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## The President's Column

Greetings San Diego BMW CCA Members!!!

Well gang, here we are. Winter is upon us and we are just about to close up shop on 2017. I look back on this year and think: "Where did the time go?" We did a lot this year and I have a lot of people to thank

for their volunteerism. But before I can thank the board members and volunteers for their time and energy, I need to thank the you, the members. This club is for you and if it weren't for the members who consistently renew their memberships and participate in our events, there wouldn't be a club for us to enjoy! Thank you members!!!

For the past 11 months I've had the opportunity to work with a great group of people on the San Diego Chapter Board of Directors. With all the challenges we faced this year, I have to commend the board for their diligence and volunteerism. A lot of what we do as a board is done behind the scenes and sometimes the effort can go unnoticed. I can only hope that each board member knows they are appreciated. Some of the best parts of the club happen because someone decided to volunteer. It can be an incredible, fulfilling experience to volunteer for a duty or job in our club.

But, like most of us who volunteer a lot of their time, it eventually has to change. We can only do so much for so long. As life circumstances change, sometimes it's just time to move on. Therefore, it is with some regret that I won't be running for Chapter President for 2018. It's time for me to focus on my job that I love and the demands that come with it. I will still be attending many events but it's time for someone else to take the driver's seat of our San Diego Chapter!

Cheers,

Nick Owen

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Please send us your stories, tech. tips, photos, etc. We welcome and encourage any material you think would be informative or interesting to other members. All information should be submitted to the editor directly by e-mail to [sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com). The deadline for submitting information to the editor is the 15th of even months.

## Calendar

### November 11

Women's Car Control Clinic  
SDCCU Stadium, West Lot

### November 12

Thankful Days Autocross  
SDCCU Stadium, West Lot

### November 14

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting

### December 10

San Diego Chapter – Holiday Party  
San Diego Automotive Museum

### December 12

San Diego Chapter - Board Meeting &  
Chapter Elections

### December 16

Ultimate Autocross  
SDCCU Stadium, West Lot

### January 13

Resolution Autocross  
SDCCU Stadium, West Lot

### January 27

BMW Performance Center Event  
Thermal, California

## New Club Members

Welcome! We look forward to meeting  
you at one of our upcoming club events!

Fernando Alcocer  
Wayne Anderson  
Jim Benlatreche  
Kenny Beron  
George Branch  
Joel Broida  
James Calkins  
Kelley Coates  
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## Monthly Meetings

San Diego Chapter monthly Board Meetings are held  
the 2nd Tuesday of each month at:

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant  
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

5:45 p.m. – Pizza & soft drinks  
6:30 p.m. – Board Meeting

Please join us to meet fellow members, be the first to  
hear about upcoming events and learn how you can  
contribute to our chapter.

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Formerly of La Jolla Independent BMW Service, Chris has been a leading technician in the San Diego BMW community for the last 13 years. Chris started Independent Motorcars in order to continue to deliver a high level of service to his customers and expand those services to the other makes and models his customers have in their garage.



### JAY PRZEPADLO

Formerly of La Jolla Independent BMW and Herman Cook VW, Jay has an extensive knowledge of BMW cars and has been factory trained in VW and Audi automobiles during his 15-year career. His main focus is to maintain customer vehicles to a higher-than-factory standard.



### ERIK STORER

Formerly of La Jolla Independent BMW, Erik is our resident customer service advocate, in-shop assistant, code enforcer, neat freak and comedian. Erik is the support system of Independent Motorcars in all facets of what we do. Chances are he has picked you up or driven you home without the use of navigation or Google Maps.



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## Upcoming Event

# WOMEN'S Car Control Clinic

Saturday, November 11

Register NOW at [sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com](http://sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com)



Hey Ladies! Join us for our second Women's Car Control Clinic on November 11! Improve your driving skills, increase your confidence, and experience your car's capabilities in a fun, safe and stress-free environment. Through our classroom sessions, car-control exercises and course practice, you will learn skills and techniques that will be applicable to real-world driving situations. In the classroom, we'll discuss everything from proper seating and mirror positions to oversteer and understeer. After class, our experienced driving instructors will help you master the car control exercises. Then in the afternoon, we'll do all the exercises in succession in one big course.

**\* Want even more? Sign up for the autocross on Sunday, November 12 to practice everything you learned at the Car Control Clinic!**

### What will my day look like?

7:00 am – Arrive at Qualcomm Stadium; Empty your car  
7:20 am – Registration and Safety Inspection Open  
8:00 am – Introduction and Classroom Session  
9:00 am – Car Control Exercises  
12:30 pm – Lunch and Q&A  
2:00–4:00 pm – Practice Laps

### What car can I bring?

All registered, street-legal cars are welcome. Two drivers may share one car, but both drivers must register separately.

### Who can register?

Any female with a valid driver's license who is at least 16 years of age. Drivers under the age of 18 must bring a legal guardian to sign the Minor Release Waiver. BMW CCA membership is not a requirement.

### What is the cost?

\$60 which includes muffins and coffee in the morning and a catered lunch in the afternoon. Sign up for this event AND the regular autocross on Nov 12 and save \$10!

### How do I sign up?

Registration is online using MotorsportReg. You'll need to create an MSR account if you don't already have one.

