



TEJAS TRAX

Newsletter for the Tejas Chapter, BMW CCA



At Singing Water Winery

Photo by Eric Chang


March 2010



Inside
This Issue


BMW 135i Review
Coffee & Cars - Austin
Guadalupe Valley Trail Review
More Joy in Top-level Performance

Tejas Chapter Officers

	<p style="text-align: center;">President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Glenn McConnell Austin gmconn535@aol.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vice President</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Herb Looney San Antonio loonjak@swbell.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Secretary/Treasurer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sandy McConnell Austin ZeeYa3@aol.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Membership</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mike Sevel New Braunfels mikesevel@hotmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Driving Events</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Linda Cavazos Austin racegirl330@yahoo.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Events Coordinator</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allan Gazza Austin agazza2@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chapter Mail</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.O. Box 17216 Austin, Tx 78760</p>

Project Coordinators, Chapter Email and Newsletter

<p style="text-align: center;">Austin Area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vacant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">San Antonio Area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vacant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kerrville Area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Swann Kerrville swannzee@swannzee.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">San Marcos Area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jack Laumer San Marcos jacklaumer@yahoo.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Corpus Christi Area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donna Bogan Corpus Christi dblrddonna@yahoo.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chapter Email</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TejasChapter@aol.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tejas Trax Newsletter Editor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Glenn McConnell Austin gmconn535@aol.com</p>	

	BMW CCA		
	<p style="text-align: center;">Vice Pres. South Central Zone</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark Doran 1777 South Harrison St Denver, CO 80210 303-758-4200</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">South Central Tech Tips Rep</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Terry Sayther Austin, Tx 512-442-1361 (8am-5pm Central Time)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Membership Information</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$48 per year 1-800-878-9292 VISA or MasterCard www.bmwcca.org</p>

Commercial Advertising Rates for Tejas Trax

<p style="text-align: center;">Full Page</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Per Year - \$500 Per Month - \$50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Centerfold</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Per Year - \$900 Per Month - N/A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Half Page</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Per Year - \$300 Per Month - \$30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quarter Page</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Per Year - \$200 Per Month - \$20</p>
--	--	--	---

Visit the Tejas Chapter Web Site at <http://www.tejaschapter.org/tejas.html>

The Tejas Trax is printed monthly by Kinko's of Austin

DISCLAIMER: TEJAS CHAPTER is a local association of BMW owners. TEJAS CHAPTER (hereafter, the Club) is a non-profit (74-2732211) Texas corporation (#10340292-01), and is associated with the BMW Car Club of America as a local chapter. The Club is not connected in any way with BMWAG or BMWNA. Tejas Trax is the publication of the Club and is mailed to all members in good standing, as well as to all current advertising patrons. All of its contents remain property of the Club, but BMW CCA & BMW ACA Chapters may quote from the publications, provided proper credit is given. The ideas, suggestions, and opinions expressed herein are those of the authors and no authentications, endorsement or guarantee is expressed or implied by TEJAS CHAPTER. TEJAS CHAPTER assumes no liability for any of the information presented. None of the information presented bears the status "Factory Approved" unless so indicated. Modifications within the warranty period may void the warranty!



From The President

Off to see the Wizard

By the time you read this, Herb Looney, our Vice President, Sandy McConnell, our Secretary/Treasurer (who also moonlights as my wife), and I will have attended the BMW CCA Chapter Congress in Dallas. The Congress, March 5–7, 2010, will focus on developing a strategic plan for the chapter, new-member recruitment, membership retention, officer training, officer roundtables, idea exchange, working with local dealerships, and chapter accounting. Rick Barnes, a personal and corporate success coach, will be the featured speaker. Hopefully, we will have brought home some new and inspiring ideas to share with the chapter and to add something to what I prejudicially believe is one of the best chapters in BMW CCA.

