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The President's Column

We find ourselves in unprecedented times. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought an end to nearly all discretionary social and recreational activities, and we've had to cancel or postpone our planned chapter activities for the time being. The health and safety of our members, chapter leaders, staff, and volunteers is our utmost priority. The San Diego Chapter will continue to

monitor guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC); federal, state, and local governmental agencies; local health officials; and the BMW Car Club of America.

We hope to get back to our normal routine of hosting fun and engaging Chapter events as soon as reasonably possible. In the meantime, we wish you all good health and encourage everyone to stay safe and do what is necessary to prevent community spread of the virus.

On a lighter note, we did manage to hold our annual High Performance Driving School at Buttonwillow, just before the virus outbreak began to ramp up. The turn-out was very good, even with a number of other events in the region competing for people's time, and we saw a lot of smiles throughout the weekend. I want to give a special thanks to the other folks on our Driving School team for helping put together another enjoyable and safe event: Seth Hanson, Driving Event Coordinator, assisted by Matthew Kogan; Dan Tackett and Eddy Funahashi, Co-Chief Instructors; Steve Stepanian, Club Racing School; Darren Young and Kris Kluzak, Course Control/Steward; Grant Kluzak, Equipment and onsite registration, assisted by Anne Littrell; Ryan Moore, Treasurer; and our friends and partners from the Central California Chapter: Terry Eidson and crew. We can't do this without you! We missed our dear friend Kelley Sakata-Moon in her usual spot as Course Steward, due to an unexpected health issue, and wish her a swift and complete recovery. Thank you to the many other instructors, students, volunteers, and others who joined us for a great weekend at the track!

Take care of yourselves, and keep an eye on our website, E-newsletter, and social media for updates and events as we are able to get them scheduled.

Lisa Goehring

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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 at sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com. The deadline for submitting information to the editor is the 10th of March, June, Sept., and Dec.

Calendar

Canceled/Postponed Events

(due to COVID-19 restrictions)

April 14

SD Chapter - Board Meeting

SD Chapter - Car Control Clinic & Open

Practice, SDCCU Stadium

SD Chapter - Jack Cavanaugh Memorial Car Show, Clean Car Contest & Charity Auction, Spanish Landing Park

Planned Events

May 12

SD Chapter - Board Meeting

SD Chapter - Country Drive

June 9

SD Chapter - Board Meeting

June 13

SD Chapter - Autocross

SDCCU Stadium

July 14

SD Chapter - Board Meeting

New Club Members

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

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sdbmwcca.com







Monthly Meetings

Saleem Siddiqui

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

Filippi's Pizza Grotto 5353 Kearny Villa Road

Alan Lee

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 contibute to our chapter.

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Coronavirus News

BMW CCA: The BMW Car Club of America and the BMW Car Club of America Foundation are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our members, chapter leaders, boards, staff, and guests. Last week we published our first statement in reaction to the Covid-19 Pandemic. At that time, we promised to carefully monitor the situation and all communications from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); federal, state, and local governmental agencies; and local health officials to keep abreast of this ever-changing situation.

We have continued to receive many questions from chapter leadership and members regarding the planning and execution of upcoming events in the face of the worsening COVID-19 outbreak. We have reached a point of national crisis and during such a time it is our patriotic duty to assist our fellow Americans in any way that we can.

In this instance the most simple and effective way to curb the spread of this disease, as well as protect both ourselves and those around us, is by removing ourselves from the path of community transmission.

To that end, the BMW CCA Board of Directors voted to approve the following: Beginning at 5:00PM ET March 20, 2020, and running through May 1, 2020 at 5:00PM ET, BMW Car Club of America chapters and members are prohibited from engaging in any in-person events or gatherings under the umbrella of the BMW Car Club of America.

In other words, there must be no sanctioned, hosted and/or sponsored/co-sponsored BMW Car Club of America events including, but not limited to: business meetings, social gatherings, driving tours, concours, autocrosses, HPDE's, Club Racing, or any other type of in-person gathering. Any chapter and/or member attempting to organize, execute, or otherwise participate in said activities or gatherings under the umbrella of the club will face disciplinary action including, but not limited to revocation of membership and revocation of chapter charter. MOREOVER, any individual member, chapter leader, and chapter that violates this policy will be denied coverage under the BMW Car Club of America liability insurance program.

The Club and Foundation will continue to monitor and review the situation with close attention to our current policies. Updates will be issued as needed and relevant.

The safety and security of our guests, students, members, staff, and leaders is now and will always remain our highest priority. Our thoughts and prayers are with the thousands of Americans who have been sickened by COVID-19. Our greatest hope is that this passes quickly and that we can all resume our normal lives.

As always, thank you for your membership in and support of the BMW Car Club of America and the BMW Car Club of America Foundation. We are here to help in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions. We look forward to serving our members and providing safe, fun, and educational events in 2020 and beyond.

