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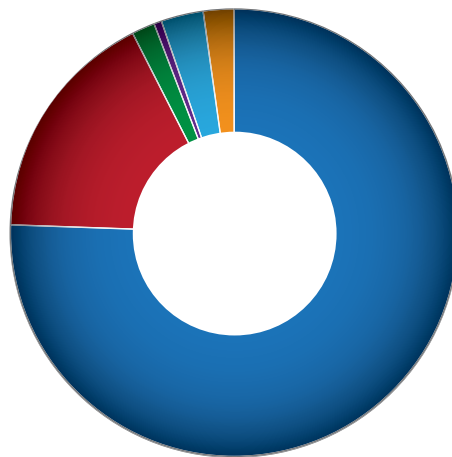
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RMC BMW CCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AS OF JANUARY 10, 2023

- Primary Members (1,363)
- Current Associates (307)
- Life Members (31)
- New Members (9)
- Renewing Members (52)
- Lapsing Members (40)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE RMC BMW CCA!

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY JANET KIYOTA

December is always a joyous time with family and friends, a time to reflect on transitions and endings and the progress from one year to the next.

2022 was a year of numerous firsts and transitions kicked off by AX chair **Jesse Shapiro** and his leadership team: the first AX Test 'n Tune, a new bar-coded timing and scoring system, and 150 different drivers with everyone enjoying fun tunes at lunch.

Driving School chair, **Matt Johnson**, had the task of having to cancel a day at High Plains Raceway due to a late, heavy May snowstorm. Overnight he rallied the troops to ensure cars were out on the track the next day. The fall school saw members driving HPR using only the northern course – a first for RMC. Four new members were inducted: **Casey Gulkin, Derek Johnson, Michael McDonald**, and **Naveen Viswanath**, joining the stellar instructor ranks.

Alison Hopkins did a total revamp of the chapter website. She did double duty by taking on the huge task of putting together a chapter merchandise store for all of us to access. I love my t-shirt and zip hoodie! (<https://rmcbmwcca.myshopify.com/>)

Looking ahead, RMC will see the continuation of our major programs as well as the revival of others that have been dormant far too long.

Lynda Love will be chairing the Tire Rack Street Survival schools. Mark May 7th at the Douglas County EVOC for the first of two teen driving schools. **David Jobusch** and **Naveen Viswanath** are hard at work revamping the social tour program and we can always count on **Jim Flint** to spearhead the social calendar with Bimmer Burger Nights. Members spoke and we listened: social events will be on the rise next year. Keep your eye on the website for events in conjunction with our current advertisers/sponsors and at new locations such as the Colorado Railroad Museum. The first 'Kick-Off the Season' social event will replace the annual winter celebration party in hopes of gathering more of the membership together.

Bryce Kliever will remain in the role of Vice President for another two years. His interest in data assessment and driver development has the Board putting more financial and communication transparency into place. Bryce is joined by **Grady Hurwitz** from Colorado Springs. Grady is already hard at work putting details together to service the Springs area on top of duties as our new Chapter Treasurer.

We would be remiss if we did not celebrate **Fox Chung's** Central Region Board Member of the Year award. Fox will, without a doubt, continue his 10+ years of non-stop service to RMC. **Susan Rhodes** will be relinquishing her role as the Motorsport Report editor at the end of 2022. She has been the backbone for gathering content not only for the newsletter, but coordinating articles for Bimmer Life magazine. We are sad to see her exit but excited for the extra time for driving her BMW. Thank you, Susan!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we appreciate all the members who stepped up to volunteer time and energy to make 2022 a reset for a dynamic, exciting year ahead. We will look forward to seeing all of you in 2023! Happy holidays. ■

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: <https://rmcbmwcca.com/events/>.

FEBRUARY

February 9 - RMC Monthly Conference Call
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

February 28 - Closing date for submissions to the 2023 Motorsport Report Spring Edition

MARCH

March 8 - RMC Monthly Conference Call
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

APRIL

April 12 - RMC Monthly Conference Call
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

April 30 - Autocross School & Car Control Clinic
Douglas County Emergency Vehicle Operation Center (EVOC)
8500 N Moore Road, Littleton, CO 80125

MAY

May 6 - Test-n-Tune
Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP)
East Tie-down Lot, Manila Rd, Watkins, CO 80137
(I-70, Exit 299)

May 7 - Tire Rack Street Survival
Douglas County Emergency Vehicle Operation Center (EVOC)
8500 N Moore Road, Littleton, CO 80125

May 10 - RMC Monthly Conference Call
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

May 13 - Autocross #1
Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP)
East Tie-down Lot, Manila Rd, Watkins, CO 80137
(I-70, Exit 299)

May 20 - Spring Driving School
High Plains Raceway
93301 E US Highway 36, Deer Trail, CO 80105

