed corners but with two high speed sections. As with most circuits now, Melbourne requires maximum down force settings, particularly with the rule changes over the winter that reduced front and rear down force levels. The car's set-up leans towards giving good traction out of slow speed, something that is more difficult to achieve with the new cars. The number of braking events from speed means this circuit is hard on brakes.


This year will see a change in race strategies due to the two qualifying sessions where half of the grid position is taken from a low fuel session and the other half from a race fuel session. This means the effect on lap times of adding race fuel is halved and therefore teams will tend to run longer stints during the race.

We have been working hard over the winter on long endurance runs with the tires to ensure we have enough data to make the correct compound choice. The new rules mean that one set of tires must last for both the qualifying sessions and the race. This means the target has shifted towards a stronger race tire, rather than a qualifying tire. We have put a lot of effort into preparing our two new race drivers, Mark Webber and Nick Heidfeld, for the race starts which has involved a lot of practice and analysis of data during testing.

With all the rule changes, there is sure to be a large change in aerodynamic and engine performance among the teams during the first four or five races as everyone will be on a steep learning curve. After that, it will come down to the

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Motorsports Around The World

normal test of which team can develop the hardest and fastest during the season.

Mario Theissen (BMW Motorsport Director):

Following the end of winter testing, the anticipation for the start of the season is increasing day by day. Everyone in the team wants to know where we stand and can't wait for the race in Melbourne. The past few months were really a race for the engineers who had to react to the extensive rule changes in a very short period of time. For BMW, the goal was to achieve an engine that would last two race weekends. This is four times the duration which we had to achieve in 2003, and therefore a huge challenge for the engineers. We also have to complete qualifying and the race with just one set of tires. Reliability will therefore be a deciding factor for success in Melbourne, and probably for much of the first half of the season.

Facts and Stats:

Circuit Albert Park, Melbourne

Date 6 March 2005

Start time (local/GMT) 14.00 / 03.00 hrs

Lap / race distance 5.303 km / 507.574 km (58 laps)

Winner 2004 Michael Schumacher (Scuderia Ferrari Marlboro)

Pole 2004 Michael Schumacher (Scuderia Ferrari Marlboro) 1:24.408m

Lap record Michael Schumacher (Scuderia Ferrari Marlboro) 1:24.125m

BMW WilliamsF1 Team statistics: 85 starts, 10 victories, 16 pole positions

WilliamsF1, before 2000 361 starts, 103 victories, 108 pole positions

BMW, before 2000 97 starts, 9 victories, 15 pole positions

Schedule:

Free practice (Friday): 11.00 to 12.00 hrs and 14.00 to 15.00 hrs

Free practice (Saturday): 09.00 to 09.45 hrs and 10.15 to 11.00 hrs

Saturday qualifying: 13.00 hrs

Sunday qualifying: 10.00 hrs

Race: 14.00 hrs

The two qualifying sessions comprise single, timed laps. The driver with the fastest time in the first qualifying session is the last to go out on the track in second qualifying. The lap times of the two qualifying sessions are added together to determine the grid order. Parc fermé rules apply after both qualifying sessions have finished. The same set of tires must be used for the two qualifying sessions and the race itself.

History and Background:

This year's race will be the 10th time that the Australian Grand Prix has been held on the Albert Park circuit. Before moving to Albert Park, the Grand Prix was held in Adelaide where WilliamsF1 claimed four victories.

WilliamsF1 last claimed victory in Melbourne in 1996 with Damon Hill.

In 2000, Ralf Schumacher took third place on the Anglo-

German partnership's debut race, the most successful entry by an engine manufacturer since 1967.

Melbourne is located on the south eastern seaboard of Australia and is the capital of the state of Victoria. It is Australia's second biggest city and has a population of 3.2 million.

A Formula One parade will be held in the city centre from 12.30 to 13.30 on the Wednesday before the Grand Prix to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Melbourne race. Fans will have free entry to the race track on Thursday 3 March.

A celebrity charity race will be held over the Australian Grand Prix weekend with cars from the BMW 1 Series. The proceeds will be donated to help the victims of the tsunami.

Actress Bo Derek will wave the checkered flag at this year's Australian Grand Prix.

Mark Webber #7

Born: 27/08/76

Queanbeyan (AUS)

Nationality: Australian

Residence: Aylesbury (GB)

Marital status: Partner Ann

Height: 1.84 m

Weight: 74 kg

F1 debut: Melbourne 2002

GP starts: 50

Points total: 26

Nick Heidfeld #8

Born: 10/05/77

Mönchengladbach (D) (GER)

Nationality: German

Residence: Stäfa (CH)

Marital status: Partner Patricia

Height: 1.64 m

Weight: 59 kg

F1 debut: Melbourne 2000

GP starts: 84

Points total: 28 *MSR*

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Upcoming Events

Car Control Clinic

Saturday, April 9, 2005

The Rocky Mountain Chapter is having a
Car Control Clinic

Saturday, April 9th, from 8:30 AM to 3 PM at
Arapahoe Park Racetrack, 26000 East Quincy Avenue
Aurora, CO (1.9 miles east of E-470 on Quincy).
http://www.wembleyco.com/arapahoe_park.shtml

If you are planning to drive in the
**Rocky Mountain Chapter
Spring Performance Driving School**,
this is a mandatory event,
unless you have previously completed the course
and is included in your fee.

Clinic exercises are designed to familiarize students
with the handling and braking fundamentals of their cars.
Exercises planned include slalom, braking and skid pad.
Anyone with a driver's license is invited to attend the
Car Control Clinic, even if you don't
want to attend Driving School.
A helmet is not required.

Convertible drivers are welcome!

Cost for BMW CCA members is \$35; \$40 for non-members,
if you are **NOT** registered for the
**Rocky Mountain Chapter
Performance Spring Driving School**,
and can be paid at the Clinic on a walk-in basis
if you have not previously registered.

Registration for the Car Control Clinic can be accomplished
on the Rocky Mountain Chapter website:

www.rmcbmwcca.org

Click on **Rocky Mountain Chapter
Performance Spring Driving School**

Questions can be emailed to Andy Peavy -
apeavy@rmcbmwcca.org

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Come and Help Out— Volunteers really make a difference!

An event like this takes a **lot of volunteer effort to put on**. If you'd like to find out what a driving school is all about before trying it, **volunteering is the way to go!** By working a corner, staffing the gate, directing traffic in the pits, or helping with refreshments, you will have an easy, fun day and meet some great people. Contact Andrew Jordan 303-426-6800 or contact@jordanpressurewashers.com for corner working or pit/grid, all other positions contact Gary 303-618-6102 or GaryMayer@alum.mit.edu, and we'll find something that suits you. Driving school students are particularly encouraged to volunteer on the day they're not in school—it provides a very different perspective and really completes the experience. *MSR*



Things to Bring to Driving School

With the driving season in swing, it might be helpful to review a checklist of things "I wish I would've brought to school."

Novice

- ___ Tech Inspection Forms
- ___ Camera/Film/Batteries
- ___ Rags/Diapers/Paper Towels
- ___ Extra Oil
- ___ Sun Screen/Bug Spray
- ___ Windex/RainX
- ___ Map
- ___ Sweatshirt
- ___ Gloves/ Hat
- ___ Cooler/Ice/Soft Drinks
- ___ Extra Pants/Shirt
- ___ Money (Cash)
- ___ Lawn Chairs
- ___ Tire Pressure Gauge
- ___ Plastic Bags/Tarp
- ___ Deodorant
- ___ Car
- ___ Helmet (Snell 90 or better HELMETS ARE REQUIRED)

Intermediate

- ___ Spare Brake Pads
- ___ Extra Brake Fluid
- ___ White Shoe Polish
- ___ Duct Tape
- ___ Extra Wheels/Tires
- ___ Torque Wrench
- ___ Air Canister
- ___ Hydraulic Jack
- ___ Work Gloves

Advanced

- ___ Tool Box
- ___ Pyrometer
- ___ Spare Car

Also, be sure to clean out your car to remove all unnecessary items before you leave home as it must be completely empty before going out on the track. It's a pain to be constantly loading and unloading floor mats, cassette tapes, garage door openers, etc. One thing you sure won't forget...

___ Have Fun!!! *MSR*

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Rocky Mountain Chapter BMW CCA

Presents

Spring Performance Driving School 2005

At Pikes Peak International Raceway

Sponsored by



Online registration closes at 6 PM, April 27th.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter is doing something special this spring; our driving school will be held at Pikes Peak International Raceway! This school is sponsored by **Winslow BMW**, and we really want to thank them for supporting this premier event! This track hosts the NASCAR Busch Series, Colorado 250, IRL, Indy Car Series, Honda Indy 225, and the AMA Superbike Series—so this is the big time.

PPIR is a beautiful track with all the facilities you expect at a world class venue. Many of you have been asking for this for some time, and **April 30th and May 1st**, will give you the chance. This will fill up quickly, so register online early.

Actually, the IRL and NASCAR only do the main "D" oval, while we will use the road course configuration to provide the optimal learning experience for our school. Check out www.PPIR.com for all the info on this place. PPIR is located on I-25, about 15 miles south of Colorado Springs.

Our purpose is to give you the opportunity to drive your car at speed and to experience more of the potential of the unique combination of car and driver. Our High Performance Driving Schools are real schools for anyone 18 or over (with a valid driver's license). You will alternate between classroom sessions and time on the track with your instructor.

The individualized instruction is a key to this program that has been developed over decades, and compares very favorably with commercial schools costing many times more. Our experienced instructors have come from racing, autocrossing and BMW CCA schools and can help you develop your potential. Safety, learning and fun are our priorities—and that is the order, safety first—but you *will* have fun.

A Car Control Clinic will be held on **April 9th** at Arapahoe Park. If this is your first driving school, you must attend this, and the cost is included with your driving school registration. This provides braking, slalom and skid-pad exercises that are excellent preparation for the school. It also provides good training even if you can only attend the Car Control Clinic. If you've been to one or ten driving schools, it is still a great warm-up, and particularly informative if the car is new to you.

A technical inspection is required of all cars, and must be completed **prior** to the school. This will verify the safe condition of your vehicle, especially the parts that will be critical for an event like this. Tech inspection forms can be downloaded from the Chapter web site. All safety equipment will be checked: tires, brakes, brake fluid, battery hold-downs, seat belts and more. If there is any doubt about the condition of your equipment, have it replaced (new tires are not required or necessarily recommended—this track is very easy on tires). The inspection can be completed by your mechanic (expect a

charge) or there will be a **FREE** technical inspection courtesy of **Bimmer Haus Performance** on **Saturday, April 9th**, from **8:30 AM to 1:30 PM** at the Car Control Clinic. **DO NOT PUT THIS OFF!** Be sure to give yourself time in case something is found that must be fixed.