\*\* Only 40 spots available so sign up early! \*\*  
[sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com](http://sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com)

### What should I bring?

Your car with a full tank of gas and good tire tread, your driver's license, sunscreen, a hat and if you have one or can borrow one, a Snell 2010 or newer helmet. A limited number of helmets are available first-come, first-served, so please let us know if you will need one.

### Will my insurance be valid?

Check with your individual carrier to see if you are covered for an event such as this.

### I have more questions. Who do I ask?

Email Kim, at [autocross-director@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:autocross-director@sdbmwcca.com)



## Upcoming Event

# THANKFUL DAYS Autocross

## Sunday, November 12

Register NOW at [sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com](http://sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com)



On this Veterans Day weekend and as we approach the holidays, let's take a moment to be thankful for all that we have in life: heroic military members who selflessly serve our country, wonderful family and friends, San Diego with its amazing weather, our BMW CCA and its fun programs and fabulous members, BMW of El Cajon for their support of our autocross events, and, of course, the parking lots at Qualcomm Stadium. We'll be thanking our servicemen and women by offering a **discount registration on Sunday's autocross for all active duty, veterans, reservists, Guard AND spouses.** And we'll be showing our thanks to the parking lots by decorating them with our tires! **We'll be back on Standard Time and limited to 80 participants, so register early. You don't need a BMW to enjoy the fun; all marques are welcome!**



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# Upcoming Event

## 2017 Holiday Party

### San Diego Automotive Museum

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

#### San Diego Automotive Museum

Balboa Park, San Diego

Come celebrate the holidays with your fellow club members at the Auto Museum.

We have privately reserved the entire facility so we can enjoy the cars too!!

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\*\*\* Gift Exchange \*\*\*

As always, for those who want to participate, we will have an automotive gift exchange with theft privileges. Gag gifts are fun, but not the idea here.

Naturally, the \$20 – \$25 gifts should be wrapped.



# Upcoming Event

## ULTIMATE Autocross

### Saturday, December 16

Register NOW at [sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com](http://sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com)



Join us for our final autocross of 2017 and your last chance to earn points! We'll be back in the West Lot of SDCCU stadium for tons of holiday fun! We'll have our 5th Annual Instructor Runoff and our Instructor / Staff appreciation awards. **We'll be back on Standard Time and limited to 80 participants, so register early. You don't need a BMW to enjoy the fun; all marques are welcome at our autocrosses!**

**The helmet standard requires Snell 2010 or 2015 ratings. Check yours now to be sure it's up to date as rentals are very limited.**

#### IMPORTANT:

- **Only Snell 2010 and 2015 helmets are allowed**
- **All cars MUST be under a 91 dB noise level and we'll be checking! Over 91 dB = no autocross.**
- We do run if it's raining—you'll learn more and your tires will wear less!
- **You must be a BMW CCA member to participate.** Join online at [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org) in advance. Bring your membership card or print your membership confirmation if you have not yet received your membership card.
- We usually fill all the spots prior to the event, so register online early.
- If you choose to register onsite, bring cash or check and arrive by 7:30 am.
- The entry fee of \$65 includes breakfast items, lunch and beverages. Additional lunches for guests can be purchased for \$8 at Registration.

#### Schedule:

- 6:30 am – Gates Open
  - 7:00 am – Registration and Tech Inspection Open
  - 8:00 am – Tech Inspection Closes  
(no inspection = no autocross)
  - 8:20 am – Driver Meeting (mandatory)
  - 9:00 am – Course Opens
- The day typically ends between 4 – 4:30 pm.



Photo: Travis Sterne

#### Newcomers:

We've all had a first time and we're all still learning, so relax, have fun and enjoy your time with us. You will have an instructor take you around the course for one lap in your car showing you turn-in points, braking zones and so on. Your instructor will then ride with you for your next three laps helping you learn the course. In your next session, and during the timed runs, you can have an instructor with you or you can go solo if your instructor feels you're ready. These events are what you make them; you can push for good lap times and enjoy the friendly competition or you can have more of a social event where running laps is just another part of a fun-filled day.

Check out the Autocross pages at <http://www.sdbmwcca.com/> for more info on this wonderfully addictive sport.

If you have registration questions, contact Jim Patterson at [sd-autocross@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:sd-autocross@sdbmwcca.com).

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# Don Duncan

## Our Chapter Treasure(r)

**AT THE AUGUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS** meeting, our Treasurer Don Duncan announced that he and his wife Mardelle would be moving to Camarillo in Ventura County to be closer to his grandchildren. Don submitted his official resignation letter on September 3. After being a hardworking Chapter member for over 25 years and our diligent Treasurer for 9 terms, we were all dismayed by the thought of not seeing his smiling face at events and meetings.

Don joined our Chapter at the urging of former President John Driscoll, who knew Don for years through their membership in a professional accountant association. He was looking for a safe car for his 16 year-old daughter, and as a fellow car enthusiast, he asked John for suggestions. Don bought her a 320i, the first BMW in his family, and his life has been never the same since. Don is a native San Diegan, raised in Lemon Grove, and always living in our county except during his stint in the US Air Force in Sacramento. Though he lost a twin brother at a young age, Don's hallmark was his big smile and positive attitude any time you saw him. His passions are his family, golf, fishing, and fun cars.



