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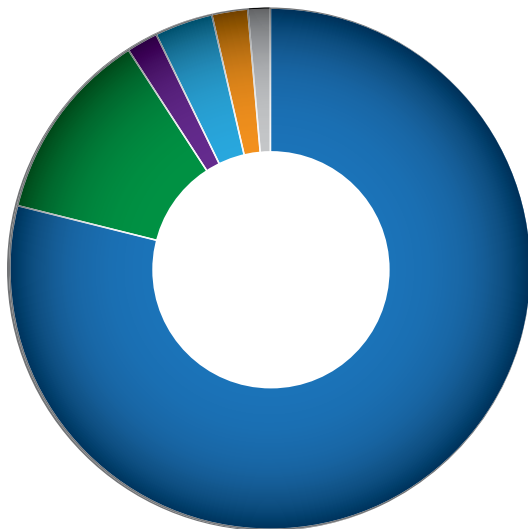
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# RMC BMW CCA MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AS OF MAY 31, 2019



New Members	Referred By
Cristian Espinosa	Sarah Croog
Jason Traxler	Matt Johnson
Ryan Korzyniowski	Jacob Easter
Krishnan Kannan	Lalu Prasad
Vishnu Venugopan	Lalu Prasad
Toby Foss	Steven Moody
Jason Inzer	Geoff Kampe
Michael Mangram	Diana Askew

- Primary Members (1,551)
- Secondary Members (0)
- Associate Members (232)
- New Members (40)
- Renewing Members (68)
- Lapsing Members (43)
- Life Members (27)

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER BMW CCA BOARD ELECTIONS

There will be two positions opening up for the 2019 Board elections. The open positions are President and Vice President and each serve a two-year term, beginning in January 2020. Both positions are vital to the day-to-day operations and are essential in defining the direction and future of our club.

Any individual interested in becoming a candidate for either position must submit their intent via email to [msreditor@rmcbmwcca.org](mailto:msreditor@rmcbmwcca.org) no later than 10:00 P.M., FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019. This information should include a photo of yourself and a short candidate statement outlining your background, ideas, and visions for the club.

ONLINE voting will begin on Saturday, November 2, 2019 and will end at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2019. Voting will be done via MotorsportReg at <http://www.motorsportreg.com>.

Announcement of the election results will be communicated via email by the club, as well as any member activity taking place after the completion of the election. Results will also be published on the club website at <http://www.rmcbmwcca.org> and in the quarterly newsletter, Motorsport Report. ■

# 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

GET UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING DRIVING, SOCIAL EVENTS, AND REGISTRATION ON OUR WEBSITE AT: <http://rmcbmwcca.org/events>  
All dates and event locations are subject to change.

## JULY

### July 13 - Autocross #4

Front Range Airport  
E 30th Avenue, Watkins, CO 80137

### July 13 - Co's BMW 3rd Annual BMW Fest

Co's BMW  
E 4150 Byrd Drive, Loveland, CO 80538

### July 28 - Adam's Polishes Detail Clinic and Social

Time/Location TBD

## AUGUST

### August 3 - Autocross #5

Front Range Airport  
E 30th Avenue, Watkins, CO 80137

### August 15-18 - Drive 4 Corners 2019

Grand Junction, CO – Event Kick-Off

### August 24 - Autocross #6

Front Range Airport  
E 30th Avenue, Watkins, CO 80137

### August 31 - Fall Driving School

Pueblo Motorsports Park  
3733 N Pueblo Boulevard  
Pueblo, CO 81008

## SEPTEMBER

### September 4 - Quarterly Board Meeting

Location TBD – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

### September 14 - Autocross #7

Front Range Airport  
E 30th Avenue, Watkins, CO 80137

## OCTOBER

### October 13 - Tire Rack Street Survival

The Ranch – Larimer County's Events Complex  
5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO 80538

### October 15-19 - 50th Annual Oktoberfest (National)

Greenville, SC

### October 27 - Autocross Banquet

Location/Time TBD

## NOVEMBER

### November 6 - Planning Meeting

Location/Time TBD



Photos by Fox Chung.

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER BMW CCA FALL DRIVING SCHOOL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019

PUEBLO MOTORSPORTS PARK, PUEBLO, CO



The Rocky Mountain Chapter BMW CCA is pleased to present our Fall Performance Driving School. This school provides a unique opportunity for you to drive your car at speed and to experience the thrill of becoming one with your car. The school is open to all BMW CCA members 18 and over with a valid driver's license. Students will alternate between classroom sessions and time on the track with an 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.

