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*From
The
President*

What's that smell?

I made a side trip on the way home from our June tech session at Xpel San Antonio. On the way back to Austin I got a call from a friend in the Lone Star chapter, asking if I'd stop by Mercedes of Austin and look at a used car for him. You know the run-down: "take a look, tell me how the paint is, see if its worth me following up on". The car in question was a Porsche Panamera. Not my thing, but everyone has their own taste.

I arrived at the Mercedes dealer wearing an "M: The Most Powerful Letter in the World" hat and a "100 Years of BMW" polo shirt. When I asked to check out a used Porsche at a Mercedes dealer, clad in BMW gear, the saleswoman cocked her head to the side, and asked with a sarcastic smile, if I was lost.

Back to the point, a black Porsche sitting out in the sun. I opened the door and sat down inside, and the first thing that I noticed was the smell. Not good,

not bad, just not what I'm used to. I assume it's what all old Porsches smell like. It's amazing how powerful the sense of smell is at associating things in your brain.

I know old BMWs all have a smell. It's a very distinct thing, but I've owned enough to know that they all share it in common. My new "M7" smells just like my older 740i did, and it smells just like my M Roadster does. I think maybe my F80 M3 doesn't quite have that "patina" on it yet, it still mostly smells of leather and plastic.

A while back, a local Austin woman emailed me. Her husband had passed away, and she had his 1991 M5, and didn't know what to do with it, or even what it might be worth. I agreed to come over and give it "the run down". When she handed me the keys, she told me the car had not been driven in a few months. I opened the door, sat down, and started it up. I inhaled deeply, and she peered over the hood with an inquisitive look, and asked what was wrong. "Absolutely nothing", I said. "It smells like old BMW."

**Until next time,
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President**

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This month's event will combine a fun rally with a poker run. We'll meet at the Lowe's in Kyle at 8 AM. Lowe's is right behind a Dunkin' Donuts and a Taco Bell, in case breakfast or coffee is needed. We'll have a driver's meeting at 8:30 AM and begin to line up for an 8:45 AM start.

Poker Rally Saturday July 20, 2019 planned by Paul Goldfine



- Each car will receive a set of clues and 2 solution packets.
- Printed at the top of the clue page will be a web address to register for the game and a code.
- Log into the game page, enter the code, and receive your first 2 cards.
- We will release cars at 15-second intervals.

There will be 2 stops in total.

- At the 1st stop, you'll receive another code and 2 more playing cards.
- The 2nd is our final stop where there will be another code for you to enter and receive the final card to complete your hand. This is also where we'll have lunch.

At the restaurant, we'll have a backyard BBQ with a burger bar, coleslaw, potato salad, and watermelon. Tea and water are free and there will be a cash bar with beer. The cost will be \$20 per person and this includes taxes and gratuity.



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**Visiting the Doctor
Saturday
August 24, 2019
Planned by Paul Goldfine**

This month we'll be visiting the home of what may be the official drink of Texas, the Dr. Pepper Museum & Free Enterprise Institute.

We'll meet in the parking lot of the Round Rock Premium Outlets. A driver's meeting will be held at 8:45 AM for an 9:00 AM start.

Details about the lunch stop are still being finalized and will appear on the website soon.



Following lunch, we'll visit the Dr. Pepper Museum. For groups of 10 or more, they provide a guided 1-hour tour which includes:

- A recreation of the inventor of Dr Pepper in the Old Corner Drug Store.
- An exploration of the history of bottling.
- A guided tour of the original bottling facility.
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May Drive Redux

By Paul Goldfine

Re•dux, /rɛˈdʌks, ˈrɛˈdɛks/, adjective, brought back; revived. This is about as apt a description of the May 25th drive I could come up with. After checking and rechecking the forecast for the drive originally scheduled for May 18th, I needed to inform the restaurant the Thursday before if we were going to go ahead. Unfortunately, the forecast was showing heavy rain in the area right at the time we would be having our outdoor lunch. In addition, part of the route would have needed changing due to low water crossings closed from the previous storms. Taking all of that into consideration, the safest decision was to reschedule the drive.

I was feeling bad about the cancellation, especially since several people had helped in pulling all of this together. When Monday rolled around, and the forecast for Memorial Day weekend looked good, the idea of reviving the May drive occurred to me. The idea was floated on the Tejas Chapter Facebook page and the positive responses prompted me to go ahead and plan another drive.