Photo: Lisa Goehring

Don was always a car nut, owning a Porsche 912 and Datsun 240Z before he was introduced to BMWs. After buying a white 320i for his daughter, he was so impressed with it that he bought a blue one for himself and enjoyed it at Club events for years. Don and I drove to Colorado together for Oktoberfest '95, giving him a lot of time to experience the Euro E30 that I owned at the time. He realized that he "needed" more power for his 320i, and hoped to install an S14 M3 engine. Instead, I urged him to consider replacing it with a whole E30 M3. He ultimately bought one of the



nicest used E30 M3's in the country, a like-new Salmon Silver example from an oil executive in Texas. That car made the rounds to our clean car shows and Driving Schools for years, always looking perfect. When he got the itch for even more power, Don decided to invest in a classic '65 Corvette Stingray. With just one spot in the garage for a fun car, the M3 had to go. His hope to make the Corvette handle like a BMW didn't work out; it ending up being a car that cost as much as a BMW but never drove like one.

For Oktoberfest 2007 in Ft. Worth Texas, Don joined me for the whole adventure. I had recently purchased a one-of-a-kind E46 330i ZHP, customized with all-metal bodywork to mimic a (non-existent) M3 sedan. After a lot of time behind the wheel, Don fell in love with it and persuaded me to let him buy it when it really wasn't for sale. He's owned it ever since, being a fine caretaker of a unique car and making some tasteful changes (like wrapping the roof to look like carbon fiber in a current M car). That car has been to many a car show and driving school since, with its smiling owner always nearby. Don has almost become a fixture at the National Oktoberfests, driving to many, and building vacations with Mardelle around some far-away events.

In addition to his National profile, Don has been very active in Chapter social events and driving events and a regular at Board meetings. He was our Chapter President in 1997-98. His career as a hard-working executive accountant at SDGE prepared him well for his next important role in the Chapter, serving as our much-appreciated Treasurer since 2009. Our Chapter had been very generous over the years in making charitable donations and hosting free events for members, but that left us with dwindling cash reserves. When Don took over, he wanted to shift the emphasis to financial planning and forecasting, not just reporting the numbers. He set a goal to build up our cash in an equipment fund and to help our Board to make more informed decisions. Under his guidance (not always popular, but always wise), Don returned



Photo: Lisa Goehring



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our Chapter to very solid financial footing, and enabled us to purchase a used pickup for towing our driving events trailer without needing to touch the equipment fund. He presided over the complexity of distinguishing non-member income when our National Club was under IRS audit and new requirements had to be implemented. And he never took our cash and disappeared to Mexico!

Before and during Don's Board tenure, he was always volunteering to help at events. As a fan of driving schools, in addition to participating, he would help out with administration, flagging, transportation, and any other tasks needed. Don experienced track schools from Buttonwillow to Laguna Seca to the legendary Nurburgring. At autocross events, for years he helped at the registration table, then spent the day managing course workers and transporting them efficiently to keep the event on time. Don would often get up early for events to help out even when he wasn't participating himself. He took several trips in the Club truck and trailer to support events while his BMW stayed home in the garage.

This is the mark of genuine volunteer: putting in lots of hours on behalf of the Chapter without any personal benefit. We know that we're an all-volunteer organization, but most of us at least get to have some fun along with the work. This is another part of what makes Don a real Chapter Treasure. Our Chapter's highest honor is being voted by members to receive our Bill Brecht Memorial Volunteer of the Year award, which Don earned and richly deserved. He will remain a San Diego Chapter member with hopes to visit occasionally. We will all miss Don's smile, good nature, volunteerism and fiscal guidance. But most of all we will miss his friendship. Don has spent many weekends driving up to Ventura County to visit his family. We want to remind him that I-5 is a two-way road that comes back to his San Diego BMW family too!

*Dan Tackett*



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**IT'S OFFICIAL. IT HAD TO HAPPEN AT SOME** point. I'm officially old and out of touch with today's youth.

"Do you [your club] do low limbo," inquires two teenagers featuring plugs and lip piercings. I was flummoxed, failing to connect limbo to cars quickly enough. My confused retort, "low... limbo?... Noooo."

The pair laughed in unison and walked away. If I were swifter with my jocularly I would've mentioned how I fancy an intact oil pan. If you're still wondering what low limbo is, it's the equivalent of a limbo contest for cars. The lowest car that can still drive under the limbo bar wins. Apparently, today's youth has low expectations for what their high-performance cars can do.

We're at Big SoCal Euro; a yearly gathering of nearly 3,000 European auto enthusiasts whose average age is 10-15 years my junior. To put this in perspective, my driver's license is of driver's license age. These enthusiasts represent the next twenty to thirty years of automotive enthusiasm. It stands to reason the club needs to listen, understand, and engage these enthusiasts regardless of how we define

automotive enjoyment.

If you've never attended Big SoCal Euro, the entire west lot of Qualcomm turns into a Bimmerfest-like all-European marques car show and tailgate.

And our San Diego Chapter has been an exhibitor for years, bringing awareness of the BMW Car Club of America and encouraging new membership. We also have fun showcasing some of our members' rides.

Selling the benefits of joining the club is easy. Club cruises, parts and labor discounts, new and CPO BMW rebates, tech sessions and social events, the knowledge bank and support from fellow members and sponsors, and autocrosses or HPDE's are great conversation starters. Eyes routinely grow wide when they learn we run autocross layouts that consume the size of the entire SoCal Euro event.

This year our booth showcased six exemplary performance-oriented cars spanning classic to modern BMWs. It was a breath of fresh air from the endless number of highly modified modern show cars from other exhibitors.





