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*From
The
President*

A Time For Participating

Where does the time go?? Is it really 17 years since the world was going to end in Y2K? I remember that time very well because I was the Project Manager for the Y2K remediation for the agency where I worked at the time. Just can't believe that it has been 17 years!! Watching another year go by sometimes makes me feel very old (blessed that I was given another year), but what never gets old is looking forward to another great year of events with the great members and families of the Tejas Chapter.

We left a very good year behind us, with many great memories, but those are all in the past. However, 2017 brings the opportunities for new challenges and new memories. One of the best parts of last year was that

despite not having an Events Chairman (don't get me started on that one), we had a few new people step up and plan an event. Maybe 2017 could be the year for you to do that.

If you don't step up to plan a Tejas Chapter event, maybe you could just get more involved in the chapter. In 2016, we had only 139 members out of 1200 members that participated in a chapter event. Maybe this is the year for you to attend an event or two or three. Maybe 2017 could be the year for you to do that and add to that 139 number.

As a New Year's resolution, I really hope that you will choose to make 2017 the year that you will become an active participant in the Tejas Chapter, not just someone who reads the *Roundel* or the *Tejas Trax* or both. From personal experience, I guarantee that it will be a New Year's resolution that you will never be sorry that you kept.

Until next time

Glenn McConnell

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Tejas Chapter Post-Holiday Party

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Where: Saltgrass Steakhouse, San Marcos

Agenda:

- 6:00-6:30pm: Mixer/cocktails. Guests will also register, receive name badges and tickets for door prize raffle
- 6:30-7:00pm: Introduction and incentive awards. Wait staff will take guests meal orders
- 7:00-7:30pm: Door prize raffle
- 7:30-8:30pm: Dinner
- 7:30-10:00pm: White elephant gift exchange
- 10:00pm: Guests depart the Saltgrass

Menu:

Texas T-bone, Surf & Turf, Filet, Salmon, Ribeye, Chicken & Shrimp. Group menu selections include your choice of side item, choice of a Dinner Salad, Caesar Salad or Cup of Tortilla Soup or Potato Soup; As well as a non-alcoholic beverage & homemade beer bread. Cash bar available.

Cost: \$29.00 per person. Price includes unlimited soft beverages, but does not include tax, gratuity, dessert or bar drinks.

*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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Saltgrass Steak House recaptures the flavor of the open campfire. Steaks, chicken and seafood, chargrilled to perfection. Complete with breads, soups and desserts, made from scratch daily..

What: An evening of fun, white elephant gift exchange*, Door Prizes, 2016 Incentive Points 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, and have a great time!!!



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Texas Trifecta: A View of COTA from Race Control

by David Lucia

This past weekend, the Texas Trifecta roared through Texas and converged at Austin's Circuit of The Americas. Instructors, drivers, teams, and friends assembled at COTA to participate in a weekend of Driver's Education, racing, and fun. Almost 200 drivers were in attendance; many from Texas, and many from far-away places which included Kansas City, Buffalo, and somewhere in Montana, to name a few, arriving by cars, trailers, recreation vehicles, and 18-wheelers to participate in this event at this recognized World Class Raceway.

Volunteering in Race Control affords an observer the opportunity to experience a totally different aspect of this racing circuit than for those volunteering as corner workers; those personnel who watch and protect cars and their drivers as they maneuver through their specific assigned location on the track. Similar to the all-inclusive birds-eye view of the

entire circuit from the top of the COTA tower, Race Control delivers a close-up camera view of the entire circuit through the well-positioned placement of multiple TV cameras; in the corners, on the straits, exiting the grid, entering the pit, and the finish line, etc.

Utilizing a grand wall of almost 50 television monitors, direct feeds from the numerous cameras provide the Race Director and his assistants the ability to exercise effective oversight and control. Furthermore, from this expansive display of TV monitors, not only can the Race Director observe the entire track, but also through the assistance of other assigned personnel, the Race Director can watch as well as communicate (with phones and radios) to corner workers, safety personnel, and other staff to ensure the safety and integrity of the track and every driver. With these cameras and the observant force of volunteers, paid track and safety personnel, and a well-experienced Race Director, the Texas Trifecta proved to be a very successful High

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Performance Driver’s Education School focused upon driver education, driver safety, and driver improvement.

