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From The President

Texas Trifecta To Come

With all the new members this time, I don't have much space for my column - and that's a good thing!! With the limited space, you will be spared my normal "Year in Review, Year in Preview, and Happy New Year" column.

By the time you read this, registration should be open for the Texas Trifecta at Circuit of the Americas in Austin. This event will be a joint venture by the three Texas chapters and will include a driving school (HPDE), autocross, a concours and clean car show, and a BMW CCA

club race.

The Texas Trifecta will be held June 7, 8, and 9, with the following registration fees: HPDE: \$599 for two days, Autocross: \$55 for one day, Car show: \$35(judged) \$25(non-judged).

For the HPDE, registration is very limited. Each run group is small with a limit of 40 entries: Novice, Intermediate, and Advance groups with a total of 120. Novice students MUST have run in at the very least one previous HPDE event. Each entrant MUST be a BMW CCA member in good standing at registration and at the time of the event. Each entry will be approved by the chief driving instructor.

Don't delay - sign up today!

Until next time

Glenn McConnell

Welcome New Members

Austin

<i>Mark Anderson</i>	<i>Amit Malhotra</i>
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vehicle/trade-in or to research the finance/lease options on your next BMW.

Tejas Chapter Post-Holiday Party

Saturday, January 19, 2013
6:30pm - 10:30pm

Where: Saltgrass Steakhouse, San Marcos

When: Arrive at 6:30pm for social time and sit for dinner at 7:00pm

Menu: Top Sirloin Steak & Shrimp, Tilapia, Chicken Laredo, Ribeye Steak, Shrimp Platter, and Baby Back Ribs. Cash bar available.

Cost: \$20.00 per person. Price includes unlimited soft beverages (hot coffee, tea, iced tea, soda etc), Shiner Bock bread, a main course, sidewinder and dinner or Caesar salad (does not include tax, gratuity, dessert or bar drinks).

What: An evening of fun, white elephant gift exchange* (free-for-all), Door Prizes, 2012 Incentive Points Challenge Awards, and great food.

Who: Tejas Chapter members, spouses, friends, and family.

Why: Traditional Tejas Chapter start to a new year. To get together after the holiday rush is over, exchange holiday stories and plans for the new year, have some good food, and have a great time!!!

*As in the past we will have the white elephant gift exchange and we encourage all our members to participate. Bring your most exotic (good/working condition) BMW or automobile related exchange items!! (Gag gifts are acceptable, but no junk please.)

Door Prizes generously provided by Tejas Chapter sponsors

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Member's Voice

by John Hughan

Last issue's topic focused on BMW's announced partnership with Toyota, revolving around diesel and electric powertrains as well as a future sports vehicle. Here's what members had to say when asked what they hoped to see from BMW as a result of this partnership and whether they believed this would benefit both automakers equally:

Hopefully this partnership will provide BMW more options to provide an electric type vehicle with the same "ultimate driving" experience that we expect from BMW. This is a growing market that BMW has not tapped into, but could gain market share. Toyota will greatly benefit from this relationship by gaining market in the diesel engine space and the sports car space. Toyota is hungry to increase revenue since the 2011 earthquake. Overall, I hope that BMW can benefit from the development of the lightweight technologies to enhance their current fleet of car models, since I will never buy an electric car. —Linda Cavazos

The partnering of BMW and Toyota for a joint venture seems to have begotten a rather odd couple; Toyota's main focus being rather dull family-oriented vehicles (excluding some of the Lexus line) and BMW's focus on luxury and performance hardly seems a match at first glance. I think Toyota is gaining a shortcut to efficient high-tech diesel engines, and BMW is gaining efficient battery technology, which may turn out to be a fair tradeoff. What I see as the largest benefit is the joint development of a workable fuel cell, which I see as

far more significant and practical than the current "hybrid" that depends on very heavy batteries and in some cases, an external charging capability (pity those apartment dwellers with nowhere to plug in their oversized golf cart). High-tech diesel is my choice for no-batteries/non-electric powertrains at present, but the fuel cell has limitless possibilities, not just for powering vehicles. At first I thought Toyota might be getting the better deal, but in the end, BMW stands to benefit greatly from the battery development for its new "i" line of hybrids as well as the fuel cell to power their next generation of EfficientDynamics cars. But the question remains - will any of them be turbocharged (arrrh arrrh arrrh!)? — Alan Greene

When I first heard about this, I conceded that it might make financial sense for BMW especially for making headway into emerging markets, and the technology list seemed interesting, but I figured the sole beneficiary of any "future sports vehicle" collaboration would be the world's largest purveyor of soulless transportation appliances. But then I logged a few hours on back roads behind the wheel of my co-worker's Subaru BRZ, the product of another Toyota partnership (the near-identical Toyota version sold as the Scion FR-S), and I have changed my tune. That car is sublime, a perfectly executed return to the simple formula for economical fun that's been largely absent from the market for so long: light, low, 50/50 weight distribution, manual transmission, RWD, and minimal electronics — and for the price of a well-equipped Accord. Granted, Subaru was

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The Teen Street Survival Program is supported and organized by the BMWCCA to provide defensive driving techniques and actual experience for teenagers with a driving permit or license.