While there will be mostly BMWs at the track, other makes are welcome. If you're considering something other than a coupe or sedan, please call the Driving School Coordinator—sorry, but no convertibles are allowed.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Fairfield Inn in Colorado Springs (719-576-1717, exit 138 from I-25, Marriott.com/Fairfieldinn) for \$69/night for a double. The track is about 16 miles south, but there is not much in that area. A simple breakfast is included, and they allow pets (ask when you call). Reservations must be made by **March 29th**, so don't delay. Other hotels can be found in Colorado Springs or Pueblo, if you are coming from the south. Check the RMC web site for information.

There are also a lot of listings on the PPIR web site.

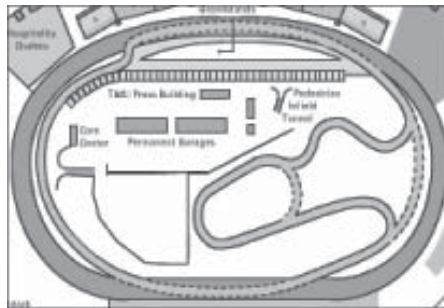
At this time, we are still trying to set up the Saturday night instructors' dinner, so check the web site when you register (instructors will get a direct email). There will be no formal sign-up or payment, but if you can indicate your interest when you register, it will help in our planning.

Cost **PER DAY** for the Driving School is \$175 **per driver** for BMW CCA members; \$220 per driver for non-members (includes a 1-year membership in BMW CCA). There is a late registration fee of \$25 after **April 9**, 2005. Car Control Clinic **ONLY**: The fee is \$35 per driver for BMW CCA members; \$40 for non-members. There are a **limited number of garages for students to rent, \$20 per day.**

REGISTRATION: All registration will be done online at www.rmcbmwcca.org. Click on the RMC BMW Spring Driving School link. The registration web site will open on **March 19th** at noon.

On **April 1st**, you will be sent an email confirming your registration number, run day, run group and Car Control Clinic time. Maps, schedules, inspection forms and other details will be available for download on the Chapter web site. Cancellations received by **April 9th** will be refunded \$150 **VIA CHECK**. **NO REFUNDS** for cancellations after **April 9th**. Call or email the registrar to cancel. We reserve the right to refuse entry and participation to anyone for any reason. For registration questions call our Registrar, Leslie Jenkins, at 303-671-6131 or email: ds.registrar@rmcbmwcca.org. For all other questions call Gary Mayer, Driving School Coordinator, at 303-618-6102 or email: GaryMayer@alum.mit.edu **MSR**

Assume you are enrolled in the school unless otherwise notified.



Upcoming Events

Spring Tech Tips

by Andrew Jordan, Chief Safety Steward

"Sorry, but your car failed the brake bleed section of the inspection. Other than that, you are fine." It happens every year. Brakes must be bled, or flushed, after January 1st for our Spring Performance Driving School, anything earlier is not acceptable. So please, present your car for inspection with the brakes already bled. You can do it yourself; it is not that difficult.

The above applies to instructors too. Instructors who list a 2004 date for a brake bleed will not receive a pass tech inspection sticker when they hand their tech sheet in at registration. They will have to bleed the brakes in the paddock, or forgo their track time.

Brake pads must have 50% or more life left. The thicker the pads, the better their ability to handle the heat generated by hard braking. You will enjoy the driving school a lot more if you have new pads. Install them if you can afford them and don't forget to break them in before the event.

If you have a dedicated set of track tires and wheels, then bring them to the inspection. We want to examine them for any defects. My tech inspectors have very limited time available at the driving school, so you might miss the first session if your car needs attention the morning of the event.

Lastly, a professional shop can do a better job than the volunteer inspectors in the field. Raising the car on a

lift allows better inspection of wheel bearings, transmission suspension and the exhaust system. Have a professional inspection if you can afford it; otherwise, our volunteers will be happy to oblige. *MSR*

RMC BMW CCA Spring Driving School Tech Inspection at Poudre Sports Car

5806 S. College Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80525

When: Wednesday, April 13, 2005
6:00 PM

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Upcoming Events

Bimmer Haus Performance Brake Tech Session

On Saturday, April 2nd from 9 AM-2 PM, Bimmer Haus Performance in Broomfield will open their doors to driving enthusiasts who want to learn more about proper brake maintenance and get their cars ready for the rigors of track use.

Bimmer Haus technicians will give instructions on changing pads and rotors as well as brake systems flushing and bleeding. Then participants tackle their own brake system maintenance supervised by the Bimmer Haus staff.



Registration is free, but space is limited so call (720-566-0521) or email (BrakeTech@BimmerHaus.com) early to guarantee your spot. Priority will be given to Spring Driving School participants and those who have not attended a free Brake Tech Session at Bimmer Haus before. *MSR*

Monthly Chapter Business Meeting

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

The Rocky Mountain Chapter Board of Directors is trying something new! We will be having our monthly business meeting at a local restaurant – we will be traveling north south and west to give **ALL** members a chance to attend without traveling too far. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM. Should you wish to join us for dinner at your **own cost**, we will be having dinner at 6:30 PM.

Our second quarter monthly meeting will be located at: **Johnny Carinos Italian Kitchen** – 970-203-9900 – 1455 Rocky Mountain Avenue - Loveland, Colorado – I-25 & Highway 34 (Exit 257B Eisenhower Blvd).

Our third quarter monthly meeting **Wednesday, September 7, 2005** will be located at: **Jarre Creek Ranch Brewery** – 303-688-1945 – 810 New Memphis Court – Castle Rock, Colorado – I-25 & Meadows Parkway (Castle Rock Factory Stores). *MSR*

Bring us your unmentionables.

No... not those unmentionables! Your automotive unmentionables... those other cars in your garage that we don't like to talk about... the ones not wearing a roundel.

BMW Club members, you now have a place to take your unmentionables for superior service, maintenance, repairs, and unparalleled high performance prep!

That's right... the same folks that created Bimmer Haus have just opened a separate shop only a block away to handle the increasing demand for their high performance prep work and it is open for general service and maintenance for all makes and models! The shop features an in-ground DynoJet chassis dyno, digital hydraulic tubing bender for custom roll bars and cages, digital scales for precise corner balancing, competition alignment services, and the same dedication to cleanliness, organization, and individual customer service that you've come to expect from Bimmer Haus.

Plus we've snagged one the region's top racecar drivers, fabricators, and engine builders – Tony Rivera – to be Apex's Chief Technician.

This space is too short to tell the whole story... please visit our website to learn more.

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News From National

Wynne Smith, Executive Director

Membership Stats as of 2/22/2005

	Full	Associate	Total
Last month	66307	8847	75154
Last Year	66428	8765	75193
	66997	8349	75346

SURVEY OF LAPSED MEMBERS

When a membership lapses we send a survey and ask people to let us know why they're leaving the club. Often this works as a reminder and the individual will reactivate their membership, but other times there are clear reasons why someone decides not to re-up. Here is a synopsis of responses from the last six months:

Oops! I'll renew right now.	74
My interests in cars have changed	47
I haven't the time to take advantage of the services offered	34
<i>Roundel</i> does not hold my interest*	29
Sold my BMW, I'll be back when/if I buy another	26
Membership dues are too expensive	11
Chapter events were lacking	10
Unhappy with BMW NA and/or dealership customer service	10
Money is tight right now. I'll be back when things improve	8
No services available for my specific interests	8
Unhappy with direction of BMW brand	8
I did not receive timely mailings of Chapter newsletters	6
If I rejoin will you negate the lapse?	5
I will renew, but not right now.	4
I'm moving overseas and will re-up when I return	3
I did not receive timely mailings of <i>Roundel</i> .	2
I got screwed on the Membership Reward	2
Most of what I used the magazine for I can access through the internet.	1
The publication is predicated on numbers and money	1
You need to make better use of the website	1
Based on what one gets there was no reason to up the rates. Unless of course it is to fund travel for a select few members who write for <i>Roundel</i> .	1
Tried to reach Ombudsman and Editor, received no response	1

* Please note that more than half who indicated '*Roundel* does not hold my interest' also indicated 'my interest in cars has changed'. It would follow that if one's interest in cars has changed, *Roundel* would no longer be as interesting to read.

We have begun to request that members tell us why they have renewed – that coupled with understanding why they do not renew may help us to stem the increasingly negative flow in memberships.

DIRECTORS & OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE

Thank you for getting the documentation to us. The apps are now at the broker's and are being reviewed by the underwriting department.

DEC ELECTIONS

Congratulations to JoElla John, the new DEC rep from the South Atlantic Region. To Sheldon Nelson the new rep from

North Central and to Robyn McNutt the new representative from the Pacific Region.

AUTOCROSS MINIMUM STANDARDS –The feedback, observations and corrections to the preliminary draft of the Autocross Minimum Standards has been added and the final draft is being reviewed by the BMW CCA Board.

I believe they will go back to the (new) DEC shortly for review after the upcoming Board Meeting.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR/WEBMASTER CONFERENCE **May 13-15, 2005**

The BMW CCA Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Conference will be held the weekend of May 13-15, 2005 in **Atlanta, GA.**

If you are a Newsletter Editor – you should have been emailed this link to fill out a pre-meeting survey:

<http://imisw.bmwcca.org/surveys/editors/>

If you have not filled out the survey, please do so.

If you are a Webmaster, you should have been emailed this link to fill out a survey:

<http://imisw.bmwcca.org/surveys/webmasters/>

We have a number of excellent speakers lined up and we have quite a selection of materials for you, so leave a little room in your briefcases and/or luggage for the trip back.

The volunteers from the following chapters are registered:

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Boston	Suzin Koehler	Newsletter Editor
Delaware Valley	Joel Dion	Webmaster
	Amy Dion	Newsletter Editor
Nittany Bimmers	Jackie Kruper	Newsletter Editor
NY Chapter	Philip Clark	Newsletter Editor & Webmaster
	Zina Clark	Webmaster
Patroon Everett	Mayhew	Newsletter Editor
Peachtree	Layton Chauvin	Webmaster
Windy City	Barbara Adams	Newsletter Editor
	Larry Schettel	Webmaster
	Nazar Zhuk	Webmaster
Heart of Dixie	Carol Lowery	Newsletter Editor
	Steve Lowery	Webmaster
Lone Star	Valerie Baker	Newsletter Editor
	Dan Baker	Webmaster
New Mexico	Steve Nowaczek	Webmaster
	Mrs. Nowaczek	Webmaster
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Rocky Mountain	Darlene Doran	Newsletter Editor
	Mark Doran	Webmaster
	Doug Barlett	Webmaster
Central California	Wayne Wundrum	Newsletter Editor
Golden Gate	Kelly Kirkland	Newsletter Editor

BMW CCA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Will be held at the National Offices in Greenville, SC March 5-6. Anyone wishing to attend the open sessions of the meeting is encouraged to do so. Please call the National

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Office for information 864 250-0022.