May 31 - Closing date for submissions to the 2023 Motorsport Report Summer Edition





JUNE

June 14 - RMC Monthly Conference Call

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

June 18 - Autocross #2

Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP)
East Tie-down Lot, Manila Rd, Watkins, CO 80137
(I-70, Exit 299)

June 25 - Women's Autocross

Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP)
East Tie-down Lot, Manila Rd, Watkins, CO 80137
(I-70, Exit 299)

JULY

July 8 - Summer Driving School

High Plains Raceway
93301 E US Highway 36, Deer Trail, CO 80105

July 9 - Autocross #3

Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP)
East Tie-down Lot, Manila Rd, Watkins, CO 80137
(I-70, Exit 299)

July 12 - RMC Monthly Conference Call

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

July 22 - Autocross #4

Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP)
East Tie-down Lot, Manila Rd, Watkins, CO 80137
(I-70, Exit 299)

AUGUST

August 5 - Autocross #5

Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP)
East Tie-down Lot, Manila Rd, Watkins, CO 80137
(I-70, Exit 299)

August 9 - RMC Monthly Board Meeting

6:30pm – 8:00pm

August 26 - Autocross #6

Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP)
East Tie-down Lot, Manila Rd, Watkins, CO 80137
(I-70, Exit 299)

August 31 - Closing date for submissions to the 2023 Motorsport Report Fall Edition

SEPTEMBER

September 13 - RMC Monthly Conference Call

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

September 16 - Autocross #7

Colorado Air and Space Port (CASP)
East Tie-down Lot, Manila Rd, Watkins, CO 80137
(I-70, Exit 299)

OCTOBER

October 11 - RMC Monthly Conference Call

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

NOVEMBER

November 9 - RMC Budget & Planning Meeting

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

November 30 - Closing date for submissions to the 2023 Motorsport Report Winter Edition

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER BMW CCA DRIVING SCHOOLS

MAY 20th & JULY 8th, 2023

HIGH PLAINS RACEWAY, DEER TRAIL, CO

The Rocky Mountain Chapter BMW CCA is pleased to present our Performance Driving Schools (HPDEs) this May and July. These schools provide a unique opportunity for you to drive your car at speed and to experience the thrill of becoming one with your car.



The schools are open to all BMW CCA members 18 and older 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.

Event location:

High Plains Raceway
93301 E US Highway 36, Deer Trail, CO 80105

Event dates:

Saturday, May 20th & Saturday, July 8th

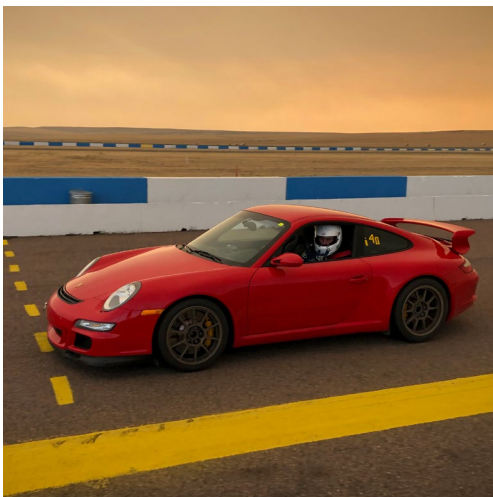
For updates on registration and event information, visit the RMC BMW CCA website at:

<https://rmcbmwcca.com/hpde/driving-schools/>

All event registrations will be located at:

<http://rmcbmwcca.motorsportreg.com>

The RMC Driving School Committee can't wait to see you at our Driving Schools in 2023! Please reach out to Matt Johnson, RMC BMW CCA Driving School Chair with any questions or comments: dsc@rmcbmwcca.org





TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS

A technical inspection is required for all cars and must be completed prior to 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:

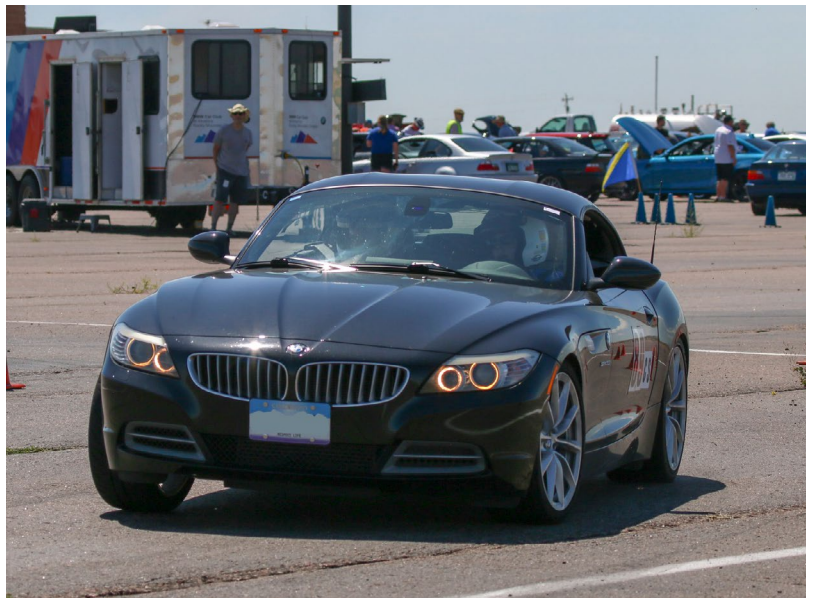
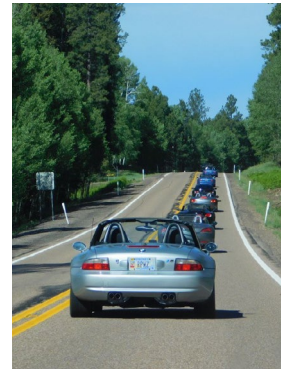
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THE Z SERIES CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

BY: JON MOORHEAD

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PHILES' FORUM

BY: VIC LUCARIELLO

Hello, Bimmerphiles! This time out I have an interesting item about an overfilled brake fluid reservoir and something for you E39 drivers.

At our September driver school at the Shenandoah Circuit of Summit Point Raceway, one participant had a problem with his brakes that I think you ought to know about whether you track your car or not. After the first on-track session, the Bimmer was emitting a strange odor and trailed some smoke or vapor when entering the paddock. A quick look under the hood revealed that brake fluid was spilling from an evidently overfull reservoir. The fluid had made its way onto the exhaust system, hence the smoke. Could the car somehow be generating brake fluid? The reservoir had not been leaking prior to the track session, and the car had been driven to the track.

Several of us theorized that the reservoir had been overfilled when the brake fluid had been changed prior to the event, and that when the brakes got track-hot, the fluid expanded enough to spill out through the filler cap. We removed some fluid, and sure enough, no more fluid leaked out during subsequent track sessions. So, you may ask, how can I be sure not to overfill my brake fluid reservoir?

Every BMW I have ever worked on has, on the brake fluid reservoir, markings that indicate the maximum and minimum permissible fluid levels. The markings can sometimes be hard to see, however, but they are there. Photo #1 depicts a BMW brake fluid reservoir with the



PHOTO #1

“Max” and “Min” level arrows emphasized with felt-marker ink. You can see that there is considerable room for expansion provided above the “Max” arrow. So, when you are changing your brake fluid, ensure that the level is at, but not above, the “Max” mark, AFTER THE CAP AND LEVEL SWITCH ARE IN PLACE.

Sadly, the driver of the car in question reported that a shop had done the brake fluid change for him.

Surely, a shop should have known better than to overfill the fluid reservoir. So, even if you pay someone to change your brake fluid, be sure to double-check the level when you get the car back. Also, be sure to ask them how much fluid they run through the system. I use 1-liter, minimum. Moreover, if your Bimmer requires low-viscosity brake fluid, ensure that is what was installed.

If you have an E39 ('96 – '03 5-Series) sedan and your center, high-mount stop lamp (CHSL) is not working, this next one is for you!

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I recently looked at an E39 with the CHSL out. Simple bulb replacement, right? Not so fast, Alphonse.

The CHSL bulb is accessed from inside the luggage compartment. Stick your head (OK, OK, no jokes about stuffing someone in the trunk!) in and look up under the CHSL and you will see a small cover, which unclips to expose the bulb holder. The bulb holder should come out with a twist after you unplug it. In this case the bulb looked to be a bit hoary, but the filament seemed to be intact. Indeed, checking the bulb with an ohmmeter and comparing to a new bulb suggested that the bulb was still good. Putting 12 volts across the bulb verified this.



Then I noticed the stain on the bulb base (see Photo #2) and examined the bulb holder, which had partially melted in the area of the bulb-ground contact. The fix was a new bulb holder (63-25-8-375-599, listed as fitting all E39 sedans; list price less than \$10), which was conveniently in stock at my local BMW dealer. Rather than clean up the old bulb and reinstall it, I replaced it with a shiny new one (my guess is that the old bulb was the original on this 1999 Fiver).

Be sure to use the prescribed 21-watt bulb so as not to exacerbate the tendency of the bulb holder to melt. Come to think of it, this may be a great application to try a LED-replacement bulb! However, such a bulb may trigger a bulb-out warning light.

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

Anyone wishing to contribute to Philes' Forum should contact me at 02vito@gmail.com. I'm interested in tech tips, repair/maintenance questions and/or tips, repair horror stories, emissions inspection sagas, product evaluations, etc.

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