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Vintage Bimmers at Bone Spirits Distillery

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*From
The
President*

The One You Want

I thought it would be a good idea to tell you more about myself and my BMW story. This is a story that we can all tell in our own way, about how I bought the only car I've ever regretted selling.

Some number of years after I bought my M Roadster I decided I had finally grown weary of commuting in it. I had no intention of selling the car, so I casually mentioned to my wife that I was thinking about getting a used 7 series as a daily driver. I'm not sure what combination of words I used to convince her that buying a 10-year-old 7 series was a good idea, but somehow it worked.

After months shopping for E38s, I found one listed on eBay in Tucson. It was "the one you want" – a 2001 740i Sport in titanium silver with black leather, every option and low miles. I placed a bid, but

the auction had several days remaining. I figured I'd be outbid, and that would absolve me of actually having to commit.

Several days later, I had almost forgotten about the car among other distractions when I received an email from eBay congratulating me on winning the auction. I promptly paid the deposit, and arranged to have the car inspected by a local BMW shop (yes, I bought this car sight unseen). Luckily, the mechanic said if I didn't buy the car he was going to, so that sounded like justification enough to me to get a cashier's check and a plane ticket.

After picking up the car from the seller and being delighted that it was 100% as-advertised, I drove out of the hotel parking lot and headed East on 1-10 for the long drive back to Austin. At this point, I considered each completed mile a blessing, secretly assuming this decade-old dreadnaught was going to explode on me at any moment.

I got nearly 4 relatively trouble-free years of driving from the 740. It was and is hands down, the best car I've ever

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Welcome New Members

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Austin

*Sergio Botero
Marc Castel
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Miles Clay
Antonio Denison
Robert Flegal
Adam Houghton
Stephanie Houghton
Taylor Johnson
Cora Jordan
Collen Lasnier*

*Francois Lasnier
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Brian O'Krafka
Kailash Pagarani
Scott Porter
Huver Rivera
Patrick Ryan
Steve Spyropoulos
Craig Staley
Donald Zielinski*

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Jonathan Hieftje
Patrick Lee
Eric Marple
Sage Monney
Dustin Sharpe
Terry Smelker*

Round Rock

*Sean Milberger
Hunter Moses
Alexander Schwartz*

Buda

*Evan Cauduro
Everett Torres*

Harker Heights

Joseph Hogan

Pflugerville

*David Combs
Rebecca Combs*

Schertz

*Christian Overman
Jason Overman*

Kyle

Erik Karlsson

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owned. It was not particularly fast and certainly wasn't nimble, but you could just devour highway like nothing else I've ever driven. The effortless manner in which that 7er would accelerate from 70mph to 120mph was dangerously intoxicating, and all the while you got the sense that it wasn't trying all that hard to do it. This was clearly a car meant for high speed cruising, and the owner's manual stated that "maximum recommended cruise" was

141mph.

I sold that E38 after putting over 45,000 miles on it. It was replaced by an E39 M5 and ultimately my F80 M3, and I've regretted selling it ever since. I'd happily have the 740 over the M5 any day of the week, and while I'm not so nostalgic as to go hunt one down, if there was magically one for sale in Austin, and it was "the one you want", I'd buy it in a heartbeat.

Until next time,
Josh Butts



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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 is now 2018.

Please contact the Driving Events Coordinator, Jeff Gifford at jeff@jeffgifford.com, 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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Central Texas Food Bank Charity Event Saturday, July 28, 2018

Planned by Paul Goldfine

Meet at: CTFB

6500 Metropolis Drive, Austin, TX, 78744

Check-in: 8:30am **Food sorting:** 9:00am-12:00pm

Central Texas Food Bank (<https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/>) provides food and groceries to more than 300 human and social service agencies in 21 Central Texas counties; last year they provided 24.5 million meals! Food donations come from various food manufacturers, growers, distributors, grocery stores, and individuals, which volunteers working in CTFB's climate-controlled warehouse help sort into comprehensive packages that are delivered to the agencies in need.

