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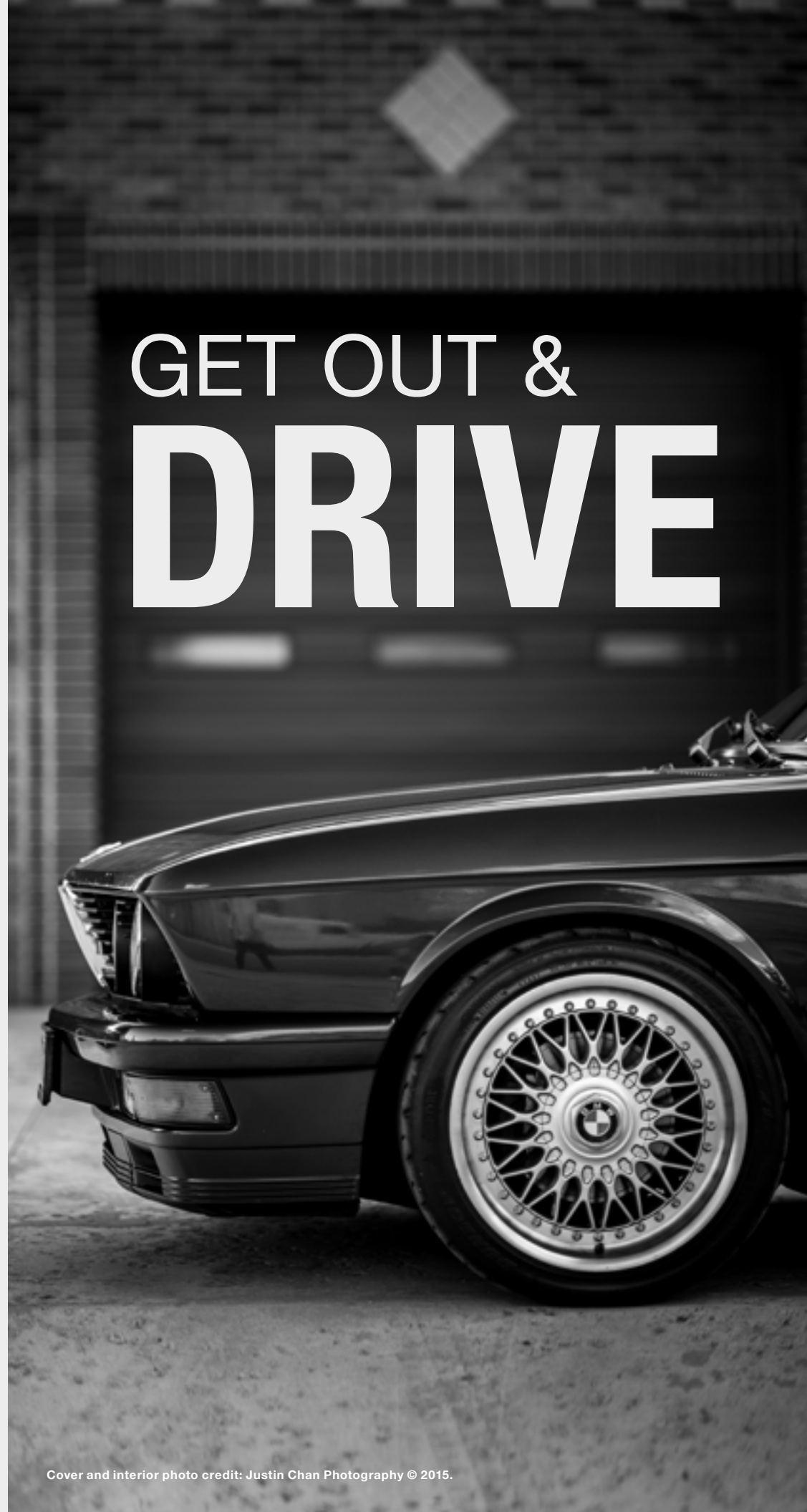
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# GET OUT & DRIVE

## WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

### Christine Foley

Membership Chair and Advertising Manager

Hello my fellow BMW car enthusiasts! I have recently stepped into the positions on the Board of Directors for the RMC BMW CCA as the Member Chair and the Advertising Manager for the chapter. In addition, I will be the event coordinator for the 2016 Winter Celebration.

