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From The President

Allow Me Some Pride

Recently we got a Membership Survey from a non-member that answered the question about why they joined BMW CCA as follows:

“Not yet. Was member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter when I lived there. I didn't have a BMW since it was rear ended and just purchased another one. Just wondering why Texans do not join the local BMW chapter. Our Rocky Mountain chapter seemed to be booming. I even looked at the Tejas Chapter before I moved wondering what the scene was like and it was not very promising.”

I responded to the survey as follows:

“I am truly sorry that you feel that the Tejas Chapter did not look very promising. We have a great chapter, with a terrific group of active members. We have a lot of fun and those that are active enjoy it very much. We even get members from the other two Texas chapters who participate in our events. In fact, we have some active members who actually live in the other chapter areas, but chose to affiliate with the Tejas Chapter instead.”

“In 2009, we averaged 60 people at each event, with the highest being 112 and the lowest being 30. We have an Incentive

Points program where members get points for participation and last year we had over 140 members who got points. Considering that BMW CCA feels that if you can get 10% participation you are doing well, our 18% overall participation looks pretty good.”

“The Texas Hill Country affords our chapter the great opportunity of having some of the best driving roads in the U.S. right in our back yard. While we do a large variety of types of events, they usually include taking advantage of these roads. I would suggest that you look through the Scrapbook Section of the Tejas Chapter website to get a feel for what we do.”

“Our biggest challenge is that our chapter area covers a geographic area about twice the size of Colorado. Fortunately, the greatest majority of our members live in the Georgetown to San Antonio corridor, so we focus our efforts on that group.”

“Thank you for your membership survey (even though you are not a member) and for giving me the opportunity to talk about the Tejas Chapter.”

I am very proud of the Tejas Chapter and the people in it. We have great people to be associated with and it is the great members of this chapter that make it what it is. Thank you to all of you that participate and make the Tejas Chapter so enjoyable - keep up the good work!

Until next time

Glenn McConnell

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Tejas Chapter Wine Tour

Saturday
February 20, 2010

Actual details for this event were not available at press time. Please visit the Tejas Chapter website for complete details and to RSVP.

Plan to meet in New Braunfels at 8:45am

Start drive at 9:00am

Drive FM 306 then drive FM 473



Arrive at Sister Creek Vineyards at 10:00am

<http://www.sistercreekvineyards.com/>

-- Wine tasting of 8 wines for \$5.34 per person. Self guided tours of the cotton gin

-- Their capacity is 40 people, but if we do our tasting and our self guided tour in

shifts, then we can get 60.

Drive FM 473 then drive SH 27

Arrive at Singing Water Vineyards

singingwatervineyards.com

We will either have a catered lunch or people need to bring their lunch. If this does not pain out, there are a couple of restaurants in Comfort, Tx we can have lunch at.



For the die-hards we can go to one more winery.

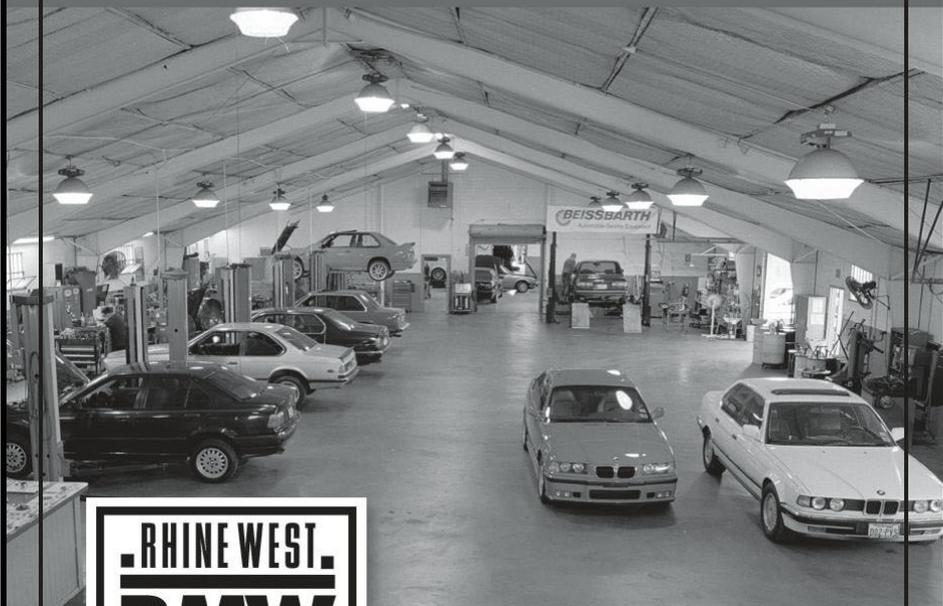
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March Event Preview

by Mike Sevel

I have been engaged several weeks in the planning for our March 20th event (including visitations at the sites).

