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*From
The
President*

On the winding down - Part II

As I mentioned in my column last month, it really is very hard to believe that I have been President of this great chapter for over 27 years and that that time is coming to a close. It's been very much like a roller coaster - ups and downs - scary at times - but when it is all over you say "let's do it again!!" In this case, however, the ride will not be repeated.

There have been many, many people along the way that have made this trip memorable - too many to name for fear of leaving someone out, but those who should be named know who you are and can take great pride in having been a part of making the Tejas Chapter great.

Now don't misinterpret this. Sandy and I aren't going anywhere. It was just time for younger and more

energetic individuals to bring new blood into the chapter We will still be active participants in the chapter - reaping the benefits of what the new chapter board has in store.

Sandy and I say thanks for the great ride and letting us drive!!



As I said, it is hard to believe that this will be my last "From The President" column, but it was really time.

For the last time

Glenn McConnell

Welcome New Members

Austin

*John Anderson
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After the Holidays Party and Incentive Awards Presentation

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Planned by: Raquel Robles

**Come join us as we celebrate the end
of the Holiday Season
And the beginning of a fun filled year.**

We will have dinner

**Followed by the presentation of our 2017
Incentive Points Awards**

**Then we will have fun choosing and stealing
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7:30 pm
Awards
8:00 pm
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to participate in this.**

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<http://www.tejaschapter.org>



Members Cars

Transfer of Power

When Fred Egloff of Kerrville, Texas decided to sell “Smoke,” a historic 1937 BMW 328 that he and his wife Sherry owned for 40 years, the classic automotive world took notice. The legendary 328 is a racing sports car designed as an exceptional grand touring car - it is also an icon of racing history. The Egloff car, number 29 of 464 made, drew bids from around the world. Automotive journalist Bob Roemer wrote to Fred, “It must be bittersweet to see it go. That car truly is a piece of automotive, cultural, world, and military history. Its influence on the automotive industry for years after it was built can’t be overstated.”

Smoke - A Legendary Car

1937 BMW 328

by Fred Egloff

The International Motor Racing Research Center at Watkins Glen, New York, regularly honors noted historic racing cars. Nicknamed “Smoke,” our

1937 BMW 328 was featured for six months as the IMRRC feature car. Why it was accorded this honor is a rather interesting story.

The BMW 328 is frequently called the “Father of the modern sports car.” Produced from 1936 to 1940, the BMW 328s numbered just 464, with ours the 29th made. A true dual purpose sports car, the BMW 328 was indeed a very advance grand touring car, receiving the European Tourist Trophy in 1937. When one 328 was almost 16 years old, it won the Alpine Trials, a tour very similar in nature to the original Glidden tours. It qualifies not only as a full classic by the Classic Car Club of America, but it also is eligible to participate in premier historic racing revivals such as the Mille Miglia and LeMans.

Although its classic touring design bespeaks elegance, the 328 is a highly refined race car capable of beating stripped down cars with larger engines. Smoke, the first of its type sent to the Netherlands (Rotterdam), was specially tweaked for Pieter Nortier, a champion motorcycle and auto racer. In 1939,

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Nortier drove it to first overall in the first and last Grand Prix held in Holland prior to World War II. Newsreel footage of the race shows Prince Bernard putting a laurel wreath over Nortier's shoulders. The motoring press at the time nicknamed the car "Smoke" for its original gray color.

The car's adventures during WWII have been described in a Dutch book. When Nazis invaded Holland by surprise in 1940 Nortier was driving "Smoke" about 50 miles east of Amsterdam and he quickly hid it in a small farming community. By 1941, the bombing and looting became so intense that Nortier said he participated in the most dangerous race in his long career. Rescuing the car, he drove it at top speed

for 85 miles across occupied Holland, expecting to be shot at any moment by Nazis. Arriving at the Hague, he drove it down a ramp to the cellar of an art museum located a block and a half from the National Palace. "Smoke" was then covered with hundreds of Thonet chairs. The Nazis failed to discover the car for the remaining three years of the war despite the fact that the SS headquarters was a mere three blocks away. It made all the sense in the world. No one would bomb the museum — they would rather steal the art, and who would want any of those bentwood ice cream chairs.