BMW CCA National President Steve Johnson loaned his “WAHR M3” E30 M3, complete with a 2.5L stroker S14, Koni struts, larger sway bars, M-Tech II steering wheel and more. The boxed fenders, classic styling, BMW CCA grille badge and classic M3 logos are enough to grab attention from any enthusiast. Wahr M3, indeed.

For a taste of modern, member Ryan Moore brought his 2015 F80 M3 Individual in Laguna Seca Blue on Sakhir Orange interior. Featuring Bilstein PSS10 coil-overs with Ground Control camber plates, 6-speed manual transmission, Active Autowerke Signature exhaust, Status Gruppe carbon fiber diffuser, and Vorsteiner VFF-103 wheels, this car has performance and style modifications that draw people in.

Shawn Nekouei provided a classic BMW with his 1969 BMW 2002 “M2 Evo.” Round taillights, Chamonix finish, steel wheels with polished hub caps, and a wood “Lux” trim present a nicely

restored roundie. Open the hood and you’re in for a surprise. This two thousand pound Ultimate Driving Machine houses a 2.5L S14 Evo motor with Evo sport cams. While the car hasn’t been dynoed, Evo motors are known for producing upwards of 240hp. Plenty enough for a Neue Klasse to leave people bewildered when it pulls on cars 30-40 years newer. If this car looks familiar, it’s because you might have seen it featured on Stance/Works, Petrolicious, or his Instagram account @m2evo.

Neil Daly braved the wet roads in Lucy, his Baltic Blau 1984 BMW E30 318i. Featuring an S52 conversion with Dinan supercharger, this car is street legal and passes CA smog. The car is cool, literally: Methanol injection for cool air temps, an oil cooler and power steering cooler, not to mention a working AC to keep the driver equally cool. A limited slip differential, Ground Control coil-overs, E46 steering rack with rack spacers for angle, and standalone hydraulic





hand brake means this car handles, drifts, and power slides with ease. Those chrome polished bottle cap wheels are becoming rarer and rarer by the day, too. If you've attended autocross, you've likely seen Lucy and Neil in action. This car attracted a great deal of attention among the turbo and supercharger modders in attendance.

Malcolm Hill supplied a modern unicorn and future classic with his 2009 BMW e91 328i Sportwagon M-Sport. This car is tricked-out featuring a 6-speed manual, Life Cycle Impulse, rear wheel drive, Bilstein PSS10 coil-overs, front and rear M-control arms, M3 rear sub-frame bushings, H&R rear sway bar, and BMW Performance Exhaust—clearly built for autocross and track days. It's a shame BMW has abandoned RWD, straight-six wagons because this car proves that wagons are cool. #ProperRoofLength #SaveTheWagons.

Last but certainly not least was a BMW E9 CSL, courtesy of Carl Nelson. The car's wild styling,

classic shark nose front, distinct rear wing, Fjord Blau paint with M-stripes, immaculate interior with deep CSL bucket seats, and a 3.8L M30 drew quite a crowd. Many attendees were slack-jawed, stunned to see a real CSL.

I often am asked, 'How can I get involved?' Events like this are a perfect way to volunteer a little time to support the club and meet fellow members and enthusiasts. I've learned that the club is what you make of it, so it's up to you to get the most out of being a member. A special thanks to all our volunteers who helped make this year's event a successful one, from setup and teardown, to staffing the booth.

If there's one thing I've learned about the Big SoCal Euro crowd, it's that variety is the spice of life. Our club is open to everyone and there is something for everyone. If you haven't been to Big SoCal Euro, check it out in 2018. Because next year may be the last year at this location.

*Travis Sterne*







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Mark M.	1990	RF90	64.876
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Conor B.	1901	Miata	67.347
Peter E.	2016	M4 Coupe	67.676
Sean T.	1992	Miata	68.032
William W.	2004	Miata	68.597
Matthew K.	1992	E36	69.287
Thomas S.	1984	944	70.933
Greg D.	1996	328i	71.360
Rob W.	2017	M2	72.116
Lisa G.	2016	M2	73.438
Donald A.	1990	964	75.057

### LC - LEGACY

Grayson M.	1998	318Ti	78.072
Grant K.	1997	318ti	78.342

### MM - ///M MODIFIED

Murat E.	2017	M2	68.837
Evan F.	1998	M3	69.474
Jason B.	2006	M3	70.174
Jonathan K.	1998	M3	70.699
Roland B.	2002	M3	70.886
Steve P.	1999	M Coupe	72.359
Dan L.	1988	M3	73.284
Jon F.	1995	M3	76.995
Daniel H.	1997	M3	81.342

### MPM - ///M MODIFIED OVER 400 STOCK HP

Ryan M.	2015	M3	72.138
Tom F.	2016	M4	74.508
Ashley A.	2008	M3	79.234

### MPS - ///M STOCK OVER 400 STOCK HP

Steven W.	2009	M3	72.578
Vinh L.	2015	M3	74.621
Andrew C.	2011	M3	78.034

### MS - ///M STOCK

Greg U.	2016	M2	69.304
Shawn F.	2011	1M	69.480
Jack R.	1999	M3	71.670
Jacob R.	2002	M3	74.797
Jordan M.	2001	M5	75.233
Danielle C.	2017	M2	79.129
Mort M.	1997	M3	82.570