The event, surprisingly, does not include classic cars! So here goes. The event could be described as....ta da.....The Triple Ranch Tour. Fleshed out roughly, here's how it will play out. We meet at Mr. Gatti's on Hwy 71 in west Austin. We then drive 39 miles to The LBJ Ranch in Johnson City. We can visit their welcome center, use restrooms and explore the homestead, gardens, etc. No fee, donations accepted.

Then we drive to The Sculpture Ranch, also in Johnson City. This is a freebie sponsored by the Benini Arts Foundation. They have 140 acres, scenic drive with a multitude of large outdoor sculptures worthy of pix.

We then drive 42 miles to Wimberley to visit the fabulous Old Glory Ranch. It is situated on 2,000+ pristine acres on the Blanco River. It is primarily known for hosting posh Texas

style weddings and parties. They have a beautiful/large rustic chapel and other buildings. Originally they requested a fee of \$350 to use their outdoor pavilion plus the cost of a catered lunch. Jean and I met with the owner and negotiated away the use fee, so I finally received their catering offer and it's great. We will use their outdoor pavilion that has rustic tables, furniture, fireplace and restrooms. They will provide a sandwich buffet plus pasta and green salads, fruit, cookies and soft drinks. The cost was based on food plus employee service and will be \$13 per person, inclusive of tax/gratuity. Pricier than Denny's, but the rustic ambience is a bonus.

After lunch, we will be given a short talk about Old Glory and then tour the chapel (decorated for a wedding that evening) and walk to the river to see the outdoor wedding platform on the river. We will need to leave before 3:30 as employees will be arriving to set up the wedding stuff.

I will then lead everyone back to Wimberley's shopping area. Those who wish to shop can leave our tour and I will lead the rest of us back to I-35 via scenic route.

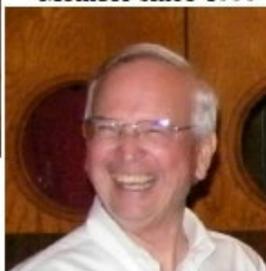


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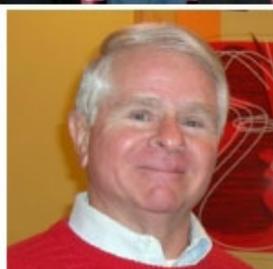


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The Top Performers in the Compact Class: BMW 135i Coupe and BMW 135i Convertible

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The by far most sporting and dynamic models in the compact segment are now increasing their leadership in terms of driving dynamics and efficiency. Starting immediately the BMW 135i Coupe and the BMW 135i Convertible come with a straight-six power unit of the latest generation for the first time combining BMW TwinPower Turbo Technology, High Precision Injection and fully variable VALVETRONIC valve management, all interacting with one another to set new standards for economy with the highest level of performance.

In conjunction with the seven-speed double-clutch gearbox (DKG) featuring Sport Automatic available as an option for the first time in the BMW 1 Series as of March 2010, these

superior technologies offer a further significant reduction of fuel consumption and emissions on these top-flight performers, setting up new records in acceleration and dynamic performance.

The top engine featured in both versions of the BMW 1 Series develops maximum output of 225 kW/306 hp at 5,800 rpm from a capacity of three litres, combining spontaneous and direct response with unleashed free-revving driving qualities. Peak torque of the six-cylinder is 400 Newton-metres/295 lb-ft delivered from just 1,200 rpm all the way to 5,000 rpm.

The seven-speed double-clutch gearbox with Sport Automatic shifting gears without the slightest interruption in power and torque, is likewise designed and built for dynamic performance of the highest standard.

Sport Automatic offers not just the option to shift gears manually on the electronic gear selector lever or via

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the shift paddles on the steering wheel, but also the usual comfort and convenience of a BMW automatic transmission.