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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER: The San Diego Chapter reiterates the Club's commitment to the health and safety of our members, chapter leaders, staff, and volunteers, and that the most simple and effective way to curb the spread of this disease, as well as protect both ourselves and those around us, is by removing ourselves from the path of community transmission.

At the direction of the BMW CCA Board of Directors, beginning now through May 1, 2020 at 5:00 PM ET, BMW Car Club of America chapters and members are prohibited from engaging in any in-person events or gatherings under the umbrella of the BMW Car Club of America.

Any events we had planned through April are currently cancelled or postponed. We'll look at rescheduling and resuming our Chapter activities when we are able to do so. The San Diego Chapter will continue to monitor guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC); federal, state, and local governmental agencies; local health officials; and the BMW Car Club of America. Keep an eye on our website, social media, and E-News for updates as they become available.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to do their part to prevent community spread and keep your friends and family safe.

Lisa Goehring

President, San Diego Chapter

Upcoming Event

Autocross Saturday, June 13

Register at sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com



Join us on Saturday, June 13 for another fantastic autocross! We have SDCCU's south east lot reserved for the day. As always, a delicious lunch is part of the package. All marques are welcome at our autocrosses!

Come on out to chew up some tires, hang with friends, and maybe claim a trophy on another awesome course.

We'll have UCSD's Triton Racing to help out with cornerworking in exchange for a donation to their FSAE efforts. Please indicate your interest on the registration form.

Look for a registration email about 30 days prior to the event. Sign up ahead of time because spots fill up quickly as we approach the event date, and on-site registration costs extra. Registration closes at midnight on the Thursday prior.

You don't need a BMW to enjoy the fun; all marques are welcome at our autocrosses!

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.
- You must be a BMW CCA member to participate.
 Join online at 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. \$10 extra to register onsite!
- If you choose to register onsite, bring cash or check and arrive by 7:30 am.
- The entry fee of \$70 includes breakfast items, lunch and beverages. Additional lunches for guests can be purchased for \$10 at Registration.
- We do not cancel for rain.

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 page at www.sdbmwcca.com for more info on this wonderfully addictive sport.

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.



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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.



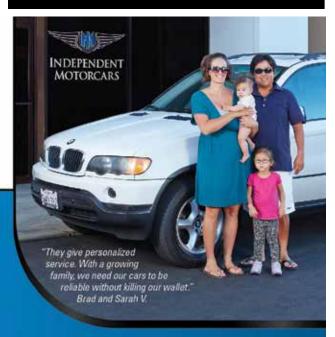
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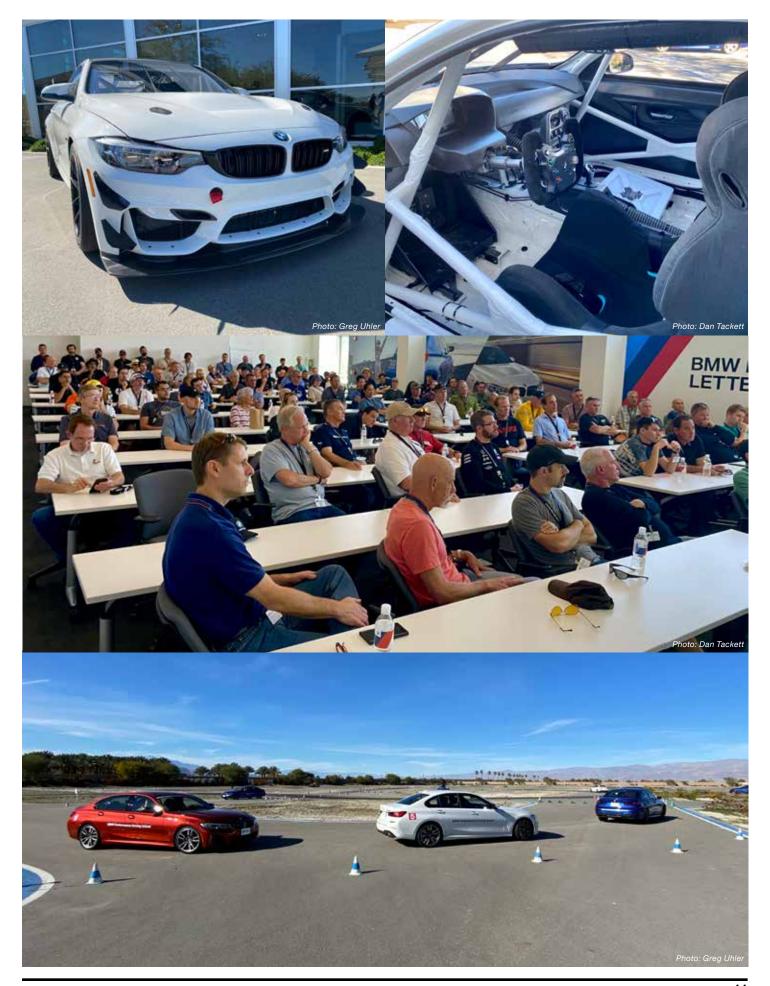
made its annual trek to the BMW Performance Center near Palm Springs. As always, the 100 openings filled up quickly last Fall, and all drivers who joined us had an amazing time exploring the capabilities of the latest BMW M and M Performance models.