The Tejas Chapter would like to have its 1st event. A small team of Tejas Chapter members had been putting the plans together for a 2011 event, then a 2012 event, but have run into a roadblock, “the location.” The location has to be a large parking lot with minimal obstructions, such as light poles. Several locations have been contacted with no success. Due to this roadblock, the new target to hold an event will be in 2013.

Please let the Driving Events Coordinator, Josh Butts at josh@joshbutts.com, if you have a contact for a location in the Central Texas area.

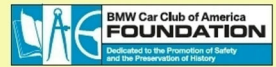


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a small part of it.**

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Member's Voice

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responsible for all of the engineering on this project (Toyota handled the interior and exterior design), but the fact that Toyota was even interested in building and selling a car like this makes me hopeful. That this car is so good and Toyota now plans to resurrect the MR2 and (gasp!) the Supra makes me genuinely excited both for Toyota and the BMW partnership, and I now wonder if Toyota may be able to teach BMW a thing or two in this segment after all. If BMW will be pursuing smaller, more economical cars as they've announced (I'm still in denial that they added "FWD" to that list), they've now got a partner who's at least demonstrated an ability to make such a car fun. In fact if the Z2 were ever to be built, I would hope that this car's dynamics were used as the template. —John Hughan

For next time: Recent BMW news has focused overwhelmingly on future products, both short-term and long-term, and both introductions and possible discontinuations. First up is that "the diesels are coming, the diesels are coming!" Early last month, BMWNA briefed its dealers that the first half of 2013 would see diesel 3 Series sedans. The 3 Series wagon, 5 Series, and next-generation X5 would be available with oil burners by the end of 2013, with the X3 and 7 Series following in early 2014. Looking farther ahead, BMW is rumored to be working on a successor to the M1, possibly to be named the M8; it would be a completely "M" car, not based on any existing model, much like the Audi R8. And in the possible demise

category, BMW has yet again put off the Z2 compact roadster due to the numbers not working out, and suggested that if it were ever to be built, it might be as one of the Mini platform-based FWD models slated to be added to BMW's portfolio. And lastly, BMW's only V12-equipped model, the 760Li, may not be renewed for the next generation 7 Series, expected in 2016. This would relegate BMW's V12s exclusively to their Rolls-Royce brand. Mercedes and Audi currently offer V12s and W12s, respectively, in their competing models, and have not announced plans to discontinue them.

Questions: Does the news that diesel mills are very soon to be available in all of BMW's major model lines change any of your purchase plans? Do you find massive torque and efficiency an alluring combination, or would you be loathe to trade away the smooth sounds and higher-revving nature of gasoline engines? Even if you wouldn't be in the market for an M supercar or a V12, do you believe it's important that either of them exist in BMW's lineup for the brand and/or the trickle-down effect of engineering lessons learned on those projects benefiting their more mainstream offerings, or are an M supercar and a V12 not appropriate projects given the market expectations of the auto industry these days? Do you wish BMW would just build the Z2 already? Even if it were FWD?

Send your short responses to TraxEditorials@gmail.com for 15 Incentive Points and publication in the next issue of Trax!

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Berli's Body and Fine Auto Finishes in Pflugerville is a high-end independent collision shop that caters to owners of BMW, Mercedes, Land Rover, Lexus and a host of exotics. We'll be treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the shop, including the paint facilities, frame machine, body work areas, and prep areas.

9:00am - Meet at Berli's, 1489 Grand Avenue Parkway, Pflugerville, for coffee and breakfast tacos (and some other treats).

9:30am - Overview and tour facilitated by Joe Berli, owner, and Chad Kiffe, general manager. Tour followed by question and answer session.

11:00am - Depart for Taylor, Texas via planned route.

11:30am - Arrive at award-winning Louie Mueller Barbeque in Taylor. Special seating area for the club will be available for our group.



After lunch, everyone is free to head home or to other destinations. Taylor is approximately 40 miles northeast of Austin.

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BMW presents the BMW Concept 4 Series Coupe

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Munich. The latest generation of the BMW 3 Series Coupe and Convertible leads the way worldwide in the premium mid-range coupe and convertible market. Indeed few, if any, rivals have made such a defining impact on this segment in terms of design, dynamics and efficiency.