The combination of these two innovations in a compact car naturally guarantees driving pleasure of a new standard never seen before. Accelerating from 0 – 60 mph in just 5.0 and from 0 – 100 km/h in 5.2 seconds, the BMW 135i Coupe with its double-clutch gearbox offers the same supreme standard as a thoroughbred sports car even more than in the past.

A truly unique achievement in this performance class is average fuel consumption in the EU test cycle of 8.5 litres/100 kilometres (equal to provisional combined of approx. 22 mpg US), almost one litre/100 kilometres better than the comparable figure in the former model with its six-speed automatic transmission.

This significant reduction of fuel consumption, together with acceleration to 60 mph improved once again by 0.2 seconds, clearly confirms the progress made through BMW EfficientDynamics with this new engine and transmission technology.

The BMW 135i Convertible with double-clutch gearbox accelerates to 60 mph in 5.3 seconds and reaches 100 km/h in 5.5 seconds. Average fuel consumption in the EU test cycle is 8.6 litres/100 km (provisional combined US figure approx 22 mpg), which is 0.8 litres better than on the former model with automatic transmission.

On the same fuel consumption, this is better even than the

acceleration and consumption figures of the respective models with a six-speed manual gearbox: the hand-shifted version of the BMW 135i Coupe accelerates to 60 mph in 5.1, the manual-gearbox version of the BMW 135i Convertible in 5.4 seconds (0 – 100 km/h on the Coupe in 5.3, on the Convertible in 5.6 seconds).

At the same time the combination of the BMW TwinPower Turbo engine with the manual gearbox also newly developed likewise enhances all-round efficiency by a significant margin. In practice, this means a reduction of average fuel consumption by the BMW 135i Coupe to 8.5 litres and a reduction on the BMW 135i Convertible to 8.6 litres/100 kilometres (provisional combined US figure for both models approx. 22 mpg).

Outstanding innovation for optimised efficiency: first-ever VALVETRONIC on a turbocharged engine.

The new straight-six power unit of the BMW 135i Coupe and the BMW 135i Convertible owes its exceptional efficiency to the first-ever combination of BMW TwinPower Turbo Technology, High Precision Injection, and VALVETRONIC valve management.

The turbocharger system following the twin-scroll principle separating the ducts for three cylinders at a time both in the exhaust gas manifold and in the turbocharger, as well as VALVETRONIC developed to an even higher standard of efficiency, contributes accordingly to

the extremely spontaneous and direct response of the drivetrain.

This kind of technology allows infinite adjustment of valve stroke and valve timing on the intake valves. Throttle losses in the charge cycle are reduced to a minimum and the energy contained in the fuel is put to maximum use. In conjunction with High Precision Injection likewise optimised to an even higher standard, this offers an unparalleled balance of driving performance and fuel economy never seen before in this class.

The BMW 135i Coupe and the BMW 135i Convertible come as standard with a wide range of BMW EfficientDynamics technologies combined with one another in an appropriate symbiosis for each specific market, including features such as Brake Energy Regeneration, a gearshift point indicator on models with a manual gearbox, a map-controlled oil pump, final drive with optimised warm-up running qualities, as well as on-demand control of the engine's ancillary units such as the pressure-controlled fuel pump.

Enhanced dynamics, greater efficiency: new six-speed manual gearbox and optional seven-speed Double-Clutch Gearbox

Both the BMW 135i Coupe and the BMW 135i Convertible come as standard with a newly developed six-speed manual gearbox. Optimised for maximum efficiency, this high-tech gearbox features dry sump lubrication significantly reducing drag forces and completely avoiding splash losses in



the interest of even greater efficiency all round.

The seven-speed double-clutch gearbox with Sport Automatic featured for the first time in the BMW 1 Series makes an even greater contribution to the optimisation of driving characteristics in the spirit of BMW EfficientDynamics. The double-clutch gearbox improves both acceleration and the efficiency of these compact top-flight performers, at the same time combining this dual progress with the comfort features of a BMW automatic transmission. The seven-speed double-clutch gearbox shifts gears without the slightest interruption of power and torque and offers the driver the choice of either automatic transmission or a manual gearshift.

