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*From
The
President*

Happy New Year 2009

It hardly seems possible that it has been a year since I was looking forward to 2008 with great anticipation of another wonderful Tejas Chapter year. As it turned out, the reality was really much better than the anticipation. The chapter set new heights for participation at monthly events. We had 209 members attend at least one event, compared to 174 in 2007 and the number of new members participating almost doubled. Besides the attendance records, the events were outstanding and made for a very enjoyable year!

As you will notice from page 24 of this issue, many members, including our Events Coordinator, Kathy Eltringham, have already been busy behind the scenes with working

on a schedule of events for 2009. This year will include some of the good old perennial favorites like the Utopia Weekend, the Shakespeare festival, and the BMW of Austin Tech Session, but there are also several new and exciting events coming our way this year.

This year will start as usual with our Post-Holiday Party. This is always a tremendous evening of fun, food, and fellowship, as we present the Incentive Awards for the previous year, raffle off some door prizes, and end the evening with the usual melee known as the White Elephant Gift Exchange. I hope you will mark your calendar now and start 2009 the right way by making the first Tejas Chapter event of the year.

Then, make a commitment to attend as many events as possible this year. With your help, the Tejas Chapter can be even get better!!

Until next time

Glenn McConnell

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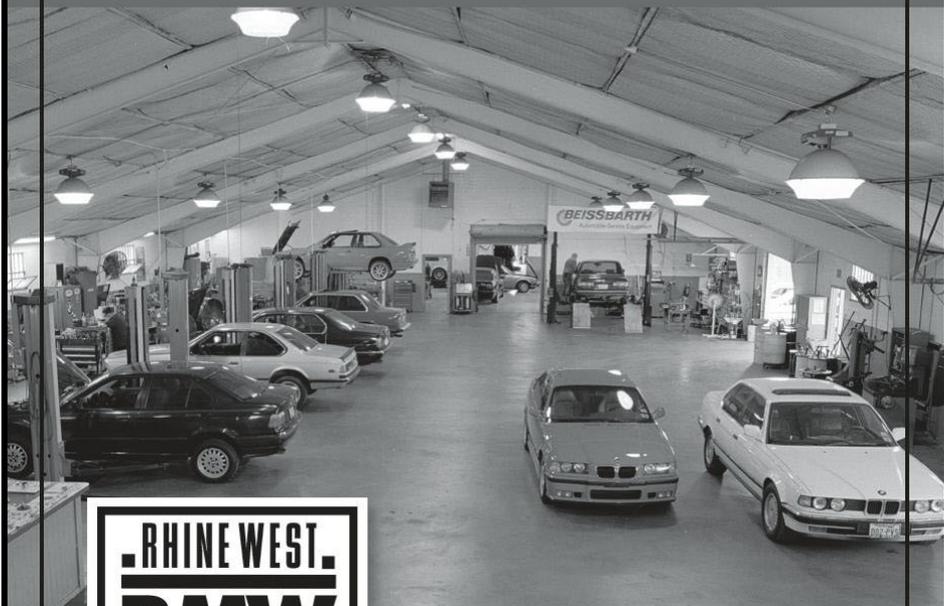
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Planned by: Kathy Eltringham

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Tejas Chapter's 2008 Children's Christmas Shopping Spree

A Review by Sandy McConnell

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! was our theme Saturday morning December 6th, as Tejas Chapter members met at Wal Mart in San Antonio. All gathered in anticipation of this year's Children's Christmas Shopping Spree, our fifth annual charitable event of this type. Wayne Eltringham coordinated the event, planned all necessary details with the Guadalupe Community Center of San Antonio, and set the ball into motion.