To this day, after 40 years of our ownership, "Smoke" continues to win shows, speed events, and admirers. Upon returning from a year on display at the Archives in Watkins Glen, New York, our 328 was a special feature car displayed at the very entrance to the



prestigious Barrington Concours d'Elegance. Of the 100 invited classics, it was the only one to receive a full page story in the 70-page program.

The 328 BMW is powered by a 2-liter inline six cylinder engine with three Solex carbs and a hemi head. The standard production model proved capable of covering over 100 miles in an hour on the Brooklands track. After WWII, the engine was then produced by Bristol Aircraft Company Co. and remained competitive in racing on various cars until the early 1960s.

The BMW 328 was among the final 25 cars under consideration by worldwide motoring journalists for the coveted award, "The Car of the Century." The Society of Automotive Journalists included the BMW 328 among 25 finalists from among the many thousands of cars produced during the 20th Century. The Model T Ford of course was the rightful and obvious winner.

Automobile Quarterly has featured articles specially about BMW 328s at least three times, plus other photos of them have been published in *Classic Car*.



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Central Texas Food Bank Review

by Raquel Robles

Similar to past charity events, December 9th was an icy cold morning. The temperature at the time my alarm went off was 36 degrees. Texas received a wintry blast dropping up to 7 inches of snow in some Texas cities the day before. This type of morning requires every ounce of willpower to get out of a warm bed and that is exactly what 23 of our members did to give back to our community.

Our chapter returned to volunteer at the Central Texas Food Bank for the 4th year in a row. As we waited to be escorted



into the Product Recovery area, our host briefed us on the large impact the food bank has for the community. The Central Texas Food Bank serves 46 thousand meals every week in 21 counties throughout central Texas. 93% of the people receiving food are not homeless. Our host informed us most of the people seeking food are middle class folks who could be our neighbors and coworkers trying to get food on the table. 34% of all households served by food banks have to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care. We were then asked to leave any food or beverages we brought in the break-room

to prevent any cross-contamination. Bathrooms and break-room areas were pointed out on our walk down the hall and into the Product Recovery area.

As with past events, our host went down the list of jobs available and the responsibilities each held. We all eagerly raised our hands for the jobs best fitting for us. Once everyone was assigned a job the inspectors had to watch a 15 minute



presentation on what to watch out for. This consisted disposal of cans containing dented lids, opened jars of jam, expired baby food, and items without label or list of ingredients. After identifying good product we were instructed to wipe down all products before placing on conveyor



belt to be taken down to the sorting phase. Once sorting was completed the box would be labeled and placed on a pallet. The pallet would then be shrink wrapped and be ready for warehouse storage until it was time to hand items out. Three hours came and went in a blink of an eye and by the time we knew it the buzzer sounded and we were relieved of duty. It was now 5s time (*seiri, seiton, seiso, seiketsu and shitsuke*) aka sort, set in order, standardize, and sustain your work station. We quickly

grabbed brooms to sweep debris from floor, water bottle and hand towels to wipe down our stations and set all box cutters,



tape guns, gloves, buckets, sponges and scissors back in their place. OSHA would be proud!

This year we didn't quite reach our goal of 30 members but we still managed to beat our previous record in pounds sorted. In 2015 the chapter sorted 5,970lbs of food, in 2016 the amount increased to 7,950lbs, and in 2017 we sorted **17,700lbs!** Our host reminded us of the



important role we play when volunteering as we alleviate the workload of the full time employees by clearing out the floor in 3 hours time. More than making the CTFB employees' life easier, we help feed tens of thousands of people. If you were unable to attend this volunteer session, there are other volunteer opportunities outside of the Product Recovery area in the kitchen as Chef and in the garden picking fresh vegetables. We were informed the Central Texas Food bank's goal is to grow 20% of all produce handed out to families by 2020. After being thanked for our time we walked out to the beautiful Christmas tree in the lobby for

our photo to be taken with the over-sized check noting our total pounds sorted. After a few photos our bellies reminded us it was time for lunch.