I have worked within the Hotel, Sales & Catering world for many years. In addition I worked in Florence, Italy for several years for an Italian cooking school. Getting out and doing all day hikes, detailing my 335xi, riding rollercoasters & autocrossing are top on my favorite things to do. I am married to John Cram and have the best son ever, Jordon Cram.

I was born and raised in Wisconsin and have been residing in Colorado now for the last 21 years. I live at 9000 elevation so my playground and the roads I drive are pretty spectacular. I am a passionate Green Bay Packer fan. I fell in love with BMWs in my 20s and have been driving them ever since ~ manual of course and always! I joined the car club about three years ago on a recommendation from a friend, Jason Lewis. I attended my first O'Fest in Beaver Creek and had a complete blast. Started Autocrossing with the club last year and will be getting to High Plains Memorial Day weekend for the 2-day driving school. I got the driving bug at O'Fest. It hit me hard. Someone at O'Fest turned to me after the drifting competition and said, "Well that is just about the most fun you can have with your clothes on." I look forward to being of service to the club. Make life a ride!

### Karen Lange

Secretary

I have belonged to the BMW club approximately 10 years. I joined because a co-worker introduced me to the fine sport of Autocross. I drove a '91 Toyota Celica convertible back then. After my first couple of years of autocrossing, the Chief of Registration asked if I would like to take over the position. I did and have been fulfilling that role ever since. I currently own a '99 E36 M3 convertible and drive a Daytona Violet '95 E36 M3 in autocross.

I wanted to be more involved in the club and help in a broader capacity. When the opportunity to become secretary presented itself, I was more than happy to take on those additional responsibilities.



# 2014 DEALERSHIP RECOGNITION AWARD

BY: MICHAEL FELDPUSCH

On March 21, 2015, the Rocky Mountain Chapter recognized Christina and Kenton Dawkins of Co's BMW and Mini Loveland for their outstanding support, volunteer hours, and dedication to the Rocky Mountain Chapter and its members.

Kenton Dawkins, Christopher Dawkins, and Kris Lee have been attending the autocross and driving school events for the past five years. They always show up with a smile on their faces as well as wanting to help out in any way.



Co's BMW was a major contributor to the 2014 BMW CCA Oktoberfest in Beaver Creek, as well as helping out with running the two-day autocross events the Rocky Mountain Chapter hosted later that week.

Everyone likes watching the Mini of Loveland Mini Cooper S thrash around the courses, but there are rumors of a 'special' white E36 that may be blessing our asphalt presence...again.

As a way of saying thank you, the club threw a pizza party for all the employees at the dealership. The weather was perfect and it was a great day to say 'thanks' to our chapter sponsor. ■

# 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND UPDATES VISIT: <http://rmcbmwcca.org/events>

## MAY

Monthly Board Meeting - May 13  
TBA - 6:30-8:00 pm

Autocross #2 - May 16  
Front Range Airport

Spring Drive - May 17  
Colorado Welcome Center

2015 BMW Cookout - May 20  
3Zero3 Motorsports

Bimmer Burger Nights - May 21  
Colorado Springs - 6:00-7:00 pm

Spring Driving School - May 23-24  
High Plains Raceway

Bimmer Burger Nights - May 27  
Centennial - 6:00-7:00 pm

## JUNE

32nd Colorado Concours - June 7  
Arapahoe Community College

BMW Time Trial with NASA - June 7  
High Plains Raceway

Monthly Board Meeting - June 10  
TBA - 6:30-8:00 pm

Autocross #3 - June 20  
Front Range Airport

Bimmer Burger Nights - June 20  
Woodland Park - 12:00-2:00pm

Bimmer Burger Nights - June 24  
Centennial - 6:00-7:00 pm

## JULY

Monthly Board Meeting - July 8  
TBA - 6:30-8:00 pm

Autocross #4 - July 18  
Pikes Peak International Raceway

Bimmer Burger Nights - July 22  
Centennial - 6:00-7:00 pm

Bimmer Burger Nights - July 23  
Jamboree Drive, Colorado Springs -  
6:00-7:00 pm