Wayne & Kathy welcomed everyone and briefed on all details of the who, when and where for our shopping experience with the children. Also in attendance were employees and sponsors of the Guadalupe Community Center of San Antonio, to assist and who had also gone through a process to select 30 children who would be the recipients of our contributions this year. The children, all come from families that are in financial need, or are experiencing hardships that would prevent them from having much, if any, Christmas without the outside assistance of others, such as ourselves, who have

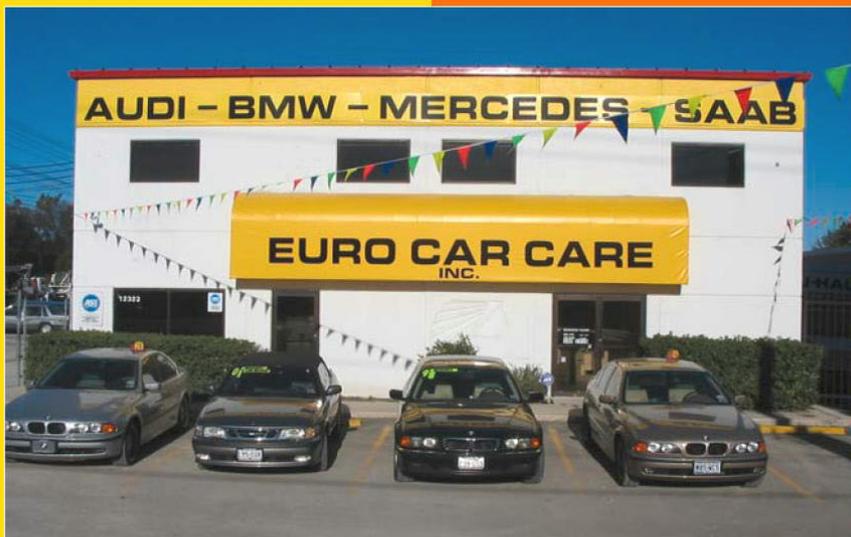
been blessed with so much.

The children and adults were assigned into teams and headed out for shopping. Each child would have a \$100.00 Wal Mart Gift card to make their purchases with. Each team would work out the division of the available dollars and we were on hand to advise and assist the children with their purchases. As always, the children were extremely generous and very excited to be able to buy gifts for their family.

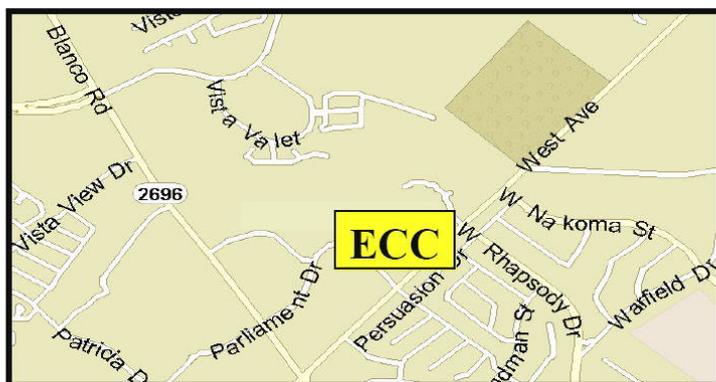


As the teams completed their shopping and were returning to the designated registers for their purchases, it was interesting to hear how close they came to the limit of \$100.00. I was hearing totals like \$95.xx or \$97.xx; all so close. Sometimes they would fill in the difference with small items like gum and candy, but if their was credit remaining on the cards, they were turned in to the Guadalupe Community Center, who in turn passed them on to the parent(s). The center is very organized and through their programs, they teach life skills and meet other community needs. So, helping them budget the money they had for the their purchases fit right in with the goals of the center. But, it would be

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very easy to want to do more for those special kids!



Following purchasing their gifts, the teams navigated to the back of the store and assembled in the employee's break room. The employees appeared to have willingly given up half of their R & R space to allow room for the next important step of the process - gift wrapping! Wal Mart provided paper, ribbon, tags and other needed wrapping supplies and even donuts and drinks for refreshments! The room was a beehive of activity and a lesson in patience was applied, before the teams were able to find space to wrap all those treasures.

In the end, everyone gathered outside for group pictures and good-byes, before heading our separate ways the children back to the center and the Tejas Chapter members to Alamo Cafe for lunch.