Our goal is 30 volunteers

Our shift at Central Texas Food Bank will conclude at 12pm.

Lunch Details:

Lunch reservations have been made at Patsy's Cowgirl Cafe located at 5001 East Ben White Boulevard, Austin, TX 78744.

(<http://www.patsyscafe.com/>)

Reservations are under Tejas Chapter BMW car club.

Patsy's Cowgirl Cafe is 1.5 miles away from the new food bank location off 71.

RSVP by filling out the RSVP form on the website at
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Weekend with the Lone Star Chapter

**Friday - Sunday
August 17 - 19, 2018**



More details still to come but this is the overview. Check the website for most current info.



The Lone Star Chapter will be visiting for the weekend of August 17th - 19th. They are arriving in Austin on Friday evening and staying in the Domain area.

On Saturday, the LSC folks will be doing Austin touristy things (state capital, bullock museum, etc). They will be arranging dinner for the group on Saturday night - Tejas members are welcome for any and all parts of Saturday.



On Sunday, Tejas will be hosting a driving tour of the highland lakes, departing from 620/2222 area and ending in Marble Falls for lunch. Incentive points will be available for both days for Tejas Chapter members.

ATX Bimmer Tech Day

By Raquel Robles

ATX Bimmer celebrated their one-year anniversary by hosting the Tejas Chapter's 2018 Tech Day. The event was a huge success! We had a great time working on cars and eating delicious brisket and sausage. The first set of cars opted to change out cabin air filters. It was neat to see the differences between air filters in cars around the same age. We had one pulled out which appeared slightly dirty. The second one contained



random debris and almost looked as if someone had sprinkled grass clippings over it. The third appeared dark and when you looked closer there was clear signs of mold. What did we learn today kids? Change out the cabin air filter. It's the only thing between you and the air you are breathing when inside your car.

This year I decided to work on Bucky my 1996 BMW 318ti. I signed



up to replace the passenger window

regulator. About a week before the event, I decided to remove the door card so that I wouldn't spend time trying to get that off at the shop. As luck would have it, the previous owner bolted the door card straight onto the door itself and now the bolt was stripped. While at the shop, Monty managed to saw through it and get the door card removed. In no time I was hammering through rivets attempting



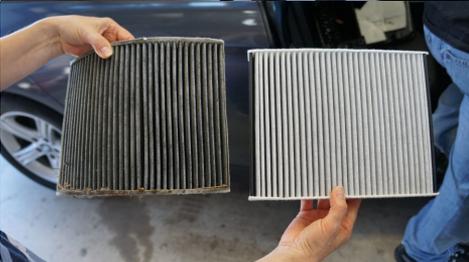
to have them pop out of place. These rivets took their job seriously and would not go willingly. Monty had to get me his drill and off I went drilling away as much of the rivet possible. I returned to the hammer and chisel routine once the rivets began to spin. A few good hits and off they came. By the time we got to the 4th rivet, I had noodle arms and had to ask Vince and



Mike to help get the rivet to surrender. All in all a very do-able job with the right tools and patience.

Next up was Patrick Lim who brought his M3 to have his rear spring

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height adjusters replaced. Joey Nielsen followed and replaced his E30's standard mirror by wiring a



map-light rear-view mirror. Don Zielinski replaced transmission and differential fluids in his 335i. David Wiggins who bled the hydraulic brake fluid in his M Coupe and Todd Spencer



replaced the fuel filter in his Z3. I think the best part of the event was hanging out in the shop catching up with friends and enjoying delicious food while BMWs were being worked



on. We are very lucky to have a team who runs a BMW shop and is willing to open the doors just for us.