## AUGUST

Autocross #5 - August 1  
Front Range Airport

4 Corners Drive - August 7-10  
Pagosa Springs, Colorado

Monthly Board Meeting - August 12  
TBA - 6:30-8:00 pm

Bimmer Burger Nights - August 20  
Garden of the Gods - 6:00-7:00 pm

Bimmer Burger Nights - August 26  
Centennial - 6:00-7:00 pm

Autocross #6 - August 29  
Pikes Peak International Raceway

Street Survival - August 29  
Colorado Highway Patrol Training  
Facility - Golden, CO

## SEPTEMBER

Fall Driving School - September 5  
Pueblo Motorsports Park

ITS Training - September 6  
Pueblo Motorsports Park

Monthly Board Meeting - September 9  
TBA - 6:30-8:00 pm

Bimmer Burger Nights - September 17  
Jamboree Drive, Colorado Springs -  
6:00-7:00pm

Gateway Ranch Fall Drive -  
September 19-20 - TBA

Oktoberfest - September 21-27  
Absecon, New Jersey

Autocross #7 - September 26  
Front Range Airport

## OCTOBER

Monthly Board Meeting - October 14  
TBA - 6:30-8:00 pm

Autocross Banquet - October 17  
TBA - 6:30-11:00 pm

## NOVEMBER

Annual Planning Meeting - November 14  
TBA

## DECEMBER

Winter Autocross Event #1 - December 5  
Front Range Airport

Monthly Board Meeting - December 9  
TBA - 6:30-8:00 pm



# STREET SURVIVAL START SPREADING THE WORD!

BY: MIKE CRITCHLEY

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America will be holding its annual Street Survival event on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at the Colorado Highway Patrol Training Facility in Golden, Colorado.

Street Survival is a national 1-day program that combines short classroom instruction with a lot of practice with experienced instructors in the car. Young drivers will get real-time instruction in skid recovery, emergency braking, collision avoidance, seating and steering wheel hand position, as well as obtaining experience in distracted driving. This is not driver's ed. We will be asking the students to push themselves in real world exercises that simulate what they will find on our Colorado roads. Participants need to have a learner's permit or driver's license. Help us communicate this information to all families with new drivers.



We are also in need of car instructors. You do not need to be an Autocross instructor or Driving School instructor, just an experienced, enthusiastic, licensed driver who enjoys the energy of young people. In addition, we need help for set up, course monitoring, tear down, and other duties. Contact Mike Critchley, Driving Events Coordinator at [speedgoat513@gmail.com](mailto:speedgoat513@gmail.com) to get involved. ■

# LOOKING FOR LEADERS: BOARD ELECTIONS

Volunteers make the club run. Without their commitment and time, there would be no activities. Now is your chance! Two positions are open for election this year: President, Vice President and Treasurer. Terms are for 2 years. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please do the following:

1. Provide a short biography on why you want to run for office and which position so members can find out a little bit about you.
2. Send an email to [board@rmcbmwcca.org](mailto:board@rmcbmwcca.org) with your intentions and your biography.

**DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2015.**

Details about the election process will be sent at a future date. If you have any questions, feel free to email [board@rmcbmwcca.org](mailto:board@rmcbmwcca.org).

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# YES! WE'RE HAVING A SPRING DRIVE!

BY: GARY ODEHNAL

This is the event we have all been waiting for! That's right; it's our Annual Spring Drive on Sunday, May 17, 2015.

Dust off your M3, M Roadster or favorite Bavarian iron and let's get out on the kind of roads all that expensive machinery was designed for. As promised, this one will be another tour for lots of great roads and outstanding scenery. This year brings us back to the Northern Colorado Roads. You should plan on spending the whole day away from home. Your return to Denver will be before 5 p.m., weather and traffic permitting.

**The tour will start out at the Colorado Visitors Center, located at 3745 E Prospect Road, Fort Collins, 80525, where the groups will gather for a short information session and networking. We will divide the group into four different subgroups so that we can better manage all level of drivers.**

The actual drive will begin with a trip north to Laramie following Hwy 287, along the route of the historic Overland Stage coach; we just cover the ground a little faster. After a brief rest-stop in Laramie, we then continue south to Walden for a special buffet feast at the famous River Rock Café in beautiful downtown Walden. You will be impressed by their new asphalt parking lot (where we can park our 'special' cars) and the rough hewn logs and rustic interior of this local historic gathering place. After lunch, we'll head south to Rand on I 25 and over Willow Creek Pass. This is one of Colorado's premier sports car routes; you really don't want to miss this road with long sweeping curves, beautiful high alpine meadows and spectacular mountain scenery. Just keep your eyes on the road! It ranks as a must-drive in my logbook every year. Then we come back down to earth in Granby where we'll stop to share some afternoon ice cream.