Alamo Cafe was ready for us and we enjoyed a special group time of comparing notes, talking about holiday plans and eating delicious food!



The Tejas Chapter members that have been able to participate in this annual event are very "hooked" by the uplifting nature of the event. Though it appears it is the children who benefit from us, it is actually debatable who experiences the most in return. The feelings we experience of accomplishment, good will and personal satisfaction, are very great rewards. If the rest are like me... they can't wait until next year!

See you in January at the Faust Hotel!

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BMW Austin Tech Session Review

By Kathy Eltringham

They came from all over the Austin and Texas area. They came to work on their car. They came to have someone else work on their car. They came to talk, visit and share with others like themselves. They came to eat. They came and we had over 80 people in attendance. They came to the 4th Annual BMW Austin Tech Session.



Beginning about 9:30 am on Saturday, BMW owners got to put their cars up on the lifts. Here they worked on their cars under the careful watcheye of the BMW Mechanical Technician that was assigned to them. Many different things were done. Oil changes, tire rotations, front windshield replacement, brake jobs and other things were being done.

Mostly basic maintenance items were done. The BMW Maintenance Technicians were eager to help each BMW owner with their individual car needs and took the extra time to make sure everything got done. They carefully talked you through each step along the way. Of course, some owners were having some items done that had to be done by the Tech and so they watched.



Around noon a lunch was provided to all attendees, which included hamburgers, hotdogs, and Rudy's chopped BBQ sandwiches.

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M'm m'm good. There was even a double size cake, chocolate or vanilla, for the sweet tooth in all of us.



Throughout the day, door prizes were awarded to a couple of lucky attendees. Just before everyone headed out at the end of the day, a couple of awards were presented. Categories included: Newest Car, Oldest Car and Longest Drive to attend the event.

Whether you drove a short way or a long way, it was well worth the trip on this cold and windy day. The facilities alone are a playground for adults. The store area had several BMW gear items to choose from. In the main lobby there is a fish tank and a movie theatre to keep you entertained. In the parts lobby there



are some eye-catching parts on display to get you hooked into that upgrade you just know you need for your car. Even the wash area sinks were fun. In the back of the service bays, BMW had set up a kid's area complete with a bounce house and face painting. Even a couple of the big kids got into the spirit.



All in all, it was a fun day. Not even the cold weather, which felt more like winter than fall, could keep us away. About 40 cars made it to the lifts to have some work done on them and we all got to visit with each other throughout the day. The whole BMW of Austin team did a great job and a very special one, too. This is the only dealership that hosts an event like this in the entire world. Thanks BMW of Austin, can't wait until next year.

BMW of Austin Tech Session 2008

A review by Allan Gazza

The excitement of my first BMW of Austin Tech Session started setting in Friday afternoon with many thoughts of Saturday's event only one day away. Not knowing what to expect, I began wondering what I need to bring to this event. I started by thinking about the work that I wanted to accomplish, including the transmission fluid change, rear differential fluid change, and if time permitted, the fuel filter I had purchased 1 week prior. Asking questions of other members that have attended these events in the past would have saved me a little preparation time in loading the trunk with tools that I really would not need as the BMW Technicians were more than willing to use all their tools.

This was an AWESOME event, starting with signing up to drive a new 1 series, and receiving a BMW bag with all sorts of little items including a Golf shirt, flashlight, clock, screwdrivers, ect....BMW of Austin and the Technicians went the extra mile to make this an event to always remember. The 1-series was an amazing car to drive, not only due to the ride and handling ability, but the performance and the fun of using the paddle shifters. Herb went along as a passenger with the salesman and myself, and I am sure he enjoyed the ride just as much as me. Only thing I remember the salesman saying was "This next corner you may want to slow down". Yes, that was the 20mph corner, which allowed no room for any

driver error. I am sure the car is very capable of taking that corner at 60mph or higher, but would my insurance company think so?. This car provided the "Ultimate Driving Experience" I would expect from BMW. So I will add this to my wish list for 2009.