The utilization of Race Control cameras and direct contact with corner workers and safety personnel allowed the Race Director to position-on and zoom-in to focus on specific locations to view, locate, evaluate, and direct situations that develop, and thus resolve various potential problems while maintaining the flow and control of this well-organized event. From identifying potentially hazardous objects such as glass shards, dislodged parts, and disabled vehicles on the track, etc, Race Control directs the action and non-action of the entire operation to protect and ensure the safety of all personnel and provide an enriching educational experience for all drivers.

As anticipated, the vast majority of drivers that participate in these

events already know and understand the importance of safety, and that the safety of all personnel is utmost, therefore, serious incidents are few in number. However, although incidents are few in number, the potential for serious damage or personal injury is high in this adrenalin pumping activity. The efforts of all personnel involved enabled Race Control to focus more on observation and the implementation of immediate corrective actions rather than reactive and strict incident enforcement, which served to promote the continued, successful flow and enjoyment of this event.

If you have the opportunity to attend or participate in a driving event at COTA, I highly recommend a visit to Race Central to observe the great wall of monitors to better understand the complexities associated with these types of events, and to experience the opportunity to view the entire venue from one location.

Calendar of Tejas Chapter and Related Events		
2017		
Date	Event	Meet Location
January 21, 2017	Post-Holiday Party see page 5	San Marcos
February 2017	TBD check the Tejas Chapter website	TBD
April 2017	Annual Bluebonnet Drive	TBD
October 2017	Annual Utopia Weekend	TBD
December 2017	Annual Charity Event	TBD



Texas Trifecta Round Two

By Paul Goldfine

Before reporting on the event, I'd like to thank all organizers and volunteers from the Dallas, Houston, and Tejas Chapters. I've participated in every Trifecta since its inception as either a driver or volunteer and I can't express my appreciation enough for all the hard work it takes to pull off one of these events.

With this being the first cooler weather event, the consensus opinion was great relief following the inferno that was the June event. With early morning temperatures in the 50's and afternoon temperatures in the 70's, the conditions couldn't have been better. Even a short period of rain wasn't enough to dampen anyone's spirits.

There was a change to the format this session. They made a switch from conducting four 20 minutes sessions each day to three 30 minutes sessions.

The longer session is nice because it gives you more time to work on specific skills or areas of the track and develop a rhythm. It also allowed for a 30 minute break between driving and the classroom sessions. This was nice because it allowed time to talk to your instructor while the session was fresh in your mind. The down side is, there were sometimes 3-4 hour gaps between sessions.

Speaking of instruction, the classroom sessions on Friday featured performance coach, race car driver, author, and speaker, Ross Bently. If you're not familiar with Ross, he's driven in the CART Indy Car series and won the 1998 GT3 United States Road Racing Championship and the 2003 SRP II Class Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona. He's also written a series of books called Speed Secrets and co-wrote Bob Bondurant on Race Kart Driving. Ross' session were very informal and presented in a light-

hearted style. Although he did talk about proper racing lines, braking, and all the other physical aspects of driving, it's his focus on the mental aspect that caught my attention. He talked about preparing for your session, focus on the track, self-evaluation after your session, and even some mental exercises. All-in-all, it was a great experience and something I hope they consider doing in the future.