As we got in the car I plugged in the address to get quickest route to Patsy's Cafe. GPS let me know the restaurant I



was on my way to was closed and would re-open at 2pm. I got a little worried and the worry quickly grew into panic when 1.5miles down the road we reached Patsy's and the parking lot was empty. We pulled in not saying a word. I quickly scanned the entrance in hopes of seeing movement or a sign containing the hours of operation. I was relieved at the sight of the bright orange OPEN sign. Crisis averted! We had the backroom reserved for us but the entire restaurant was empty and that translated to plenty of parking for everyone. Our table ordered burgers and sandwiches and while we waited for the food we chatted about none other than cars. We listened in as Paul spoke of and shared photos of his 1985 Shark. Dave followed by telling us about the nice project waiting for him the following weekend as he'd be working on his BMW 540. Food came and went and soon it was time to part ways. As I walked out, the employees thanked us for choosing them again for our lunch spot. I am left in awe each time I look back and see how much we do as a car club. The Tejas Chapter touches many lives. Many of the business we have done events with have reached out and thanked the club for

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coming out. A few people we run into while fueling up during event pit stops compliment how beautiful all our cars look driving together and mention they had never before seen so many at one place. We leave long lasting impressions and its all because of each and every one of you.

Thank you all for making the Tejas Chapter a great car club. I look forward to an even bigger and better 2018!

“You can never know how many lives you’ve touched, just know it’s far more than you think. Even the tiniest acts of love, kindness, and compassion can have a massive ripple effect. YOU have made the world a better place, even if it doesn’t seem like it.” -Lori Deschene



Calendar of Tejas Chapter and Related Events



2018

Date	Event	Meet Location
January 20, 2018	Annual Post Holiday Party see page 5	New Braunfels
February ?? 2018	??????? see the website for coming details	????
March or April 2018	Annual Bluebonnet Drive see the website for coming details	TBA
July 5-15 2018	BMW CCA Oktoberfest see page 20	Pittsburgh
October 2018	Annual Utopia Weekend	TBA



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BMW of Austin Event Review

by Raquel Robles

John Myrtle and his team at BMW of Austin delivered another fabulous event for the club in November. The RSVP list promised over 100 chapter members (including families). From my early talks with John, regarding event details, it was mentioned the event would be open to chapter members and family along with BMW personnel and their families. Anticipating a possible parking shortage, I decided it would be best if we arrived earlier to get a good



parking spot. We managed to arrive 30mins early and selected a parking section by the fueling area. Although it was a wet and cool afternoon in the high 60s, we decided to bring out the camping chairs and enjoy the show as members and their cars drove in.



Within 15 minutes the parking section we had selected as prime parking had filled up. We were thrilled to see



Hedwig, Phil Nybro's 1976 BMW 2002, roll in and park with us along with Paul Goldfine's 328xi, Michael Miranda's 320i and Rachel Tamez's 328i GT and an i3 to complete our section. It's reassuring when you park with friends who love their car as much as you do. A few minutes past twelve, two BMW of Austin employees came out and let us know the doors were open and the building was ready for us to walk in. As I folded our camping chairs, one of the employees asked to see Vince's e30.



We opened the doors and shared the e30's story with them. They were impressed with the condition of the car and we reminded them it took a bit to get there. I then walked them over to Phil so they would be able to admire his car. It's not everyday you get to see a 2002 up close and in the exceptional condition Hedwig is in. One of the things I love most about this event is the ability to catch up with members who don't frequent our monthly drives. It allows us to chat and admire cars, talk about the ones

that got away and discuss future projects.

As we made our way in through the entrance doors, smiling faces greeted us with a envelope containing an agenda and coupon tickets.

The next stop was a table which had one jar filled with tiny BMWs inside. The goal was to guess how many BMWs were in the jar. The member closest to the actual count would win the jar. John read through everyone's written guesses and let us know many were 1 or 2 numbers off but one member actually hit the exact count, David Morrow.

The third table was BMW Bingo and we started the first round of the



day. This game was interesting as I had to dig deep for information and learned new fun facts along the way.

The fourth table down held raffle boxes for a chance to win a professional photo shoot for your BMW or 4-hours service time with Master Technician oversight. The photo session winners were: Ben Eckermann, Ken Hollins, and Ed Reder. The tech session winners were: Ian Russell, Larry Chen, and David Hardiman.

Across this table were five BMWs. Displayed directly across from this table was a 2018 BMW M4, 2018 BMW X6M and a 2018 BMW 750i.

The 7 series had Frozen Black paint



which was the first time I'd ever seen up close. I fell in love with this color and stumbled upon an article during my research of it describing the paint process so specialized only a reported 10 models can be produced a day.