Working on my car was just as fun, along with the BMW Technician. Once the car was up in the air he started by doing a preliminary inspection of things that could possibly be worn with the age and mileage of my car. His professional diagnosis was that there was a little front control arm bushing play, a rear differential bushing that was starting to show some wear. Other than that a clean bill of health. Definitely gives me some more to look forward to working on. Since only purchasing the car in May 2008, I was not sure if the fluids in the transmission or differential were ever changed. We



started with draining the differential fluid, and found that it was actually better than I expected. The fluid came out clear and looked as if it was recently changed. Chalk it up as piece

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of mind, knowing it is done now and a worthwhile preventative maintenance. The transmission fluid was a very different surprise. Looked like black crude oil draining from that drain plug, and I couldn't wait to see what the pan looked like when we changed the filter. Off came the pan in a matter of minutes with the electric impact wrench, allowing a peek at the pan and magnets and clutch debris. The magnets only had a slight bit of clutch material, which gave a very positive look at the transmission with 86,000 miles on it.

While waiting on parts, we took advantage of the time, and installed the fuel filter, that I have been putting off changing, so I would not have to lay on the garage floor at home changing it. I do miss the days of having a hoist available to me to do my work on my own time. This will have to be another item for the wish list for when I have a new house.

Doing the transmission fluid change brought up many good conversations with Tejas Chapter members I have met before, and ones

I have seen at previous events. Some of the questions ranged from "Lifetime fluid" or should it be changed to should the filter be changed. My preference is to change the fluid and filter every 30k miles to avoid costly repairs in the future. I think the best thing was to show the fluid and filter removed from my car and let people make their own decision whether to change the fluid at set mileages.

Preventative maintenance never does hurt, and the cost of this service is reasonable compared to future transmission repair costs.

Once my car was finished I was able to go around and visit with other members and see what they were doing to their cars. It ranged from getting their car up on the hoist and the enjoyment of being able to see the underside of their cars to alignments, oil changes, valve cover gaskets, and all sorts of miscellaneous repairs that are so fun to do when you have such a nice facility and professional help.

I want to take this opportunity to thank BMW of Austin and the employees for such a excellent event and for the experience of this sort of event, and Linda for arranging this months event.



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The New BMW Z4 Roadster To Make North American Debuts At The 2009 North American International Auto Show

Woodcliff Lake, NJ – Poised to lead its market segment once again, the 2009 BMW Z4 Roadster will make its North American debuts at the 2009 North American International Auto Show on January 11.

Return of a Classic

The classic roadster is back – more powerful and more stylish than ever before. It is the BMW Z4, the only car in its segment combining classic roadster proportions with a seating position moved close to the rear axle, rear-wheel drive, with a retractable hardtop.

The new BMW Z4 offers all the driving pleasure of a BMW Roadster with particularly refined and stylish flair. Driving with the roof down, this two-seater offers a refreshingly intense experience of the sunshine and the wind rushing by – and driving with the hardtop closed it provides all the comfort of a sporting coupe in the premium segment. So through this diversity and wide range of qualities, the new

BMW Z4 is the re-birth of the roadster.

The design of the new Z4 comes out through classic details interpreted in new, up-to-date style. This outstanding two-seater offers a unique combination of elegance, agility, and supreme comfort. The aluminum shells of the two-piece lightweight hardtop come to rest in the roof compartment, saving maximum space in the process. Even with the roof closed, the new Z4 retains the proportions typical of a genuine roadster.

To ensure driving pleasure, the new BMW Z4 is offered with two inline-6 engine displacing 3.0 liters: 300 hp in the BMW Z4 sDrive35i and 255 hp in the BMW Z4 sDrive30i ensure truly outstanding acceleration and response at all times.

Comprehensive use of BMW's EfficientDynamics technologies serves to provide an unparalleled balance of driving pleasure and fuel efficiency. While both models are available with a manual six-speed gearbox, the Z4 sDrive35i is available also with a dual-clutch sport automatic transmission featuring seven gears. The six-speed sport automatic is available on the Z4 sDrive30i. Both sport automatic transmissions feature steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters.