These Congresses, held every two years, are always worthwhile, since they bring together two or three officers from each of the 60+ chapters in CCA. You really can't lose when 200 people, who are interested in

making their chapters a great experience for their members, get their heads together, guided by some of the best professionals in the business.

Of course, the best part about the Congress this time is that it is in Dallas, which means we get to drive our own BMWs, foregoing the pleasure of airport waits, flight delays, and the usual rent-a-wreck to drive, shared by four other representatives. The downside is that it is in Dallas and we miss out on the wonderful sightseeing of places like San Francisco CA, Valley Forge PA, or Keystone CO.

Hopefully, we will have come away from the congress being wiser, more enlightened, and re-energized, with the Tejas Chapter reaping the benefits.

Along those lines, Linda Cavazos, our Driving Events Coordinator is currently working on a **Tire Rack Street Survival® School** sometime this year. Linda, with the assistance of some other chapter members are currently in the planning stages. This is a great event and a "must": for teen drivers. Be sure to keep watching the newsletter and the web site for details and updates.

**Until next time
Glenn McConnell**

Welcome New Members

Austin

*Chris Cutrone
Bruce Hse
Catherine Stephens*



Georgetown

*Blake McIntyre
Ed Penniman*

San Antonio

*Jose Amador
Bill Craig
Diane Sevier-Schultz*

Round Rock

Jeff Brennan

Leander

Francisco Cruz

Harlingen

Marco Ruiz

BMW of Austin

"Experience Our Passion"

7011 McNeil Dr
343 - 3500

**THE ULTIMATE
DRIVING MACHINE**



**10% Discount on
Parts & Service
for BMW CCA members**

**The New Diesels are Here...
2008 "World Green Car of the Year!"**

BMW Advanced Diesel. It's diesel reinvented.

- 580 miles per tank
- 4-cylinder efficiency
- V-8 power.



335d

Not only the most fuel-efficient diesel in its class, it's the most powerful 3.0-liter, 6-cylinder passenger diesel car in the world.



X5 xDrive35d

Strength of a V-8 while still delivering the efficiency of a 4-cylinder.

Tejas Chapter Triple Ranch Tour

Saturday
March 20, 2010



- Meet 9:00am at Gatti's Pizza on Hwy 71 in Austin (the 'Y' in Oak Hill) - depart no later than 9:30am
- We then drive 39 miles to The LBJ Ranch in Johnson City.



LBJ Ranch

We can visit their welcome center, use restrooms and explore the homestead, gardens, etc. No fee, donations accepted.

The Sculpture Ranch

Also in Johnson City.

This is a freebie sponsored by the Benini Arts Foundation. They have 140 acres, scenic drive with a multitude of large outdoor sculptures worthy of pix.



Old Glory Ranch

We then drive 42 miles to Wimberley to visit the fabulous Old Glory Ranch. It is situated on 2,000+ pristine acres on the Blanco River. It is primarily known for hosting posh Texas style weddings and parties.

Lunch will be at Old Glory Ranch. They will provide a sandwich buffet plus pasta and green salads, fruit, cookies and soft drinks. The cost was based on food plus employee service and will be \$13 per person, inclusive of tax/gratuity. After lunch, we will be given a short talk about Old Glory and then tour the chapel (decorated for a wedding that evening) and walk to the river to see the outdoor wedding platform on the river.

**RSVP by filling out the RSVP form on the website at
<http://www.tejaschapter.org>**

CORPORATE-LEVEL TECHNOLOGY.
INDEPENDENT-LEVEL SERVICE.



PRECISION BMW SERVICE SINCE 1981.

BY APPOINTMENT
8926 BROADWAY
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78217
(210) 826 0014
FAX (210) 822 7808

www.RhineWest.com

VISIT www.RhineWestPerformance.com
FOR BMW MOTORCYCLE SERVICE, PARTS, ACCESSORIES
AND OUR NEW PERFORMANCE SOFTWARE.

March Event Preview

by Mike Sevel

Reprinted from the February issue

I have been engaged several weeks in the planning for our March 20th event (including visitations at the sites).