We were greeted by comfortable weather and a clear blue sky. Our first surprise was seeing the just-released M4 GT4 customer race car parked in front. With a stripped interior, triangulated roll cage, carbon fiber doors and racing slicks, this is a serious race car. The Performance Center has several of them for an upcoming racing school program. Watch for it on their website! Our next surprise came when we received the custom name tags BMW created. For the first time, the official BMW CCA logo was added below our name and attached to a black lanyard featuring Motorsport stripes—a great souvenir for our experience to come! The delicious buffet lunch had a Southwestern theme, and nobody left hungry. Next we filed into the large classroom for a Driver's Meeting conducted by the very entertaining Bryan Randall.

Divided into five equal-sized groups, it was time to enjoy five ///Memorable events. On the polished concrete skidpad, we drove new 600hp M5s in AWD with traction control switched off. The "Rat Race" pitted two drivers starting on opposite sides, with the goal of making up ground on the other car. This required the balance of assertively putting the power down at the right time but not spending too much time going sideways. Sometimes, if you didn't win, you still had more fun (if you catch my drift).

The drag race featured a full-throttle trip in a straight line, then a 180 degree turn, a full-throttle trip back, then a full-ABS stop within a tight box. We got to use pairs of M2 Competitions and pairs of the brand new X3M Competitions. The X3 was especially interesting because it previews the all-new S58 engine, making 503hp from just a 3-liter six cylinder, which will be the powerplant for the upcoming M3 and M4.

Those with car sickness avoided the Hot Lap rides with Instructor Bryan Randall. Switching off all of the nannies, chauffeur Bryan let us see apex cones through the windshield of an



M3...because he was often perpendicular to them as he masterfully drifted the car on a serpentine course to the rapturous cheers of his passengers!

With traction control engaged in the M Dynamic Mode, we all got to experience the South Palm race track in a lead-follow format, learning precise braking points, turn-in points and apexes on the technical layout. Each lap, as an Instructor led a column of M4s in line, the lead car would drop back on a cue from the in-car radio, and every driver moved up so each of us got a lap immediately behind the Instructor. A great way to learn how to get the maximum out of the driver and the track (but the M4s still had more to give!)

Though we drove several Competition models, just one event involved actual competition: the timed Autocross. A challenging, tight layout is used each year with a variety of turns (one called "Patience Corner" because it has such a late apex). This time, to broaden the portfolio of BMW models for us to experience, we got to drive the brand new M340i. This G20 body is larger, but the full M Performance treatment has made this car a real joy. The tuning is slightly softer than a full M car, so it is better suited for canyon carving than autocross. But the M340i is still a very impressive car in extreme driving, and ones I've driven on the street have shown great

all-around versatility for a sports sedan. When all of the times were crunched, our top three drivers were amazingly close:

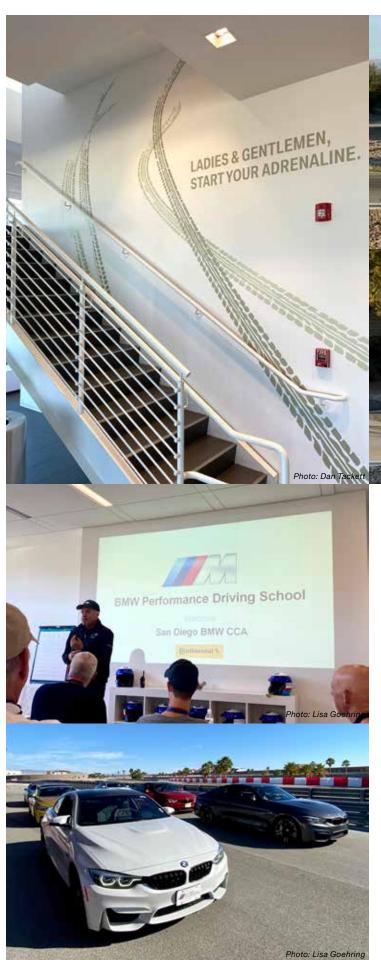
1st Place	Serhan Emre	26.0 seconds
2nd Place	John Bowen	26.2 seconds
3rd Place	Greg Uhler	26.3 seconds

And now, the foresight part... because this year, we have the bonus of an extra event at the BMW Performance Center! The BMW CCA is hosting the first "O'Fest Forever" in nearby La Quinta, with several days of activities at the Performance Center. Plan on joining us for this National-scale event, the first we've had in Southern California since 2004. We don't get this opportunity very often, so mark your calendar for September 15-19 and watch *Roundel* for details.

And while you're marking your calendar, we already have a contract for a return to the Performance Center on January 30, 2021. If you didn't register on time to make this year's event, watch for your Oct-Dec 2020 Fahren Affairs to sign up for next year. You'll be glad you did.

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