Now, with the unveiling of the BMW Concept 4 Series Coupe, BMW is looking ahead to the fourth generation of its sporty mid-range coupe – and reasserting its global leadership credentials in the process.

The “4” – a sign of greater exclusivity and presence.

The BMW Concept 4 Series Coupe adds a new dimension to the qualities of the BMW 3 Series Coupe in terms of aesthetics, dynamics and elegance.

The “4” doesn’t just mark the start of a new cycle, it represents the zenith

of a development curve. BMW has given the new model its own individual character and a standalone design – and, in so doing, has turned “4” into segment shorthand for aesthetic and dynamic appeal. The latest addition to a nomenclature that sees BMW building on the fine tradition of its large BMW 6 Series and BMW 8 Series Coupes, the “4” stands for greater sportiness, greater exclusivity and even clearer differentiation from the BMW 3 Series range.



The design: a development curve reaches its zenith.

The BMW Concept 4 Series Coupe allows the driver to experience



the essence of this new, sporting and elegant generation of car in the lap of contemporary luxury. An array of high-quality details provide an exclusive showcase for the car's perfectly balanced coupe proportions.



Inside, the expertise of BMW Individual, skilled handcraftsmanship and carefully selected materials combine to create a supreme interior. The role of BMW Individual in the

BMW Concept 4 Series Coupe's development clearly underlines the brand's commitment to challenging itself constantly in pursuit of perfection.

Lower and wider stance sharpens dynamics before a wheel is turned.

The dimensions of the BMW Concept 4 Series Coupe imbue the car with a dynamic presence even when it is standing still. The wheelbase (2,810 mm) is 50 millimetres longer than that of the existing 3 Series Coupe, while 45 mm has been added to the front track (1,545 mm) and 80 mm to the rear track (1,593 mm). At 1,826 mm wide, the BMW Concept 4 Series Coupe is 44 mm broader than its predecessor, its roof line is 16 mm lower (1,362 mm) and it is also longer

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Concept 4 Series Coupe

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(4,641 mm) – all of which makes for exceptionally dynamic proportions.

Perfection in proportions.

A BMW Coupe is surrounded by a halo of fascination, and one glance tells the observer all he needs to know about the driving experience on offer. The elegant lines and athletic surface interplay of the BMW Concept 4 Series Coupe embody the qualities and expertise of BMW design and shine out through its sporting silhouette. The car's proportions also fit the familiar BMW template: its long wheelbase, long sweeping bonnet, set-back passenger compartment and short overhangs propel the BMW Concept 4 Series Coupe forwards even before its engine stirs into life. At the same time, its stretched proportions exude a very athletic elegance – the rear wheel arches mark

the widest point of the car, emphasising the point – and taut lines and surfaces etch emotion and precision into the body. The Coupe's sophisticated detailing also captures the imagination on closer inspection. Functional elements such as air intakes and vents, door



openers and exterior mirrors are given a stylistic lift by classy satin-finish aluminium accents. The exceptional dedication of the designers in achieving the right look for each particular function is evident in every one of these details.



Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2013

To encourage participation, the successful Incentive Points Challenge began in 1998. The 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 2014. The Rookie of the Year award is for the member that joined in the current year and earns Rookie Points based on points earned divided by the time as a member during the year.

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
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Original Tech Tip published in the Trax	15
Original Article published in the Trax (500 words or more)	60
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**2012 Incentive Points Challenge Leader Board
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Ken Carson	Kathryn Butts	Chris Spencer	<u>40 Pts</u>	Amy Marchut
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November Event – BMW of Austin Tech Session

by JP Burd



Our November event was an absolute pleasure to attend. BMW of Austin was the location for the event and John Myrtle, Marketing Manager and his crew were very gracious hosts. Held in the maintenance bay area, one was able to see firsthand how impressive the facility was and experience the cleanliness and professional look of a true service center.

The event host began the session with a wonderful treat to the young ones in attendance. A special BMW attired teddy bear was given away to a wide eyed-younger member. And to make the adults happy as well, gifts and prizes were handed out throughout the event from the very start.