If you have never been to ATX Bimmer, do yourself a favor and stop on

by. I took the liberty of mini-interviewing Will and Monty and in the next few sentences I hope to give you a glimpse at who they are and what they are about. Are they Austinites? Will and Monty are actually both from "LA." Monty is from Los Angeles and Will is from lower Alabama. How did they get to Austin? Will joined the U.S. Army to escape a small town in Alabama. Will decided to anchor down in Austin after several years of traveling. Monty came to Austin to care for his elderly father. Why open a BMW shop? Both men love working for themselves and hone in on doing what they love the way they want to. They often saw good people with good BMWs get priced out of them due to costly repairs or services. How did they find BMW? Monty bounced around before landing in the world of BMW in 1994. Will worked for Nissan and Toyota before getting to opportunity to work with BMWs. Like Monty, the brand just felt right for Will and the rest is history. What was the first BMW they owned? Monty's first BMW was an E24, 1988 BMW 535is. Will's first BMW was an E36, 1998 BMW 328i. What do you do on your free time? Both men can most often be found at the shop but when time permits they go out and golf. That sums up our mechanic's fun facts.



If this sparked your curiosity and you have additional questions, you know where to find them! Until next time Tejas Chapter. Robles over and out.



Calendar of Tejas Chapter and Related Events



2018

Date	Event	Meet Location
July 28, 2008	Central Texas Food Bank see page 7	Austin
August 17 - 19, 2008	Weekend With Lone Start Chapter see page 9	Austin
September 2018	TBD	TBD
October 6, 2018	Deutsche Marque Concours details coming	TBD
October 12-14, 2018	Annual Utopia Weekend	Boerne
November 16, 2018	Schnellfest HPDE at COTA see the website for details	Austin



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Roundels and Propellers

By Paul Goldfine

I don't know who said timing is everything but, whoever they were, they nailed it on our last drive.

We met in San Marcos on an overcast morning. The sky looked threatening but that didn't stop a large



number of people from turning out. I didn't get an exact count but there looked to be over 25 cars and nearly 50 people in attendance. After everyone got a chance to say hello, it was time for a quick meeting and then on the road.

Of course, getting out of town is always the hard part. We managed to make it about a mile before having to pull over and regroup. Once back together, it was time to explore the east side of I-35. This is the second drive we've done in the past couple of months in this area and, once again, I found the roads to be surprising.



There were plenty of turns and elevation changes and some of the views were really beautiful.

It didn't take too long for things to go awry, a turn get missed, and the order of the cars get re-shuffled. That's no problem, as Kathryn Butts said over the radio, it wouldn't be a Tejas drive without at least one U-turn. Besides, no one wants to look at the back of the same car for the entire day.

Although it drizzled a bit, nothing heavy fell from the sky, yet, and those with their tops down were able to enjoy the first part of the drive. We stopped at Buc-ees to stretch our legs



before heading out to our lunch destination. I don't know how it worked out but, while there, the restaurant called to confirm and a little lunch surprise was hatched.

While we were stopped, the clouds lightened and things began to look up. After another hour on some more pleasant roads, we arrived at the Powerplant Texas Grill in Seguin. This



was a very nice venue located right on the Guadalupe River. After everyone

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Many more great photos are av





Propellers
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Paul Goldfine
available on the chapter website



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was served, the surprise was revealed. It was Tom Dawson's birthday and his wife, Gay, bought dessert for everyone. After a loud rendition of Happy Birthday, it was time to head to the Pioneer Flight Museum.

Like the restaurant, Charlotte Parker from the museum called to make certain we were still coming because it had been raining there. After giving her my assurance, we headed out. After arriving, the cars got lined up, the roofs closed, and as soon



as we got under cover, the sky opened up. Remember what I said about timing?



Charlotte introduced Roger Freeman, who founded the museum, and he took us through the maintenance shop where we got to see several airplanes in the process of restoration. It was fascinating to see how far the technology has come in

100 years, especially for a former jet maintainer like me. It's hard to believe



what we take for granted was once so dangerous.

After a tour of the two hangers and a third building with pre-WWII



vehicles, it was time to depart. I went to Charlotte to thank her before leaving and she reached out for a hug and said, "You're family now."



The museum is having an antique aircraft and vehicle show on November 10th and I, for one, am putting it on my calendar.