Of course, this wouldn't be complete without talking about the cars. I got my first close up look at an M4 GTS while there. It looks just as



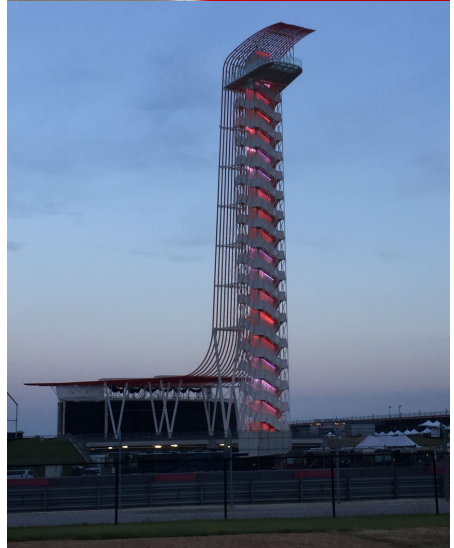
awesome in real life as it does in the photos. Of course, there were the usual collection of Porsches and Corvettes



but the real eye candy was the group of Ferraris that filled the first few garages. If you stayed around after the Trifecta finished, you could see, and hear, them going around the track. I even got the opportunity to take a couple of rides in a McLaren MP4-12C. I was told we only reached 164 MPH on the straight between turns 11 and 12 because he was taking it easy

on his brakes.

Overall, it was a great weekend. I was approved to solo and even did a few laps in the 1991 318is. What I gave up in horsepower, I certainly made up in the pure pleasure of driving a manual transmission on the track. It brings a whole new level of involvement into the picture. I can't wait to see what next year brings.



The BMW 6 Series: luxurious elegance at its best

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The BMW 6 Series offers attractive new additions to the range of optional equipment for spring 2017. The options available exclusively for the BMW 6 Series Coupé, the BMW 6 Series Convertible and the BMW 6 Series Gran Coupé add touches of striking style to both the exterior and interior, clearly expressing the sporty character of these three upper class models.

The range of body finishes is extended with the addition of the variant Sonic Speed Blue metallic, which is now available for the first time. In conjunction with the M sports package configured specifically for each model, the BMW 6 Series Coupé, the BMW 6 Series Convertible and the BMW 6 Series Gran Coupé can now also be fitted with the new 20-inch M light alloy wheels in bicolor finish and M specific double-spoke design,

including mixed tyres with emergency running properties. Likewise optionally available in combination with the M sports package, the interior trim finishers in Carbon Fibre create a particularly inspiring sports car ambience in the cockpit. These were previously reserved solely for the three variants of the high-performance sports car BMW M6.

The figure 6: 40 years of sporty flair, luxury, elegance and innovation.

For 40 years now, a combination of dynamic performance and luxury has been closely associated with the model designation “6”. The first generation of the BMW 6 Series Coupé saw its debut in 1976, causing a stir not only with its elegant lines and sporty driving properties but also featuring pioneering innovations. The two-door model was the first serial-production vehicle with a Check Control system. Its direct successor went on the market in 2003. And with the premiere of the BMW 6 Series



Convertible a year later, it was possible to combine Sheer Driving Pleasure with the joys of open-top motoring in a luxurious sports car for the first time. The current model generation now offers three vehicle



types for dynamic performance, elegance and exclusive appeal in the upper class.

For the BMW 6 Series Coupé (combined fuel consumption: 9.3 – 5.4 l/100 km; combined CO2 emissions: 217 – 143 g/km), the BMW 6 Series Convertible (combined fuel consumption: 9.5 – 5.6 l/100 km;

combined CO2 emissions: 221 – 149 g/km) and the BMW 6 Series Gran Coupé (combined fuel consumption: 9.4 – 5.5 l/100 km; combined CO2 emissions: 219 – 147 g/km) there is a choice of an in-line 6-cylinder petrol engine with 235 kW/320 hp, a V8 petrol engine with 230 kW/450 hp and an in-line 6-cylinder diesel engine with 230 kW/313 hp for each model. All engines are combined as standard with an 8-speed Steptronic sports transmission. The petrol engine models all feature a sports exhaust system in which constant power delivery is accompanied by a particularly striking engine sound. As an alternative to power transmission to the rear wheels as is typical of the brand, all model variants of the BMW 6 Series are also available with the intelligent all-wheel drive system BMW xDrive.