The first tech discussion topic included wheel and tire maintenance presented by Jody Kirkland. Jody gave an up close and informative talk at how alignments are performed and recommended by BMW. In static

displays, he also showed exactly what true tire wear meant for our vehicles and the perils that pot holes and



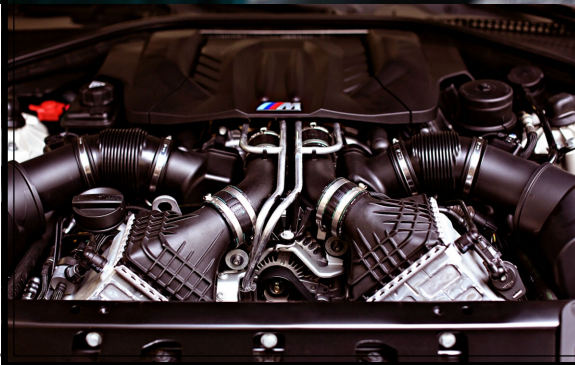
general road conditions have upon our four corners and vehicle suspensions.

Following Jody was the headlight restoration and car detailing segment. Several members of the car detailing shop presented a hands-on demonstration on how they repair the sun damage that our headlights experience followed by a paint and finish restoration. The progression of

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BMW Tech Session
October 10, 2012
Open House for the Folks at BMW of Austin
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the repairs on the headlights showed night and day differences in the appearance of the demo vehicle. For the paint and finish restoration, unbeknownst to me as well as many members in attendance, was that a simple two-step chemical based buffing and finishing polish process was actually used in lieu of a more complicated, several stepped process.

Our last tech discussion took a closer look at how vehicle information systems have grown more complex and user-interfaced than in previous models. For example, the new 7-series uses fiber optic cabling for its entertainment and navigation systems replacing several hundred feet of conventional wiring

found in previous vehicles. The discussion finished up with a brief demo on BMW's new user interface which offers applications and numerous screen layers in its layout making the infotainment experience even better.

The event was a very memorable one. I personally felt that families were made to feel very welcome, including spouses and little ones with the numerous tables and goodies that were made available. I appreciated the light heartedness of the hosts and the brevity of the discussions which made even non-auto savvy guests feel comfortable and not overwhelmed with tech speak. The staff members from BMW of Austin were very enthusiastic and made for a wonderful time. A very big thank you to our hosts at BMW of Austin - I look forward to attending again this coming year!



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BMW of Austin Tech Session Review

by Linda Cavazos

BMW of Austin provided a great Tech Session for the Tejas Chapter members November 10, 2012. There were 3 technical sessions, food, giveaways, and cars.

The day started with everyone checking in, receiving a reusable bag that had a BMW cap and brochure, and receiving a raffle ticket. There was coffee and donuts to start the morning. The technical sessions were scheduled so that everyone could attend each of them, as well as, not missing out on the giveaways and food. BMW of Austin also had a beautiful Ice sculpture congratulating the BMW Car Club of



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Alignment & Suspension hosted by Jody Kirkland

The Alignment & Suspension technical session has always been a well attended session. Jody is always able to provide examples of damaged parts

compared to the standard part. All of the damaged parts are from true cases of people driving improperly or not taking care of their car properly.

Detail & Headlight Restoration hosted by Luke Brown

For those with headlights that are cloudy, there is hope in restoring the headlight to that clear “new car headlight” without having to buy a



new one. The cloudy headlight is still 100% functional, except for the cover that has been exposed to all the weather and road conditions. The BMW of Austin detail team can restore the headlight or you can buy the solutions at the parts department.

Digital & Electronics hosted by Ryan Reamer

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would be cool to have in the car has an IT infrastructure impact to all the dealerships and independents. The number of digital and electronic pathways has increased 10x for today's cars. To effectively troubleshoot a car's issue through all these pathways, BMW has created the schematics on line and a program to help the technicians troubleshoot any electronic issue. The program also records all the cars diagnostics and any work that the technician has done to fix the issue. If the technician cannot resolve the issue, then they ask for help from BMW corporate. BMW Corporate is able to link in directly to see the car's symptoms, what has been done, and determine what else should be done. There is no longer a delay in receiving help from Corporate if needed. All this real time troubleshooting and data gathering requires a lot of server capacity at Corporate and each local dealership. BMW of Austin has installed the required servers and has reduced the timing for resolving electrical issues.

There were so many ways to receive giveaways throughout the day. The standard way was by the regular raffle ticket. Other ways to make things entertaining were to find a prize below their chair, or a note in their cap



that they were a winner, or in the QR-Code on their brochure. Those with scanning capability on their



Smartphone's were able to scan their brochure, as well as, help others out. One of the grand prizes was a free spa treatment for their car (a complete car detail).

The delicious buffet lunch this year came from Rosa's Café Tortilla Factory. Dessert was from Rita's and



BMW of Austin's cotton candy machine. Several of us adults indulged in the pink cotton candy.

I want to thank BMW of Austin for running this Tech Session in 2012 and the Tejas Chapter members that attended.