The fifth table was a set up dedicated and manned by none other than Judy Ray. Judy is a wealth of



knowledge and was eager to share details about competing at Nurburgring Nordschleife in Northwestern Germany along with numerous other European circuits such as Spa Franchorchamps, Paul Ricard Formula One Test Track, Saltzburgring, A-1Ring, and Zandvort and her experience teaching high performance driving and racing.

The sixth table displayed three wheels showing off various forms of wheel personalization.

In the far end of the service area we had a variety of games to play for the chance at getting more raffle

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BMW of A
November
Many thanks to John Myrt
Many more great photos are a





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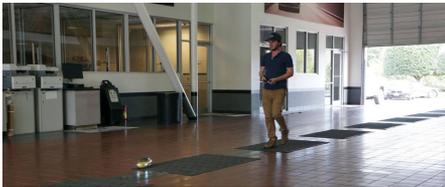
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tickets. Balloon Dart called for 1 coupon per dart. You could easily



double your tickets if one of the balloons contained a paper instantly doubling your winnings. Putt putt, Cornhole, a bouncy house and Slalom racing using a M4 or i8 radio control model car down the service entrance



way using industrial mats as course were other options. We grabbed a bag of popcorn and headed down to the Slalom course. This course reminded me no matter how far I tilt my head or the control in my hands the car will not turn in same way my body is tilting.

Once all the gaming was out of my system, it was time to seek food! Torchy Tacos and Red White and Que



BBQ were available for us to choose from. I opted for the BBQ and was



pleasantly surprised as this was the first time I had heard of them. Lets just say everything was Texas sized and delicious. We sat and ate with the Lucia's and a BMW of Austin



employee. Her name tag caught our eye. The name tag had her name and a city name in South Texas. We were told each employee will have the city



they are from on the name tag as a method of soliciting conversation and offer a platform for connection to us, the customer. I thought this was pretty

neat. I instantly felt comfortable speaking with her as she was for “our neck of the woods.”

After a great meal, it was time to get down to business and that meant counting up all the tickets we had accumulated. This proved harder than what I originally assumed since most were cut up in sets of 2’s or 3’s. Without a table (or a pal) you would quickly loose count and be forced to start over. This process was a lot simpler when one of the employees at the prices table helped hold the portion already counted. Hooray for team work! BMW gave away over \$10,000.00 dollars in merchandise. We had a great selection: t-shirts, polos,



jackets, scarfs, bowls, mugs, tumblers, water bottles, travel bags, watches, and much more! I got so wrapped up in what I could “afford” to purchase with my

tickets that I completely forgot we could buy additional tickets. David and Chungnam Lucia brought their A game



and by donating to the Paralyzed Veterans Association BMW of Austin gave them \$150 in “BMW bucks” for every \$20 donated. The Lucia’s used their tickets to buy a BMW cruiser bike. After selecting prizes it was time for a sweet treat and Amy’s Ice Cream was the perfect treat to hit the spot. As I sat and enjoyed my ice cream and looked over at everyone having a great time I couldn’t help but feel thankful for the continuous support BMW of Austin and BMW CCA provides the chapter.

A note from John Myrtle: Much Thanks to CCA members for their attendance, support and donations to Paralyzed Veterans Association.

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LOOKING FOR ALL BMW 2002'S. COME ONE, COME ALL, TO THE 2018 PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX

If you have a 2002 you won't want to miss this party. The Allegheny Chapter has selected the iconic 2002 as the model of the year and will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our beloved 2002 while hosting the "Marque of the Year" festivities and BMW CCA Oktoberfest, July 5th through July 15, 2018.

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, in its 35th year, is a ten-day motorsport festival with the purpose to raise awareness and funds for the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Valley School. Every year the PVGP selects a Marque and this year is ours again. The Allegheny Chapter of the BMW CCA has been a ground breaker

in fund raising for these worthwhile charities and have donated over \$250,000. This year our goal is to donate over a \$100,000 and we hope you will help.

Things get started Friday, July 5 and run through July 7 at Pittsburgh International Motorsports Complex where the Allegheny Chapter will host a Vintage 2002 Race, a National Points BMW CCA Club Race and a car corral all as part of the PVGP Histories at Pitt-Race. All racers will receive lunches, a welcome reception and dinners throughout the weekend. Spectators can reserve designated space in our corral and enjoy lunches in our tent while watching the races from Spectator Hill.