The luxurious fittings of the BMW



6 Series are highlighted by a very stylish interior design and a comprehensive range of standard equipment. The driver and front passenger sit on heatable, lightweight



integral seats with integrated belt system and electrical adjustment complete with memory function. All models of the BMW 6 Series also come with standard fittings such as Dakota leather trim, an electrically adjustable multifunctional steering wheel, the navigation package ConnectedDrive including hotspot and

phone with wireless charging, the hi-fi speaker system, LED headlamps and an alarm system.

The equipment lines Design Pure Experience and Design Pure Excellence are available for selective individualisation. Here, carefully harmonised design features for the exterior and interior lend more marked emphasis to either the sporty flair or the exclusive luxury of the model in question. With their exclusive design, select materials and excellent craftsmanship, the BMW Individual options available for the BMW 6 Series models allow even more precise orientation towards personal style. Meanwhile, the respective model-specific versions of the M sports package offer individually tailored dynamic performance including optimisation of the car's outward appearance, cockpit design and driving properties.



Central Texas Food Bank Charity Event Recap

By Raquel Robles

The Charity Event held by the Tejas Chapter is one of the events I enjoy the most and look forward to eagerly as we wrap up the Utopia drive. A bittersweet ending to October as I know I won't see my BMW family for another two months. During the year we get to enjoy great drives, fabulous food and awesome company.

Once December rolls around, the Tejas Chapter gets a chance to give back to the community. This year we did so by volunteering at the Central



Texas Food Bank formerly known as Capital Food Bank. The food bank changed its name in June of 2016 to reflect the group's emphasis on serving a 21 county service territory stretching beyond the Austin metro area. The name change came with relocation into a fabulous new 135,000 square foot facility in Southeast Austin that allows the bank to more than double the number of meals provided to people in 2015.

For those of you who volunteered in previous years, you may remember the cramped up feeling in the small 60,000 square foot building off South

Congress. Only 80 volunteers were allowed to work on the floor at any given time at the old building. The new building has room for 125 volunteers



to actively work on the floor allowing for a significant productivity increase. This year our event date fell on one of the coldest mornings of winter to date. The weather dropped down to a chilly 33 degrees. When we arrived to the new facility we were impressed with the look and feel of the building and setup.

Members were pointed to a row of computers along the back wall which proved to be a fast check in and name tag printing system. We waited a few minutes as two other organizations joined us that morning. The food bank had 100 volunteers sign up between

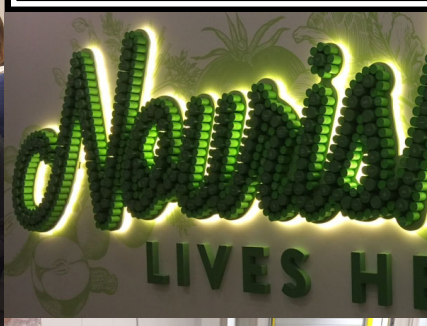


the Tejas Chapter and two other groups that day. The actual number of

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Central Texas Food Bank
December 2023
Many thanks to
Many more great photos are a





Food Bank Charity
10, 2016
Raquel Robles
available on the chapter website



Food Bank Charity Event

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volunteers present for the day was 50. The Tejas Chapter was nine people short of our 30 member sign up goal, but that did not keep us from getting the job done. Once we stepped onto the floor we quickly selected tasks and enthusiastically manned stations.

If you haven't had the chance to participate in this event, I encourage you to do so. Shortly after choosing our volunteer role the majority of us were dancing to 80s music and singing along to the Bee Gees as we inspected items, loaded up supplies, recycled cardboard and



cleared out stations. In the three hours spent on the floor we packaged 7,950lbs of dry food and 6,837lbs of produce totaling 11,604 meals. We all came

together as a team and fought hunger.

I'm sure I speak for the majority of us when I say 12pm couldn't come fast enough. All the hard work and constant food passing by us worked up quite an appetite. Luckily for us, our lunch destination was but a hop and a skip down the road from the food bank. I selected Patsy's Cowgirl Café for two reasons. Reason number one was the proximity to the new facility and reason number two the menu had a little bit for everyone to enjoy. Patsy's Café is a colorful South



Austin honky-tonk that features home-style cooking. The restaurant had fast and friendly service and best of all the food was good. Another great event for the books and new memories created. I'm proud to be part of a club dedicated enough to keep this event alive and look forward to seeing you at the next event.