I can't decide if I'm in for the incredible drive or all of the good food! Come for both and you'll be impressed by all of the above and the wonderful spring scenery and open roads in Northern Colorado. So clear the board of 'honey do's' because you really don't want to miss this drive.

In order to hold your lunch reservations at the River Rock Restaurant, please email me at [g.odehna@gmail.com](mailto:g.odehna@gmail.com). Expect lunch to be a soup-and-sandwich buffet with a cost of about \$12-14 per person, depending on total numbers. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to be the Denver Brigade Commander, call me at 970-219-9821 or email me at [g.odehna@gmail.com](mailto:g.odehna@gmail.com). ■

# JOIN US FOR 'DRIVE 4 CORNERS' AUGUST 7-10, 2015

BY: TOM SCHULTZ

**Calling all members who love driving their BMW!!** The annual Drive 4 Corners BMW meet is taking place at the start of August in Pagosa Springs, CO. Any and all BMW owners or enthusiasts are invited to take a trip to beautiful Southern Colorado for a great 'driving destination' weekend. Club members are invited to join the 2015 annual D4C event as an enjoyable fall drive and relaxing getaway event weekend!

Event information and driver registration is available on the event webpage, [www.drive4corners.com](http://www.drive4corners.com).



Look for additional event details in the summer MSR edition or at <http://drive4corners.com/category/drive-4-corners-event/2015-meet/>.

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It's less than 2 weeks until we have some fun at High Plains Raceway on May 23rd and 24th, so it's time to ramp up my search for volunteers!

It takes a lot of volunteers to staff the corners so that we can run a safe and fun event and keep the cost reasonable. For those who have driven at past events, it really is a great way to "give back" and also to round out your performance driving skills by seeing the event from the "other" side and how others improve on track throughout the day. And for others, it is a way to check out what happens at driving schools, and to get out and do something fun and different while enjoying the Colorado outdoors. Bring a friend and you'll be put on the same corners together.



No experience is necessary to work corners. We have pre-reading material, do training at the track prior to going out to the corners, and I'm usually able to pair newbies up with more experienced people or with people they request. Volunteers will be in constant radio contact with the Control person, and do not have to respond to accidents - they are rare, and we have a safety truck and ambulance for that. Those who volunteer early get their choice of corners. We provide lunch and complimentary dinner on Saturday night, and, for people who drive out just to volunteer, we can help with a gas allowance.

I'd appreciate hearing from anybody who is interested in volunteering as soon as possible. I don't mind you changing your mind prior to the event as long as I'm told beforehand, so please volunteer today! Just fire me an email and I'll get you signed up. Ask friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers—anyone who is 18 or older.

Cheers,  
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# TIME FOR THE 32nd ANNUAL SPRING CONCOURS

BY: DAVE STACKHOUSE

It's that time of year to wash and wax your favorite BMW and bring it to the 32nd annual Colorado Concours at Arapahoe Community College on South Santa Fe Drive.

The date this year is Sunday, June 7th with the featured vehicle for 2015 ~ the Porsche 550 Spyder. We are hoping to have the new 917 on site. And of course, we will have our favorite BMWs on display. In the past, there have been over 450 classics and exotics displayed on the lawn at Arapahoe Community College.

Proceeds from the Colorado Concours are a benefit for Ability Connection of Colorado's Creative Option for Early Childhood Education Centers. These four centers provide early care, intervention, prevention, support, and education services to expectant mothers and over 600 infants, toddlers, and preschool children and their families each year. Children receive developmental screening and assessment services, individualized mental health services and other services tailored to their diagnosed disability. Another 750 children are on waiting lists.

Register through the Ability Connection Colorado website at [www.abilityconnectioncolorado.org](http://www.abilityconnectioncolorado.org).