### NAM - NATURALLY ASPIRATED MODIFIED

Ryan W.	1990	325is	71.812
Ryan K.	2001	330Cl	72.258
Peter O.	2000	Z3-2.8	73.402
Ramze B.	1990	325is	73.642
Chris K.	2006	330i	74.461
Simon R.	2004	325i	76.076
Malcolm H.	2009	328i	80.773
Michael D.	2004	330i	81.547

### NAS - NATURALLY ASPIRATED STOCK

Tyler D.	2006	330i	74.273
Brian N.	2003	Z4	74.483
Edward D.	2006	330i	76.611
Harry W.	2000	Z3-2.8	77.023
Kenny B.	2006	325i	78.059
Jeff A.	2006	325i	80.580
Lars S.	2005	325iT	83.958

### TM - TURBO MODIFIED

Chris R.	2011	135i	76.364
Mikey R.	2011	135i	77.105

### MC - MINI

Randy R.	1901	Cooper S	79.036
Steve R.	2013	Cooper S	81.552

### TS - 6/8/12 TURBO STOCK

Paul H.	2014	235i	72.391
John B.	2013	135i	74.539
Kurt M.	2010	535i	75.278
Phil W.	2013	335i	83.010

### X - NON-BMW

Andreas K.	2006	Exige	66.982
Julien B.	2015	Catfish	67.029
Thomas A.	2007	Yaris	68.113
Tom F.	1901	MX5	68.351
Carl L.	2006	Miata	68.543
Robert J.	2012	MX-5	68.845
David R.	2007	Corvette Z06	69.855
Michael B.	2016	Mustang GT	70.336
Eiman R.	2017	R	70.590
Fred C.	2017	Miata RF	71.034
Luca C.	1990	Miata	71.336
Andrew H.	1998	Impreza	72.835
Rachel M.	1993	Miata	73.030
Daniel R.	2007	RX-8	73.677
Doug M.	1993	Miata	74.798
Mark B.	2007	RX8	74.983
Pelton B.	2015	BRZ	75.356
Zhenyu H.	2016	Camaro	75.975
Fernando A.	2003	360	76.119
Edward F.	2011	Corvette	76.186
Trevor H.	2003	Protege 5	76.219
Matt M.	1990	Miata	76.925
Justin B.	2004	Accord	77.334
Karen C.	2007	RX8	77.564
Kathi V.	2017	124 Spider	77.616
Mark M.	2017	MX5	78.864
Andrew E.	2015	MX5	82.246
Jason B.	2016	Altima	86.571





# Resurrecting an E30: Part 2



## CARFAX FORENSICS

Last issue, I covered my trials and tribulations getting my project 325e set up with a new catalytic converter and exhaust in preparation for smog. I was successful in the endeavor, and consider myself very lucky avoiding retests due to a vacuum issue or other related problem.

Whenever I buy a used car, I always purchased either a CARFAX vehicle history report or an Autocheck report to learn about ownership history, where the car previously lived and, if possible, where it was serviced. Unfortunately, paintwork and other issues are not recorded in these reports, so that must be done in person. Some individuals trust their eyes to spot orange peel, while others prefer a paint gauge to detect inconsistent application levels.

For this installment, I discuss the fascinating information I learned about the history of my 325e from publicly available records.

The CARFAX report for my 325e contained 34 service history records for a sum of 47 total records. In conjunction with the receipts I received with the car, this translated to almost 60 lines of data in my maintenance/purchase tracking spreadsheet. Unfortunately, the data only went back to 1991, a full six years after the car had been on the road. But the information still proved valuable and interesting.

Parsing through the available records revealed that the car had spent considerable time with an owner who lived in or around Trona, California, a small, unincorporated community with a population of less

than 2,000. Situated roughly halfway between the southern portions of the Sequoia National Forest and Death Valley National Park, the town was named after an ingredient used to make soda ash.