For more information, visit <http://rmcbmwcca.org/driving-school/spring-driving-school/>  
**Registration ends on August 26, 2019 at 1:00 AM MDT.**



## VOLUNTEER BIMMERBUCKS INCENTIVES NEW FOR 2019!

If you help out at this event, you will earn Bimmerbucks that can be redeemed for discounts on your entry fee to future Driving Schools, Time Trials, or Autocross events.

- 200 Bucks - Free entry into one day of RMC BMW CCA Driving School or Time Trials
- 100 Bucks - 50% off one-day entry fee for Driving School or Time Trials
- 50 Bucks - 25% off one-day entry fee for Driving School or Time Trials
- 50 Bucks - Free entry to an Autocross event

Bimmerbucks are valid for 5 years from the year of issue, and are transferrable. If you've been trying to convince a friend, family member, significant other, or co-worker that is thinking of trying out one of our events, applying a few Bimmerbucks might swing their decision!

**We are in the process of expanding the Bimmerbucks program to offer more value to our hard working volunteers. Stay tuned! ■**



# TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS

A technical inspection is required for all cars and must be completed prior to the driving school. Please contact one of the following suggested repair shops for appointments and rates. You may also take your car to your regular, preferred repair shop.

The technical inspection form can be downloaded at <http://rmcbmwcca.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/tech-inspection-professional-2018.pdf>.

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<b>West Denver Area</b>	
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<b>Southern Colorado Area</b>	
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# THE Z SERIES CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

BY: JON MOORHEAD

The Z Series Car Club of America (ZSCCA) is a Special Interest Group of BMW CCA dedicated to the enjoyment of all Z-Series BMWs. The Hi RockeeZ group is active in Colorado. Find us on Facebook or visit us at: [www.zscca.org](http://www.zscca.org). ■



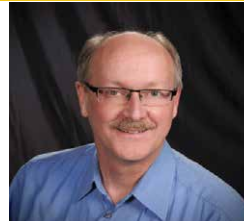
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# TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL

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RMC BMW CCA had a very successful Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) school last year and thanks to repeat sponsorship from Co's BMW, we will be holding our 2019 TRSS School in Loveland on October 13, 2019 at The Ranch Events Complex (Larimer County Conference Center, Brown Meeting Room, Parking Lot B).

The cost to attend Street Survival School is \$95/student. To register for this event, visit:  
<https://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/register.trss/uidEvent/96D459DE-BF03-4699-C4DCBBE491A18B8E>



In addition to looking for students, we are also looking for the following:

- **COACHES:** We need at least 30 coaches. You don't need to be a DE instructor, but you should at least have the skills to run in an advanced DE run group or a few years of autocrossing experience, as well as the ability to calmly and succinctly communicate from the passenger seat. In addition, all coaches are required to register with the Street Survival program and take an online training module: <http://streetsurvival.org/schools/become-a-coach/>. Please send a completion certificate to Sam (contact informatin below) at the end of the test. Coaches who did the training last year (we have you in our records) do not have to take it again, though we recommend repeating it as a refresher
- **REGISTRATION AND EVENT VOLUNTEERS:** We need six people to help with registration on the day of the event and assist throughout the day with logistics.

If you are interested in volunteering or coaching, please contact Sam Smith, Event Coordinator at [samin17@gmail.com](mailto:samin17@gmail.com) or call 719-650-7155.

Please forward to others that might be interested in being a student, volunteer, or coach! ■

# PHILES' FORUM

BY: VIC LUCARIELLO

Hello Bimmerphiles! This time out, I have a follow-up to my last column on AGM (Absorbent Glass Mat) batteries and an AGM conversion story on my E30 M3. But first, a correction...

In the last Philes' I reported that Odyssey Battery tells us the maximum operating temperature for their PC1200 AGM battery is 113°F. I wrote that 113°F is clearly above underhood operating temperatures. I meant to say that 113°F is below underhood operating temperatures, so a PC1200 might not be suitable for an engine-compartment-mounted battery. I was inundated with a veritable Colorado Blizzard of emails taking me to task for this error. Hey, in 32 years of writing Philes', this was my first error. NOT!

As part of the preparation for my last column, I also contacted another AGM battery manufacturer, Optima. These batteries, with their distinctive cylindrical-shaped cells, are quite popular with racers. Optima says that their red-top automotive AGM batteries have a maximum operating temperature of 125°F, same ballpark as for the Odysseys.