Annual Christmas Shopping Spree Review

by Linda Cavazos

The 9th Annual Christmas Shopping Spree Benefitting the Guadalupe Community Center was a success on December 8, 2012. Thirty-four needy children ranging from 5 to 12 years old were able to participate in this event due to the huge generosity of our Tejas Chapter Club members who donated money to this event. It was also very exciting to have 31 Tejas Chapter club members volunteer to help the children shop for Christmas gifts for their family members. Target as a company, continues to provide great support to this annual event. This year we were at a Target at Park North in San Antonio and they provided all the wrapping paper, tape, bows, and labels. They also provided lots of

juices and cookies for the children and volunteers to quench their thirst and hunger while finishing the task of wrapping all the gifts. The Lions Club of San Antonio also supported the event by providing the 2 vans for transportation from the Guadalupe Community Center to Target.

As you can see in the many pictures in the scrapbook at the Tejas Chapter website, all the volunteers worked hard and had fun. Hopefully next year we can raise more money and help more children. ☺



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Spirit of Giving

By Ken Carson

Don't tell anyone I told you this, but I love the Christmas season! Some of my friends and relatives just wouldn't understand; they really don't like Christmas carols or shopping in crowded stores or the feeling of being a hamster on an exercise wheel or... Well, you get the idea. But I love the hustle and bustle, seeing friends and family, great food, and traditions like watching *It's a Wonderful Life* and *White Christmas* (especially because we already know how they end). But the thing that I like best about this time of the year is people generally treat each other differently. They smile more often, open doors for each other, seem to appreciate each other a little more, and for the most part, are kinder to each other, even strangers. That's what amazes me each and every year at this time. I know the pace of life picks up, but it seems that the people actually slow down and enjoy life more than usual.

A big part of the season for me is the Tejas Chapter's annual charity event, usually held on the first or second Saturday of December. A San Antonio organization that has programming for needy children helps chapter members take the children



Christmas shopping for their family. For a couple of years, my wife, Connie, and I donated money to help fund this endeavor. We couldn't seem to fit the December event into our schedule to attend. At other monthly chapter events, we couldn't help overhearing others talking about how much fun and how gratifying the charity event was, and one year I was able to attend. I haven't missed this event since. Even when I had a conflict this year with a school workshop, I chose to miss the workshop. And better yet, Connie was able to attend this year for the first time.

The day usually goes something like this. Drive to San Antonio to a designated Target Superstore. Meet and greet before 9 am. Grab a shopping basket and pair up with a child who already has a list prepared for siblings and sometimes parents, too. Get the \$100 Target gift card from the organizers and head for the



clothes, toys, perfumes, etc. Typically shopping will take an hour or more. Because the organization is a non-profit entity, the purchases aren't subject to sales taxes. So all \$100 is available to be spent. In my experience, most children keep dead aim track of their expenditures and

come very close to the entire amount. Occasionally, hard choices have to be made to stay within budget. Sometimes, a chapter member will cover slight overages, if the aim is not so dead on. I like to find something the child wants for Christmas themselves, sneak it into the basket, and then pay for it at the checkout myself. But the gift has to be wrapped like all the rest for Christmas day opening. Target supplies gift wrapping, scissors, tape, bows, tags, cookies, and drinks in their break room. The wrapping process can be lengthy if one must wait on scissors or tape to be shared. Some chapter members bring their own to use. Usually all gifts are wrapped by 11:30 or noon. A group picture is taken of all participants, good-byes are exchanged, and the children depart in vans. Chapter members meet afterwards for lunch, sharing stories of their morning's adventures.

This year, I shopped with a twelve year-old 6th grade girl. She was buying gifts for a younger sister and brother. Her favorite subject was math (she got very quiet when I told her that I taught science, so I took that to mean she really liked math) and she wasn't going to get her brother the Wii game that he wanted because it was \$70, all by itself. She had a list, knew what she wanted, and each item was 10, 20, or 25 dollars. She had everything in the cart in less than 20 minutes, and we headed to the front checkout lines at 9:35.

Target employees were under the wrong impression that children aren't well-organized, don't know what they are shopping for, and take at least an hour to shop. Our appearance at the

register prompted an announcement for "all Shift B associates to take their break now." We breezed through checkout with the store manager ringing us up (6 items for a \$101 total...pretty sharp, huh?) and headed to the break room to wrap gifts. We were the first ones there, meaning we had our very own scissors, tape, wrapping paper, and gift tags at our disposal. Ha, that's a first!

We were almost finished wrapping before anyone else went through checkout and joined us in the break room. That left us plenty of time to walk around and "help out" others who needed items to wrap presents. (Table A has scissors not being used; here you go Table B.) When our group needed more room to spread out, the store manager was great, telling us to use as many of the tables as we needed. He also made sure the group never ran out of wrapping paper, bows, or gift tags. Thank you, Target!