The fee is \$50 per vehicle. Our BMWs will be self-judged, so you won't have to pay extra for judging. Lunch will be provided for all chapter members. Volunteers are always welcome, just go to Ability Connection Colorado website and register. I have been involved with this show for 13 years and it continues to grow every year. This year, I plan on bringing my E30 318 touring that I purchased in Paris a few years ago and imported here late last summer. Hope to see you there. ■

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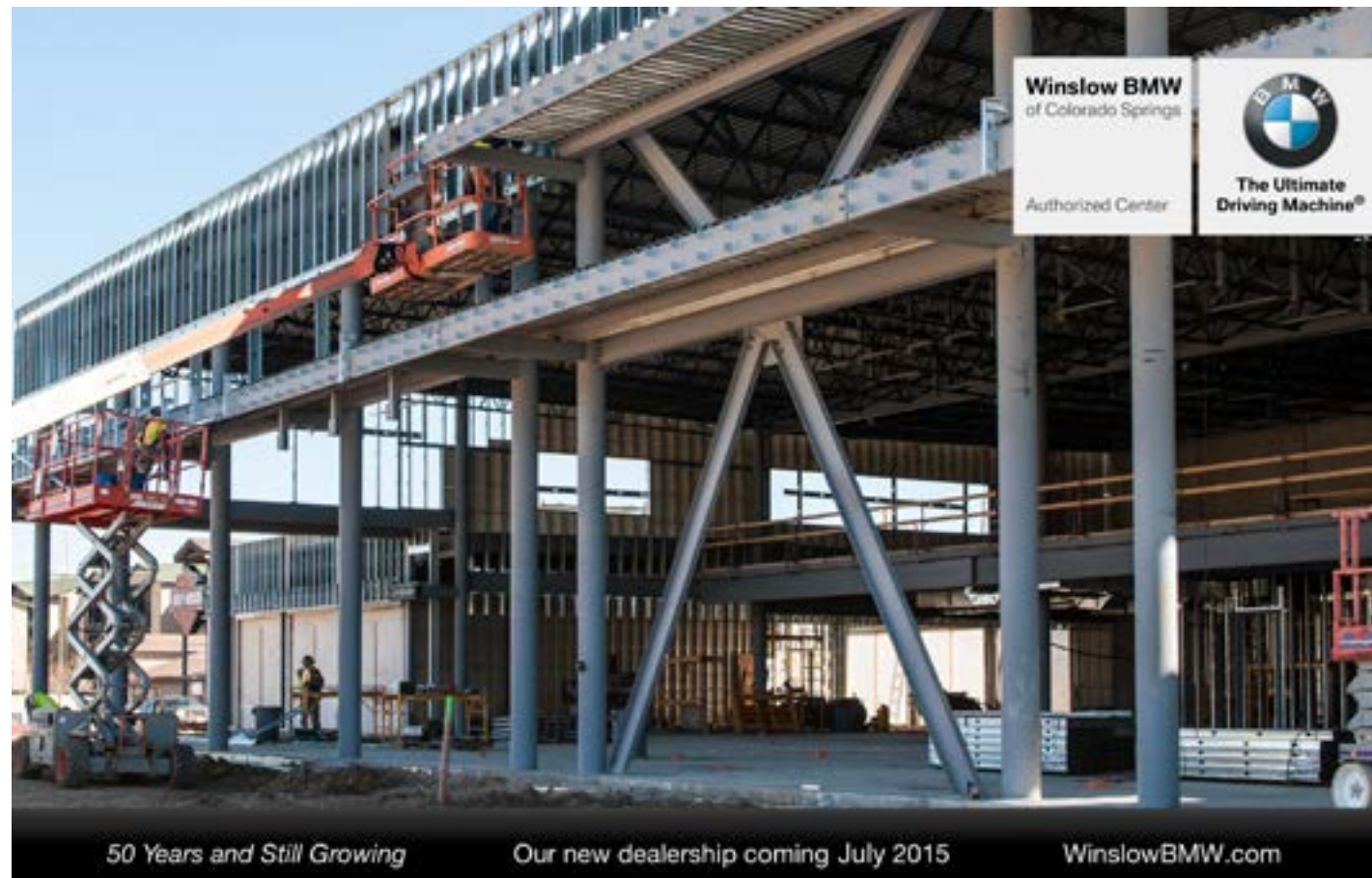
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# A COUPLE OF VISITS TO CO'S BMW

BY: ANDREW JORDAN



Back in 2008, I heard that my good friend and racing buddy, Tim Roghair, had BMW's newest baby in the showroom at Winslow BMW – a 135i. I had read all about this car. It was 'today's version of the BMW 2002'. Well, most of you know about my love affair with the '02, so you can imagine how excited I was at the time. Then I learned that Co's BMW in Loveland had one too. The only time I went to Colorado Springs was on my way to the racetrack at Pueblo. It was not yet racing season, so I really had no plans for a trip to the Springs. But Jordan Pressure Washers had a branch in Fort Collins, so I went north fairly frequently. On my next trip to Fort Collins, I thought I would pop in at Co's BMW and check out the new 135i.