Minutes from the January Board Meeting are available on the www.bmwcca.org website.

TECHFEST INDY OR STATE LOUIS OR SATE COLLEGE, PA? – It is my understanding that the Hoosier Chapter is still considering hosting TechFest 2006, while the St. Louis Chapter is already planning on hosting the event since it will be the 25th anniversary of the first Gateway Tech. Nittany Bimmers in State College, PA has also sent an email indicating an interest in hosting the event.

CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS

We will be conducting preliminary chapter tests this week and next week. National Capital, Puget Sound, Boston, Bluegrass Bimmers, North Star and Bayou will be the chapters to test the new plan.

CHAPTER BYLAWS

We have received bylaws from: Allegheny; Badger Bimmers; Blue Ridge; Boston; Buckeye; Central California; Everglades; First Coast; Golden Gate; Green Mountain; Heart of Dixie; Houston; Michiana; Missouri Valley; New York; Nittany Bimmers; Peachtree; River City; Sacramento Valley; Sin City; Sonora; Tejas; Tidewater; Windy City

We have received acknowledgements but no bylaws from: Bayou; Bluegrass Bimmers; Delaware Valley; Gulf Coast; Hawaii; Mountain State; New Jersey; Patroon; Puerto Rico; Smoky Mountain

We have heard nothing from the remaining 30 chapters

FORMS

Please, please, please send those Chapter Officer Questionnaires and related forms to us as soon as you can! Especially the Chapter Officer Questionnaires. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. From time-to-time we receive complaints or find complaints posted to the various digests

that people within the chapters who need information are not being provided with it. We really want to do a good job for you, and we're happy to include any and everyone in mailings, but we need updated info in order to do so.

We expect the new web site to be launched in the next couple of days. Updated forms will be available electronically, hard copies have been provided, and we're happy to email or fax forms to you.

ZF AWARDS/CHARITY MATCHING FUNDS

We topped last year's response and then some. Packages have been received from: Badger Bimmers; Bayou; Blue Ridge; Bluegrass Bimmers; Boston; Buckeye (sort of); Central California; Delaware Valley; Everglades; First Coast Chapter; Genesee Valley; Hoosier; Iowa Chapter; National Capital; New Jersey; Nittany Bimmers; Northern Ohio; Patroon Chapter; Peachtree; Puget Sound; Rocky Mountain Chapter; Sacramento Valley; San Diego; Sin City; Sunbelt; Sunshine Bimmers; Tejas; Tidewater; White Mountain; Windy City

Everything will be shipped to ZF March 1 in plenty of time for them to evaluate and choose winners for announcement at Oktoberfest 2005.

BMW CCA NATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Louis Goldsman, elected to a second term as club Treasurer. To Bruce Hazard, elected as club Secretary; to Leonard Mueller elected as the new North Central Regional Vice President; to Carlos Diaz-Estrada elected to serve the South Atlantic Region as V.P. for a fifth term; and to Eddy Funahashi elected as Pacific Regional V.P. for a second term.

Thanks go to Rafael Garces for his willingness to serve as club Secretary. Rafael has done an outstanding job as President of the National Capital Chapter and we expect to see more of him as he becomes more active on the National level.

Thanks also to Geoff Tolsdorf who stepped in last March to complete Scott Blazey's term as Regional V.P. so that Scott could ascend to the Presidency mid-term.

Words alone cannot express the degree of thanks and gratitude due Barbara Adams for her 14 years of tireless work and devotion to this organization. Barbara has held the position of club Secretary since 1992 and has been a remarkable resource, vigilant keeper of records, and an enormous asset to the national organization. Barbara's sensitivity to even the most difficult of issues, as well as her loyalty and willingness to accept assignments that were often beyond her normal duties, is deeply appreciated. Barbara has exhibited a commitment to excellence that has set the bar high for her successors. I will miss Barbara so very much — even more than the cookies she baked and brought to every meeting. Please take a moment to thank Barbara for her service — ADAMS2002@aol.com

We expect the new web site to be launched in the next few weeks. Updated forms will be available electronically, hard copies have been provided, we're happy to email forms to you.

best regards, Wynne MSR

Do You Need to Change Your Address/Telephone Number Listing with Us?

All address and telephone number changes must be made through the NATIONAL OFFICE in writing — not to the chapter.

There are 3 ways to send this written notice:

1) Mail it to:

BMW CCA
640 South Main Street, Suite 201
Greenville, SC 29601

2) Fax it to:

864-250-0038

3) Email it to:

<http://www.bmwcca.org/services/svcfset.shtml>

Upcoming Events

Open House Celebration At Gebhardt BMW's New Facility



The Rocky Mountain Chapter will be celebrating the opening of Gebhardt BMW's new facility with a wine-beer tasting & hors d'oeuvre celebration on **Saturday, May 7, 2005, 5:00 PM** at 47th and Valmont, Boulder, Colorado. What a better way to celebrate and show our support. Please R.S.V.P. to Darlene Doran by May 5, 2005. *MSR*

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Rearview Mirror

Rearview Mirror is a look back at the Rocky Mountain Chapter in 1985. This column will give newer members a chance to see the goings-on 20 years ago.

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

Wednesday, March 20, saw 20 brave souls venture up to BMW Werks in Boulder for Brock & Art's tech session on replacing ones rear brakes. Aside from showing many members for the first time how the insides of the brake assemblies looked and operated, Brock also showed how certain maddening aspects of the disassembly and reassembly can be avoided by using patience and a vice grip. The chapter chipped in Heinekens, and somehow after 1 or 2 brews it all seemed to make sense!! Numerous members recalled their own personal experiences and there was a lively question and answer period afterwards. Perhaps the most important point noted was NOT to remove both rear drums and assemblies at the same time--lest you humiliate yourself by not being able to put humpty binner back together again. Our thanks to Brock and Art for their time and expertise and we look forward to the next tech session on May 18 which will be a general critique for the Driver's School. This critique is FREE- so even if you aren't planning on attending the Driver's School, show up and find out how you are going to spending your income tax return!! Those who had their pictures taken by our illustrious President may pick them up off the bulletin board at your local post office.....

Art Krill do you remember this event?

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Event Review

Meet, Eat, Greet & New Members Video Night Review

by Janet Kiyota, Coordinator

We came, we ate, we watched...The following RMC BMW CCA members and families braved a little snow, a little (more like a lotta...) traffic and a crowded parking lot to gather for the annual Video Night South on February 15th.



Geoff, don't you know it's not polite to point?

New members Jason and Gina Lombard, John Lind, Dong Nguyen, Matt Beckman and Chris Weber joined Tim and Beth Jones, Michele and Jim Bartlett, Steve and Cathy Hamilton, Mike Beyer, Darlene and Mark Doran, Cliff Lawson, Fred Iacino, Ren Finley, Bruce Mock, Leslie and Jim Jenkins, BJ, Colleen, Tanner and Alex Roush, Jim, Yvonne, Thomas and

Christine Gorman, Bruce Hazard, Alan Warner, Dave Esler and Gail Grimes, Geoff Patterson, Mark Irvin, Pete Myers, Andrew Jordan and Liz Majors, and Dietrich, Christina and Caitlin Clerihue for an evening of trading stories, info and "what's up



Jim Bartlett and Pete Myers watch the videos.

next" in chapter activities.

A very special thanks to Tim and Beth Jones for providing the BMW DVDs for our enjoyment, Alan Warner for his signage so we could find the event, to Andrew Jordan for sharing his "wild ride" in a recent race (If you missed it, contact Andrew - it's worth the grins!) and to Tanner and Alex Roush and Caitlin Clerihue for their assistance during our new member drawing.

To our Colorado Springs contingent: Thanks for taking the time to join us! Let's start looking for a place in the Springs area to hold a real "south" event. We'll see you at driving school(s) - you're REALLY close to home so NO excuses!

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Event Review



Left: Everyone enjoying the food and camaraderie



Going clockwise: Gina Lombard, Jason Lombard, Matt Beckman, Chris Weber, John Lind and Dong Nguyen



My little helpers Alex and Tanner Roush and Caitlin Clerihue



Cliff Lawson visiting with Colleen Roush



Caitlin Clerihue says to Mom Christina, "where's daddy"?



Cathy and Steve Hamilton



Beth Jones and Michele Bartlett having a good time.

Upcoming Events

22nd Annual Exotic Sports Car Show and Concours d'Elegance June 5, 2005

by Dave Stackhouse and Dee Raisl

What do you do when an event comes off almost flawless? You do it again!!

The ever-growing list of Denver area exotic car clubs is again coordinating this year's event, scheduled for Sunday, June 5, 2005, at Arapahoe Community College. While the show is open to spectators from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, we want you to help us make this another great showing of the BMW marque. Last year only Porsche surpassed us in the number of cars presented and we hope to take another stab at beating them this year! So give that special Bimmer of yours a good cleaning and join us in supporting Cerebral Palsy of Colorado and all their fantastic programs for kids.

Register your car through the chapter web-site (or mail the attached form as indicated) **by May 19** for the tax deductible fee of \$30. You will receive two adult admissions, and a chance to represent the Rocky Mountain Chapter in one of the largest car shows in Denver. Of course, we'll give

you the opportunity to make a larger contribution to Cerebral Palsy. You can then opt to display your car only, or be judged by fellow club members against cars of similar vintage. Judging will be done above the chassis, no wheel wells or under carriage scoring.

Don't delay. Space is limited, so register today. After May 19th the registration fee increases to \$40 and not only will your car not be identified in the official event program, but we won't be able to enter your car for judging.

Won't you help us make this another successful event, with the largest number of BMWs registered to date? All registration fees, extra donations, and an additional donation by our chapter will go directly to Cerebral Palsy. For additional information contact Sandy Mariani at CP of Colorado at (303) 691-9339 or the chapter coordinators: Dee Raisl or Dave Stackhouse who can be reached at (303) 722-0922 and (720) 272-3953 respectively. *MSR*

Entry Form: Exotic Sports Car Show and Concours d'Elegance 2005

Name: _____ Car Club: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Day

Be a part of the action! Volunteer to help on the day of the event (or in advance, if you prefer).

Availability: _____ A coordinator will contact you.

Your car: Make _____ Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____ Color _____

Division (Check one): Judged: _____ Display Only _____

Additional information regarding your car to be printed in the program. (Owner's name will not appear in the program):

Registration Fee: \$30.00 (through May 19); \$40.00 (on or after May 20) Fee: _____

Additional contribution to Cerebral Palsy of Colorado: _____

Total: _____

ENTRY MUST BE INPUT BY MAY 19, 2005 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM AND FOR YOUR CAR TO BE JUDGED.