The fast and smooth shift of gears allows unusually harmonious acceleration and helps to reduce both fuel consumption and emissions. The close, sporting increments of the seven gears ensure that the optimum transmission ratio is always available in all situations.

A combination of dry sump and injection lubrication serves to further optimise the efficiency of the engine

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through a supreme level of oil supply.

Last but not least, the double-clutch gearbox is controlled with utmost convenience either through the newly designed gear selector lever or by gearshift paddles on the steering wheel.

BMW 135i Coupe and BMW 135i Convertible: outstanding performers in the compact segment and beyond.

The new six-cylinder with BMW TwinPower Turbo Technology and the seven-speed double-clutch gearbox bring out the unique character of these top performers in the compact segment even more and in greater style than ever before. Through their performance alone, the BMW 135i Coupe and the BMW 135i

Convertible achieve the supreme standard of a very powerful sports car. And at the same time the driving experience conveyed by both models boasts the agility typical of a BMW 1 Series.

Superior drivetrain technology and a concept unique in this class with rear-wheel drive, the passenger cell moved far to the back, and almost ideal distribution of axle load, offer the optimum combination for unique driving pleasure.

Both models come as standard with a modified M Aerodynamics Package and M Sports Suspension. Other standard features include DSC Dynamic Stability Control with an individualised set-up, an electronically masterminded locking function on the differential, as well as model-specific control maps for Servotronic power steering and the gas pedal, again underlining the sporting character of both models.



Post Holiday Party Review

by Allan Gazza

As we put another year behind us many of us were looking forward to the first event of 2010. Tejas members met at Texas Reds in San Marcos for an evening of socializing, great food, and an evening filled with lots of fun and laughs for all.



The door prizes were donated by our sponsors who included BMW of Austin, BMW of San Antonio, Rhine West, and Herb Looney. These prizes were well appreciated by all the members, and our thanks go out to those our preferred companies and individuals that donated them. Whenever you can please support all these companies and let them know you are with the Tejas Chapter of BMW CCA.

After a short time socializing, the 2010 and 2011 Tejas Chapter elected board members were announced which included Glenn McConnell (president), Sandy McConnell (secretary/treasurer), Herb Looney (vice president), Linda Cavazos (driving events coordinator), Allan Gazza (events chairman), and Mike Sevel (membership chairman).

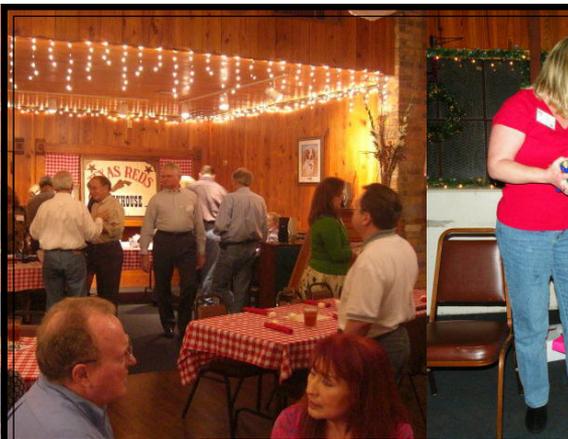
Then the fun began with the announcement of those that won the door prizes. This also turned out to be very exciting as we watched a couple of members get multiple prizes of BMW Polos in "One Size fits all". The evening went on with the "White Elephant" gift exchange while we were served our salads. And of course the white elephant had made his BMW



post holiday appearance once again this year, along with the large diamond.

With many gifts being stolen from each other it made for an evening that

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**Post-Holiday
January**
Many thanks to
Many more great photos are available





Day Party
23, 2010
Herb Looney
available on the chapter website



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brought many laughs and memorable moments to the Tejas members. And of course Don Yule ended up for the second year in a row a gift that was a true automotive related, worst gift (a CD changer for a 1995 BMW M3, with



working status "UNKNOWN"). I could not believe no-one wanted to steal this item from him and give him a second chance at the rest of the great gifts.

The waiters at Texas Reds were very efficient and courteous and always addressed you by your name. The food was excellent, and well sized portions were served, along with a desert sampler plate that included cheesecake and cream-puffs.



Thank you to Herb Looney for organizing this great event and to Don Yule and the other members that contacted BMW of Austin, BMW of San Antonio, and Rhine West for the donation of the door prizes.