Usually this time is so hectic, one only has time for concentrating on



getting presents wrapped. Because we finished our wrapping earlier, I actually had time to walk around and watch others in the wrapping process. Almost all of the children had cereal-sized bowls of cookies at their tables.

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Partnerships were forged to speed along the wrapping process: “Hold this while I tape that.” Hearing the excited voices of the children and adults and seeing their lively expressions and big smiles while they worked left a memorable impression. Everyone was having So Much Fun. Really! The room was full of excitement bred from being able to do for others. The children were happy about the gifts they were giving their siblings and parents. The adults were having a great time helping the children. In this discount store break room, the Spirit of Giving was living and breathing right in front of me. Overall, the children were so well-organized that we were ready for the group pic about 45 minutes ahead of the scheduled time. After the group



pictures were taken, we wished the children well, and waved good-bye as the vans drove off.

Most then headed over to lunch at the Lion and Rose British Restaurant and Pub, which offered a varied menu. Over Shepard’s pie, fish ‘n chips, and other traditional British fare, stories of shopping adventures and wrapping mishaps eventually gave way to talk of maintaining cars and driving cars and buying cars and searching for car parts. Great conversation and good food seems to be a common denominator at most Tejas Chapter events.

If you haven’t been able to participate in the annual charity event, I urge you to make space on your 2013 calendar now, probably for the 7th of December. If you can’t attend, please consider a donation in any amount to this very worthy event. The Spirit of Giving is alive and well. Believe me. I saw it.



BMW Design Concept Cars

BMW Press Club

Concept cars give free rein to the creativity of automotive designers. From electric drive systems through gull-wing doors to fabric outer skins – the concepts are always focused on the future and brimming with visionary potential. Concept cars serve a variety of purposes, whether they are conceived as design studies, to help develop and implement new technologies, or to visualise what form new production models will take.

Vision Cars

BMW Vision ConnectedDrive (2011)



A sculptural study that gives concrete form to cutting-edge technologies and forward-looking ideas, and whose underlying notion is the intelligent integration of driver, vehicle and the outside world. This is immediately apparent from the display and control concept, the unique lighting design and the overtly dynamic styling. The design symbolises the bond between driver and vehicle, the dialogue between driver and front passenger, as well as how the vehicle occupants interact with their environment. An elaborate three-tier system of lighting is used to visualise

the various functional aspects of BMW ConnectedDrive, namely comfort, safety and infotainment.

BMW 328 Hommage (2011)



The BMW 328 Hommage, which was unveiled to mark the 75th birthday of the legendary BMW 328 racing car, offers a modern-day interpretation of the original's principles and character. The study shows what the BMW 328 might have looked like if it had been built nowadays using the latest technical know-how. The exterior and interior of today's BMW 328 Hommage are largely made from carbon fibre-reinforced plastic (CFRP). CFRP offers the ideal balance between weight and stability, being lighter than aluminium yet far stronger as well. Exquisite leather and aluminium in both a matt and a high-gloss black polished finish combine with the CFRP interior of the BMW 328 Hommage to convey the pure, reduced roadster character of the sports car from yesteryear.

BMW Vision EfficientDynamics (2009)

The BMW Vision EfficientDynamics fuses futuristic, aerodynamically streamlined design with a reduction in fuel consumption and emissions. The layering technique is employed in its interior for the first time. By applying the principle of “form

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follows function” to every last detail, the design endows the study with a unique aesthetic appeal and a powerful emotional lure. On the outside, the body’s design has a distinctly technical bias that lends expression to its systematic lightweight engineering and aerodynamic prowess. At the same time, the brand’s trademark design idiom clearly signals sportiness and efficiency as well.

BMW Gina Light visionary model (2008)

With this model, BMW Group Design provides fresh impetus for a fundamental debate about exactly what characteristics will be influencing automotive development in tomorrow’s world. Built as more of a research subject than a concept vehicle, the GINA Light visionary model presents a vision of the future automobile based on a distinctive philosophy of its own. In the process, the study takes the limits of today’s materials and manufacturing processes and projects them far into the future. All of the innovations showcased in this model centre around the variable nature of forms and functions, with the focus placed on the driver’s individual requirements arising from a given situation or the demands of the prevailing driving conditions. The GINA Light visionary model thus features a virtually seamless outer skin, consisting of a flexible fabric material stretched over a movable substructure. Furthermore, functions are only enabled when they are actually needed. This brand new interpretation of familiar functional and structural concepts

changes the way in which drivers experience their vehicle. The reduction to the essentials and adaptation to the driver’s wishes enhance the vehicle’s emotional appeal, thus fulfilling a key objective of the GINA philosophy.