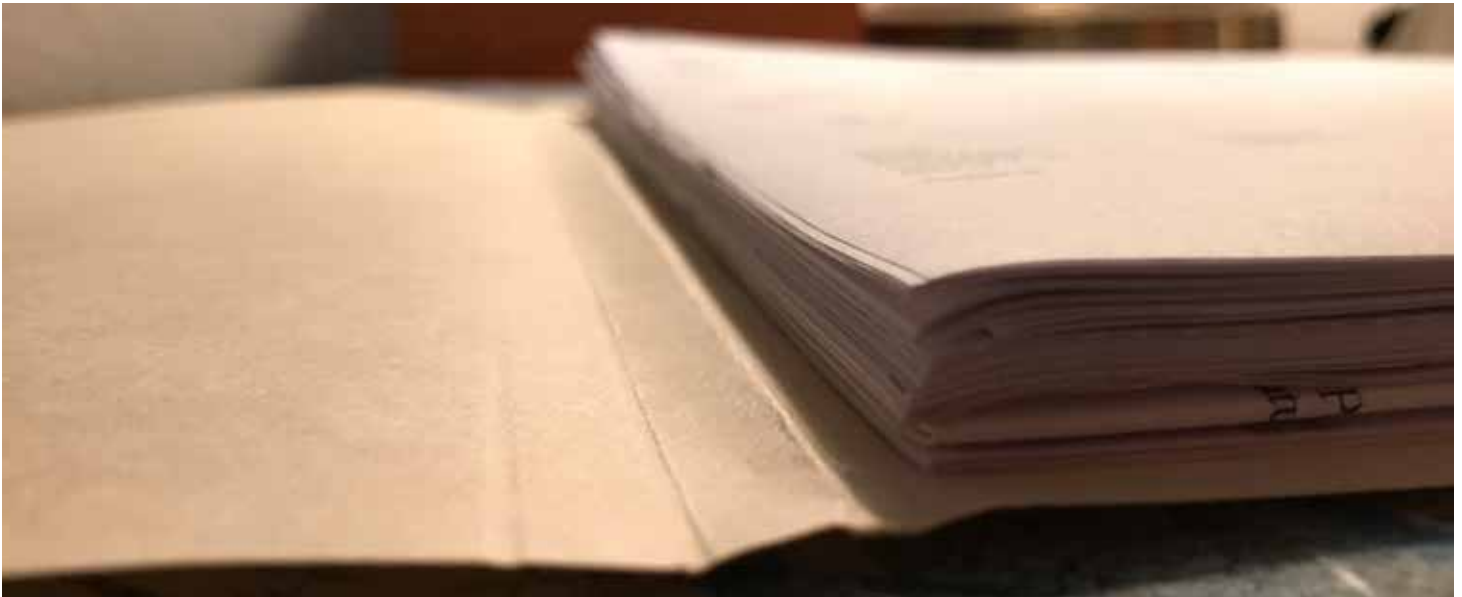
Reading further, the same individual preferred to have the vehicle serviced at BMW of Palm Springs, which appeared dozens of times throughout the report. Oil services had been carried out on time by the dealership, as well as headlights, brakes, and cooling components. Even small things, like the washer fluid reservoir, drive belts and the fan clutch had been addressed.

I was pleasantly surprised to learn that the car had at least one caring owner in the past. However, given the age of the replaced components, my own peace of mind was the biggest takeaway. That was until I noticed a line item from May 2001 stating the cylinder head gasket had been replaced, which seemed to make all of the research a bit more worthwhile.

Continuing to sort through the information in the report, I learned that another individual residing in the San Diego area had owned the car for a while. This person also practiced regular maintenance according to the records, but the servicing was performed at a non-BMW dealer. After this, the report shows that the owner I purchased the car from took it on a few trips between San Diego and the Bay Area, where he had the timing belt and a few other maintenance items addressed by BMW of Concord, all of which corresponded with the paper records I had.

Learning about the car's history was certainly interesting, and it definitely helped answer questions. For example, most of us know that E30 and E28 dashes like to crack, and my car is no exception. However, I have a feeling it was brought on by the heat in the Trona and Palm Springs areas. Furthermore, the replaced head gasket and timing belt gave me validation that I had made a solid purchase considering the price I paid.

I still had some questions though. CARFAX showed a mileage discrepancy between some of the records, and given the car's low (broken) odometer reading, I suspected the instrument cluster had been swapped at some point. Totaling up the mileage between the various service records showed the E30 was likely approaching 300,000 miles, rather than around



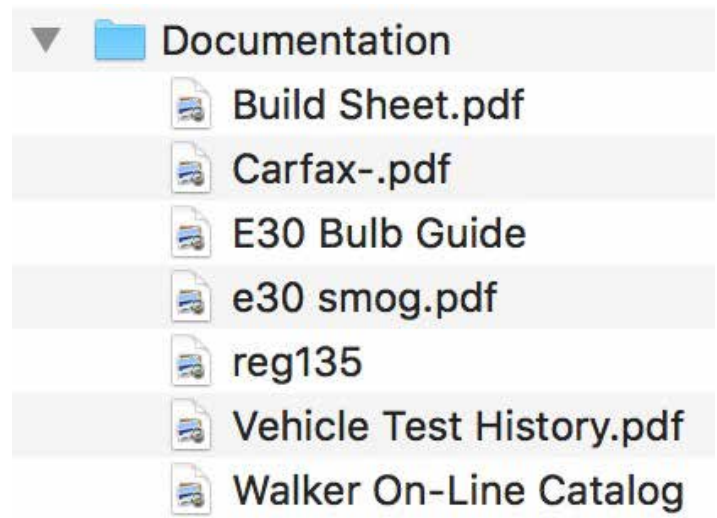
130,000 displayed in the current instrument cluster.

Another interesting find was the vehicle emissions test history, which I viewed at [BAR.CA.gov](http://BAR.CA.gov). This report revealed that the car had never failed smog before, and was not classified as a gross polluter. This explained why I passed smog on the very first attempt with just a new catalytic converter and exhaust.

## CONCLUSION

I hope you learned a few things for when you might have to dive into the history of a used vehicle. Next time, I'll discuss the build sheet for my car along with some of the resources I use to purchase and maintain a used BMW.

*Alexander Tock*





# Dan Covill

## Remembering a Chapter Icon

**OUR FORMER CHAPTER PRESIDENT AND** Fahren Affairs Editor, Dan Covill, passed away peacefully at age 87 on September 23rd. Dan was a true Chapter icon for a couple of decades. He and I happened to join BMW CCA at the same time in 1983, and we met at the first Board meeting that we both attended. He had recently bought an E28 5 Series and wanted to meet other BMW owners. I had an E12 5 Series at the time, so our bond began over our similar cars. Dan became a Board meeting regular, never shy about contributing to discussions with well-reasoned ideas. Owning a successful computer consulting business, he was a source of wise advice leavened with his good humor. Dan had a rapier wit and was an engaging raconteur. His storytelling always gathered a crowd, and he had an endearing habit of repeating the punch line of a joke under his breath while chuckling at it. He once told me that “I can speak semi-intelligently on any topic for 10 minutes, even if you didn’t tell me what the topic was until I was standing there.” What he meant was that he could sound knowledgeable and BS any crowd on a moment’s notice!