After a little bit of research, I decided LaGrange was somewhere we hadn't been in a while and was close enough to reach in a couple of hours. So, off to Google maps I went. I've written before about planning these drives and the process typically involves picking the roads, driving them, and then making the necessary adjustments. Because I was making plans on Monday for a Saturday drive, testing the route wasn't possible. This resulted in some highs and some lows

along the way. More about that later. We met in the Tech Ridge HEB parking lot, spent some time admiring Gene Janulis' M850i and headed out for LaGrange around 9am. We had a very small group of 7 people in 4 cars but that also meant there wasn't much chance of the trailing car losing sight of the leader.



Sometimes, you pick a road blindly and it's like hitting the jackpot. Our route between Elgin and Bastrop was kind of like that. We turned off 1704 onto Arbuckle Road and followed that to Sayers Road. Let me tell you, from where we picked up Sayers Road to where we hit 95, the road was just beautiful. It definitely wasn't a fast drive. The road was narrow and twisty but there were several places where the trees created an arch across the road and when the light was shining through the canopy, it was beautiful.

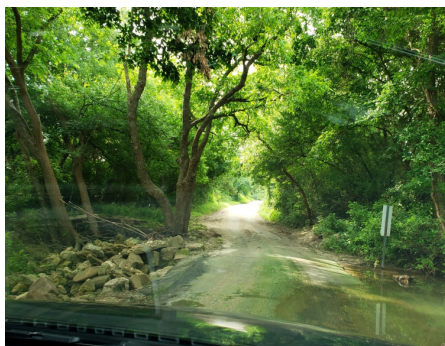
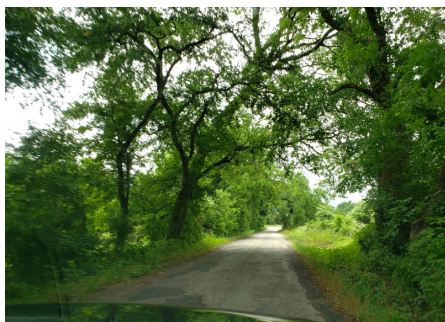


However, there were a couple of moments that were surprising.

Because of the recent rains there was some sand in the road. When coming around one particular corner, the front wheels dug in a little, the back end broke loose and there was a bit of unintended rotation. A nudge on the gas and a flick of the wheel and off we went. Shortly after, a low-hanging vine grabbed my magnetic antenna and pulled it off the roof. It sounded horrible from inside the car but everything was fine.

We made our stop at Buc-ees and then proceeded on towards LaGrange. Remember the lows I spoke about that can occur when not being able to drive the route? This part of the drive is where things went a little off.

Part of our route took us on Gotier Trace Road, which seemed like a good idea on Google Maps. Unfortunately, about a mile in, the road went from pavement to dirt. This wasn't planned but I thought it would be just a short stretch and then it would be over. Boy was I wrong. The surface deteriorated from dirt, to dirt and stone, to dirt and rocks. Kathy says I was miserable for the complete three miles. I was really feeling sorry for the other three cars



that were enveloped in the cloud of dust I raised.

Once we cleared to off-road portion, it was on to LaGrange where we had lunch at the Backyard BBQ & Grill. Once done, everyone headed out on their own for their drive back home.



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Calendar of Tejas Chapter and Related Events



2019

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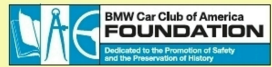
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Event Review

by Jonna Clark

In case you missed it, early in 2019 XPEL was named the official window tint & paint protection film provider of the BMW CCA. Chris



White, General Manager for XPEL of the Austin & San Antonio locations contacted me that he'd like to host an event for the Tejas chapter. This was a prime opportunity to reach out to the local CCA chapter and educate us about their products, automotive & beyond.

We had a great turnout of local & Austin folks with about 45 folks attending the event. We expected good representation from San Antonio, but it was a bit more of a hike for the Austinites, so Chris & I really appreciated the effort those folks



made to come down for the day.

Chris welcomed everyone to their new spacious San Antonio facility which they moved into in November.



He described who XPEL is, what they do, how they got started and how long they've been in business. Founded in 1997, XPEL is now a worldwide company providing a myriad of automotive paint & interior protection products. XPEL is an innovative leader in Paint Protection Film (PPF). He introduced the staff that was there to do the demonstrations & summarized the demos that were planned.