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Top Performer in the Roadster Range: The BMW Z4 sDrive35i

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Combining classic proportions with modern sportiness, the new BMW Z4 has reached the top of its market segment almost overnight. And now this charismatic roadster is entering a new dimension in driving dynamics, the new BMW Z4 sDrive35i offering an even higher standard of performance ensured both by the modified straight-six power unit with BMW Twin Turbo Technology and High Precision Injection, on the one hand, and by BMW's seven-speed Sport Automatic with double clutch operation and the M Sports Package including the adaptive M Suspension likewise featured as standard, on the other. Appropriate optimisation in engine technology increases maximum output of the 3.0-litre power unit to 250 kW/340 hp. Peak torque is 450 Newton-metres/332 lb-ft, increasing briefly with the Overboost function to 500 Newton-metres/369 lb-ft. The outstanding power and performance of the BMW Z4 sDrive35i is expressed in particular by the significant increase in pulling power and muscle to be clearly experienced in all situations. In conjunction with seven-speed Sport Automatic featuring double clutch operation, this new top-of-the-range.

Roadster accelerates from a standstill to 100 km/h (62 mph) in just 4.8 seconds.

At 9.0 litres/100 kilometres (equal to 26.1 mpg US) and 210 grams in the EU test cycle, fuel consumption and CO2 emissions are the same as on the BMW Z4 sDrive35i with Sport Automatic.

The BMW Z4 sDrive35i is making its world debut at the 2010 North American

International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit. And parallel to the market launch of this high-performance roadster in spring 2010, the M Sports Package is being introduced for all further versions of the BMW Z4.



More air, more boost, more torque, more driving pleasure.

The twin-turbo straight-six power unit already giving the BMW Z4 sDrive35i truly impressive dynamics and all-round performance is characterised in particular by its spontaneous and direct response to the gas pedal, fascinating free-revving performance, and unusually economical use of fuel for a car in this class.

Now the outstanding potential of this power unit is being put to even greater use in the new version of the BMW Roadster, features such as optimised air supply and increased boost pressure ensuring an even better flow of power with the same high standard of efficiency.

The combination of BMW Twin Turbo Technology and High Precision Injection offers a level of performance a naturally-aspirated power unit would only be able to provide with a larger number of cylinders and extra displacement, meaning far higher weight and significantly greater fuel consumption.

Instead, the BMW Twin Turbo power unit uses two small turbochargers which, through their low inertia, cut in from the start at relatively low engine speeds, each

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supplying three cylinders with compressed air. As a result, power and performance are built up with a level of spontaneity quite unusual on a turbocharged engine. The turbocharger system developed for the power unit of the new BMW Z4 sDrive35is maintains a high boost pressure throughout the entire load range. Peak torque now increased to 450 Newton-metres or 332 lb-ft comes from a low 1,400 rpm and is maintained consistently all the way to 4,500 rpm. Maximum output of 250 kW/340 hp, in turn, is delivered at 5,800 rpm.

Overboost function for particularly dynamic acceleration.

Modified engine management on the BMW Z4 sDrive35is also allows the use of an Overboost function briefly increasing engine torque under full load by another 50 Newton-metres or 37 lb-ft. The peak thus offered of 500 Newton-metres/369 lb-ft gives the car particularly fast, dynamic and powerful acceleration, the BMW Z4 sDrive35is completing the sprint from a standstill to 100 km/h (62 mph) in just 4.8 seconds.

Through its particular characteristics, the power unit offers a particularly intense experience of this supreme performance. The extra output of the optimized six-cylinder is maintained consistently throughout all load ranges, above all under very dynamic driving conditions.

When accelerating in the BMW Z4 sDrive35is, the driver feels the additional torque and muscle particularly at medium and high engine speeds. Following the policy of the BMW Group, finally, top speed of the BMW Z4 sDrive35is is limited electronically to 250 km/h or 155 mph.

High Precision Injection: the efficient way to supreme performance.

The BMW Z4 sDrive35is offers its outstanding power and performance consistently at all times. But this does not mean an increase in fuel consumption and emissions. On the contrary – averaging fuel consumption of 9.0 litres/100 kilometres (equal to 26.1 mpg US) and CO₂ emissions of 210 grams per kilometre in the EU test cycle, the new top model offers the same superiority also in this respect as the BMW Z4 sDrive35i with Sport Automatic.