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 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

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<u>720 Pts</u>	Tom Dawson	<u>60 Pts</u>	Harris Katchen
Raquel Robles	Philip Nybro	Randy Allen	Mary Lou Katchen
<u>430 Pts</u>	<u>130 Pts</u>	Joaquin Aviles	Luis Leon
Paul Goldfine	Alex Henry	Scott Bowman	Patrick Lim
<u>360 Pts</u>	<u>120 Pts</u>	Julie Janulis	Casey McKee
Herb Looney	Mary Beth Cordon	<u>30 Pts</u>	Brian McKinney
<u>310 Pts</u>	Brandon Hardiman	Mohammed Abusalih	Collin Nowak
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<u>260 Pts</u>	Derek Hinch	Mike Anderson	Dave Rainwater
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Jeff Gifford	Ken Carson	Lisa Brown	Diana Salzman
<u>210 Pts</u>	Bob Gans	Mark Brown	Dustin Sharpe
Michael Miranda	David Hardiman	Mack Buel	Todd Spencer
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Rachel Tamez	Gene Janulis	Linda Cook	David Wiggins
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Lenny Zwik	Debra -Lou Lantz	Jennifer Davis	Susan Yule
<u>180 Pts</u>	Jeffrey Lantz	Helen Dorrance	Donald Zielinski
Chungnam Lucia	Brad Mitchell	Timothy Ehrhart	<u>20 Pts</u>
David Lucia	Carl Nybro	Davy Hamrick	Claudio Sanchez
<u>150 Pts</u>	Connie Stried	Valentin Hernandez	<u>10 Pts</u>
Josh Butts	Roger Williams	Thor Hilgenfeldt	Carlo Alvarez
Jonna Clark	<u>80 Pts</u>	Stephen Johnson	
Marco Cordon	James Whalen	Dexter Jones	
Gay Dawson		Terry Jones	

2018 Incentive Points Challenge Rookies Leader Board As of June 29, 2018

13.59 Pts	10.25 Pts	4.24 Pts	3.43 Pts	
Alex Henry	Bob Gans	Dustin Sharpe	Donald Zielinski	

Bone Spirits & Pockets Grille Review

By Sandy McConnell

It was a warm, sunny day greeting Tejas Chapter members, their family members and other guests, as we gathered for the first of two planned event opportunities for the month. Approximately 35 people in 20 BMWs, happily greeted each other



and welcomed new members, early the morning of May 5th, at Cabela's in Buda, Texas. After rain and cloudy skies for previous events this spring, it was really nice to have the promise of a sunny day and picturesque, partly cloudy skies. After the necessary preparations of signing insurance waivers, Dave Morrow, planner for this event, briefed us about the activities of the day. We left the parking lot, passing a group of "shoebox" Chevy drivers that



appeared to be readying for a drive of their own. We then crossed IH 35 and began our scenic drive, meandering in the general direction of our final destination, Smithville, Texas.

Driving to the east, away from our usual jaunts in the Texas Hill Country,

reveals a very different type of landscape. Being spring and having had recent rains, everything was still very green and we passed lush grasslands, mixtures of seasonal flowers and rugged cacti, farms growing various Texas crops and ranchlands with beefy cattle herds and graceful horses. Dave had scouted out rural back roads with interesting



scenery and twisting roads. We passed through small towns like Lockhart, McMahan, Jeddo and Rosanky enroute to Smithville, carefully watching out for the bicyclists sharing the roads with us, without the benefit of "horse power." South of Bastrop one can still see signs of the devastating wildfires from September of 2011.

Lunch was at the famed Pocket's Grille in Smithville, featuring



memorabilia from the 1998 movie *Hope Floats*, starring Sandra Bullock

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and Harry Connick Jr. The restaurant decor includes signs from that movie and an old Ford Fairlane halved and



modified for a creative salad bar. They offer especially delicious food from a wide range menu!