BMW M1 Hommage (2008)



A design study built as a tribute to two of its predecessors: the BMW M1 (1978) and BMW Turbo (1972). The BMW M1 Hommage is impressive testimony to just how highly BMW design cherishes the brand’s heritage, and also demonstrates how this legacy can be turned into ideas for the future. It succeeds in harmoniously blending the proportions and styling cues of the BMW M1 with the surface language seen in the new BMW design line. This adds up to give the vehicle a scintillating, sporty and authentic emotive appeal.

BMW Concept Coupé Mille Miglia (2006)

The design of the BMW Concept Coupé Mille Miglia 2006 is a contemporary interpretation of the legendary BMW 328 Mille Miglia Touring Coupé dating from 1940, and succeeds in contrasting the traditional with the futuristic. The concept car is a tribute to the skill, successes and visions of those motor racing pioneers, as given shape by their modern-day successors. The bodywork styling neatly balances

the functional requirements relating to the positioning of the engine, powertrain units and passenger compartment with the requisite aerodynamic qualities to produce an extremely aesthetic whole. The BMW Concept Coupé instantly stands out as a highly dynamic road machine. And it is this purposeful look, dominated by dynamic lines and asymmetric forms, that injects the two-seater with its special allure.

BMW Turbo (1972)



The BMW Turbo is the first-ever concept car to have been built by BMW. The novel design of the world's first safety sports car – which wasn't merely a technology test bed but also a styling study – signalled an entirely new approach in the safety debate at the time. With its innovative and pioneering take on the fundamental concept of a modern car, it placed the occupant at the centre. High safety standards were highlighted by such attributes as good all-round visibility – blind spots were to be avoided as far as possible – or paintwork in striking Spectral Diamond Red with metallic effect. The safety features introduced in the BMW Turbo gradually filtered into BMW production cars, with the driver-oriented cockpit the first to be implemented. This revolutionary concept car boasted numerous innovations that are taken for granted

today, including inertia-reel seat belts, for example. Indeed, the seat belts in the BMW Turbo had an added function: they closed the circuit to the ignition switch, which meant you could only drive the BMW Turbo with your seat belt on.

Near-production concept cars

BMW Concept 4 Series Coupé (2012)



The BMW Concept 4 Series Coupé symbolises extra sportiness and exclusiveness, thereby clearly distinguishing itself from its 3 Series sibling. The concept car's striking face is composed of crisp contours and multifaceted surfaces. The most eye-catching feature of the car's nose beyond the familiar BMW double-kidney grille and twin circular headlights is the large air intake in the front apron. The athletic elegance of the model's flanks stems from the flowing, classic BMW proportions and elongated silhouette.

BMW Concept Active Tourer (2012)

The harmoniously proportioned BMW Concept Active Tourer has an air of sporty elegance about it when viewed from any angle. It is concrete proof that compact dimensions, functionality and versatility are perfectly compatible with dynamic design. This plug-in hybrid

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proudly sports the highly expressive BMW front end that is a hallmark of the brand, while the rear clearly spells sportiness and elegance. When viewed in profile, the stretched silhouette with a suggestion of a wedge shape gives the BMW Concept Active Tourer a look of dynamism that is unrivalled in this class, even when stationary.

BMW Zagato Coupé (2012)



The BMW Zagato Coupé is a BMW as seen through the eyes of the Italian coachbuilder Zagato. The Zagato design blends styling cues taken from both companies to create an emotion-charged coupé. The sculptural and notably graphic distribution of visual mass is trademark Zagato and instantly lends the BMW Zagato Coupé its own special personality. The surface finish, on the other hand, is clearly inspired by BMW.

BMW Zagato Roadster (2012)



The BMW Zagato Roadster can be seen as a highly elegant interpretation of the BMW Zagato Coupé. The BMW Zagato Roadster is very three-dimensional, broad and powerfully formed at the front. The nose surges forward dynamically, dipping down close to the road, and allows the BMW Zagato Roadster to cut an agile figure, crouching as if about to pounce. Overall, the clearly defined distribution of visual mass and the eye-catching tail end with the hallmark

BMW surface treatment and design idiom endow the BMW Zagato Roadster with an athletic dynamism all of its own.

BMW Concept Gran Coupé (2010)

The BMW Concept Gran Coupé is the epitome of high-class elegance united with supreme dynamism. The study combines sedan-like sportiness and comfort with the qualities of a classic Gran Turismo, producing a blend that captures the very essence of BMW aesthetics.