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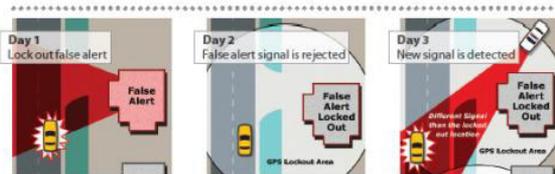
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Featuring Dynamic Drive Control as standard, the BMW Z4 enables the driver to choose between three drivetrain and suspension settings at the touch of a button.

Design: the modern look of a classic roadster.

The new BMW Z4 takes on the classic look of the roadster in modern, flowing lines. The car's proportions are borne out by the long and low-slung engine compartment lid, short overhangs, the long wheelbase and large wheels as well as the low seating position near the rear axle.

The front view features a large, upright BMW kidney grille, wide air intake and the dual round headlights, typical of the BMW brand. All surfaces and lines, including the character lines on the hood, strive towards an imaginary target point on the road ahead.

The side view is dominated by the dynamic flow of the car's shoulder line connecting the front and rear wheel arches and accentuating the stretched, athletic look of the Roadster. The horizontal orientation of the car's lines and surfaces at the rear, in turn, emphasizes the sheer width of the new BMW Z4. Further characteristics are the extra-large hood extending far over the wheel arches, the black A-pillars, the gills at the side with their integrated LED di-

rection indicators, as well as the slender rear fixtures with three-dimensional LED-fed rows of light.

Cycling in 20 seconds: the retractable hardtop.



The new BMW Z4 is the first BMW roadster to protect its occupants from wind and weather with a fully retractable hardtop. This two-piece lightweight aluminum shell opens and closes at the touch of a button within 20 seconds. The compact packaging of the folding roof enables the Z4 Roadster to retain the characteristic, slender proportions of its predecessor.

This innovative roof system offers outstanding acoustic and aerodynamic qualities and sets a new standard in the Z4's segment. Large windows and the high-quality roof lining give the hardtop a

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light look. Driver and passenger enjoy a bright ambience, generous space, and optimum visibility. Compared with the former model, the side windows are 40% larger, the see-through area in the rear window 52% larger, and all-round visibility increased 14% over the previous generation.

The glass rear window in the hardtop is equipped with an electric defroster and the four side windows of the new BMW Z4 may be lowered individually. The higher roofline and larger door openings allow easier and more convenient access with the roof closed.

The retractable roof may be operated either by a switch in the center console or by remote control key fob when equipped with optional Comfort Access. Comfort Access also allows convenient loading and unloading of the luggage compartment with the roof open. To provide access to the luggage compartment in this case, the open hardtop is moved to an interim position facilitating the removal of large objects.

Flexible storage with optional through-loading.

The roof compartment and the luggage compartment are separated from one another by a moveable partition, which may be folded up to increase luggage space if the roof will remain closed.

The moveable partition in the new BMW Z4 is unique in the premium roadster segment, and offers enough luggage space with the hardtop open for a medium-sized hard-shell suitcase.

Using the optional through-loading system to the passenger compartment, the Z4 is able to accommodate a 46-inch full-

size golf bag. When the roof is closed the luggage compartment easily accommodates up to four crates of large bottles or – when using the through-loading system – two 46-inch golf bags.

Various other storage compartments are designed into the interior. The new Z4 offers storage trays in the center console, a 10-liter glove box, hinged compartments in the doors, and additional space behind the seats.

Included with the Cold Weather Package is a storage package that provides an even wider range of storage and loading functions, with fastening nets on the rear panels of the seats and in the passenger's footwell, lashing belts in the luggage compartment, as well as a storage box in the bulkhead leading to the luggage compartment.

Optional through-loading system together with a transport bag ensures even greater versatility, allowing the user to load slender items such as golf bags or two pairs of skis measuring up to 67" in length.