This unusually good balance of performance and fuel consumption results from the fundamental design and layout of the six-cylinder combining BMW Twin Turbo Technology with High Precision Injection. So once again, the qualities of direct gasoline injection featured in this engine come out very clearly, piezo-injectors positioned in the cylinder head between the valves and therefore in the immediate vicinity of the spark plugs ensuring particularly precise dosage of fuel and a clean combustion process.

Opening up to the outside, the injectors operate at a pressure of up to 200 bar, distributing fuel in a conical spray pattern throughout the entire combustion chamber. A further advantage of such direct fuel injection is the cooling effect allowing higher compression and making the combustion process even more efficient.

Through their concept alone, the turbochargers likewise help to reduce fuel consumption. Since the turbines are made of special steel particularly resistant to high temperatures and therefore able to cope with temperatures of more than 1,000° C or 1,830° F, there is no need for an increased fuel supply with its cooling

effect. Particularly under full load, this ensures a significant advantage in fuel economy.

Further technologies offered as standard by BMW EfficientDynamics such as Brake Energy Regeneration, EPS Electric Power Steering and on-demand control and management of ancillary units likewise help to reduce both fuel consumption and emissions.

Characteristic engine sound accompanying the dynamic surge of power.

The modified six-cylinder also comes with special features on the engine block itself in the interest of even greater strength and stiffness. The exhaust system of the BMW Z4 sDrive35is, in turn, has been developed specifically for this model, appropriate sound engineering giving the car a very characteristic and truly impressive sound pattern.

This particular distinction tailored to the BMW Z4 sDrive35is is ensured by special sound flaps and modifications on the silencers. The driver and passenger therefore experience powerful acoustic feedback to their wish for performance, without the sound of the engine becoming obtrusive, let alone annoying, at any time. So the sound experience is characterised by a particularly deep rumble with the focus above all on the low frequency range.

Seven-speed Sport Automatic with a special control map and an optimised two-mass flywheel.

The seven-speed Sport Automatic with double clutch operation featured in the BMW Z4 sDrive35is likewise offers the very best in driving dynamics and efficiency. A particular highlight in this case is the two-mass flywheel laid out particularly for an even higher level of

power and performance, offering even greater strength and stability and naturally handling high engine torque of up to 500 Newton-metres or 369 lb-ft without the slightest problem.

The seven-speed Sport Automatic with double clutch operation shifts gears without the slightest interruption of torque and engine power, offering the driver the choice of an automatic gearshift or the manual selection of gears. The fast and particularly smooth change of gears ensures unusually harmonious acceleration and serves in addition to reduce both fuel consumption and emissions.

The control map on the seven-speed Sport Automatic transmission with double clutch has naturally been tailored to the particular power and performance of the engine, thus further enhancing the superior sportiness of the BMW Z4 sDrive35is to an even higher level. Particularly when shifting gears manually and in conjunction with the SPORT and SPORT+ modes of Dynamic Driving Control, the transmission offers a most dynamic experience through modified gearshift points, optimised selection of gears and an even greater increase in torque before shifting.

Sport Automatic also comes with a Launch Control function for maximum performance when accelerating from a standstill.

The Sport Automatic transmission is controlled and masterminded by an electronic gear selector on the centre console and comes with gearshift paddles on the steering wheel.

Featured as standard on the BMW Z4 sDrive35is: M Sports Package and adaptive M Suspension.

The BMW Z4 sDrive35is also comes

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as standard with an M Sports Package including the M Aerodynamics Package and adaptive M Suspension featuring electronically controlled dampers for even greater agility without making any concessions in terms of comfort. The M Sports Package underlines the dynamic character of the car through its aerodynamically optimised exterior features and customised interior design. Special 18-inch light-alloy rims in five-spoke design combined with tyres of different size front and rear round off the sporting character of the BMW Z4 sDrive35is, with 19-inch light-alloy rims available as an option.

The adaptive M Suspension lowers the entire car by 10 millimetres or almost 0.4", ensuring a quick reaction to sudden steering manoeuvres and superior precision when entering a bend thanks to four continuously adjustable twin-sleeve gas-pressure dampers with interacting adjustment of the inbound and rebound strokes. The central control unit processing data delivered by three accelerometers and adjusting the four dampers independently of one another enables the suspension to respond very quickly to even the slightest change in driving and road conditions.