After my successful AGM battery installations in my hotrod and in Joanne's 1995 (E36) 325is, I decided to put one in my E30 M3. (A disadvantage of having multiple vehicles is that one of them seemingly always needs a battery or tires. This time, three of them needed a battery.)

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Given that the 325is is a 4-cylinder, I reasoned that it should not need as large and powerful a battery as does the six-cylinder M3. The Interstate MTP 91 battery I removed is rated at 700 CCA (Cold Cranking Amps) while the PC925MJT is rated at only 330 CCA. The MJ stands for metal jacket, not really necessary in this trunk-mount application. The T stands for traditional SAE top battery posts. Without the "T", you don't get battery posts, so keep this in mind.

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A PC925 is somewhat less expensive than a "MJ" or "T", and I believe some internet vendors might be taking advantage of this. Other reasons for selecting PC925MJT are that it precisely fits the width of the "plastic" battery tray in the M3 (same tray for all the trunk-mount-battery E30s) and it is about 13 pounds lighter than the Interstate. My M3 is a street-only ride, but for a track-driven car, 13 pounds is a LOT of weight reduction.

Since the Odyssey battery does not have hold-down "feet" at the bottom of its case like the BCA (Battery Council of America) Group 91 batteries BMW specifies for the trunk-mount E30s, I had to make something to hold the battery down and prevent it from sliding fore and aft in the battery tray. I chose to use a piece of aluminum-alloy channel commonly available from industrial supply houses such as McMaster-Carr. The problem was that I only needed a piece of channel less than a foot long and McMaster-Carr only sells the stuff in longer lengths. Oh well, so now I have some nice aluminum-alloy channel in stock.



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I really hate to drill holes in automobile bodies unless it is absolutely necessary. This is because said holes need to be rust-proofed, and there ain't no rustproofing like factory rustproofing (you 2002 and 320i owners probably scoff at that statement).

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On the M3, I was able to secure the battery hold-down bolts (I used 8-millimeter threaded rod also available from McMaster-Carr) to the “plastic” battery tray by fashioning a couple of reinforcements affixed to the bottom of the tray, mimicking the factory reinforcements, and then mounting 8-mm “nut serts” through the reinforcements and tray bottom. See Photo #1, which shows the underside of the removed battery tray.

One other problem to be solved was that the existing OE battery negative cable was too short to reach the new battery. I was able to source a seemingly very nice quality negative cable from Battery Cables USA. The cable is #2 AWG (American Wire Gauge), closely matching the metric wire gauge of the OE cable, and 12 inches long. Twelve inches was a little more than necessary, but a little longer is preferable to a little too short. BCA will make you a custom cable to your specs, but I chose the 12-inch, which was in stock.

The completed project, with the battery cover removed, is depicted in Photo #2. BMW's “plastic” battery cover fits nicely over the new battery, yet another reason I chose the PC925MJT. The Group 91 battery specified for the E30s has provision for external venting, but this is not needed for the AGM battery. I put all the removed parts together and have them squirreled away in a safe place in case this smaller-than-stock battery does not work out. The M3 can easily be returned to stock configuration if necessary.

We typically have sub-zero °F overnight temperatures here in SW Colorado in January and February, and my M3 hibernates in my enclosed trailer during the nasty months. I am happy to report that when I started the M3 last week, the S14 engine cranked over vigorously and started right up. So time will tell if my choice of a lesser-CCA battery was wise.

That's all for now, bimmerphiles. See you next time.

*Anyone wishing to contribute to Philes' Forum can contact me at [vic.sr@njbmwcca.org](mailto:vic.sr@njbmwcca.org). I'm interested in comments, tech tips, repair /maintenance questions, repair horror stories, emissions-inspection sagas, product evaluations, etc.*

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# SHELL FILL-UP FRIDAY WINNER: VIC KOLEV

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Congratulations to this week's Shell Fill-Up Friday winner, Rocky Mountain Chapter member Vic Kolev, who won a \$50 Shell fuel card thanks to this picture of his E36 M3.

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"I've always dreamed of owning an Estoril Blue M3/4/5, but was having a hard time finding one, as they have all shot up in price," says Vic. "It was a blessing from above that I would pull up next to this one at a red light, strike up a conversation with the owner, and make a deal at a parking lot 500 feet down the road." When asked how he discovered the BMW CCA, Vic says, "I think I originally found the

CCA through the Bavarian Auto publication and Bimmerforums, almost 15 years ago. I started my membership with the BMW CCA in the mid-2000s. Back then I had a slick-top supercharged '95 M3. I am a devout and loyal BMW fan and have been for a while; I've owned thirteen BMWs in the last nineteen years, everything from E30 and E36s to an E39, an E46, and E90s."