Registrations through the RMC BMW CCA web-site are automatically forwarded to Cerebral Palsy of Colorado, and you need not contact them directly. Visa and Master Card accepted.

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Upcoming Event



Teen Driving School

by Alain van der Heide, Coordinator

Traditional Driver's Ed teaches traffic signs and sometimes signaling for a lane change. Usually, it's a little weak on the physics of driving. Unfortunately, the first time a new driver hits that patch of black ice or has to swerve to avoid the daydreamer who just blew through a stop sign, that physics thing is going to rear its ugly head. How will our new driver handle it? Adult members of the Rocky Mountain Chapter have the opportunity to participate in our excellent Performance Driving Schools, but how will our under-18 kids learn the driving skills they need?

The BMW CCA Foundation has created a one-day school to teach teens how to handle their cars safely. It's called *Street Survival*, to reflect its purpose: keeping our kids alive in their everyday driving on the streets and highways. It takes students from any starting point, to knowing how to handle their cars in any situation they can encounter. Teens use the same cars they drive every day, so the skills are applicable immediately. It could save them on the trip home after the event.

Last year, the Rocky Mountain Chapter held their first *Street Survival* school at Bandimere Raceway, which was a huge success. If your child missed it, or wasn't quite old enough, you're in luck. We've scheduled the *Street Survival* course for early summer: It will be held on **Saturday, June 25, 2005** at Mt. Elbert lot at DIA (all you autocrossers already know where it is). The program is open to anyone from age 15½ to 19, with a learner's permit or a full license. Parents are welcome to watch – or even better, to help run the event! Further information, and registration for both students and volunteers, will be online at <http://www.rmcbmwcca.org> (look for the *Street Survival* logo). This event will be publicized and open to non-Club members also. Since we can handle only forty students, keep an eye on the website and sign up as soon as possible.

There will be more details in the next issues of the *Motor-Sport Report*, as well as on the website. Learn more about the *Street Survival* program at <http://streetsurvival.org> and about the Foundation at <http://bmwccafoundation.org>. *MSR*

The Rocky Mountain Chapter is talkin' online!

Join the RMC email discussion forum. You'll be in touch with more than three hundred of your closest Bimmerphile friends. You can keep up with the latest chapter news, and impromptu events, like the Bimmer Burger Nights and quickly organized drives in the mountains; argue over tires, wax, leather treatment, and Formula One results; and receive automatic reminders of official events on the Chapter calendar.

For all the discussions, send an email message to rmc-bmwcca-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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Fatal Accident Caused by National Stereo Shop's Auto Alarm Installation!

True story....? Not quite, but real close. The following is the real story, as unbelievable as it may seem!

In late October I received a very frantic call via my after hours voicemail from a very good client of mine. It went something like this.....Trent.... This is Lewis and my vehicle is in route to your shop.....I think my steering column or steering linkage must have broke. I was on a date and on my way to the restaurant and as I turned a corner I lost control of my car. When you turn the steering wheel it does not turn the car. In fact it freely spins.....

I was out of town when I received this call and really didn't know what to think. Quite often I get calls from my clients that are not very capable when it comes to describing problems they are having with there vehicle. I suppose that is mostly because they have no idea what makes there car run, drive, steer, stop, start, go etc. Therein lies my whole existence as a shop and tech advisor.

As soon as I returned to Ft. Worth I stopped by the shop to see what vehicles had shown up while I was gone and to move those outside, inside for the night. I immediately noticed Lewis's car and after retrieving the keys from the night drop I preceded to unlock and move inside. When I inserted the key and grabbed the wheel to see just what Lewis had been trying to explain, I was floored. You could literally spin the wheel with one finger like a roulette wheel. Just when you think you have seen it all.....

Now I know why the tone in his voice was so frantic. Being that it was Sunday night and there was nothing that could be done tonight. I locked the 1999 Z3 with absolutely no steering and decided it could wait till morning.

Monday morning came and both of my senior tech's showed up and inspected the vehicle. Both were at a loss for what could have caused what we discovered to be a completely severed steering column under the hood. Neither had ever seen anything like this in all of there years in this industry. After we finagled the Z3 inside I did some sleuthing and what I found is nothing short of hair raising.

I have said for years that when you take your car to aftermarket Stereo shops you are taking your life into your

own hands. Little did I know that those words, said humorously push my point, were actually true. What I found under the hood of this Z3 is what incompetence, immaturity and lack of caring and responsibility all look like. You see what I found was that the Teenage Stereo/ Alarm System Expert Installer On Duty (TSASEIOD) had incompetently installed my clients aftermarket alarm system 2 years earlier.

The TSASEIOD had installed the alarm system horn/siren on top of the frame rail just below the steering column. Which may have not been an issue except that it was installed with only one mounting screw. The mounting flange on the horn needed two screws, one on either side of the hinged horn. With just the one installed the horn soon after vibrated loose allowing the horn to pivot on its mounting point. Over the next year or so vibrated from its place of origin right on over to rub on the steering column. And just like a very dull very slow lathe, it cut a nice even groove into the steering column because of the consistent rubbing. That groove eventually cut right through the very thin corrugated tube separating the steering wheel from the linkage all together.

The end result of this could have been catastrophic except that the driver of the car was traveling at a low rate of speed preparing to make a corner when the steering column gave up. But imagine this scenario at 75mph on a busy interstate.

There was no doubt what caused this horrific mechanical failure and when this was brought to the National Stereo retailer's attention, the manager at the location that did the installation wanted to see the vehicle. Upon seeing the vehicle, the receipt and the damage from the installation, he agreed that it was their error and planned to take care of the cost caused by their mistake. Unfortunately the National office is now involved and it will probably take a lawsuit by the client to get reimbursed for the damage caused. Fortunately, it was only mechanical damage and not human damage.

I am constantly amazed by the incompetence in the aftermarket Stereo and alarm installation industry (if you can call it an industry) and wonder just if there have ever been any fatalities caused by poor installation of these two items. I am convinced that if this car had been in a major accident caused by the steering column failure that no one would have ever been the wiser to this incompetence. So remember that the 17 or 18 year old TSASEIOD that installs your new Stereo or alarm system you just purchased may end up being the death of you and your family. Steer clear of the car audio and electronics department at Electronic City this year. *MSR*



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BMW Car Club History Collection Museum

Preserving the CCA history The Club Archive is looking for Oktoberfest or Chapter events trophies, shirts, pins, posters, wine glasses, dash plaques, grill badges, programs, or anything else. Anything from the club's past for the Archive/Museum. Do you have extra items you would consider donating? Michael: 864 250-0022; mmitchell@roundel.org. (SC)



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Upcoming Events

Rocky Mountain Chapter BMW CCA 2005 Autocross Warm-Up

The 2005 Autocross season will open up with a fun, warm-up event at the Denver International Airport (DIA), Mt. Elbert Parking lot, just to the south of the main DIA terminal. 2005 will sure to be another great year for RMC BMW CCA Autocrossing and this is a great opportunity to come out, and run your car for fun with no pressure of competition. This one will surely get you going.

This event is open to all BMW CCA members and non-member and their families. Beginners, convertibles and roadsters are welcome. Make sure you class your car and register ASAP, so mail or signup at <http://www.rmcbmwcca.org/autocross.htm> today.

DETAILS...

Dates: Saturday, **April 23**, 2005

Location: Mt. Elbert – Shuttle parking lots – Denver International Airport Area

Directions: From I70 or E470 exit to Peña Boulevard east-bound heading towards DIA. Continue east for about 4 miles to Jackson Gap Road (the rental car return exit). Exit at Jackson Gap and turn right (south). Jackson Gap Road will turn to the left (east), and become East 71st Avenue. When you reach Robertsdale Road you will see the lot to the south-

east at the intersection of 71st and Robertsdale Road. To get to the entrance, turn right (south) on Robertsdale Road, left (east) on 68th Ave and left (north) again on Valley Head Street. Enter only on the northeast entrance of the lot, the third gate you pass on the east side of the lot

Please be courteous driving to and from the event. The area is heavily secured, and we are there at the option of the airport management. Traffic enforcement also patrols the area

Cost: \$45.00 per driver (CCA members) – includes lunch. Additional lunches are \$7.00

Schedule: Plan to arrive prior to 8:00 AM to ensure adequate time for tech inspection.

8-8:30 AM Check-in/tech inspection & rookie walk
(Check-in closes 8:30)

9:00 AM Driver's meeting

9:30 AM First car off!!!

For additional information please feel free to give us a call at 303-979-8030. Please come prepared for any weather.

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The programs purpose, guidelines, and important information to members are available at <http://www.rmcbmw-cca.org/CAMP/MotorsportTeam.htm>



RMC BMW CCA Motorsport Team Membership Levels

Motorsport Fan	\$ 125 contribution
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When: May 19 - 22, 2005

Where: San Luis Obispo, CA

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Local Contact: Gene Bockenstedt – Ebocken@aol.com

Contact: Paul@pacificsharkfest.com

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Web: www.PacificSharkFest.com

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?? It is the 4th annual gathering of aficionados of the venerable **BMW E-24 6 series coupe**; who come together to renew old acquaintances, meet new friends, and share in the camaraderie born of mutual admiration for "The Shark".

This year will have more automobile and spousal activities, tours and a plethora of local attractions. Even though the event is now three days, there is so much to do and see that you may want to come early or stay later to take in all the sights, fun activities, and culture of this beautiful central, coast location, the event calendar will change as various activities are confirmed. *MSR*

Sin City Chapter Driving School May 14-15, 2005

Sin City Chapter Driving School at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway (newly expanded and renovated 2.4-mile outside road course). For information contact Teri Lachman at TalonM3@earthlink.net or 702-656-7799. Application will be available in mid-February on the chapter web site at www.sincitybmwcarclub.com. *MSR*

5er Fest 2005

5er Fest is an annual event dedicated to BMW e12 and E28 5-Series automobiles and their devoted owners! The 2005 event will be held at the BMW Zentrum in South Carolina. Events include technical sessions, autocross, group photo, awards and trophies, factory tours, banquets, parties and more! Details and information available at the 5er Fest 2005 Web site: <http://www.5erfest2005.org>

Contact: 5er Fest 2005 Event Team

eMail: info@5erfest2005.org

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Event Dates: May 27, 29, 29, 2005 *MSR*



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Upcoming Event

Colorado Holiday 2005

As its main event in 2005 the BMW V&CCCA will organize a "Colorado Holiday" between July 5 and July 10, 2005.