The group was first shown XPEL's 'Design Access Program' which has over 80,000 patterns for nearly every vehicle model and every part that can have film applied. The film is formally called "Paint Protection Film" or "PPF". Some may also call it a "clear bra". Wrapping is the term generally used when film is applied to the exterior of the vehicle. Once the vehicle is identified and the part of the vehicle is chosen to be wrapped, the pattern is printed on a huge "printer" that cuts out the pattern on the film that will be placed on the car. The film has an adhesive that is activated by water. The PPF can be clear and

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Many more great photos are a





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Clark and Chris White
available on the chapter website



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invisible, or matte, which provides the car with a stealth look, or as BMW calls it, frozen. The PPF can be put



on any part of the car, but the most common use is on the front third, covering the front bumper, hood and quarter panels.

The first demo was of the application of the film on a brand new M340i's front bumper. It was



fascinating to watch the process of the film being applied to the car. Every cut-out is already done by the “printer”, making it fairly quick work of placement on the car. Then the installer uses thick flexible squeegee-like tools in various sizes to smooth the film against the bumper, bending the edges around the bends of the bumper until it's precisely in place & fits perfectly.

The next demo was of their

ceramic paint coating. The ceramic was demonstrated on one side of a hood so that an easy comparison could be made. A ceramic coating makes the



paint incredibly slick and resistant to contaminants. It also brings out a deep shine that no amount of wax can achieve. It's especially noticeable on dark colors, but all colors benefit from the product's features of making the car easy to clean and care for. In addition to the ceramic coating, the XPEL representative demonstrated how the self-healing feature of PPF works. He took a wire brush and



scratched the surface the film. He then applied heat (mimicking the affect of the sun) and the scratches disappeared!

After a great lunch catered by Fire Wok Asian Stir Fry, attendees were introduced to XPEL's “Architectural” line of film, made for residential &

commercial purposes. The demonstration of how much heat is rejected by their ‘Crystal Clear 70’ film was remarkable. XPEL also offers security film which is virtually impenetrable. And the bad guys will



never know it’s there until they try to break the glass and can’t.

The final demo was the placement of windshield film on a donor car, which happened to be my M3. Most people do not realize that film can be placed on the inside of your windshield to help reduce UV damage and heat penetration into your car. The horizontal nature of a windshield makes it the single biggest culprit in heating up your car and damaging your interior. I was surprised by the installation process. First the film is placed on the outside of the windshield. Because of the makeup of this film, it must be heated to shrink to form with the curvature of the windshield. They like to avoid using the heat gun on the inside of the car,

so they do it on the outside. Once the film has been completely shrunk to conform and completely smoothed out, the installer cuts the shape along the dark windshield edge. The film is then is rolled up and after thoroughly cleaning and then wetting the inside of the windshield, is unrolled and adhered to the inside of the windshield. The installer then adjusts it to its proper position and squeegees any bubbles away. Just like any other



window film, it takes a couple of days for the film to cure.

I must say that I was immediately able to tell the difference. I ran a

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couple of errands on the way home & my car stayed remarkably cool. Additionally, now that I've had it on my car about a week, my car isn't so oppressively hot when I get into it after it sits in the sun. Sure, it's still pretty warm, this IS summer in Texas, but it's noticeably not as hot.

To all participants in the event, XPEL gave away a goodie mug filled with a microfiber towel, pen,



sunglasses, lip stuff and a koozie. Additionally everyone completed a raffle ticket at the end and due to time constraints, the winners were drawn &

notified the week after. The winners of the raffle were Marek Hnizda, Glenn McConnell and Bud Hajek.

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BMW Namibia Multiday Tour

by Bill Lewis

Sandra and I made a trip in April that we anticipated would stretch our comfort zone and likely exercise our stress muscles. As it turned out, our trip to Namibia, where we drove a new X3 in the BMW Namibia Multiday Tour was entirely comfortable (if not luxurious at times) and required little exercise of the stress muscles.

The eight-day Namibia tour has been offered by BMW South Africa for several years. I just happened to stumble across information about it online and knew that it was something I wanted to do. Driving somebody else's BMW off-road in Africa? Of course that was something I had to do.

All the cars were X3 X-drive 30d's. The cars were new; ours had fewer than 5,000 km (about 3,000 miles) on it. Namibians and South Africans drive on the left side of the road and our cars, which had been assembled in South Africa, had right-hand drive. The cars had a few upgrades:

- 20mm suspension spacers to provide a slight lift of less than an inch,
- Full body skid plates (The front bumper had been shortened to accommodate the skid plate.),
- Slightly larger non-run flat tires (Michelin Latitude Cross 225/65 R18). I don't know what the stock tire size is for an X3, but I believe these tires were a bit larger. They used non-run flats so the tires' footprint would enlarge when we aired down when we drove on the riverbeds and dunes,
- Full-size spare, and
- A proper front tow point.