Co van Heerwaarden is also a racing buddy. He accompanied a caravan of BMW enthusiasts to one of the early Formula One races at Indianapolis. His daughter, Christina Dawkins, was the general manager of Co's BMW. She knew me only as 'Turbo's owner'. My previous Border Collie was named Turbo and Christina had a soft spot for him. I felt that I had a modicum of influence at Co's and maybe I could even drive the new 135i. I didn't have enough money for a new car and I had no intention whatsoever of buying a car. I questioned myself, "Is it wrong to take a new car out for a test drive when you know with absolute certainty you are not going to buy the car?" I felt guilty, but my desire to see and drive a new 135i overwhelmed me, so I made plans to visit Co's in the very near future.

I duly arrived in the dealer parking lot one weekday afternoon. I removed my regular shoes and put on my leather racing shoes. How could I possibly heel and toe a new BMW 135i manual drive without the correct attire? Besides, who on earth is going to even notice my racing shoes? Yes, I was dressed in a collar and tie...and blue suede racing shoes. I told my new dog Apex that I would not be gone too long. I left the windows partly open, locked my 535i, and headed into the dealership. I was immediately greeted by a sales representative that I had never seen before.

"I'd like to look at your 135i please," I muttered softly. "I believe you have one now?"

"Certainly, I'll be right back," he replied.

He came back with a key in his hand. "Great," I thought to myself, "he might even let me drive the car." Then he paused. He looked me up and down. I just knew he had spotted my racing shoes. "Damn," I thought, "that's blown it. I should never have changed shoes." I could see him assessing the situation; it was not looking good. I had, unfortunately, pushed it too far.

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Then his face lit up and he said, "You look like you know what you're doing. Take her for a drive." He tossed me the key.

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"By myself?" I asked in amazement.

"Yes. Enjoy yourself. We'll see you soon."

I climbed into the new black 135i. It was an automatic, but it had paddle shifters so you could drive it in a 'manual' mode as well. Not really – it had no clutch. I stared down at my racing shoes; they were all for naught. I could've worn my regular shoes, but then I realized that I was alone in a new 135i and it was all because of them racing shoes.

I learned the workings of the gears and the feel for the car on the service road on the west side of I-25. I did a U-turn at the Ducati / BMW motorbike dealer and zoomed back up to Co's BMW. It all happened so quickly that I turned around and did it again. Only this time, I waited for traffic to clear on the service road and then floored the accelerator. I was faster than the cars on the adjacent I-25 before the baby was out of second gear. I was flying at the end of the service road. The 135i handled the esses at the south end beautifully. I handed the keys back to the sales rep. The car was in perfect condition. I had not broken anything, but my nerves were still tingling. I gave my thanks and left.

I knew that I would have to wait about five years before I could afford a used 135i, but I knew then that one day I would own one. It was truly today's 2002. Then I learned about the teething problems of the 2008 and 2009 models – the oil temperature was way too high. But this was solved on the 2010 model and onwards. As it turned out, I had to wait (and save) until October 2013 before I bought a low-mileage 2010 model. I found it through a guy that had bought a house and needed money desperately. I practically stole the car from him. Shame on me.

On March 21, 2015, our great car club returned to Co's to thank them for their generous sponsorship of the club's 2014 autocross and driving school events. Michael Feldpusch organized the event and even ordered a white sauce pizza just for me. Thanks, Michael! I got to talking with Kenton Dawkins, Christina's husband and general manager of the dealership. I expressed interest in seeing the new 2-door BMW M4. He offered to show me his personal M4. On the way, we found Dave Jobusch with his new white M4. Dave later took me for a drive in his beauty. While I was chatting with Kenton, I remembered my 2008 drive of the 135i. "Kenton," I said, "I have a confession to make and a story to tell you." I started to tell him about my 135i test-drive. When I mentioned the racing shoes, his face lit up and I knew that something was up. Kenton, being the polite gentleman that he is, did not interrupt me, but I could see he was itching to say something.