- Start and Finish at the elegant Marriott Mountain Resort in Vail.
- Four fantastic driving days (July 6, 7, 8 & 9) through beautiful mountain areas, with one "northern loop" to Estes Park, and three days in a "southern loop", including Crested Butte, Durango, Mesa Verde National Park with an overnight stop at the fabulous Wyndham Peaks Resort in Telluride.
- Sunday morning, July 10 we will have a "car show" jointly hosted in Vail with the Rocky Mountain Chapter BMW CCA.
- Participation is open to any BMW automobiles (or BMW engined cars) built up to and including 1980. The driver must be a member of the BMW V&CCCA. Participation will be limited to 30 vehicles.
- Cost per person is \$1,500 for double hotel room occupancy and \$1,800 for single occupancy.
- This cost includes overnight accommodations for five nights (July 5 through July 9), breakfast and dinner every night during the Holiday plus a picnic lunch in Vail on Sunday July 10; also included are rally documentation, a Holiday poster and souvenirs.
- Anyone interested in participating in the Colorado Holiday 2005 is requested to return the completed registration form with two postdated checks: Check #1 in the amount for



\$500 per vehicle, dated to **February 28, 2005** and check #2 for the balance dated June 1, 2005. The checks should be made out to the BMW Vintage & Classic Car Club of America (BMW V&CCCA)

- Due to limitations in the available hotel space during the peak tourist season in Colorado registration will be limited to 30 vehicles, and will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Detailed conditions will be provided in the rally documentation; however it should be understood that the driver must be in the possession of a valid driver's license and must carry bodily injury / property damage liability insurance in the amount of at least \$300,000.
- Questions? Please contact Goetz E. Pfafflin; phone: 303-300-9946; cell: 303-808-9135; fax: 303-757-3234 or e-mail: goetzipfafflin@msn.com *MSR*

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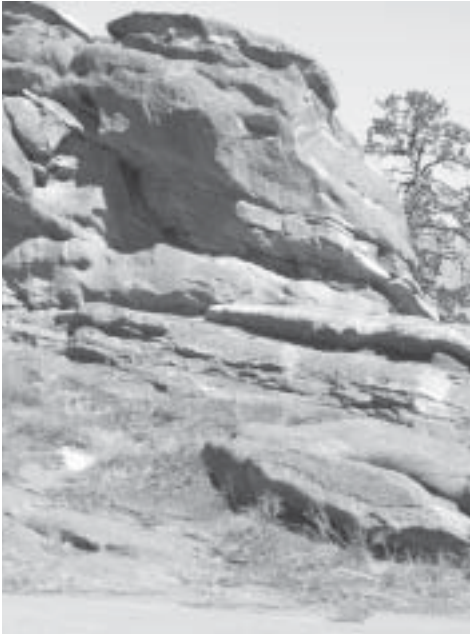
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This spring, five generations of 3 Series cars will be touring the U.S. in "3 Across America" – and you're invited to join the fun!

After the new 3 Series Sedan's official U.S. debut at the New York International Auto Show in late March, BMW is kicking off a gala nationwide welcome party. A **caravan of classic BMW 3 Series cars**, new 330i Sedans, and the 3 Series' spiritual predecessor, the 2002ti, will travel cross-country, stopping at some unique spots.

"3 Across America" will be the perfect opportunity for BMW enthusiasts to come out and welcome the new 3 Series cars, and learn about the all-new 3 while celebrating its arrival. Then they'll hit the road with fellow BMW-philes for a short rally around the local area in their own BMWs. The day's festivities will then be capped off with a salon party at a nearby Westin Hotel.

The "3 Across America" caravan will be stopping at iconic destinations across the U.S., starting at a yet-undisclosed location in New York City. Over a month later, the caravan will reach its final destinations: the 3 Series Sedan launch party on May 6, the same day that the 325i and 330i become available at BMW centers. If you would like to be part of the fun, visit: <http://3acrossamerica.com>

This event has been **LIMITED** to the first 50 registrants and one guest each. You **MUST** register via their website <http://3acrossamerica.com>. Event day registration opens at 9 AM, followed by a photo shoot and afternoon mountain drive.

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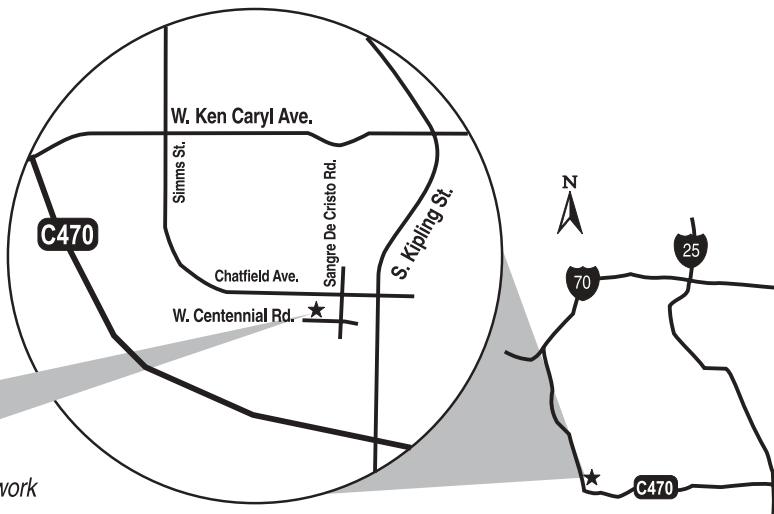
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The New BMW 3 Series Saloon: Unique Dynamics, Product Substance and All-Round Efficiency

The new BMW 3 Series is making its world debut at this year's Geneva Motor Show. Marking the fifth generation of this unique model series, the new car is once again moving up the benchmark significantly.

Acknowledged for 30 years as the best car in its class, the 3 Series comes with a wide range of innovative, tangible progress on the engine and suspension, and in terms of motoring comfort.

Making its world debut with four new engines

Entering the market, the new BMW 3 Series is setting out from the start with three petrol engines and one diesel power unit. All four of these engines offer a significant increase in power and performance, motoring refinement, and all-round economy. Indeed, each of these new power units is a highlight for itself in its own right.

Six-cylinder with crankcase made of extra-light magnesium

Developing 190 kW/258 hp, the straight-six in the top-of-the-range BMW 330i outperforms its predecessors by 20 kW or 27 hp. Maximum torque of 300 Nm or 221 lb-ft is maintained consistently between 2,500 and 4,000 rpm, making this the most powerful and lightest six-cylinder in its segment.

To reduce weight to a minimum, BMW is for the first time using magnesium in large-volume production that is a material 30 per cent lighter than aluminium. This very special and efficient material is used specifically on the crankcase and the crankshaft bearings as well as on the cylinder head cover.

A further new feature in the six-cylinder is VALVETRONIC engine management masterminding the engine opening period and intake valve lift infinitely as a function of the gas pedal position. This allows even more efficient use of the fuel supply and makes the engine even more responsive. These qualities are further enhanced by double-VANOS variable camshaft management on both the intake and the outlet valves.

The BMW 330i accelerates from 0–100 km/h in 6.3 seconds. Top speed is limited electronically to 250 km/h or 155 mph, fuel consumption in the EU tests cycle is 8.7 litres/100 km or 32.5 mpg Imp. Last but of course not least, the BMW 325i is also making its debut in spring 2005. The most important facts and figures are 160 kW/218 hp maximum output at 6,500 rpm, 250 Nm/185 lb-ft peak torque between 2,750 and 4,250 rpm, and engine displacement of 2.5 litres.

BMW 320i with an even more powerful four-cylinder

The BMW 320i is the most powerful four-cylinder in the range based on the two-litre straight-four previously homologated as the BMW 318i.

Also featuring VALVETRONIC as well as BMW's variable double-VANOS camshaft management, this engine develops maximum output of 110 kW/150 hp at 6,200 rpm, with maximum torque of 200 Nm/147 lb-ft at 3,600 rpm.

Acceleration to 100 km/h comes, as a result, in 9.0 seconds, with maximum speed of 220 km/h or 136 mph. Fuel consumption in the EU test cycle, finally, is 7.4 litres/100 km or 38.2 mpg Imp.

This improvement of the most important facts and figures over the previous engine already acknowledged as very dynamic lies in the detailed optimisation of the engine's intake and exhaust systems.

The range of petrol engines in the BMW 3 Series will naturally be expanded step-by-step in the course of time, a "basic" four-cylinder rounding off the line-up as of autumn 2005.

The BMW 320d continuing the successful story of the BMW Sports Diesel

The diesel engine is transformed into pure dynamics in the BMW 320d: Featuring second-generation common rail technology as well as an exhaust gas turbocharger with variable turbine geometry, the four cylinders of this outstanding engine develop a very substantial 120 kW/163 hp plus outstanding torque of 340 Nm/251 lb-ft at 2,000 rpm. Drive comfort and dynamic performance, as a result, are both best in segment.

The car's acceleration is equally impressive, sprinting from 0–100 km/h in 8.3 seconds. Top speed is 225 km/h or 140 mph, fuel consumption 5.7 litres/100 km or 49.6 mpg Imp. And at the same time the BMW 320d naturally complies in full with the EU4 emission standard.

Six-speed gearbox on all models

All models come as standard with BMW's six-speed manual gearbox or, as an option, with six-speed automatic transmission. Thanks to the additional gear, its closer increments, as well as the larger range of gear ratios between the smallest and highest gear, the driver is able to shift smoothly from one gear to another, without the slightest "gap" between gears. This is particularly advantageous when setting off, with the first gear being laid out for even more power and pulling force. As a result, the new BMW 3 Series is even more dynamic than its predecessor, accelerating faster and reaching an even higher top speed. And to round off all these benefits, fuel consumption has been reduced accordingly.

Starting the engine at the touch of a button

A new feature in the midrange segment: Benefiting from the comfort starter, the driver only has to briefly press the starter button in order to start the engine. All other functions in starting and warming up the engine are handled automatically.

Top-end technology for an even higher standard of driving dynamics

Following a great BMW tradition, the new 3 Series again comes with all the characteristic features of the brand that is the engine fitted lengthwise, engine power going to the rear wheels, and a superb axle load distribution of 50:50 making a significant contribution to the high standard of agility offered by the new BMW 3 Series.

The double-joint front axle newly developed for the BMW 3 Series and made entirely of aluminium ensures an optimum balance of driving dynamics and motoring comfort. Directional and tracking stability are superb, roll noise is reduced to a minimum. And despite its low weight, the aluminium front axle is very stiff and sturdy.

The five-arm rear axle in lightweight steel design ensures supreme agility and sports handling at all times, guaranteeing precise wheel guidance and very good roll comfort.

Active Steering: Absolutely unique in this segment

For the first time in the midrange segment, the customer now has the choice of optional BMW Active Steering in the six-cylinder models of the new BMW 3 Series: Active Steering maintains a more direct transmission ratio at low speeds and provides a more indirect transmission at high speeds, thus ideally solving the conflict of interests between agility, stability, and comfort arising time and again with a conventional steering system.