After lunch, we went a short distance to *Bones Spirits*, a distillery, processor and warehouse. Their theme, as posted on the front of the establishment, “from the farm to the bottle”. As much as possible, they use locally sourced grains in the making of the beverages which enables them to control each step of the process and ensure high quality beverages. It is a reasonably small establishment, but they have a wide range of beverages including Vodka, Goat Moonshine, Goat Corn Whiskey, Bourbon and



American Gin. Subsequent to the making of these beverages, *Bones Spirits* gives the grain used in production back to the local farmers for use as fertilizers, compost and livestock feed! After the quick tour of the facility and briefing about *Bones Spirit's*, we were invited upstairs to the tasting room. Being on



a full stomach was a good idea with the various, tasty, alcoholic products available to sample.

We had an interesting mix of old and new BMWs on the drive. Its really



special to see the well maintained older bimmers mingling in with the newer models - each loved and cared for by enthusiasts like us!

Many thanks to Dave Morrow for planning this great event! Hope to see you all at the Central Texas Food Bank!



The all-new BMW 8 Series Coupe

The presentation of the all-new BMW 8 Series Coupe adds a brand new chapter to the Bavarian premium carmaker's long history of sensational sports cars – and gets its current model offensive in the luxury segment off to a particularly dynamic start.

- BMW presents the redefinition of the sports car. The new BMW 8 Series Coupe combines imposing lateral and longitudinal dynamic performance with poise, assurance and luxury over long distances. The new BMW 8 Series Coupe opens a further chapter in the brand's successful sports car history and kicks off the premium manufacturer's model initiative in the luxury segment.
- An unrivalled combination of inspiring sportiness and contemporary luxury, assured long-distance comfort and innovative user-operation, driver assistance and connectivity

technology.

- Market launch in November 2018 with two model variants: The BMW M850i xDrive Coupe M Performance model with new, 390 kW/530 hp V8 engine (fuel consumption combined: 10.5 – 10.0 l/100 km [26.9 – 28.3 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 240 – 228 g/km)* and BMW 840d xDrive Coupe with six-cylinder in-line diesel unit developing 235 kW/320 hp (fuel consumption combined: 6.2 – 5.9 l/100 km [45.6 – 47.9 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 164 – 154 g/km)*. Power transfer in both cases is via a further developed eight-speed Steptronic transmission. Both engines comply with exhaust emission standard EU6d-TEMP.

- Body structure, drive technology and suspension focus squarely on achieving the elite dynamic performance expected of a top-class sports car. Development parallel to the BMW M8 and the BMW M8 GTE endurance racer. Low centre of gravity, well-balanced weight distribution, lightweight construction



using aluminium, magnesium and carbon-fibre-reinforced plastic (CFRP), aerodynamically optimised and virtually lift-free body, powerful engines, sports exhaust system, rear axle differential lock, extremely stiff body and suspension structure. Adaptive M suspension, Integral Active Steering and mixed-size tyres come as standard. Active roll stabilisation optionally available for the BMW M850i xDrive Coupe.



- Emotionally powerful styling with new, pared-back design language, elegantly flowing lines, low-slung body, long bonnet, heavily tapered glasshouse, powerful shoulderline, distinctive “double-bubble” roof contouring, long rear window widening towards its lower edge, typical sports car proportions with an exterior length of 4,843 mm, a width of 1,902 mm, a height of 1,341 mm and a 2,822 mm wheelbase. Options include M carbon roof and M Carbon exterior package with air intake slats, exterior mirror covers, rear spoiler and rear diffuser in CFRP.

- Slimmest headlights of any BMW model to date. LED headlights as standard, Adaptive LED Headlights and BMW Laserlight with Selective Beam and extended high beam range of up to 600 metres available as options.

- Relaxed and luxurious interior

ambience, longitudinally oriented lines and surfaces direct the eye forward onto the road. Clearly structured arrangement of controls underscores the focus on the driver and the importance attached to delivering a sporty and dynamic driving experience. High-grade materials, sophisticated interior lighting, trim surfaces rising from the centre console to the instrument panel. Filled leather trim as standard for the instrument panel and door shoulders.

- High-quality options for contemporary luxury: telephony with wireless charging, BMW Display Key, Bowers & Wilkins Diamond Surround Sound System and glass applications for specific control elements.