"What?" I asked abruptly.

"I heard about this a year ago. One of my sales reps told me about a mystery guy that arrived in racing shoes and asked for a test drive in a brand new 135i. I know all about this. So, it was you?"

"Yes. It was me. Are we still friends?"

"Yes, of course we are!" he said with a big smile. There were smiles all around.

It was a BMW kind of day. ■



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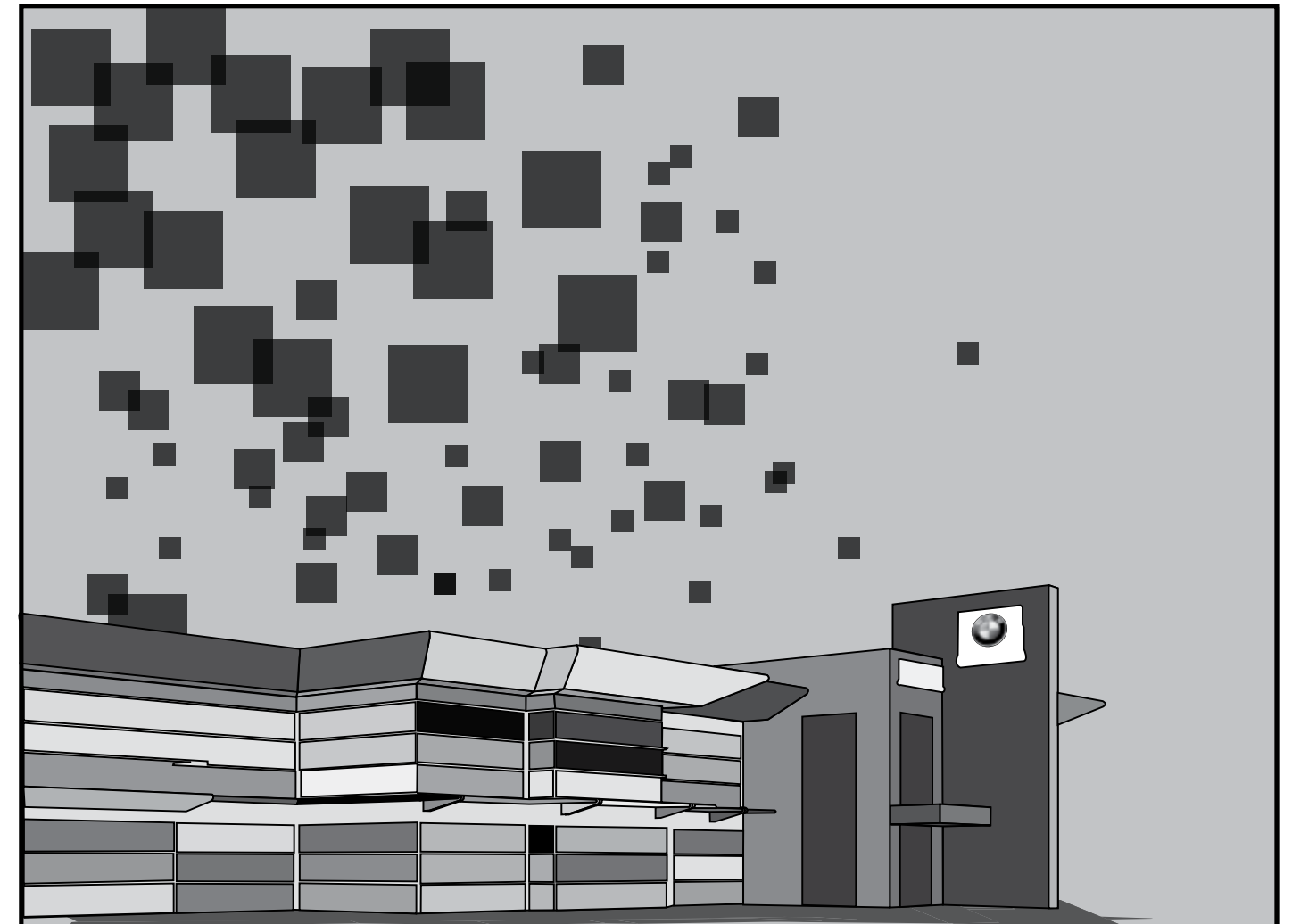
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