Damper harshness, in turn, is adjusted by externally fitted valves controlling the flow of damper fluid, giving the dampers either a harder or softer set-up in accordance with current conditions and driving requirements. Reaction time of the system is extremely short, with the rear dampers being adjusted immediately as

soon as the front wheels run over a hole or bump in the road.

Electric Power Steering on the BMW Z4 sDrive35is features a particularly sporting and dynamic control map, with the focus on intense and clear feedback to the driver through the dosage of power assistance provided by the electric motor. Again, this enables the driver to enter bends with extreme precision at all engine speeds in the interest of enhanced performance.

M Sports Package offering a most direct experience of the car's dynamic potential – and available as an option also on the other models in the range.

The exterior and interior features of the M Sports Package coming as standard on the BMW Z4 sDrive35is raises the dynamic driving potential of the car to an even higher level and clearly presents the particular qualities of this model through its looks alone.

Upon introduction of the new top model in the range, the M Sports Package is also becoming available as an option on the other versions of BMW's unique Roadster. The only difference is that instead of the wheels exclusive to the BMW Z4 sDrive35is, the other models come with 18-inch M light-alloy wheels on the M Sports Package.



The particular exterior features on the BMW Z4 sDrive35is include a striking front bumper with a horizontal trim bar in the outer air intakes finished in matt aluminium, like the bars in the BMW kidney grille. The slightly twisted contours of these trim bars take up the spoke design of the light-alloy rims as a further sign of distinction.

The rear bumper comes with specially accentuated surrounds on the exhaust tailpipes as well as a two-piece diffuser again created specifically for the BMW Z4 sDrive35is, finished at the top in body colour and featuring a black grained surface at the bottom. The M Aerodynamics Package included in the optional M Sports Package also on the other versions of the Z4 Roadster furthermore comes with a rear bumper insert in Anthracite metallic.

Inside the BMW Z4 sDrive35is, the driving experience is enhanced to an even higher standard by features such as the M leather steering wheel with its gearshift paddles, an M footrest and sports seats. The instrument cluster comes with grey faces on the dials and the “sDrive35is” model designation in the instrument cluster.

Further features inside the BMW Z4

sDrive35is are the Anthracite-coloured BMW Individual roof lining, M entry strips, footmats with coloured piping and the “sDrive35is” model designation, as well as M interior trim in Aluminium carbon.

The M Sports Package on the other versions of the Z4 Roadster includes an M gearshift lever knob in leather on the manual gearbox models. At the same time the range of leather upholstery is being further enhanced by an additional colour variant marking the launch of the BMW Z4 sDrive35is: Both the top model and all other versions of the Z4 Roadster are now also available in Kansas Walnut leather as yet a further option.

The BMW Z4 sDrive35is comes with a choice of six paintwork colours. In addition to Alpine White and the metallic colours Titanium Silver, Sapphire Black, Space Grey and Deep Sea Blue, the Z4 Roadster is now available for the first time in Melbourne Red metallic.

Regardless of the colour chosen, the exterior mirror caps on the BMW Z4 sDrive35is always come in Oxide Silver. Another optical feature on the top model, finally, is the “sDrive35is” model designation on the front side panels.



Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2010

To encourage participation, the successful Incentive Points Challenge began in 1998. The members or associate members who earn the highest number of points by the end of the year (up to 10th place) receive valuable prizes at the Post-Holiday Party in January 2011. The Rookie of the Year award is for the member that joined in the current year and earns Rookie Points based on Incentive Points earned divided by the time as a member during the year.