BMW Z4 sDrive35i: performance with efficiency thanks to Twin Turbo and High Precision Injection.

The most dynamic version of the new Z4 comes with the world's first inline-6 engine to feature twin turbochargers, High Precision Injection, and an all-aluminum crankcase.

The use of two turbochargers (each supplying three cylinders) ensures responsiveness never seen before on a turbocharged engine. The engine achieves peak torque of 300 lb-ft without the slightest delay, and maintains this high level of torque throughout a broad rev range from 1,400–5,000 rpm.

Maximum output of 300 hp comes at 5,800 rpm, and the BMW Z4 sDrive35i accelerates to 60 mph in just 5.1 seconds

(optional seven-speed double clutch sport automatic transmission in 5.0 seconds). The acceleration continues all the way to an electronically-limited 130 mph (150 mph when equipped with the optional Sport Package).

High Precision Injection is a key element in the Z4's efficient performance. Injecting fuel directly into the combustion chamber offers a cooling effect allowing a higher compression ratio and optimized combustion efficiency. This second generation of direct gasoline injection developed by BMW ensures significant benefits in fuel efficiency without restricting the dynamic qualities of the engine.

The 6-cylinder normally aspirated engine: powerful and light thanks to magnesium.

Offering spontaneous power and performance, excellent motoring refinement and outstanding efficiency, the 6-cylinder naturally-aspirated engine in the BMW Z4 sDrive30i again offers the very best in its segment. Weighing just 355 lb thanks to its composite magnesium/aluminum crankcase, cylinder head cover made of a special synthetic material and lightweight camshafts with aluminum VANOS control unit, is exceptionally light.

While BMW's VALVETRONIC engine management controls valve stroke on the intake valves, double-VANOS varies the angle of the intake and outlet valves in an infinite process. This allows particularly efficient use of fuel, providing a "beefy" torque curve and giving the engine instant response.

The engine in the BMW Z4 sDrive30i develops maximum output of 255 hp from 3.0 liters capacity at an engine speed of 6,600 rpm. Maximum torque of 220 lb-ft, in turn, comes at just 2,600 rpm.

With this kind of power, the BMW

Z4 sDrive30i accelerates from a standstill to 60 mph in 5.6 seconds (with optional sport automatic in 6.0 seconds). Top speed is electronically limited to 130 mph (150 mph when equipped with the optional Sport Package).

6-speed transmission with short gear-shift travel featured as standard.

All variants of the new BMW Z4 come as standard with a 6-speed manual gearbox. Developed specifically for BMW's new Roadster, the various transmission options are particularly sporting in their character. Indeed, this is borne out in particular by extremely short gearshift travel much shorter than on all other current BMW models with a manual gearshift.

Optional: 7-speed sport automatic with double clutch and 6-speed sport automatic with paddle shifters.

As an option, the BMW Z4 sDrive35i is available with BMW's newly developed double-clutch sport automatic gearbox. Based on the M DCT transmission introduced in the BMW M3, this 7-speed gearbox ensures faster acceleration and extra performance in comparison with the 6-speed manual gearbox, while providing the comfort features of a BMW automatic transmission. The 7-speed double-clutch sport automatic shifts gears without the slightest interruption of power.

The BMW Z4 sDrive35i with its seven-speed sport automatic accelerates to 60mph in just 5.0 seconds, while fuel consumption is expected to outperform the fuel economy on the same model with a manual gearbox.

Sport automatic gives the driver the choice of either automatic (Program D) or manual gear selection. If desired, the driver may shift gears manually by means

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of paddles on the steering wheel.

The 6-speed sport automatic transmission available on the BMW Z4 sDrive30i promotes not only driving comfort, but also the sporty performance of a BMW Roadster. Indeed, the characteristics of the car are attributable to the direct connection linking the transmission to the engine, based on modern torque converter technology with an integrated torsion damper, avoiding unnecessary slip and therefore helping to eliminate any loss of power and performance. Even the slightest movement of the gas pedal, therefore, is converted spontaneously into a quick response with gearshift times reduced to a minimum.