The event, surprisingly, does not include classic cars! So here goes. The event could be described as....ta da.....The Triple Ranch Tour. Fleshed out roughly, here's how it will play out. We meet at Mr. Gatti's on Hwy 71 in west Austin. We then drive 39 miles to The LBJ Ranch in Johnson City. We can visit their welcome center, use restrooms and explore the homestead, gardens, etc. No fee, donations accepted.

Then we drive to The Sculpture Ranch, also in Johnson City. This is a freebie sponsored by the Benini Arts Foundation. They have 140 acres, scenic drive with a multitude of large outdoor sculptures worthy of pix.

We then drive 42 miles to Wimberley to visit the fabulous Old Glory Ranch. It is situated on 2,000+ pristine acres on the Blanco River. It is primarily known for hosting posh

Texas style weddings and parties. They have a beautiful/large rustic chapel and other buildings. Originally they requested a fee of \$350 to use their outdoor pavilion plus the cost of a catered lunch. Jean and I met with the owner and negotiated away the use fee, so I finally received their catering offer and it's great. We will use their outdoor pavilion that has rustic tables, furniture, fireplace and restrooms. They will provide a sandwich buffet plus pasta and green salads, fruit, cookies and soft drinks. The cost was based on food plus employee service and will be \$13 per person, inclusive of tax/gratuity. Pricier than Denny's, but the rustic ambience is a bonus.

After lunch, we will be given a short talk about Old Glory and then tour the chapel (decorated for a wedding that evening) and walk to the river to see the outdoor wedding platform on the river. We will need to leave before 3:30 as employees will be arriving to set up the wedding stuff.

I will then lead everyone back to Wimberley's shopping area. Those who wish to shop can leave our tour and I will lead the rest of us back to I-35 via scenic route.



Tropi Care



Car Care Products

- Professional Strength Cleaners & Treatments
- Microfiber Towels & Specialty Detail Products
- Buffing Machines, Foam Pads/Accessories

Tropi Care - Exceptional Products for Exceptional Cars

*Special consideration to BMW owners - Get 10% off of any order
use discount code: **10offTC***

www.tropi-care.com **Toll free: (866) 341-0050**

Cars & Coffee Austin

By Paul Goldfine

Sunday, January 31st, was the first ever Cars and Coffee Austin event, sponsored by John Eagle European. The day was gray and cold, somewhere around 32°, when Allan Gazza and Sri Kamma met with my daughter Jennifer and me at the Home Depot parking lot in Cedar Park (let me take a minute to compliment Allan on his new 135i). We jumped in our cars for the short drive to Leander to see what this event was about.

When we arrived, we pulled up in front of the Leander City Hall where volunteers were directing the exhibit cars to their spots. We were asked to wait while a couple of Vipers were parked and then one of the workers approached and asked if I wanted to show my car. Imagine my surprise, someone wanted to know if I wanted to display my almost 20 year old daily driver in a car show! Of course, I said yes.

Allan, Sri and I were directed to our spots next to a 325i that had pulled in right before us. We parked and were soon greeted by a United Nations of automobiles. There were delegates from the U.S., Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy and Japan. There were an estimated 150+ cars on display ranging from a 1948 Lincoln Continental to a brand new Bentley with a \$218,000 sticker price on the window. I can't imagine why the Bentley had DO NOT TOUCH signs in the window.



Next to the Bentley there were two beautiful Aston Martin Vantage convertibles in black and gray and,



between them, a DB6 with the James Bond theme playing loudly on the stereo. Nearby there were Lamborghinis, Ferraris and Maseratis, *molto bello*. Close by was an automobile I had never seen before, a Renault Alpine. It's a rear-engine, turbo-charged V-6, with lines that remind me of several cars, most notably the rear quarter panels of a Pantera de Tomaso.