Dan’s Club passion was our driving events. Though San Diego wouldn’t host its first HPDE for another 6 years after he joined (when he volunteered to organize it), he participated in a lot of LA Chapter events at Willow Springs, Riverside, and Laguna Seca, and learned how they worked. In 1984, Dan and I took the plunge and attended our first Nürburgring BMW Driving School, partnering in a shared car (a BMW AG-provided E30) and touring around Germany afterwards. He had been stationed in post-war Germany and learned the language, so he was a

perfect travel partner for my first trip to Germany. Dan had a fascination with the woodcarver Tilman Riemenschneider, and we visited several cathedrals featuring his work. He was also very quick on every track, shaming many a young driver who felt like they just got passed by Santa Claus!

Dan’s Chapter involvement grew over time. He edited Fahren Affairs in 1986-88, pasting up articles by hand and writing many of them himself. He was a very good and prolific writer, reviewing the many events he organized or attended for Chapter members to read about. For years he regularly wrote a column called “Aus dem Vaterland” (From the Fatherland) in which he translated articles about the latest BMWs from German magazines. These were pre-internet days, and BMW news was hard to get, so he was an excellent source. Dan is the only American I know who had a subscription to Auto Motor und Sport, the top German auto magazine. He was also published in Roundel a few times.

In 1987, while I was Chapter President, I accepted a new job in LA and had to leave at the end of the year. Dan cleverly announced my departure by writing in Fahren Affairs, “There’s now a no-punning on the Board.” And then he did an amazing thing: Dan stepped up to serve as Chapter President while still producing Fahren Affairs, doing the two biggest Chapter jobs simultaneously for a year! He found a new FA Editor in 1989 and continued as President for a second term. Dan’s next role was to structure and manage our first racetrack Driving School at the Las Vegas International Speedway (LVIS, how appropriate for Vegas). As a long-distance event,

his masterful organizing skills enabled him to put on a smooth operation equal to those hosted by experienced Chapters. Continuing to manage our Schools for years, Dan helped to establish the good reputation that our Chapter enjoys for hosting driving events. He stayed active on our Board, managing our database and being very involved in later driving events as a track and classroom instructor.

Dan was a real character, always ready with a captivating story or opinion to share with anyone nearby. Anyone who met him can't help

but remember him fondly. In recent years, he wound down his Club involvement to enjoy his retirement and spend more time with his four grandkids. His last Chapter event was visiting our Car Show in May 2015 and seeing lots of friends, shortly after buying a new 328d.

Rest In Peace, my friend. I will miss your hearty laugh and remember so many great adventures. You enriched our BMW Community and leave a proud legacy behind.

*Dan Tackett*

#### **EXCERPTS from Dan's Obituary:**

Dan died peacefully at home, after a long battle with cancer, at the age of 87. He kept his sense of humor until the end. He was born in Boston, MA and moved to Bedford, NH at a young age. He was loved by his childhood friend and wife of 63 years, retired special education teacher Marjorie 'Mardi' Covill.

Dan's first love was automobiles. He was active in the San Diego Chapter of the BMW CCA and attended BMW driving schools at the Nürburgring in Germany, later serving as an instructor at BMW club driving schools in California.

*Left: Dan Covill at the 1984 Nurburgring Driving School. His shirt appropriately reads "Old Age and Treachery will Overcome Youth and Skill"*





## YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

We're looking for a few good men and women to help our Chapter. That's right, annual elections for the San Diego Chapter's Board of Directors are just around the corner on December 12. All of the Chapter's events are planned and organized by your all-volunteer Board of Directors. The Chapter is looking for folks who are interested in getting involved on a regular basis to become new board members. All members are encouraged to run for office. If you already come to the board meetings, you're halfway there. As a board member, you get to vote to make changes and be heard on issues that are important to you.

In addition to job-specific roles, all board members commit to attending the monthly board meeting on the second Tuesday of the month for one calendar year. Outgoing board members are dedicated to the success of our Chapter and will mentor new officers to ensure a smooth transition to the new Board.



Anyone wishing to run for office should come to the meeting on December 12 and be prepared to make a short verbal statement.

# Board of Directors Position Descriptions

## **PRESIDENT**

- Conduct the monthly board meeting.
- Represent the chapter at club and non-club functions.
- Respond to email and telephone inquiries regarding the chapter.
- Oversee the activities of the board directors.
- Review financial reports and ensuring that the chapter is in good financial condition.
- Check the chapter website at least once per month to ensure it is up to date.
- Write the monthly president's column for the newsletter.
- Schedule the yearly election meeting in December. If not running for reelection, conduct the meeting. If running for reelection, arrange for someone to conduct the meeting to avoid a conflict of interest.
- Coordinate with other chapter presidents and the BMW CCA regional vice president on regional issues.
- Within two weeks of the chapter election, submit the Chapter Officer Questionnaire form to national.
- Provide positive motivation to all board members and chapter members.

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Support the chapter president as required.
- Conduct board meetings in the absence of the chapter president.
- Act as Membership Chair by sending welcome letters to all new members.
- Answer numerous email inquiries concerning membership.