On Monday July 8 a select number of historical BMW's will be on display at the PVGP Shadyside Invitational Car Show. The car show is free and open to spectators and all are encouraged to attend. If you have a vintage BMW with historical significance and would like to



be part of this exclusive car show please send a bio and pictures to bmw.event.coordinator@gmail.com by June 1, 2018.

The Waterfront, outside of Pittsburgh host a traditional Car Cruise Tuesday night. With over 650 cars on display you can join them for a \$5.00 donation.

Things start to pick up steam on Wednesday throughout Downtown Pittsburgh where vintage and classic cars will parade through town and be on display during lunch. The BMW CCA Oktoberfest will also be hosting a Concours in Point State Park. That evening the Tune up Party @ Atria's takes place on the Roberto Clemente Bridge and PNC Park. Hundreds of cars will be on display. The Allegheny Chapter and PVGP will have a designated area for all BMW's to enjoy the revelries.

The Allegheny Chapter and the BMW CCA Oktoberfest host a welcome reception at the Carnegie Science Center on the North Shore, Thursday night from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. River transportation will be provided from Station Square where the Oktoberfest Hotel is located.

Friday, we have our Grand Tour of the Laurel Highlands with the designation, Frank Lloyd Wrights, Fallingwater. This 150-mile tour will take you up into the Allegheny Mountains with guided run groups leaving downtown Pittsburgh at various times in the morning and scheduled tours of this historic landmark that have been arranged with the fine people at Fallingwater (www.fallingwater.org). Lunch will be provided at a Historic Inn nearby.

That evening all are invited to join our traditional parking lot party. Where you

can relax, clean your car, meet new and old friends and enjoy the sights and sounds.

All 2002 Racers have an opportunity to join the PVGP Vintage Grand Prix Races, Saturday and Sunday. Here you can go back in time and race on the City streets of Schenley Parks 2.3-mile, 23 turn road course. Curbs, street lights, manhole covers and haybales, what's there not to like. Oh, did I say over 100,000 spectators. This is a once in a life time opportunity to race with all 2002 race cars other vintage racers. On Friday night, our "Forbes Avenue of Speed" Race Car Parade & Display in nearby Squirrel Hill is a great opportunity to meet the racers and see the cars up close. Vintage racers will parade through Squirrel Hill and park on Forbes Avenue for a car show.

Our corral gets started early Saturday and Sunday morning on German Hill. With All 2002's proudly displayed and eligible for a chance at the People's Choice awards (Best Roundie, Square and Race Car). We are expecting over 500 cars and the PVGP Car Show Saturday boast over 2500 vintage, classics and Modern era cars. Our corral on German hill near turn 13 of the race course will include lunch and our famous Bier Garden. On Sunday the Allegheny Chapter is looking to break the Guinness World Record for a make (BMW) & model (2002) in a parade (around the Schenley Park Road course). We need over 200 "2002's to break this record currently held by the BMW Isetta.

For more information and registration information please visit www.pvgp.org , www.alleghenybmwcca.org or email bmw.event.coordinator@gmail.com

Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2018

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 2018. 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

2017 Incentive Points Challenge Awards



January
20th
2018

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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 4 rookies, also in alphabetical order.

Challenge Leaders

Scott Bowman
Josh Butts
Kathryn Butts
Ken Carson
Marco Cordon
Mary Beth Cordon
Jeff Gifford
Paul Goldfine

Herb Looney
Michael Miranda
Phil Nybro
Raquel Robles
Vincent Robles
Don Yule
Susan Yule

Rookies

Jennifer Davis
David Morrow
Joseph Nielsen
Todd Spencer



Hopeless Car Nerd Confessions

(We drive to Oktoberfest in New Orleans)

by Phil Nybro

In the spring, my brother Carl and I signed up for our first Oktoberfest, held this year in New Orleans. Originally scheduled for July (how can it be Oktoberfest in July?), we decided to bring one of our E90s. Air conditioning is a good thing, particularly in the summer.

But then the event was rescheduled for October 30-November 4 (now it can be called Oktoberfest!). With more favorable weather, a non-air conditioned car is possible. We decide to drive my 1976 2002, affectionately known as Hedwig. Taking a 42-year-old car is an early indication of our hopeless car nerd status.