So, tell us more about your M3! "The car was a two-owner, 112k-mile example that was driven daily about five miles on a round-trip commute. It came with Bilstein struts on H&R springs," says Vic. "H&R front sway bars, E36 convertible cross brace, UUC short-shifter, and custom audio throughout. Since I purchased it, I have installed a full DINAN package, which has CAI, free-flow exhaust, bored throttle body, and Stage 3 software. I also installed 18-inch Forgestar F14 wheels. I was nervous about going that large, but I think they look great! I love the timeless look of the E36, especially being a modern classic family car now. You just can't beat that!"

As always, thank you, Vic, for your support of the club—and for your participation in Fill-Up Friday!

## Want to win a \$25 Shell Gift Card?

Every Friday, Shell and the BMW CCA will be awarding a BMW CCA member a \$25 Shell V-Power NiTRO+ gift card. For a chance to win, all you have to do is post a picture to Instagram of your car being fueled up at Shell with the hastags #fillupfriday, #bmwccashell, #fuelrewards, and #shell\_ ontheroad. We'll announce the winner on Instagram and BimmerLife every Friday. Good luck, everyone! ■

# SAVE THE DATE!



Join Co's BMW for its 3rd Annual BMW Fest featuring a car show, food, music, and fun!

When: Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 5:00 – 9:30 p.m.  
Where: Co's BMW Center located at 4150 Byrd Drive, Loveland, CO 80538

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# SAVE THE DATE! 10TH ANNUAL VAIL AUTOMOTIVE CLASSIC

SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2019

Join the Vail Automotive Classic for another spectacular event in 2019. Our event line-up includes all of your favorites – the Mountain Road Tour, Wheels & Wings Festival, and Vail Village Car Show. Stay tuned for more details as we plan for this year's weekend in the Rockies!

Visit our website at <https://www.vailautomotiveclassic.com/> for our story and a look at the history of the Vail Automotive Classic. ■

## Seventeenth verse, same as the first.

If you've followed our advertising over the years you've probably noticed that every spring we announce that we've won another **Gold Star Award** from the Denver/Boulder Better Business Bureau. Well, this year is no different – we were just awarded our **seventeenth** in a row in addition to receiving the BBB's highest rating of **A+**!

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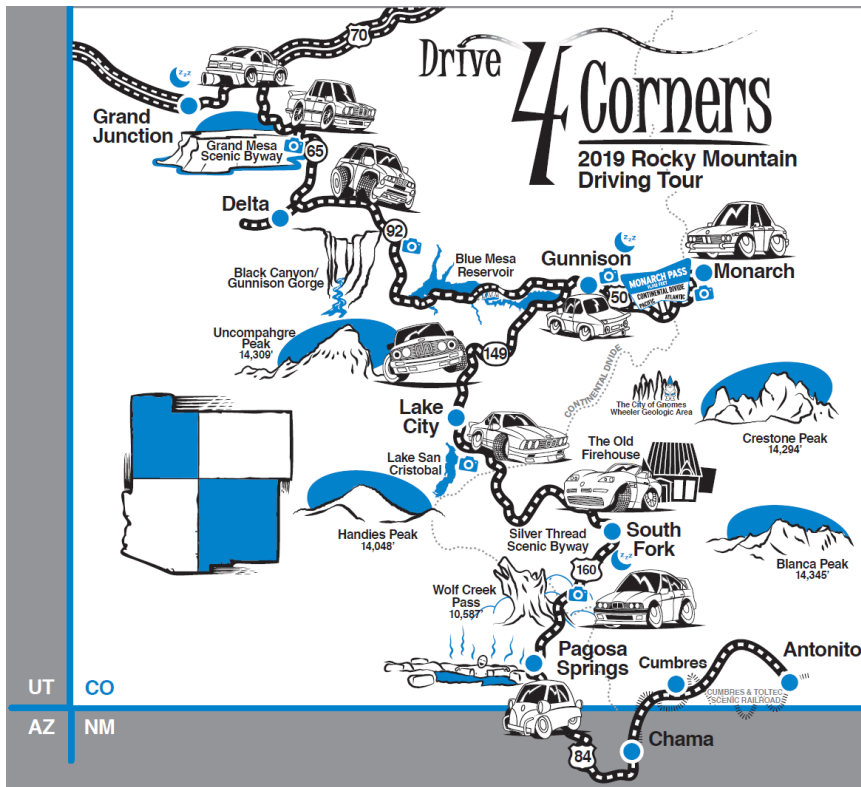
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# DRIVE 4 CORNERS 2019 – ROCKY MOUNTAIN DRIVING TOUR!