Now being introduced in the new BMW 3 Series, Active Steering has indeed been enhanced by an important additional feature: When applying the brakes on surfaces with different frictional coefficients such as patches of ice, snow and asphalt, the driver benefits from Active Steering intervening actively in the steering system to stabilise the car more quickly and more precisely than a normal driver ever could.

Latest-generation DSC

The latest generation of DSC Dynamic Stability Control also serves to ensure a supreme standard of all-round safety. On the six-cylinder models DSC comes additionally with very useful functions such as dry braking of the brake discs on wet roads or brake standby by pre-aligning the brake pads.

Two phenomena now also avoided are the car rolling back when setting out on an uphill gradient and brake dive shortly before the car comes to a standstill. As a result of all these improvements, BMW's Sports Saloon further enhances its

leadership in terms of driving dynamics, already one of the car's strongest points.

ACC Active Cruise Control: The joy of being driven

ACC Active Cruise Control is far more than just a conventional speed control system, since it actively monitors traffic conditions around the driver and his car.

Incorporating a radar distance sensor, ACC Active Cruise Control determines the distance from the car ahead and adjusts both road speed and the distance from the leading vehicle in specific, pre-determined steps. This makes the ACC function virtually ideal for cruising along in a steady flow of traffic with only moderate traffic density. The system maintains the desired speed regardless of external factors and conditions and without the driver having to intervene.

If necessary, ACC will even reduce the speed of the car automatically to maintain the distance required.

All the driver has to do in this case is specify the current speed by pressing the appropriate control knob, the system then saving the current speed level and maintaining this speed until the driver intervenes himself either by giving gas or applying the brakes.

Unique design giving the 3 Series the profile of a dynamic and elegant Sports Saloon

In its design language, the 3 Series clearly stands out as a unique, self-confident, dynamic and elegant Sports Saloon. Coming right in the middle of BMW's modern design range, the new 3 Series harmonises the design cues of the BMW Z4 or, as another example, the BMW 1 Series with all the elegance of the BMW 5 and 7 Series. Particularly characteristic features are the short overhangs, the passenger cabin moved far to the rear, as well as the long engine compartment lid. With the car's dimensions increased considerably both outside and inside, the interior is light, spacious and generous, clearly reflecting the lifestyle of the car's target group.

In facts and figures: Overall length is 4,520 millimetres/178.0" (+ 49 mm/1.93" over the former model), width measures 1817 millimetres/71.5" (+ 78 mm/3.07"), and height is 1,421 millimetres / 55.9" (+ 6 mm/0.24"). Wheelbase, finally, is a significant 760 millimetres/108.7" (+ 35 mm/1.38").

Body progress: lighter, stiffer, safer

Even stiffer and at the same time lighter in terms of its specific weight, the body of the new 3 Series makes a significant contribution to the car's perfect concept harmony. Intelligent lightweight engineering in this case means specific use of upgraded steel and steel forming technologies. Incorporating a truss structure for all load-bearing functions, body stiffness is up overall by 25 per cent, without increasing the weight of the car versus its predecessor.

In a side-on collision: the safest 3 Series the world has ever seen

In terms of its design and structure, the new BMW 3 Series is built for optimum results in the EuroNCAP crash test. And it is one of the first passenger cars in the world prepared for the extremely demanding side-impact requirements in the USA as well as the high-speed rear impact test.

Apart from the optimised belt systems, the passenger safety system comes as standard with no less than six air-



bags: the driver, front passenger, hip, thorax, and curtain head airbags.

Proven technology for extra safety

Apart from the regular halogen dual headlights featured as standard, the customer also has the choice of bi-xenon headlights with or without adaptive control as an option. BMW's bi-xenon headlights with adaptive control in bends ensure optimum illumination of the road ahead, with ongoing, continuous and dynamic adjustment of the headlight units themselves. This significantly improves the driver's visibility particularly in bends, where the headlights dynamically following the course of the road light the way for the driver as if by magic.

The two-stage adaptive Brake Force Display featured as standard enlarges the brake light area whenever the driver applies the brakes hard or when ABS brake control cuts in. Motorists following from behind will interpret this intuitively as an emergency braking manoeuvre, applying the brakes harder themselves and thus gaining important stopping distance.

As a further feature the new BMW 3 Series comes as standard with run flat tyres allowing the driver to continue in the event of tyre damage for a distance of up to 250 kilometres or nearly 160 miles at a speed of up to 80 km/h or 50 mph.

Clever solutions inside the car: premium-class spaciousness and extra room

The interior is both modern and harmonious in its style, the generous ambience creating a unique feeling of controlled dynamics and lightness. The driver and passenger feel these two characters resting harmoniously within the 3 Series, the aura of the comfortable midrange saloon and the power of the sporting driving machine.

Superior functions for the driver and passengers integrated in perfect harmony

The cockpit of the car is clearly structured and driver-oriented in that typical BMW style: The driver's zone is on the left, giving the driver all the relevant information he needs in perfect clarity. The middle area, in turn, is defined as the comfort zone offering perfect access from both the driver's and front passenger's seats.

Good seats for good motoring

The BMW 3 Series offers particularly the driver an excellent seating position with equally excellent side support. The optional sports seats come with backrest width adjustment like in the BMW M3, enabling the driver and front passenger to adjust backrest width to their body contours, their feeling of motoring comfort, and the driver's particular style of motoring.

With the BMW 3 Series being a car for many purposes, it is particularly important to have a wide range of storage options. "Basic" equipment therefore comprises practical storage boxes and compartments within easy reach for the driver and front passenger. An additional storage package serves above all the passengers at the rear, and luggage compartment capacity has been increased to 460 litres or 16.1 cu ft. A drawer beneath the parcel shelf featured for the first time in a BMW can be removed easily within a matter of seconds whenever the driver requires the entire capacity of

the luggage compartment.

Optimum heating and climate comfort

Compared with the competition, the air conditioning in the new BMW 3 Series boasts the fastest response in both heating up and cooling the interior. Automatic air conditioning available as an option serves to optimise the driver's and passengers' climate comfort, providing the desired temperature very quickly and efficiently without the slightest draft and keeping the optimum climate just right, without any fluctuations in temperature or climate conditions.

The BMW 3 Series is the first car in its class to feature sun blinds on the rear side windows as well as a rear window sunblind operated electrically.



Easy control plus a high level of information density

The new BMW 3 Series ensures optimum control and ergonomics wherever you go. Significant features such as the air conditioning and radio are easy to control with maximum comfort and reliability. Complex systems comprising a lot of information, in turn, are masterminded by iDrive available as an option in conjunction with the car's navigation system.

The Control Display comes within a binnacle in the middle of the instrument panel, presenting the functions of nearly all assistance and communication systems. Its main menu is subdivided into the four areas Communication, Navigation, Entertainment and Climate. Depending on the car's level of equipment, these main menus may be operated in various sub-functions on different levels.

The Controller enables the driver to choose specific functions and navigate within the menus. And apart from the Controller itself, there is also voice control with an enhanced voice dialogue and additional functions serving to mastermind the system.

Multifunction steering wheel with free buttons

The multifunction steering wheel is also an important assistance system in its own right offering not only the usual steering function, but also, through ergonomically arranged buttons, the option to mastermind additional, major functions on the car. Indeed, the driver is even able, in conjunction with iDrive, to freely program two extra buttons – most certainly an unprecedented feature in the midrange segment.

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Opening the doors and starting the engine without an ignition key

With iDrive eliminating the former multitude of buttons and knobs in the cockpit, Comfort Access available as an option eliminates the need for a conventional ignition key. Instead, this special key absolutely straight and smooth on both sides and referred to as the "ID sensor" gives the customer direct access to the car and allows him to start the engine without even holding the key in his hand. And in conjunction with Key Memory, the system also adjusts, inter alia, the driver's seating position, the position of the mirrors, the automatic air conditioning and radio stations in accordance with the customer's wishes entered in advance.

Infotainment systems carried over from the luxury performance class

The information and entertainment features boasted in the new BMW 3 Series have been carried over from BMW's luxury performance models: First and foremost, the customer has the choice of either the BMW Business or BMW Professional navigation system (both based on DVD data media) as optional extras. The optional Professional LOGIC7 HiFi system, in turn, provides surround sound effects throughout the interior.

In conjunction with a car telephone fitted as optional equipment, the driver is furthermore able to call up all BMW Assist services in the interest of extra comfort and safety: the emergency call function, BMW Breakdown Assistance. BMW Info, Traffic Information, as well as mobility-related inquiry services. *MSR*

BMW Group's Year-To-Date Sales Jump 16 Percent

BMW, MINI brand post impressive sales increases in February

Woodcliff Lake, NJ - March 1, 2005... The BMW Group (BMW and MINI brands combined) reported sales of 21,496 vehicles in February 2005, an increase of 10 percent over the 19,561 vehicles sold in the same month of 2004. Year-to-date, BMW Group sales increased 16 percent, to 41,260 versus the 35,696 sold in the first two months of 2004.

BMW Brand Sales

BMW reported sales of 18,356 automobiles and Sports Activity Vehicles (SAV), up 9 percent compared to the 16,903 vehicles reported in February 2004. Year-to-date, BMW reported sales of 35,203, compared to the 30,282 reported in the same period a year ago, an increase of 16.3 percent.

BMW Automobile Sales

BMW's monthly automobile sales were down slightly for the month at 13,341 versus 13,584 in February 2004. For the first two months combined, BMW automobile sales increased 7.3 percent to 25,952 versus 24,191 reported in the same period last year.

BMW Sports Activity Vehicle Sales

February sales of BMW Sports Activity Vehicles were exceptionally strong, up 51 percent, to 5,015 vehicles over the 3,319 reported in the same month a year ago. Year-to-date, sales increased 9,251 to 6,091, up 52 percent.

Certified Pre-owned

BMW's Certified Pre-owned sales increased 2.5 percent in February, to 5,546 vehicles over the 5,411 reported in February 2004. Year-to-date, CPO sales were down slightly to 10,291 over the 10,476 reported in the same period in 2004.

MINI Brand

MINI USA reported February sales of 3,140, an increase of 18 percent compared to the 2,658 sold in February 2004. MINI USA also reported sales of 6,057 for the first two months of 2005, an increase of 12 percent over the 5,414 sold in the corresponding period last year. *MSR*

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Driving Pleasure Beyond Conventional Dimensions: the BMW 130i – the Performance Athlete in the Compact Class

A compact car with 190 kW/258 hp maximum output, 300 Nm/221 lb-ft maximum torque, 0–100 km/h in 6.2 seconds, top speed 250km/h (155 mph), rear-wheel drive, 50:50 weight distribution? Yes, that kind of car is now available: the BMW 130i.

Understandably, BMW's engineers could not resist the temptation to shoe-horn the brand-new, extremely powerful and innovative straight-six so far only to be admired in the luxurious and sporting BMW 630i Coupé into the compact BMW 1 Series.