The sport automatic transmission offers the driver the opportunity to shift gears manually when desired. Apart from selecting gears via the selector lever on the center console, the driver also has the option to use the gearshift paddles on the steering wheel.

Sophisticated suspension technology, high-performance lightweight brakes.

Rear-wheel drive, near perfect weight distribution, the long wheelbase and the low center of gravity on the roadster create ideal conditions for supreme agility.

Featuring traditional spring-struts, a “double-jointed” front suspension made largely of aluminum, and a constant-geometry rear axle, the new Z4 comes with proven suspension concepts in a configuration perfectly tailored to the characteristics of the car.

Electric power steering plays a role also in the BMW Z4, enhancing the precision and comfort of steering maneuvers and reducing fuel consumption, since the electric motor for steering power assis-

tance is activated only when required or desired by the driver.

The new Z4 comes with new high-performance brakes, featuring low weight and low brake pad wear. At the same time the BMW Z4 is the first car in its segment to feature an electrical parking brake activated and released by a button on the center console.

Both versions of the new BMW Z4 come as standard on 17-inch light-alloy rims and with runflat tires as well as a Tire Pressure Monitor.

BMW’s standard Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) serves not only to activate the ABS brakes and ensure stability on slippery surfaces by activating the brakes or reducing engine power, but also comprises other functions such as Brake Drying and Brake Standby as well as a Start-Off Assistant. Acting in a similar way to a mechanical limited slip differential, DSC electronic rear brake management is used to simulate a limited slip differential for stronger acceleration in turns.

Activating Dynamic Traction Control at the touch of a button, the driver is able to raise the response thresholds for intervention by the DSC, thus enjoying the option, for example, to set off on loose snow with the drive wheels slightly spinning. And when desired, the driver is also able to deactivate DSC altogether (ABS remains active).

Adaptive M Suspension featuring Electronic Damping Control (EDC).

The agility of the BMW Roadster may be further enhanced by ordering the optional Sport Package featuring Adaptive M Suspension with Electronic Damping Control. A central control unit varies the “compression” and “rebound” stages on the four twin-sleeve gas pressure dampers to provide optimum response at all times.

The response time is so fast that a signal coming from a front wheel crossing a hole in the road reaches and re-adjusts the rear dampers even before the rear wheels reach the same uneven road surface.

Comfort and sportiness in one: Dynamic Drive Control.

Dynamic Drive Control allows the driver of the new Z4 to choose the drive characteristics of the car. In addition to changing damper forces on the Adaptive M Suspension, DDC also conditions the responses of the gas pedal, the power steering, and the response thresholds of Dynamic Stability Control. And if the car is fitted with either sport automatic transmis-

sion, the adaptive gearshift logarithms are adjusted.

The driver operates Dynamic Drive Control via a button on the center console next to the gear selector. By pressing the button, s/he is able to choose from the NORMAL, SPORT and SPORT+ modes, thus activating a pre-configured, perfectly balanced set-up. The SPORT mode, for example, offers more-direct steering behavior and a more-direct response to the gas pedal. The SPORT+ mode, in turn, serves additionally to activate the Dynamic Traction Control mode of DSC, intentionally allowing slight wheelspin and thus enabling the driver to take a bend in a controlled drift.



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Calendar of Tejas Chapter
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Date	Event	Meet Location
January 24, 2009	Post Holiday Party and Incentive Awards see page 5	New Braunfels
February 21, 2009	Tech Session	TBD
March 21, 2009	Italian Tour	TBD
April 25, 2009	BMW Bluebonnet Bi-way (B3) Drive	TBD
May 23, 2009	Annual Picnic	TBD
June 20, 2009	Drive and Dinner Train Ride	TBD
July 25, 2009	Shakespeare in the Barn	Winedale
August 22, 2009	Fun Rally	TBD
September 26, 2009	Wine & Dine Drive	TBD
October 23-25, 2009	Annual Utopia Weekend	Kerville
November 14, 2009	BMW of Austin Tech Session	Austinj
December 5, 2009	Annual Charity Event	TBD