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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, then a 2013 event, then a 2014 event, then a 2015 event, then a 2016 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 2017.

Please let the Driving Events Coordinator, Scott Bowman at brglotus@fastmail.fm, if you have a contact for a location in the Central Texas area.




well at least a small part of it.

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New BMW M550i xDrive

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To coincide with the premiere of the new BMW 5 Series range, BMW M GmbH is bringing out a sporty BMW M Performance version of the world's most successful business sedan. For the time being at least, the new BMW M550i xDrive will assume the status of range-topper in the new

BMW 5 Series line-up. Boasting a mighty M Performance TwinPower Turbo engine, BMW xDrive intelligent all-wheel drive with rear-wheel bias and a bespoke M Performance chassis set-up, the new BMW M550i xDrive can be classed as both a four-door sports car and the most dynamic business sedan around. With its abundant torque reserves and high-revving characteristics, the V8 power unit serves up a matchless blend of supreme performance, wonderfully precise driving dynamics and

uncompromised everyday usability. This all helps the new BMW M550i xDrive to set the pace in its segment and turn each and every drive into an exhilarating experience.

State-of-the-art high-performance engine melds power with efficiency.

The new BMW M550i xDrive is the first BMW 5 Series M Performance model to be powered by a petrol engine, namely a specifically modified M Performance TwinPower Turbo eight-cylinder unit with a displacement of 4.4 litres. The V8 is equipped with two twin-scroll turbochargers and features the High Precision Injection direct injection system, Valvetronic fully variable valve timing and Double-VANOS variable camshaft control. This all adds up to an output of 340 kW/462 hp* at 5,500 rpm* (fuel consumption combined: 8.9 l/100 km [31.7 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 204



g/km)** and peak torque of 650 Nm (479 lb-ft)* that can be summoned from just 1,800 rpm*.

The state-of-the-art, high-performance engine comes with all the dynamic credentials expected of a BMW M Performance Automobile, propelling the BMW M550i xDrive from 0 to 100 km/h (62 mph) in 4.0 seconds, then on to an electronically limited top speed of 250 km/h (155 mph). At the same time, the new V8



engine also demonstrates the exceptional efficiency of the M Performance TwinPower Turbo technology. The new BMW M550i xDrive already complies with the exacting EU6c emissions standard.

Steptronic Sport transmission and BMW xDrive intelligent all-wheel drive.

Drive transfer in the most powerful BMW 5 Series Sedan is, at present, handled by the standard-fit Steptronic Sport eight-speed transmission, which plays a significant role in the superb dynamics of the BMW M550i xDrive. The M Performance configuration of the shift modes has been tailored to the characteristics of the V8 engine, with distinctly sporty gear changes and more instantaneous downshifts across the entire rev range, and serves to

enrich the thrilling driving experience. For an even sharper sporting edge, the eight-speed Steptronic Sport transmission can also be operated using the shift paddles on the steering



wheel. The transmission itself helps to cut fuel consumption and emissions thanks to its compact design, low weight and optimised efficiency.

The BMW xDrive all-wheel-drive system in the BMW M550i xDrive splits drive power between all four wheels as the situation demands – intelligently and with a rear-wheel bias. BMW xDrive is thereby key to delivering two intrinsic elements of the trademark M Performance driving experience under all conditions: superlative driving performance and extremely precise handling. And when the adaptive M Sport suspension (lowered by 10 millimetres) is added to the equation, along with either the standard 19-inch M light-alloy wheels in Cerium Grey metallic matt or the optional*** 20-inch light-alloy wheels (in an exclusive design, also painted



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New BMW M550i xDrive

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in the Cerium Grey metallic matt finish), the result is tremendous handling stability and optimum traction, come what may.