The result is a combination of supreme performance, thrilling agility and stylish emotion quite unparalleled in the compact class. Following the introduction of the BMW 1 Series in September 2004 with two diesel engines (118d, 120d) and, in the meantime, three petrol engines (116i, 118i, 120i), the very sporting and dynamic 130i will be following in September 2005, after making its public debut at the Geneva Motor Show in March.

A highlight in technology – the power unit in the BMW 130i

The main sign of distinction setting the 130i apart from the other models in the BMW 1 Series is its six-cylinder power unit. Apart from large capacity of three litres, fully variable valve drive with infinite camshaft adjustment (VANOS) on the intake and outlet side as well as VALVETRONIC masterminding valve opening times and lift ensure superb power and performance as well as outstanding responsiveness to the gas pedal.

The straight-six configuration guarantees turbine-like running smoothness with fascinating engine sound. For the first time in the history of the automobile, the new engine comes with a composite aluminium/magnesium crankcase. Together with other lightweight features such as the hydraulically moulded camshafts, the electrical water pump, and the magnesium cylinder head cover, this makes the engine the lightest six-cylinder in its class.

And what is good in terms of weight, is also good in terms of fuel economy, the 130i consuming just 9.0 litres/100 km (equivalent to 31.4 mpg Imp) in the EU test cycle.

Superiority with style

The BMW 130i is targeted at the customer looking for the sporting performance of a top-end car in the compact class. And indeed, this new top-of-the-range model offers unpretentious superiority with genuine style. All signs of distinction versus the other BMW 1 Series are therefore discreet and not in any way exaggerated: Seventeen-inch wheels in V-spoke design developed especially for the 130i, chrome-plated slats in the BMW kidney grille, and dual tailpipes with chrome-plated rear ends show the connoisseur that this is a particularly powerful BMW 1 Series. The standard features inside the car, in turn, include sports seats, a leather sports steering wheel, and a special instrument cluster tailor-made for the 130i covering a wider indicator range on the appropriate instruments. As an option BMW Active Steering already well-known from the BMW 5 and 6 Series is also available.



Safety of the highest standard: five stars in EuroNCAP test

Like all models in the BMW 1 Series, the 130i boasts run flat tyres, a tyre defect indicator, BMW's two-stage Brake Force Display, DSC Dynamic Stability Control including emergency braking recognition, an electronic differential lock and traction control as well as CBC Cornering Brake Control all featured as standard. Together with six airbags, this supreme level of equipment only recently gave the BMW 1 Series the maximum number of five stars in the EuroNCAP crash test.

As a result, the BMW 130i comes with all the features and qualities so crucial to the success of the BMW 1 Series in the compact class, at the same time enhancing these assets to an even higher level. No other car in this segment offers the same sum total of outstanding concept harmony based on sporting driving characteristics and strong, convincing character.

The retail price of this exceptional car has not yet been determined.

The BMW 1 Series in general: premium class in the compact range

The BMW 1 Series is a five-door tailgate saloon with an extra-large rear door and overall length of 4.23 metres or 166.5". Its drive concept typical of BMW, high-performance engines, and enhanced driving pleasure, together with the high level of equipment, offer a new alternative in the compact range.

As a result, the BMW 1 Series appeals to the customer who, while appreciating the practical aspects of a conventional compact car, has for a long time been looking for a very special car able to offer the utmost in terms of both driving pleasure and individual style.

The BMW 1 Series fulfils precisely these demands, while at the same time offering truly outstanding product substance in a modern body full of style and character.

Sales going very well

Worldwide demand for the BMW 1 Series is developing very positively indeed, with 39,247 units being delivered to customers between the market launch in September 2004 and the end of the year.

Introducing the BMW 1 Series, the BMW Group set the foundation last year for ongoing, profitable growth. Indeed, market researchers see the premium segment in the compact class as a market with large growth rate potentials the world over. MSR

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A Mystery

The Case of the Missing Driving Dog

(with apologies to Arthur Conan Doyle)

by Guy D. McCoy



A cold and foggy mist followed me that last January morning, as I climbed the stairs to our Baker Street rooms. You could barely make out the shop shingles beyond the nearest but one, and most spirits had been appropriately dampened among the street populace I had encountered on my way.

I opened the door to the parlor and found a roaring good fire on the grate and Holmes puffing on his pipe at the window, intently studying a small photograph under a glass. He turned to acknowledge me and said, "We have a bit of a mystery to consider, Watson. Do you care to join me in its unraveling?"

"Oh, indeed, Holmes," I replied, warming my hands at the fire.

Ms. Hudson found this photograph under the street door with a note beseeching our help in identifying the missing tool from the dropped down box. "As you can see", he said, handing me the photograph, "there is an open space indicated by the arrow. Have you ever seen a kit like this



before in any of your travels?"

"No, Holmes, it is completely foreign to me, but it seems very new and complete. The tools are shiny and look unused."

"Ah, indeed, Watson, it is housed in the bustle of some sort of automobile of a highly regarded and very modern design, a svelte *voiture de la rue*, wouldn't you say, Doctor? And here the trademark of the Bayerische Motoren Werk appears, a most sought-after and revered marque of the continent, and of the world, for that matter. In detail, I believe we are also seeing some sort of rear window that is protected from frost, judging by the horizontal black lines, which must conduct electrical current—that being the most elegantly simple explanation and, therefore, the one of choice. Notice the shiny window molding—all in all, a well-cared-for conveyance, indeed, doubtless of the mid-eighties vintage. The Boche exceeded their usual genius in that era of the Series E30, as they named it. Superb springing and damping design throughout the line."

"But what of the open space in the tool box, Holmes? Do you think Lestrade should be invited to see this?"

He scowled at my suggestion and continued, "I have already inquired of three purveyors of this type of tool, and they are as ambiguous as I am certain Lestrade would be. Imagine the frustration of the owner of this fine machine, as each time he looked at the tool kit, he would be stared back at by the empty space."

"Excruciating, I should say," I opined.

Recognizing the urgency of this matter, I cabled the constructor's representative and received this explicating mis-sive in reply:

"We viewed the photos you sent us of the open tool box for this model and determined that the part that goes in the open spot in the picture is called a Driving Dog (part #71 11 1 150 500). It is used in conjunction with the S-shaped Allen wrench as an emergency tool to close the sunroof and door windows. The part should be available at your local BMW center."

The letter, as excerpted, solved the mystery entirely, as the reader can see, and gave even more information than Holmes required. We were impressed with the level of professional research yielding the specific use of the curiously named tool. Holmes took the letter back; he gazed out the window at the yellow fog and said, "We must be sure to add Ms. Edna Berger to our file of eminent resources."

He then read my amazement of the whole affair and concluded:

"It was very superficial, my dear Watson, I assure you..."

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2001 540IA, VIN#WBADN63401GM70443, Titanium Silver/Black Leather, 17,500 miles, Sport Package, Cold Weather Package, Premium Package, 16 Way Comfort Seats, Automatic Steptronic, Premium Sound System w/DSP, Moon Roof, Xenon Lights, Window Tint, Clear Bra, New Pilot Sport AS Tires. New Vehicle Warranty until 12-08-2004, CPO Warranty until 12-08-2006 or 100,000 Miles. Vehicle in like new condition with no scratches, dents or dings. Non-Smoker, Garage Queen - 4th Car, never driven in snow \$40,000. Call Dean 303-972-2465, 720-840-5421 or dqackle@eazy.net or dqackle@kci.net #309125 (7/05)



2001 M3 VIN #WBSBL934X1JR11928 Titanium Silver Metallic/Black leather, 17K miles, Original owner, IMMACULATE always garaged, moonroof, new rear 255/40R/18 tires (10/2004), full clear bra and all standard BMW equipment on an M3, all maintenance & warranty papers available, \$39,850 OBO. Call Simone 303-887-6857(C), 303-221-7957(H) or simone.fuchs@comcast.net #341836 (5/05)

2001 M-Coupe (s-54 Engine) VIN: WBSN93441LK60072, Black Sapphire/Black-Imola Red, 8750 miles, TC Kline fully adjustable suspension, remote entry, F/R detector, Rare, fast, nearly perfect \$35,000 firm. Dave toolsbmw@comcast.net #69016 (7/05)



2001 325ci VIN: WBABN33491JW48598, Titanium Silver/Black leatherette, 28k miles, Sport package, 5spd, moonroof, heated seats, xenons, Dealer maintained/serviced, includes full set of 16" Michelin arctic alpins mounted on OEM type 30 wheels, and also have original window sticker, brochure and orientation video, non-smoker. Some curb rash on 2 of the type 44's, otherwise excellent condition throughout, no accidents, \$23,000

OBO. Call Brady 303-346-5606 or brady.cole@comcast.net #285472 (7/05)

2001 325xi Sportwagon, VIN# WBAAW33491ET42163, Red/Sand Montana Leather, Myrtle Wood trim, 30K miles, Show room condition, with Factory Warranty and Maintenance, Premium and Cold Weather packages, including power seats w/driver's seat mirror memory system, Self-dimming mirror, xenon headlights w/washers, ski bag, on-board computer, CD player, and moonroof. This beautiful and practical car offers the best of both worlds: Great Safety and Handling with Versatility and Economy. All-Wheel Drive, Traction Control, stability control, front, side, and rear seat airbags provide true four-season capability. The 5-speed Steptronic transmission gives you the choice of fully automatic for a more relaxed rush-hour commute, or manual control when you are in the mood to "do-it-yourself." automatic climate control (with odor control that switches to re-circulate when it detects odors like diesel fumes) assures a comfortable trip no matter what mood you happen to be in. Priced below book \$25,900. Call Bill 970-377-2300 or wskuh38@aol.com #339151 (5/05)



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2000 BMW 323Ci, VIN#WBABM3342Y-JN64832, Silver/Black, 46k miles, 5-spd, 2.5L Inline-6, Immaculate condition inside-out, clean title, moonroof, Kenwood DVD with music keg, UUC flywheel, SPEC clutch, Clifford alarm, many other mods - MUST SEE, enthusiast owned \$22,000. Call Ronnie 720-

280-6118 or ronnie.renaldi@qwest.com #277502 (7/05)

1999 528i T Wagon WBADP6342XBV62668 Titanium Silver/Black leather, 16k miles, automatic, Xenons, Premium package, auto dim mirror; moonroof, Vavona wood, 11-speaker 6-CD / cassette, heated seats and steering wheel, 16" cross spoke, immaculate "garage toy" still with new-car-scent, 1 person car, \$25,500. Call Bernie 425-894-4500 (cell) or tony.kraemer@siemens.com #183391 (5/05)