- Low seating position on redesigned sports seats, Vernasca leather trim as standard. Two rear



seats also have a low seating position, rendering headrests unnecessary. Automatic boot lid operation also standard; luggage capacity: 420 litres. 50 : 50 split/folding rear seat backrest for increased stowage space.

- M Sport package with specific design and equipment features that additionally emphasise the car's dynamic character: generously dimensioned air intakes, 19-inch M

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The BMW 8 Series Coupe

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light-alloy wheels, M Sport braking system, multifunction seats, M leather steering wheel, illuminated door sills with M logo. The BMW M Performance model comes with features including 20-inch M light-alloy wheels and high-performance tyres, specific M Sport braking system, exclusive exterior elements in Cerium Grey, stainless steel mesh interior trim strips and illuminated door sills boasting the model designation. Also available at market launch are the M Technic Sport Package and model-specific BMW Individual features.



- New generation of the M Performance TwinPower Turbo V8

engine combines addictively dynamic power delivery with a characteristic eight-cylinder engine sound. 4.4-litre displacement, newly developed twin-scroll turbochargers located within the V-shaped space between the cylinder banks, optimised petrol direct injection, VALVETRONIC and Double-VANOS, maximum output up by 50 kW/68 hp without weight increase, maximum torque of 750 Nm (553 lb-ft) available between 1,800 und 4,600 rpm. Sports exhaust system with flap control. Exhaust gas treatment includes gasoline particulate filter.

- Six-cylinder in-line diesel engine with the latest BMW TwinPower Turbo technology including multi-stage turbocharging and common-rail direct injection with piezo injectors and maximum pressure of 2,500 bar. Optimised emissions thanks to exhaust gas recirculation; Diesel particulate filter, NOx adsorption catalyst and SCR catalyst.
- Driving Experience Control switch including ADAPTIVE mode. Clearly perceptible set-up differentiation between COMFORT and ECO Pro modes at one end of the

An advertisement for German Auto Center. It features a photograph of a mechanic in a blue shirt working on the engine of a BMW car with the hood open. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo with a white deer on a black background, surrounded by the text 'GERMAN AUTO CENTER' and 'SINCE 1979'. Below the logo, the text 'GERMAN AUTO CENTER' is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath that, it says 'Proudly Servicing and Repairing BMW Vehicles in Austin Since 1979.' The background of the advertisement is a dark, slightly blurred image of the car's engine bay.

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spectrum and SPORT and SPORT+ modes at the other. Neatly judged management of powertrain and suspension systems enables clear focus on dynamic performance, as well as effortless handling in urban traffic and a high level of long-distance comfort.

- Standard equipment includes new BMW Operating System 7.0 display and control concept. BMW Live Cockpit Professional including fully digital instrument cluster and 10.25-inch Control Display with consistent, modern graphics. Flat, touch-oriented menu structure for fast access to settings and functions. Customisable display adapts to the situation at hand and provides the driver with the right information at the right time. Enhancement of driving experience through display of lateral acceleration data during dynamic cornering. Intuitive operation thanks to multimodal use of touchscreen display, Controller, steering wheel buttons, voice control and BMW gesture control.

- Latest version of the BMW Head-Up Display has a 16 per cent larger

projection surface, optimised 3D graphics and additional display content.

- Innovative driver assistance systems enhance safety and comfort. Further progress towards automated driving, with Driving Assistant Professional including Active Cruise Control and Stop & Go function, Steering and lane control assistant, Lane Change Warning and Lane Departure Warning, side collision protection, evasion aid, distance information, Crossing traffic warning, Priority warning and Wrong-way warning.

- Parking Assistant – automated guidance for parallel and perpendicular parking. Reversing Assistant steers the vehicle when reversing over a distance of up to 80 metres on the same course as the last completed forward parking manoeuvre. Parking Assistant Plus additionally with Surround View, Top View, Panorama View and Remote 3D View.