In addition, the power steering with M-specific responses in the SPORT and SPORT+ settings serves to highlight the crisp handling and precise driving properties of the sportiest representative yet of the new-generation BMW 5 Series. Steering commands are executed with pinpoint accuracy and the driver receives the sort of feedback that guarantees immense driving pleasure when powering along twisty sections of road. The performance-enhancing



specification of the BMW M550i xDrive is completed to perfection by

the M Sport brakes with brake callipers in Blue metallic and M badging, which combine outstanding stopping power with excellent feel.

Sporty looks with exclusive M Performance equipment features.

The exterior of the new BMW M550i xDrive boldly expresses the sedan's dynamic performance capabilities, while also underlining its status as the flagship model in the new BMW 5 Series range. The M aerodynamic package, including an M rear spoiler with Gurney flap on the



boot lid, accentuates the sporty, dynamic lines of the new BMW 5 Series, at the same time as optimising the airflow around and over the car. The exterior mirror caps, the kidney grille surround, the special M Performance bars on the front air

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intake and the two Air Breathers at the sides all sport the exclusive Cerium Grey metallic finish, while the high-gloss Shadow Line trim around the windows gives added impact to the dynamic business sedan's undeniably



sporty appearance. An M sports exhaust system – with exclusive tailpipe embellishers in Black chrome on the left and right – is responsible for producing the unmistakable and rousing BMW M soundtrack.

Illuminated door sills bearing the inscription “M550i xDrive” beckon passengers into the interior, where M sports seats upholstered in Black Dakota leather with blue contrast stitching, the latest version of the M sports steering wheel, M design floor mats and special interior trim strips and pedals made from aluminium combine to create the aura of sporting exclusivity that is a hallmark of all BMW M Performance Automobiles.

Driver assistance systems take the hard work out of routine tasks.

Just like the other models in the latest-generation BMW 5 Series lineup, the BMW M550i xDrive also offers an even wider choice of assistance systems to help the driver, if desired. These include an evasion aid, crossing traffic warning system and active Lane Change Warning,

which uses steering inputs to avert an impending collision. The optionally available Active Cruise Control (ACC) and Lane Keeping Assistant now feature extended functionality. And Intelligent Speed Limit Assist, which allows speed limits to be automatically imported into the cruise control system, likewise represents another step along the road to automated driving for the BMW M550i xDrive

Forging an even closer link between man, machine and the outside world.

The latest generation of the BMW 5 Series enables close-knit connectivity between the driver, vehicle and outside world thanks to BMW Connected. This new system links up devices such as smartphones, smartwatches, computers and tablets, as well as the vehicle's navigation system, via the BMW servers. This, then, is highly intelligent technology. Indeed, it is capable of identifying movement patterns as well as personal preferences, turning it into a de facto personal mobility manager that helps users to overcome with ease the increasingly complex challenges of day-to-day mobility. Before the journey has even started, BMW Connected automatically factors in Real Time Traffic Information (RTTI) for route-planning purposes, and recommends departing earlier if a detour has to be made due to traffic hold-ups. And although BMW Connected uses the vehicle's location as the basis for calculating the route in the usual way, it takes the BMW driver's whereabouts into account too. The new system also merges the

functions and services of the familiar BMW Remote app and BMW Connected app. Plus, users are able to access products such as ParkNow for digitised reservation and payment of parking spaces, not to mention the intelligent On-Street Parking Information feature, which identifies the areas of a town where drivers are most likely to find a free parking spot. And if the optional Remote Parking system is specified, the BMW 5 Series Sedan can be manoeuvred into even the tightest spaces from outside the vehicle with the help of the car key. Last but not least, once the car has been parked, BMW Connected helps to guide users to their final destination on foot.

Sportiness and everyday usability in perfect harmony.

The BMW M Performance Automobiles are exclusive products from BMW M GmbH and slot in

between the top-of-the-range standard BMW models and the core M models built for maximum performance.