The trunk is larger than our E90s. As nature hates a vacuum, somehow the trunk becomes full. It's 500 miles from Austin to New Orleans, so we're off on Monday morning. The navigation is simple: find I-10 and stay on it. We hit Houston at lunchtime and find traffic. We hit Baton Rouge at 4:30 during rush hour, aided by a stalled vehicle in the middle lane of the bridge over the Mississippi River. Deep sigh. Eventually we reach New Orleans and discover that our hotel is well located, next to the Super Dome.

Tuesday morning the OCD part of my personality emerges as I am determined to wash the car. I will not drive a dirty car this week of all weeks! This turns out to be much

harder than anticipated. Repeated inquiries with the concierge and Google show a wand type car wash at least 20 minutes away. Grumbling, we head to the parking garage only to discover that Griot's has set up four



wash bays in an alley behind the hotel. Happiness! We're the first ones and are quickly joined by CCA staff (who were everywhere all week) and the two Griot's guys (who were also everywhere all week). This keeps us busy the rest of the morning (more evidence of our hopeless car nerdiness).

Registration begins at 1:00. The afternoon is filled with tech sessions from Michelin, Bridgestone, Griot's, a Shell reception and First Timers Meeting. The Hopeless Car Nerds attend every one. Dinner is next door and sponsored (code for open bar) by Shell. Since it's Halloween, it's a costume party and Carl becomes Jerry



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Garcia of the Grateful Dead.

Wednesday brings the Concours, held on a golf course about 20 minutes away. Hedwig is entered in the non-judged class. Including lunch, we are here for most of the day looking at some gorgeous cars, an excellent mix of classic and modern. Back at our hotel, it's Casino Night. Using play money, we're at the blackjack table all evening. Miraculously I finish ahead, for the first time in my life!

Thursday we're entered in the Time/Speed/Distance Rally. We've done fun rallies before but never a TSD. I drive (it is my car), so Carl draws the difficult navigator job (Maslow's Hierarchy is in play as the younger sibling gets the worse job). A minor (ha!) complication is that the speedometer is 10% slow and the odometer is 20% slow. We excel through the first checkpoint, where we are only 36 seconds off; only a few cars are better. Unfortunately there are nine checkpoints total and we are unable to keep it all straight. We finish 15th of 21 cars entered. We nailed the navigation/distance part but not the

time or speed elements. Lunch is at a local Cajun restaurant besides the Mississippi. A Dixie beer accompanies the chicken and sausage gumbo (when in Rome, do as the Romans do!). Dinner is in the French Quarter, more Cajun cooking and another open bar. Hopeless Car Nerds prefer to drive but we exercise discretion and use Uber each way.

Friday we're at NOLA Motorsports Park, your choice of HPDE or autocross. Hedwig is a bit old (and with only 100 hp), so we don't think the HPDE is a good choice. However, autocross is another matter.



We get 8 laps; I do the first 4, Carl gets the rest. 2nd gear, maybe 40 mph max, not hard on the car. We get first place in our class (please don't ask how many cars are in our class).


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Somewhat irritated, I discover that my fastest lap is slower than any of Carl's. No sibling competition here! We drive M3s on the autocross track in a tier test of Michelin Pilot Sports vs. the Continental equivalent. We conclude that the two tires are very similar on a dry surface but that the Michelin is the better wet tire (somewhat distressing is that I have the Continentals on my E90). Carl enters the go-cart competition. He makes it to the semi-finals where he is eliminated by the professional drivers, including Bill Auberlin, who wins (shocking).



Dinner is at the track and we are far from the only grubby ones who have been there all day. Hopeless Car Nerd Syndrome is prevalent.

Saturday is our slow day. Back to the track, but we're only spectators today. Race Control is in a 2-story tower overlooking the pits and the front straight. We bluff our way in and are welcomed. It's great to sit in air-conditioned comfort with a good view of the entire track. Sadly an E36 M3 misses a shift on the front straight, right in front of us. The Dreaded Money Shift

results in a blown engine. Ouch. This is the last day of Oktoberfest, and the ending dinner is in the Boeing Pavilion at the World War II museum. B-17s and P-51s are hanging overhead and the



music is all 1940s era. A great end to a great week!