BMW Concept 6 Series Coupé (2010)

This concept is the definitive sports car for connoisseurs of beauty with a penchant for luxury and groundbreaking technology. It symbolises the BMW design team's driving passion for aesthetic style paired with dynamic performance. The design brings together sportiness and elegance with muscular proportions and precise lines that convey a sense of formidable acceleration even before a wheel is turned.

BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo (2009)

The BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo melds together elegance, spaciousness and adaptability. The

characteristic attributes of a prestigious sedan, a contemporary, highly versatile Sports Activity Vehicle and a classic Gran Turismo have been reinterpreted to produce a thrilling combination, the likes of which have not been seen in any other car. The BMW Concept 5 Series Gran Turismo epitomises inner luxury and demonstrates experience through the senses being used as a stylistic device in design.

BMW Concept X1 (2008)

This concept car sees the BMW designers transfer the classic character traits and design idiom of a BMW X model to a new vehicle class. Sophistication, agility, versatility and premium quality are all clearly conveyed by the concept study's design. Pitched as an innovative vehicle concept for the premium compact segment, the BMW Concept X1 redefines standards for cool elegance, trailblazing sophistication and flexible functionality.

BMW Concept CS (2007)



The BMW Concept CS is the vision for a four-door car that unites the prestige of a luxury Gran Turismo with the fascinating allure of a high-performance sports car. Highly expressive design, the most select materials and a build quality that strives

for perfection are all testimony to BMW's perception of premium quality. Inside, the concept is awash with a sense of stylish luxury and uncompromising classiness.

BMW Concept X6 (2007)

This near-production concept car is the world's first ever Sports Activity Coupé. The concept study showcases BMW's vision for a unique vehicle concept that builds on the distinctive design idiom of the BMW X models while training the spotlight firmly on sportiness and an elegant presence.

BMW Concept 1 Series tii (2007)

A design study focused purely on motor racing that is based on the BMW 1 Series Coupé. The BMW Concept 1 Series tii ties in with the tradition of compact, light and extremely sporty coupés from BMW, and can be seen as a new interpretation of classic BMW brand values.

BMW Concept Z4 Coupé (2005)

The BMW Concept Z4 Coupé has been closely geared to the sporty-minded driver and performance driving, and gives its occupants the feeling of being in direct proximity to the road as well as a sense of pure driving pleasure. The sensational aesthetic appeal of the BMW Concept Z4 Coupé manifests itself in the fascinating interplay between concave and convex surfaces that converge in striking lines. Not only does this give the body its own distinct character, it imbues it with a dynamism that is plainly visible even when stationary.

BMW xActivity (2003)

Conceived as an SAV, this study
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provides an impressive demonstration of how sporty driving dynamics, a wide spectrum of applications and the pleasure of open-air driving can be reconciled in a single vehicle. Designed as a “frame-structure convertible” with a highly distinctive roof construction, the BMW xActivity combines various components for enhanced driving pleasure, as well as incorporating a host of remarkable details that demonstrate its tremendous functionality.

BMW Concept Study CS1 (2002)

This concept study is intended to offer a preview of a future “small” BMW. The bond between elegant lightness and powerful dynamism is the defining element of the four-seater CS1 convertible study’s design. A broad shoulderline, curving side sills and imposing wheels clearly announce its performance abilities and sturdiness.

BMW X Coupé (2001)



The BMW X Coupé is a source of creative inspiration, a harbinger of BMW design in the 21st century. By fusing together a coupé and a cross-country vehicle it produces a pioneering design experience. The creative energy of the BMW X Coupé is evident in the

highly expressive sculpting of its surfaces, whose quality continues to set BMW design apart even today. Asymmetric design details furthermore provide a deliberate break away from what people are used to seeing, as does the enthralling, reduced interior layout with its daring forms.

BMW Z9 Convertible (2000)



The focus of this study is clearly placed on an interior that makes motoring easier and allows the driver to concentrate on the basic tasks of driving courtesy of iDrive technology. The tautness in the surfaces and expressive lines traces the characteristic BMW profile from nose to tail. Simplification as well as emphasising and highlighting the key elements play a dominant role in the exterior’s design, too.

BMW Z9 Gran Turismo (1999)



This particular study serves to point the way ahead for automotive design in the 21st century. Clarity, dynamism and a technology that completely redefines the meaning of ergonomics for car design – BMW iDrive – are all merged together within the reduced design idiom of the BMW Z9 Gran Turismo.

**Calendar of Tejas Chapter
and Related Events**



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July 2013	TBD	TBD
August 2013	TBD	TBD
September 2013	TBD	TBD
October 2013	Annual Utopia Drive Weekend	TBD
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