“We develop the BMW M Performance Automobiles for customers who are seeking very sporty driving characteristics yet do not wish to sacrifice any of their BMW’s everyday practicality,” explains Frank van Meel, CEO of BMW M GmbH. “The experience and expertise garnered by BMW M in the world of motor sport and the development of high-performance sports cars are also channelled into the development of our BMW M Performance Automobiles. The sales success clearly demonstrates that we are on the right track. When you take a look at the BMW AG model portfolio, you will notice that not every model series includes a BMW M Performance Automobile. We will expand our product range wisely and close any gaps in the line-up strategically.”



Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2017

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 2017. 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.

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 (500 words or more)	60
Original Article published in the Trax (less than 500 words)	30
Recruitment of a commercial ad for Trax	20% of ad cost

2016 Incentive Points Challenge Awards



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Awards will be given to the members that earned the highest points and the highest “rookie” (see explanation above). To allow for some suspense before the awards are given out, only the top 15 are listed in alphabetical order and the top 5 rookies, also in alphabetical order.

Challenge Leaders

Scott Bowman	Herb Looney
Josh Butts	Chungnam Lucia
Kathryn Butts	David Lucia
Ken Carson	Raquel Robles
Marco Cordon	Vicente Robles
Gay Dawson	Donald Yule
Tom Dawson	Lenny Zwik
Paul Goldfine	

Rookies

Jennifer Hefner
Luke Lowery
Chungnam Lucia
Carlos Marino
Sean Teefey

The BMW Group at the NAIAS 2017 in Detroit

BMW has chosen the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit, taking place on 8 – 22 January 2017, to stage the world premiere of the new BMW 5 Series Sedan and the US premiere of the BMW Concept X2. Also part of the line-up at the BMW stand are the new BMW 530e iPerformance plug-in hybrid, the sporty BMW M550i xDrive, and the luxurious BMW 6 Series model range. Plus, BMW ConnectedDrive will be showcasing a selection of new services.

- **World premiere:** The new BMW 5 Series model range sees the world's most successful business sedan enter

its seventh generation. Further enhanced dynamics, unbeatable assistance systems, an unmatched level of connectivity, and a new and innovative operating system headline the most important new features.

- The BMW 530e iPerformance will add a plug-in hybrid variant to the latest-generation BMW 5 Series model range from March 2017. The sporty BMW 530e iPerformance Sedan combines the dynamic flair for which the brand is renowned with the ability to run purely on electric power – and therefore with zero local emissions.

- The premiere of the new BMW 5 Series will also feature the presentation of the new BMW M550i xDrive. With its powerful M Performance TwinPower Turbo engine, rear-biased BMW xDrive



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intelligent all-wheel-drive system and M Performance-specific suspension set-up, the new BMW M550i xDrive is a four-door sports car and business sedan of unrivaled dynamic aptitude.

- The BMW 6 Series model range, due to go on sale in spring 2017, offers attractive new additions to its list of optional equipment. The options available exclusively for the BMW 6 Series Coupe, BMW 6 Series Convertible, and BMW 6 Series Gran Coupe add eye-catching exterior and interior accents which vividly showcase the sporting character of the three luxury-class models.

- **US premiere:** The sporty, urban concept underpinning the BMW Concept X2 – the new kid on the block

in the compact segment – blends dynamic excellence and solidity with a design that stands apart from the other X models.

- The new BMW 5 Series Sedan also introduces buyers to the next development stage of BMW Connected, complete with additional digital services. These include BMW Connected Onboard – a personalised start screen on the car’s display – and Remote 3D View, which allows users to monitor the area around their car at all times on their smartphone. Additionally, BMW ConnectedDrive now includes a hazard preview feature as part of the Real Time Traffic Information (RTTI) service.