Sunday is back home to Austin. We're on the road by 0800. Navigation is easy as our hotel is only six blocks or so from I-10. We can drive the entire 500 miles without using GPS and are home in time for dinner. If you need further evidence of our Hopeless Car Nerdiness, consider this: that night I watched two episodes of "Chasing Classic Cars" that I found on my DVR and Carl washed his car.

For the trip, we put 1,352 miles on Hedwig. She ran great and looked great. We would definitely do this again. Next year Oktoberfest is in Pittsburgh and the theme is the 50th birthday of the 2002 (yea!).

Our Tejas Chapter is well represented. In addition to us, Mary Beth and Marco Condon are there in their M5. Terry Sather is there with three cars: a 1967 1600 GT, a 1971 3.0 CSL and a 1972 2002 Touring (ask him about the convoy speeding tickets).

BMW at the NAIAS 2018 in Detroit

Both public and trade visitors to the show will have their first opportunity to experience the updated BMW i8 Coupe (fuel consumption combined: 1.9 l/100 km [148.7 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 42 g/km; electric power consumption combined: 14.0 kWh/100 km) 1 and new BMW X2.

Plus, the company will be presenting the most exclusive way to discover trailblazing open-top driving pleasure. Making its debut at the show, the BMW i8 Roadster First Edition (fuel consumption combined: 2.1 l/100 km [134.5 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 46 g/km; electric power consumption combined: 14.5 kWh/100 km)1 stands out with a suitably extensive array of appointments. Also taking to the stage in Detroit is a luxury-class vehicle

concept that encapsulates a fresh understanding of luxury for the BMW brand – the BMW Concept X7 iPerformance.

World premiere of the updated BMW i8 Coupe: The three-cylinder petrol engine and electric drive system team up to generate system output of 275 kW/374 hp. The BMW eDrive technology on hand also includes a high-voltage lithium-ion battery with cell capacity of 34 Ah and gross energy capacity of 11.6 kWh. The battery delivers the energy for the 105 kW/143 hp electric motor to power the car from rest all the way to a maximum 105 km/h (65 mph) on a wave of innovative sports car feeling. Pushing the eDrive button raises the top speed on electric power alone to 120 km/h (75 mph).

The BMW i8 Roadster First Edition is limited to a production run of 200 units. The special-edition models will be among the first examples of the



open-top plug-in hybrid sports car built and delivered to customers around the world. All of the body paint finishes and interior designs offered for the new BMW i8 Coupe and new BMW i8 Roadster are also available for the special edition. These include the newly introduced exterior colours E-Copper metallic and Donington Grey metallic. The Carpo interior design package (included as standard) comprises full leather trim, which is available for the new BMW i8 Roadster exclusively in the colour combination Ivory White/Black.

The new BMW i8 Coupe accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h (62 mph) in 4.4 seconds, while the new BMW i8 Roadster completes the same sprint in 4.6 seconds. Both models have an electronically limited top speed of 250 km/h (156 mph). Combined petrol consumption is 1.9 litres per 100 kilometres (148.7 mpg imp) ¹ for the Coupe and 2.1 litres per 100 kilometres (134.5 mpg imp) ¹ for the Roadster, and combined electric power consumption is 14.0 kWh / 14.5 kWh per 100 kilometres¹. CO2 emissions from the petrol engine are 42 grams per kilometre¹ for the new BMW i8 Coupe and 46 grams per kilometre¹

for the new BMW i8 Roadster. The electric driving range of the BMW i8 Coupe in the NEDC test cycle is 55 kilometres (34 miles)¹ and the BMW i8 Roadster claims 53 kilometres (33 miles).

New E-Copper metallic and Donington Grey metallic exterior colour shades are available for the BMW i8 Coupe and BMW i8 Roadster, as is the new optional Accaro interior trim in Amido/E-Copper. The Navigation system Professional, BMW Display Key, Driving Assistant incl. Surround View, and a mode 2 charging cable are all part of standard specification. ConnectedDrive Services also come as standard and include new digital services such as intelligent route planning (complete with refuelling stops at a charging station or filling station), sharing of the current trip status and highly personalised in-car displays.



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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 since 2011 event, but have continually 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 limited success. Due to this roadblock, the new target to hold an event will be in early 2018.

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