Activity	Points
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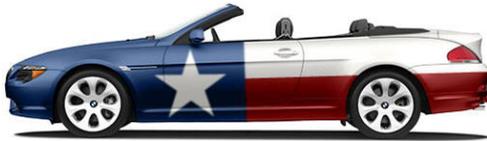


From left to right: Chip Beaudette - 1st Rookie, Wayne Eltringham - 9th place, Herb Looney - 4th place, Susan Yule - 6th place, Donald Yule - 3rd place, Kathy Eltringham - 8th place, Gina Silvestri - 10th place, Mike Sevel - Honorable mention, Sridhar Kamma - 2nd place, Allan Gazza - 1st place, Roger Williams - 5th place, and Marco Cordon - 7th place

Not pictured: Harold Cohen - 2nd Rookie and John Swann - Honorable mention



Calendar of Texas Chapter and Related Events



Date	Event	Meet Location
February 20, 2010	Wine Tour see page 5	New Braunfels
March 20, 2010	Triple Ranch Tour	Austin
April 24, 2010	Annual Bluebonnet Drive	TBD
June 19, 2010	Fun Rally	TBD
September 2010	Tri-Marque Concours	TBD
October 2010	Annual Utopia Weekend	Kerrville
December 2010	Annual Charity Event	TBD

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1987 635CSi

Austin, TX car with 200k miles, currently registered, Texas Safety Inspection including emissions test passed this month (good through Jan 2011). I've owned this car since 1996. No rust, smoking or racing. Very nice black paint, no accidents. Tan interior, driver's leather seat cracked, passenger front seat leather cracked and split (should be replaced/recovered, or seat covers put on). Rear interior is fine, no cracks or splits. Very clean trunk with like-new gray carpet. Front and rear air conditioning stopped working last summer. Needs some basic service e.g. all fluids should be changed, leaky power steering hoses and window tint should be replaced. Car drives well and is otherwise mechanically sound. Lots of new parts in recent years (water pump, radiator, battery, clutch master/slave cylinders, catalytic converter, full tune-up, main and in-tank fuel pumps, banjo bolt re-fit etc.). Shod with 14" basket weave wheels from '78 633, all with almost new tires. (original TRX wheels also

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come with the car, full size spare is TRX with tire in good condition). This car hasn't seen much use in the last few years and is still a good daily driver. I'm letting her go cheap, hopefully to a shade tree mechanic who would want to put a little effort into restoring this car to her full classic potential. I'm now a boat owner and my shade tree time is no longer available for my old friend.. Asking \$3000. Contact Jay Sacco jaysacco@sbcglobal.net.



1999 Z3 2.3

VIN 4USCH9333XLF81256, Atlanta Blue Metallic, black leather interior, black soft top, interior wind deflector, 16" Cross Spoke wheels, wood trim interior, fog lights, cruise control, and security system. All original, no modifications with 78k miles, 2yr. old Yokohama tires with 13k miles. Always garaged, well maintained interior and exterior, all service records available and never raced. Priced at \$8500. Contact Tom Dawson (member no. 137741) at 830-629-1003 or send email to tomadawson@satx.rr.com .. Contact Tom Dawson at 830-629-1003 or email to tomadawson@satx.rr.com.



2000 Z3 2.3

VIN: WBACH9344YLF89752, Red, Tan interior, 5-speed, Black top, 97K miles, Harmon/Kardon upgrade sound, Garaged, oil pressure gauge added, all service records. My '98 M3 has been moved out of our garage due to a returning family member and now is suffering from the weather. I really need the room so am selling the Z3. \$9,900 or best offer. Contact Thomas Goodwin at 2105664688 or email to tomgoodwin2@sbcglobal.net.

M Series E39 M5

Looking for an E39 M5 2001-2003 with sport interior. Please let me know if you see any around. Thanks!. Contact Ken Hollins at 512-868-3677 or send email to kenhollins@hotmail.com.

1991 318is

LOOKING FOR: 1991 318is in either silver or white. Will pay top \$\$ for the right one. Dennis.....860-598-8770 & ddnomad@msn.com

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cover, charcoal gray. \$25 (obo), WeatherTech cargo area liner. \$25 (obo), Thule cargo racks, fit existing roof rails, lockable. \$100 (obo), Custom Pet/Cargo barrier w/ storage bag. \$150 (obo), Shipping extra.. Contact Warren Blanchard at 210-887-6843 or send email to docb3205@gmail.com.



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All 4 are the same size so can be rotated (i.e.- not staggered). Include 4 nice 235/45ZR-17 Kumho ECSTA SPT tires (2 new, 2 ~one year old). Also include proper lug bolts. Can include hubcentric rings if you want to use them on an e34.. Only reason I am selling them is I have now sold this car. . Contact Doug Norton at 512-413-1222 or send email to dougn@att.net

2004 E46, 4-18" ZHP wheels

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