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2009 335iC,

335i Convertible Dinan 3 M-Sport. 38,700 miles, red leather interior, M-Sport package. Michelin Pilot Sport AS3 tires have 1,500 miles on them. \$7,500 in Dinan components (13 points) - Phase 2 engine software, free flow exhaust, high flow intake, high capacity oil cooler and high performance intercooler. The car had 300 horsepower prior to installing the Dinan components. The car runs great and sounds great! Currently under an extended warranty, so I can take the car to BMW just before sale to make sure the car is in top shape. Extras with the car: BMW black front seat covers, Weathertech floor mats, BMW wheel locks, indoor car cover. Asking \$27,000. Contact Van Short at (512) 348-9067 or send email to vantx@me.com.

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E46 M3 Parts,

I am cleaning out the garage of e46 M3 parts to make room for my M2 which is on order. I have the following items for sale; one refurbished M3 18 x 9 wheel, no tire has ever been mounted \$180, one

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2006 650i,

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garaged. Includes BMW car cover, BMW Custom Sun Screen. Pilot Sports @ 23,969 mi. I get lots of thumbs ups and smiles. New Alternator 6/10/16! Only selling because I have too many cars. Asking \$18,000. Contact Larry Shumake at 512-422-0007 or send email to lshumake@austin.rr.com.



2004 330Ci,

Weekend Driver (no track). Inspection II @ 63K miles (Permian BMW), with PM to all known items. Excellent maintenance. 3-Ring binder of all Records since new. 2nd owner. Mother-in Law first owner. Only mod: Dinan Intake. Lots left on the Brembo disks/Hawk Pads and Michelin Primacy MXM4's. Needs nothing. More pics, all records and info available upon request. Call if interested... Asking \$12,000. Contact Thomas Robnett at 432-254-3939 or send email to thomrobnett@gmail.com.

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5UMDU93528LM08586 Titanium Silver Metallic/Black Nappa Leather, 43k miles, 6-speed. Options: Premium package including Bluetooth, premium sound, cruise, power memory & heated seats, tire pressure monitor, carbon leather interior trim, rain

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2006 M3,

I am selling my excellent 2006 M3 Coupe. It is Titanium Silver with a grey leather interior. The mileage is currently 69,151. I am the second owner and it is an Arizona/Texas car. It has never been hit, never tracked and never smoked in. It is stock except for a Dinan exhaust, which sounds very good. It has a 6 speed manual transmission. Schedule 2 maintenance was done at 60,000 miles. Recently the battery, alternator, brake pressure sensor were replaced and the brake fluid was flushed. The tires are Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires. Selling the car to make room for my M2 which is on order. Asking \$17,900. Contact Bruce Mason at

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2009 BMW M3 Sedan

Alpine White, Dual Clutch Transmission, Black Leather & Carbon fiber Interior, every option available: tech package, cold weather (heated seats), through load fold down rear seats etc. Clean carfax. Impeccably maintained, near perfect condition, needs nothing. I'm one of the managers at Terry Sayther Automotive & I searched for a long time for a white E90 M3 sedan with DCT . Highlights: -Rod bearings replaced & upgraded to calico coated bearings from VAC. If you're looking at a car with more than 40k miles, this NEEDS to be done. -UUC Corsa exhaust. Better than stock, no drones

at various speeds/RPM's, growls when you get on it, purrs when you don't. Not a boy racer exhaust. Very nice. - NAC extended warranty for 50k miles/4 years, which means good until 126k miles, December 2019 (see bottom for pricing differenc). -Front BMW factory seat covers, Weather Tech molded front, rear, & trunk mat, rear seat cover, iPhone 6 lightning adapter, AFE cold air intake. -Tires are Hankook Ventus V12 Evo, 275/35ZR19 & 255/35ZR19, once step wider than stock, much better, new at 76k, & 4 wheel alignment done at our shop using a Hunter alignment machine (same as dealer). -Recent front windshield replacement with factory glass. All windows tinted with high quality Hyperoptic German Ceramic tint. -Previous owner replaced steering wheel cover with real carbon fiber cover, not tape. Looks good. -Comprehensive maintenance history from 25k, almost all dealer serviced. Email for more photos, order options list, etc. Asking \$29,500 without ext warranty, \$33k includes warranty.. Contact Rhett Hubertus at 512-587-1583 or send email to madmardigon@yahoo.com.

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