Other than those upgrades, the X3's were stock. You wouldn't want to take

them rock crawling, but they could easily handle the beaches and Forest Service roads I've taken a Jeep on.



There were 12 people in our group in six cars plus the guides' car. We decided on a brown one.

On some days we were accompanied by a Land Rover for support. The support usually consisted of carrying water and snacks, but we did take advantage of it on the sand dunes in the Namib Desert where almost all of us got stuck at least once. Some fool from Texas got stuck a couple of times, but he was having a *lot* of fun.

There are several ways to get to Namibia. We took the non-stop British Airways flight from Austin to London, then after a long layover we flew to Johannesburg (over 11 hours), and then took a two-hour flight to Windhoek, the capital of Namibia. Fares vary widely depending on the class you fly in and what sort of connection hassle you're willing to tolerate.

I would say we were lucky to be with a good group of people, but it seems that most of the people we meet at BMW events make good companions, so I don't know that luck had much to do with it. One couple, from Munich, had also done the tour in 2017. They were happy to meet people from Texas because they said Germans regard people from Munich much the same way people from other

parts of the United States regard Texans – just a bit, different. There was another couple from Germany, a family of four from Singapore, and a couple from the Netherlands.

The lead instructor, Marc Nemeth, was from Munich. Another instructor, Bernie Williams, from South Africa, was along, also, and George Kaingob, from Namibia, drove the Land Rover and handled logistics, such as paying for fuel and making other arrangements on the fly as our schedule changed. Everybody spoke English and German, except us English speakers, of course, who spoke no German.



Windhoek is roughly in the center of Namibia. A driver met us at the airport and took us to the Okapuka Ranch about an hour north. From the Okapuka Ranch we would drive a sort of loop west to the Atlantic coast and then take back roads to Windhoek for our return home. I forgot to see how far we drove, but I believe it was about 1400 km or approximately 800 or so miles



Marc Nemeth, the lead instructor, briefed us on the X3's. We would be turning the traction control off at times, disabling the DSC and

TPMS as conditions dictated, and driving in manual mode (usually M2) at times. On some of the mountain roads we stayed in manual and just used the paddles to shift. We also learned about hill descent control. The Germans and Texans got a few needed lessons on driving on the left side of the road. We drove the same car for the entire week.



After our briefing we headed for the aptly named Antenna Mountain (upper left), where the X3's really showed off. I'm not sure what I expected, but I was impressed by how challenging the so-called roads were and how well the X3's performed. We saw game, mostly giraffes, right away. Scrambling up a mountain in the comfort of an X3 up close and personal with exotic game – this trip was off to a good start.



We saw plenty of game while we were driving in the mountains as well as on the game drives in Land Rovers.

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The two days at Okapuka included mountain drives in the X3's on both days and a game drive where we ran into more giraffes, rhinoceros, wart hogs, oryx, ostriches, and more. From Okapuka we drove to the Erindi Game Reserve on paved and not-so-paved gravel roads. We also got some instruction on emergency stops and the passengers practiced using the emergency brake from their side of the car in case the driver became incapacitated. The gravel roads weren't that rough. The speed limits were usually 80-100 km/hour (about 50-60 mph), which we stayed pretty close to. The problem was that the cars were throwing up so much dust that if you were following too close, you couldn't see the dips, hazards, and oncoming traffic.

After a pre-dawn game drive (We didn't come all the way to Namibia to sleep.) and breakfast at the luxurious Old Traders Lodge where we had spent the night, we headed for the Erongo Mountains and the Ai Aiba Lodge.



We detoured onto a riverbed to get from Erindi to Erongo. Notice the X3 on the left on three wheels.



From Ai Aiba, where we had watched the sun go down and had barbecue under the stars, we headed for Swakopmund on the Atlantic coast and the first-class Strand Hotel. The drive included gravel tracks (not sure I'd call them "roads") with a stop at an abandoned copper mine, through the Khan and Swakop riverbeds.



We picked up some extra passengers on our tour of Walvis Harbour, including this seal who jumped into the boat with us and seemed to really know his way around the bay.

You never know what's going to be the highlight or most memorable part of a trip. From Swakopmund we drove south along the Atlantic coast to Walvis Bay, where we took a boat tour of Walvis Harbour to see seals and dolphins. We saw plenty of both, but what we didn't expect was that a seal would jump into the small boat with us. Some pelicans and a seagull also hitched a ride. Most of the extra passengers did disembark while we had a snack on the boat that included some extremely fresh and delicious Atlantic oysters.