1998 540i Sport, VIN#WBADE5324WBV-93255, Cosmos/Black leather, 6-speed manual, 49k miles, sport package w/10-way sport seats and sport suspension, VG+ ext, excellent interior and mechanically, CarFax clean, excellent emissions, traction control, front/front side/front side curtain airbags, 6-CD changer, sunroof, clear bra, window tint, all paperwork, non-smoker, garaged, babied, \$22,900. Call Jeff 970-898-2670 or mr_zone_v@yahoo.com, #313959 (5/05)



1998 M3 WBSBG9325WEY78646 Bright Red/Black, 5-spd, Dinan S-3 package, Vortech supercharger, RMS intercooler, cold air kit, RMS lightened flywheel with performance clutch, front & rear tower braces, Eback springs & sway bars, Koni shocks, high-flow exhaust, 18" BBS RK with P-Zeros, stainless brake lines, Pagid brake pads, all factory power options, 6-CD changer, moon roof, all paperwork. Perfect condition, non-smoker, garaged \$26,500 OBO. Call Ken 303-680-8518 or nissenhair@aol.com #297709 (5/05)

1998 Z3 2.8 VIN#4USCJ3321WLC11625, Red, 20,000 miles, exclusive Edition package, has full power and hard top, Dinan upgrade, \$20,000. Call Richard 303-661-9546 or richard@seqnet.net #339100 (5/05)



1997 328i, VIN: WBACD4327VAV51045, Auto, Boston Green/Tan interior, 93,000 miles, 6 CD player, heated seats, sunroof, new Blizzaks, maintenance records, clean and straight, \$9,800.00 OBO. Call Mike or Diane Critchley 303-680-2537, or mcritchley2537@msn.com #305162 (7/05)

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1996 328iS, DINAN, Black/Black, 108k miles, 17" Hamman wheels, great car, tight engine and transmission, no rattles, everything works. Excellent choice for autocrossing. Car comes with DINAN carbon fiber cold air intake, DINAN software and catback exhaust. This car is plenty fast with lots of torque, excellent handling and very

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1991 Alpha Romeo 164L, 5-speed, Black/Black, 97k miles, exceptional condition, meticulously maintained at Ferrari of Denver, all records, \$3,700. Call Ed 303-989-6216 or ejswibas@att.net #5538 (5/05)



1990 BMW 735i, Silver/Gray interior, 170,000 miles \$4,000. Call Tom 303-661-6384, 303-554-0347 or baluet50@aol.com #70541(5/05)

1990 535i VIN# WBAHD2317LBF66883 Black/Gray interior, auto, in accident 9-20-2004, new used engine installed at 245k, 3.5L Installed 10-30-2003, rebuilt driveshaft, replaced support arm bushings w/V12, right support arm, right tie rod assembly, front brake pads, rotors and sensors, keyless entry, Python alarm system, Thule bike and ski rack, 5 new P225/60R-15 Yokohama Yk420 purchased 9-16-2004, would like to sell as a whole \$3,500 or possible parting out. Call Robert 970-690-8808 or horizonchiropractic@msn.com #292281 (4/05)



1990 325i, Black/Black cloth interior, 2 door, 5-speed, 124,000 miles, owned since 1992, performance exhaust with Stahl headers, 15" Borbet wheels, Dinan chip, K&N filter, good condition, \$3,500 OBO. Call Brad 303-693-3201 or bcravens@frontieroil-den.com #144634 (5/05)

1989 750iL, 165,000 miles, White/Tan leather - excellent condition, euro lights, second owner, 16" BBS RX wheels, Dinan engine chips, Dinan Stage 3 suspension, Dinan transmission chip, all records, always garaged, a beautiful, high performance 750iL in great condition \$10,000. Call Dick 303-526-9856, 303-601-9634 cell, or the3xjet@aol.com #149556 (4/05)

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1988 750iL WBAGC8311J2767447 Silver/Grey leather, 210K miles, all available options, sunroof, excellent condition for age, V12, nearly zero emissions, CARFAX clean, \$4,400. Call Z.G. Standing. Bear 719 687-8087 or MGSpikers@aol.com #200710 (4/05)

1987 L6, VIN WBAEC8401H0614957, Silver Blue/Off White interior, 53,441 miles, original owner, beautiful car, always garaged, NO winter driving. Located in Bonnie Brae Area (Denver), \$18,500 OBO. Photos at <http://homepage.mac.com/mclaw/PhotoAlbum4.html> Call Gene 303-884-7450 or mclaw@mac.com #344070 (5/05)



1984 323i TC BAUR convertible VIN WBAAA310X09291911, Graphite/Black interior, 115K miles, European model, gray market import, 5-speed, new shocks and struts, new rear drums and pads; runs and looks great; needs new top and driver's seat upholstery \$6500 obo. Call Grant 303-757-2823 or gchanna@earthlink.net #24518 (5/05)

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1224 or esteiner@centralcolomgmt.com #208 (4/05)

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(5) 17x7.5 OEM rims off M3, 4 have Yokohama 235/40/17 ZR, Asking \$1500. Call Mark 303-517-5770 #307421 (4/05)

(5) Michelin Pilot SX MXX3 maximum performance used tires, great used condition. 2 - 255/45/18 with 5 to 6/32 left, 3- 235x50x18 with 7 to 9/32 left, off of 740 Sport Model. Reasonable offers. Call Lon 303-255-4341 or LonOpsahl@aol.com #103577 (4/05)

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PARTS

Brake parts, E36 front rotors Ate Power Disc (grooved, slotted), both rotors for \$75.00. Hawk HPS Plus front pads, \$50.00. Less than 1000 miles on these parts. These were on car for one month at fall Drivers School. Rear brake pads PBR Metalmasters still in box and shrink wrap. \$25.00 or OBO, I don't own the 1995 325i anymore so help me make shelf space in my garage. Call Steve 303-988-1562 stevejfy@msn.com #165695 (7/05)

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(2) Bilstein HD front struts, new in the box, never mounted, fits 325i, \$225.00. Call Ed 303-589-8715 #179550 (7/05)

Complete dual exhaust from 2000 M5 (E39) including resonator. Used for 18,000 miles. Perfect for returning an M5 to stock before lease turn in or upgrading exhaust on a non-M5, \$150 + shipping. Contact mikewags@comcast.net #290391 (5/05)

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Chaps, Seth	Louisville	CO	1992	325is	
Harlin, Carolyn	Livermore	CO	1998	740i	
Hiatt, Jeff/Mary	Loveland	CO	2004	325ci	
Hoyt, Eric	Longmont	CO	2005	330i	
Hudson, John	Colorado Springs	CO	2003	325i	
Kucks, Bob	Golden	CO	1989	325ic	
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Leung, Chung	Littleton	CO	2001	X5	
Lind, Jon/April	Morrison	CO	2004	Mini Cooper S	
Magaldi, Mark	Boulder	CO	1975	2002	
McMurdo, Jim	Denver	CO	1990	535i	1991 318is
Mondino Imports	Colorado Springs	CO			
Orman, Lynn	Colorado Springs	CO	1990	325is	
Patton, Paul	Littleton	CO	1997	740i	
Poulson, Eric	Grand Junction	CO	1975	2002	1997 M3
Reed, Chuck	Golden	CO	2003	530i	
Sollenberger, Mike	Fort Collins	CO	2005	x5 4.4	
Viraraghavan, Praveen	Fort Collins	CO	2004	M3	
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Activities Calendar

Note: RMC BMW CCA activities in boldface type

April

- 1 Fri DEADLINE FOR **MSR ADS AND COPY FOR MAY ISSUE**
2 Sat **Bimmer Haus Performance Brake Tech Session, 7233 W. 116th Place, #A, Broomfield**
Mark Hutto, Coordinator, 720-566-0521, Details Page 15
- 6 Wed * **Business Meeting, Doran's, Centennial, 303-758-4200 for directions**
9 Sat **Car Control Clinic & Tech Inspection, Arapahoe Park Racetrack**
Andy Peavy & Andrew Jordan, Coordinators, Details Page 12
- 13 Wed **Poudre Sports Car Tech Inspection, 5806 S. College Avenue, Fort Collins, CO**
Stephen Schroeder, Coordinator, 970-229-0990, Details Page 14
- 23 Sat **3 Across America, Darlene Doran, Coordinator Details Page 31**
- 23 Sat **RMC Winter Autocross - Autocross Committee - Details Page 27**
- 30 & 1 **Spring Performance Driving School, Pikes Peak International Raceway, 2 days,**
Sat/Sun **Leslie Jenkins, Registrar, 303-671-6131 - Details Page 13**

May

- 1 Sun DEADLINE FOR **MSR ADS AND COPY FOR JUNE ISSUE**
30 & 1 **Spring Performance Driving School, PPIR, 2 days,**
Sat/Sun **Leslie Jenkins, Registrar, 303-671-6131 - Details Page 13**
- 4 Wed * **Business Meeting, Beyer's, Westminster, 303-465-0769 for directions**
7 Sat **Gebhardt BMW New Facility Open House, Darlene Doran, Coordinator Details Page 18**
- 13-15 Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Conference, Atlanta GA
14-15 Sin City Chapter Driving School, Details Page 29
- 14 Sat **RMC Autocross Series #1, Mt. Elbert Parking Lot, DIA, Denver, Colorado**
Autocross Committee - Details May Issue
- 15 Sun **Shelby Car Museum, 5020 Chaparral Court, Boulder, CO**
Peter Richards, Coordinator 303-449-2825, Details Page 8
- 21 Sat **Annual RMC Spring Drive/Open House at Bill & Star Young's**
Gary Odehnal, Coordinator 970-590-6455 Details May Issue
- 19-22 Pacific SharkFest, San Luis Obispo, CA, Details Page 29
5er Fest 2005, South Carolina Details Page 29

June

- 1 Wed DEADLINE FOR **MSR ADS AND COPY FOR JULY ISSUE**
1 Wed * **Business Meeting, Johnny Carinos Italian Kitchen - 970-203-9900**
1455 Rocky Mountain Avenue, Loveland, CO - Details Page 15
- 5 Sun **Concours d'Elegance, Arapahoe Community College**
Dee Raisl and Dave Stackhouse, Coordinators, Details Page 24
- 11 Sat **RMC Autocross School, Mt. Elbert Parking Lot, DIA, Denver, Colorado**
Autocross Committee - Details May Issue
- 12 Sun **RMC Autocross Series #2, Mt. Elbert Parking Lot, DIA, Denver, Colorado**
Autocross Committee - Details May Issue
- 25 Sat **RMC Street Survival, Mt. Elbert Parking Lot, DIA, Denver, Colorado**
Alain van der Heide, Coordinator - Details Page 25

* All members are invited to attend the Business Meetings, the first Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions), dinner is included except when at a public restaurant, so please **RSVP to the Meeting Host/Hostess** to ensure enough food is available and in case of Cancellations or Changes. Dinner is served at 6:30 and meeting starts promptly at 7 PM.

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