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Activity	Points
Return Survey Form (form available on request or at website)	50
Attend a meeting or event	30
Organize a monthly event, (social/technical etc.)	100
Assist with a monthly event (credited by organizer)	50
Each new member recruited (credited by CCA)	30
Original photo(s) published in the Trax (30 pts max/issue)	10
Original photo(s) published on the website (30 pts max/event)	10
Original Tech Tip published in the Trax	15
Original Article published in the Trax	30
Recruitment of a commercial ad for Trax	20% of ad cost

Note: 2008 Incentive Points are up-to-date, but to have some element of surprise during the Incentive Points Awards at the Post-Holiday Party in January, they will not be published on the website or in this issue of the

Tejas Trax. The final 2008 Incentive Points will be published in the February issue of the

Tejas Trax.



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1998 540i

4.4 liter DOHC, 32 valve V-8 engine. 5-speed automatic transmission. 74K miles. Montreal Blue Metallic (medium dark blue) with sand beige leather interior. Sport Package (17" 7-spoke alloy wheels, sports seats x driver & passenger, shadowline exterior trim and sport suspension). Rear tires replaced 10k miles ago, front tires replaced 2k miles ago with Yokohama YK520s. Electronically adjustable front heated leather sport seats with driver side memory. Navigation/GPS system. Premium sound system with 6-CD changer. Driver and passenger side frontal airbags, head protection system, front door mounted side impact airbag system, 3-point seat belts and headrests at all seating positions. Dynamic Stability Control with all-season traction, 4-wheel ventilated disc brakes with anti-lock braking system (ABS). Engine speed sensitive variable assist power steering, halogen headlights and fog lights. Multi function steering wheel with cruise control, leather interior trim, power moonroof with one-touch operation, automatic climate control with separate left and right

temperature controls. Premium on-board computer with multi-function information display. Power windows with one-touch operation, remote keyless entry system with keyhead remote, two-step unlocking and remote trunk opening. This car has always been garaged, has been well cared for and is in very good condition. The V-8 engine generates almost 300 horsepower making this a really speedy car. I have always used top-rated independent BMW service shops. It looks and runs great!! \$12,500 OBO. Additional pictures available. Contact Fred Kerr at 512-847-6047 or send email to fkerr@austin.rr.com.

2002 M3

VIN# WBSBL93402JR16234; Imola Red/gray leather, SMG, 46,500 miles, premium package, bi-xenon headlights, Harmon/Kardon sound, nearly new PS2s, original owner and serviced by BMW of Austin, Inspection II just completed (\$1900), all service records, no wrecks and "clean" CARFAX, always garaged and in excellent condition. Extended warranty until 05/18/2009; \$26,900; Contact Fred Brinkley, 512-343-7454.

M Series Wheels

18"x 8" ET13 M Parallel replica wheels with matching spare, BMW center caps, aluminum hubcentric rings, & M badges included, mounted on 245/40 ZR18 Falken Azenis ST115 tires for sale. They

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came off of an E34 5 series, but may fit others as well, asking \$1,000. To see what they look like on the car, check out the Utopia trip last year, they should be in there. Contact Jonathon Griffith at (210) 573-0988 or send email to regaljay350@yahoo.com.



Steering Wheel

14" diameter Nardi steering wheel made from the finest Italian Mahogany wood and high grade polished aircraft quality aluminum. The Nardi signature is engraved in the spoke. Nardi was the first company in the world to understand the effective contribution steering wheel design could make to car control. While leading the way with

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Brake Pads

Brake Pads for 540i Brand new, never used, BMW e39, 1997 - 2003 540i, PBR Semi Metallics, a great stopping, quiet, and low dust pad. Sold the car before I had a chance to install. New cost about \$100 plus shipping, I will sell both sets (front and rear) for \$50. Contact Robert Ogle at 512 653-0802 or send email to logle@austin.rr.com.



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