The following day, Friday, was our last day behind the wheel. We drove some back roads from Swakopmund to Windhoek via the scenic Boshua Pass. In

Windhoek we stayed at the historic and luxurious Heinitzburg Hotel, had a long dinner where we exchanged pictures, and said good-bye to some of the great people we had had the pleasure to spend the week with.



Marc gave us some advice on how to drive on sand dunes and then we headed for the nearby Namib Desert. After a few hours of fun on the dunes we drove back up the coast, stopped for fuel and re-inflated the tires.

Saturday was the last day of the tour and after a few more short good-byes over breakfast we started the long trip back home.

What a great trip and what a totally different, and fun, way to experience driving a BMW! I can't recommend it highly enough.



The end of our day on the Namib Desert.



All sorts of passengers joined our tour of Walvis Harbour.



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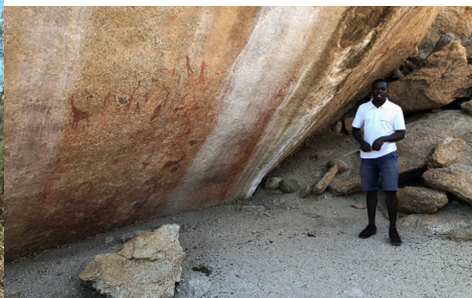
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Lunch on the beach - a nice surprise.



About to head down Antenna Mountain



Rock painting at Ai Aiba. According to George (pictured), the paintings are about 2,000 years old.



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This copper mine between Erongo and Swakopmund has been abandoned since the 1970s.



Of course we had a little snack on our tour of Walvis Bay and the extremely fresh Atlantic oysters were delicious. They probably looked pretty good to the pelican, too.



We went on several game drives in Land Rovers.



Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2019

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 2020. 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

2019 Incentive Points Challenge Leader Board

As of June 27, 2019

<u>520 Pts</u>	Gene Janulis	<u>70 Pts</u>	Cynthia Geisler
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Paul Goldfine	David Lucia	Scott Bowman	Thor Hilgenfeldt
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Raquel Robles	David Hardiman	James Crump	Harris Katchen
<u>340 Pts</u>	<u>130 Pts</u>	Derek Hinch	Mary Lou Katchen
Josh Butts	John Deason	Julie Janulis	Travis Kroh
<u>310 Pts</u>	Connie Stried	Stephen Johnson	Carl Nybro
Joseph Nielsen	<u>120 Pts</u>	Brad Mitchell	Dave Rainwater
<u>280 Pts</u>	Tom Dawson	<u>50 Pts</u>	Judy Ray
Lenny Zwik	Sridhar Kamma	Sean Engelke	Terry Smelker
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Jonna Clark	Rachel Tamez	Mohammed Abusalih	Steve Tatro
<u>210 Pts</u>	<u>100 Pts</u>	Joaquin Aviles	James Whalen
Alex Henry	Chris White	Robert Beuerlein	Don Yule
Bill Lewis	<u>90 Pts</u>	Daniel Briggs	Susan Yule
Vincent Robles	Mary Beth Cord on	Andres Cardoza	<u>20 Pts</u>
<u>180 Pts</u>	Gay Dawson	Amanda Curreri	Jack Hyink
Brandon Hardiman	Jeff Gifford	Valerie Davisson	Terry Rawlins
Michael Miranda	Kathy Goldfine	William Delauney	<u>10 Pts</u>
<u>150 Pts</u>	Terry Jones	David Francis	Scott Rader
Marco Cordon	Roger Williams	Mollie Francis	

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<u>10.83 Pts</u>	<u>2.50 Pts</u>	<u>1.68 Pts</u>	
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The Doctor Is In

by Brian McKinney (founder, Dr Beemer)

The Benefits of Ceramic Coatings

The modern automobile has come a long way over the years, and so have the options to protect the finish. Ceramic coatings provide durable and easy-to-maintain protection for your paint, wheels, glass, plastics, and even interior surfaces. My friends over at Taurus Auto Detailing in South Austin, have helped myself and many of my clients install Opti-Coat products as their preferred choice in coatings. Once Opti-Coat Pro Plus has been applied to your vehicle's paint, you have a permanent barrier to protect your vehicle from UV damage, chemical damage from bird droppings, and other environmental contaminants that can

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2002 325Ci convertible,

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