- Complete range of services from

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The BMW 8 Series Coupe

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BMW ConnectedDrive. Full connectivity between customer's vehicle and digital devices via BMW Connected personal mobility assistant. BMW Digital Key permits access to the vehicle and engine start by smartphone. Hazard warning via link-up with other BMW vehicles. Software updates "over the air". Integration of Microsoft Office 365 and Skype for Business.

Model variants at launch:

BMW M850i xDrive Coupe:

- V8 petrol engine, eight-speed Steptronic transmission.
- Capacity: 4,395 cc, output: 390 kW/530 hp at 5,500 – 6,000 rpm,
- max. torque: 750 Nm (553 lb-ft) at 1,800 – 4,600 rpm.
- Acceleration [0 – 100 km/h (62

mph)]: 3.7 seconds,

- top speed: 250 km/h (155 mph).
- Fuel consumption combined*: 10.5 – 10.0 l/100 km [26.9 – 28.3 mpg imp],
- CO2 emissions combined*: 240 – 228 g/km, emission standard: EU6d-TEMP.

BMW 840d xDrive Coupe:

- Six-cylinder in-line diesel engine, eight-speed Steptronic transmission.
- Capacity: 2,993 cc, output: 235 kW/320 hp at 4,400 rpm,
- max. torque: 680 Nm (501 lb-ft) at 1,750 – 2,250 rpm.
- Acceleration [0 – 100 km/h (62 mph)]: 4.9 seconds,
- top speed: 250 km/h (155 mph).
- Fuel consumption combined*: 6.2 – 5.9 l/100 km [45.6 – 47.9 mpg imp],
- CO2 emissions combined*: 164 – 154 g/km, emission standard: EU6d-TEMP.

THE NEW BMW M850i xDRIVE COUPE - PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

Slimmest headlights of any BMW model, optionally with Laserlight technology.

Bonnet with precise contours.

Large, single-piece, low-set BMW kidney grille in new design language.

Additional front spoiler to further minimise lift at the front axle.

Jutting front apron with large air intakes.

Two prominent character lines along the flanks.

Strikingly tapered glasshouse creates a muscular shoulderline.

19-inch M Sport braking system.

20-inch mixed-size tyres.

Cerium Grey finish: kidney grille, mirror caps, Air Breathers, wheel rims and M emblem. ●



THE NEW BMW M850i xDRIVE COUPE - PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

Roof with central cutout recalls the “double-bubble” design of classic racing cars.

Long, heavily raked rear window with large-radii curvature.

Horizontal and diagonal lines emphasize the car’s width and low centre of gravity at the rear.



M rear spoiler.

M differential lock.

Slim LED taillights extend well into the flanks.

Two sets of exhaust tailpipes with trapezoidal form.

Cerium Grey finish: exhaust tailpipes, model badge. ●

THE NEW BMW M850i xDRIVE COUPE - PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

M leather steering wheel with multifunction buttons and shift paddles for manual gear selection.

Instrument panel and door shoulders with full leather trim.

BMW Head-Up Display as standard.

BMW Live Cockpit Professional.



Trim surface in stainless steel mesh design.

Glass applications for the gear selector and other selected controls.

Newly developed multifunction seats as standard.

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2000 M Roadster

Powerful engine, beautiful car. I am the third owner and bought this car in 2006. It is very fun to drive and would be even more fun on the race track. It has new brakes, new suspension and fresh oil as of October 2017. It has always been in either a garage or covered parking and been driven mainly on short trips around town. There are some cosmetic issues. The drivers side rear panel above the wheel has some body damage. There are also some nicks and dings in the paint. It does eventually need a new transmission, although it is completely driveable

and not an immediate issue. I have all of the service records on the car from the time I've owned it. Asking for \$9,250. Call Derrit DeRouen at 512-775-2081 or send email to derritd@gmail.com



2000 Z3

By 2nd adult owner: 50 G of 86 GT. Garaged, good top & paint. Records: Orig clutch, tonneau & boot covers. New tires, rotors, struts. Got pix. Austin. Asking \$4,230. Contact Mike Dailey at 956-428-8785 or send email to mikesd614@att.net

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