## **TREASURER**

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Reconcile accounts payable and receivable on a monthly basis.
- Present chapter financial status at board meetings.
- Perform financial analysis for cash flow, income, and expenses.
- Verify expenses and write reimbursement checks.
- Oversee the preparation of the annual tax return for the IRS.
- Prepare the Chapter Financial Report to national by March 31st of each calendar year.

## **SECRETARY**

- Keep accurate minutes of each Board Meeting.
- Present the previous month's minutes to the Board for approval.
- Submit monthly minutes for publication in the newsletter and website.

## **DIRECTOR/AUTOCROSS**

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Negotiate stadium dates with the stadium officials and other car clubs.
- Arranging liability insurance for the events by submitting the insurance certificate request.
- Ensure that payment and insurance certificates are delivered to the stadium office.
- Arrange lunch, drink, and comfort facilities for the event.
- Coordinate volunteers for course design, set-up, tech inspection, timing, registration, lunch, and clean-up.
- Coordinate with the Chief Instructor to ensure there are enough instructors for the event.
- Ensure the event is on schedule and supervise throughout the event.
- Coordinate procurement of trophies before the event and present them at the end of the event.
- Provide event information to newsletter editor and webmaster for publication.
- Manage email contact list and communicate with members about upcoming events to maximize attendance.
- Manage online registration, including timely updates to the registration website and generating reports of paid attendees.
- Report to the Board of Directors on the financial results and needs of the autocross program.

## **DIRECTOR/DRIVING SCHOOL**

- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Plan all aspects of the driving school.
- Coordinate the volunteer staff for the annual driving school.
- Arrange liability insurance for the school by submitting the insurance certificate request.
- Coordinate with the motel to ensure rooms are reserved for instructors and students.
- Coordinate with the Chief Instructor to ensure there are enough instructors for the school.
- Coordinate with the Chief Steward for track supervision.
- Coordinate with the track officials for dates, track rental fees, corner workers, emergency medical vehicle, and all necessary equipment.
- Oversee logistics for the chapter's equipment transport.
- Submit the Driving Events Reporting Form within 30 days of the driving school.

*(additional positions on next page)*



### **DIRECTOR/EQUIPMENT MEISTER**

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- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Maintain all aspects of Club truck, including arranging service/maintenance, insurance, registration, service records, storage location, washing, exercising and fueling.
- Maintain Club trailer, lights, brakes, tires, hitch, and cover in good working order.
- Arrange suitable, secure trailer storage location.
- Maintain current inventory and value of trailer equipment, contents, and supplies.
- Maintain electronic equipment batteries, generator, PA system, radios, timing display, fire extinguishers, helmets, canopies, flags, vests, and other related autocross equipment.
- Maintain supply of wrist bands and insurance waiver forms.
- Organize trailer equipment and loading plan.
- Transport club truck and trailer to and from each autocross event.
- Assist with set-up and teardown of equipment, helmet rentals/returns, packing/unpacking trailer at autocross events.
- Coordinate use of truck and trailer with Driving School Director for annual driving school.
- Transfer items not currently in use from trailer to club storage unit to open up space in trailer.

### **DIRECTOR/NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

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- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Write/edit material for newsletter.
- Provide photos for the newsletter.
- Lay out submitted articles, ads, photos, etc. for each issue as required.
- Coordinate with the printer to ensure the newsletter is published eleven times per year.
- Provide updated mailing lists to the printer.
- Provide newsletter in PDF format to chapter Webmeister and National BMW CCA website.

### **DIRECTOR/SOCIAL EVENTS**

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- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Research local events.
- Present information on events to the board for consideration.
- Procure tickets.
- Provide event information to the newsletter editor and the web master for publication.
- Keep the board advised of how the sales for events are going and, if necessary, seeking others' participation to sell out the event planned.
- Collect fees, deposit funds into the chapter's account and coordinate the distribution of tickets for events.

### **DIRECTOR/WACHSMEISTER**

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- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Responsible for the annual clean car event & charity auction.
- Negotiate with the city to the schedule and date of the annual clean car contest.
- Coordinate with BMW dealers and sponsors to obtain support and auction items for the clean car contest and charity auction.
- Coordinate volunteers needed to support the annual clean car contest including all judges.
- Procure event awards.
- Obtain event insurance.
- Arrange for catered lunch for the event.
- Supervise set-up and clean-up of the clean car event.
- Run the charity auction portion of event.
- Provide event information to newsletter editor and web master (LA & SD chapters) for publication.
- Provide event information to other chapters, local dealerships, and the general public.
- Submit the insurance rebate form to national.
- Submit the event report to the board.

### **DIRECTOR/WEBMEISTER**

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- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Maintain the chapter's website including adding/removing events, posting announcements, posting autocross and other event results, posting Fahren Affairs, photos, and managing the Classifieds.
- Administer and maintain the Chapter's e-mail list and e-mail service.
- Administer and maintain the Chapter's domain names and GoDaddy account, Google Apps, and Picasaweb accounts.
- Administer and maintain the Chapter's Facebook account and add events and updates as necessary.
- Manage the chapter's account with web hosting service.

### **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE (four positions)**

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- Attend board meetings and vote on issues as required.
- Bring new ideas to the chapter.
- Plan and run technical and/or social events.
- Assist other directors in running their events.

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