AUGUST 15 – 18, 2019

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The annual BMW gathering Drive 4 Corners is back for 2019, the 9th annual event!

D4C aims to gather a group of BMW enthusiasts from the region for a social and driving adventure. Participants join from all over the United States with the goal of getting out and exploring new roads. Drive 4 Corners 2019 will be a shift from events of the past, with the activities moving to a touring format where the home base location moves nightly. These are not only unique destinations off the beaten path, but also premium driving roads along four Colorado designated Scenic Byways.

There will be driving adventures by day, with social gatherings at night. The driving aspect matched with the social aspect makes Drive 4 Corners a relaxed yet engaging event. Many participants have returned to participate for more than 5 years, truly creating a community oriented atmosphere.

2019 will feature an informal sort of event with participants joining a-la-carte style for the route segments and activities that sound most interesting. This means participants can join in for as much as or as little as they see fit along the posted route and schedule.

We realize some participants will split off for other excursions such as mountain biking or hiking, and that is the beauty of the weekend. Drive with other participants along the route, meet new people for meals along the way, or simply convene for the social aspect every evening. It really means that D4C 2019 is what you make it to be.



### Route and Schedule:

Starting on Thursday, August 15, 2019, the event will kick off with a meetup in Grand Junction, CO for an informal social afternoon of go-carting. After the carting championship, participants will meet up in Grand Junction at Ristorante Pantuso for an informal social evening with dinner and drinks ahead of the official driving start of D4C.

The official driving start will begin on the morning of Friday, August 16, 2019 from Palisade, CO. The Exxon truck stop will serve as a fuel stop and group up location before departing along the Grand Mesa Scenic Byway. This segment of driving leads to a lunch on your own in between Cedaredge, CO and Orchard City, CO before continuing on towards Hotchkiss, CO and then Crawford, CO along the West Elk Loop Scenic Byway. The route over Highway 92 is one of the most unique roads you will drive on, meandering along the Black Canyon towards Blue Mesa Reservoir.

This leads the group into Gunnison, CO for the night, with an extended drive continuing on to Monarch Pass for another group photo. A rendezvous in Gunnison will be the highlight of the evening, with Main Street in Gunnison shut down for the Gunnison Car Show cruise-in. There will be music, vendors, and food. The group will join together at the Gunnison County Fairgrounds to socialize as a group within town.

Saturday will end up being a later start for the morning but will begin with a drive from Blue Mesa down the Silver Thread Scenic Byway. Lake City, CO is a destination on its own with a group photo to take place near Lake San Cristobal. A late lunch at Freemon's General Store will be a familiar stop for a burger along the route. This destination will return after a few years off of the D4C schedule. A relaxed evening into South Fork means participants can choose to drive another extended loop or simply slow down in the quiet mountain towns in the area. An awards banquet and social gathering will take place in South Fork, CO at the Old Firehouse. This social evening will be a great way to connect with those who you have traveled with throughout the weekend.

Sunday will begin with the send-off breakfast at our host at the Old Firehouse in South Fork. The driving start will be a later start day but on a familiar route as participants will meet up for the last group photo atop Wolf Creek Pass.

Those interested in continuing will be able to trek into New Mexico and Chama, NM where they will crisscross the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad on their way to Antonito, CO. This scenic section of road is part of the Los Camonis Antiguos Scenic Byway and leads participants to visit destinations such as The Great Sand Dunes National Park.

We urge participants to plan their lodging ASAP as Gunnison especially will be full this time of the year.

**We can't wait to see you there!**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us in advance at [info@drive4corners.com](mailto:info@drive4corners.com). ■



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Chapter Online Forum: <http://rmcbmwcca.org/forum/>

The place to discuss topics with other RMC members, sell a car or parts, and get information on upcoming get-togethers.

National Website: [www.BMWCCA.org](http://www.BMWCCA.org)

Interested in joining the BMW CCA, want to check out national events, need a new membership card, or have an address change? The recently updated website will keep you abreast of all things BMW and allow you to access your account information.

Chapter Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/rmcbmwcca](http://www.facebook.com/rmcbmwcca)

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