Jennifer and I managed to get about a third of the way through the cars when the cold caught up to us. Thank goodness the show lived up to its name. Inside City Hall, there was plenty of free coffee and pastries along with restrooms and a place to sit down for a short thaw. Upon returning to the cold, we saw a familiar Z4, with its driver sporting a mischievous smile, cruising up the street. It was none other than Mike Sevel, who made the drive to see what the event was all about.

In the end, despite the cold, it was a great event. It was even better for me seeing people looking my car over and receiving the compliments about

how well it looked (thanks Lee and everyone at Black Forest Werkshop). This is planned to be a monthly event with it occurring on the last Sunday of each month. Hopefully, as interest builds, they'll be even more cars and they'll group them by country, like they do at the larger events. If you like cars, which I know you do, and would like to see a wide variety in an informal, come-and-go environment, than make sure to attend the next show.



BMW 135i Review

by Allan Gazza

Having just bought a clean one owner BMW 135i, I thought I would do a review on this car since we have not had any show up at our monthly events. Of course the one I bought came from a nice retired lady from Pasadena. I am sure she was a BMW enthusiast and only drove it to BMW events and then church on Sundays.

The BMW 1 series made it to the United States for the 2008 model year, even though it was being previously sold in Europe since 2004. According to BMW the 1 series shares over 60% of parts with the 3 series. Once inside the vehicle you will notice that many components are the same.

The 1 series that I was in search of needed to be a 135i which includes the 302hp, 300 ft lbs torque, twin turbo motor. Whereas the 128i comes with the 230hp motor, which still is a

great horsepower rating for this size of car. Other options I was looking for was the ///M Sport package which includes the ///M steering wheel, Sport Seats, Shadowline exterior trim, 18” wheels, and increased top speed limiter (155mph).

And for my personal review of the 1 series, lets’ start out with a walk around of the outside of the vehicle.

The aesthetic appearance is impressive with the way the designers sculptured the true beauty of a BMW into this model. The trunk is quite large and also offers fold down rear seats to increase your luggage space on those multi-state BMW drives. The fit and finish of all body panels show the true quality of a finely engineered automobile. One thing the 135i has that did not make it onto the 3 series was the painted calipers with BMW lettering. And it does get recognized by those sitting next to you at the stop lights. The exhaust tips feature black



chrome tips, which stand out nicely against the body of the 135i. The 135i has a stance of aggressiveness when viewed from the front, as it is waiting to be challenged by a Porsche.

On the inside you do feel the closeness to your passenger that you do not feel in the 3 series. I guess this is due to the 1 series being 1 3/8" smaller in width. With the sport seats you feel as if you are ready to hit the track. You push on the side bolster support button and the seat squeezes you in for those high "G" maneuvers. The 1 series did not cut down on any quality or BMW feeling that you would get from any other BMW. With the push of the start button you hear the rumble of the well tuned exhaust. It is just music to your ears hearing this exhaust.

The ride and comfort of the 1 series is excellent. With the sport

suspension you feel the firmness of this vehicle, which still is at an enjoyable level. 0-60mph is 5.1 seconds in the 6spd manual transmission according to BMW, however Car & Driver were able to get to 60 mph in 4.7 seconds. Quarter mile time is quoted at 13.3 seconds at 106 mph. I guess I will need to verify this information with the iPhone application "BMW ///M Powermeter. The only places I feel that BMW could have increased their quality in the model I have (which may be different if you purchased the premium package) is on the visors, which are not material covered to match the headliner. And even with run-flat tires I would like to see the vehicle include a vehicle jack and place to mount this item. So overall I am quite impressed with the quality and performance that BMW has put into the 1 series.



Guadalupe Valley Wine Trail Review

by Sandy McConnell

It was a gray and seemingly dismal morning as we gathered for our February event, the Guadalupe Valley Wine Tour. Though the morning's drizzle threatened to dampen our spirits, it could not successfully undermine Linda Cavazos' carefully planned activities of the day, or diminish the excitement of Tejas members greeting each other warmly - as friends faithfully do. After being pleasingly fueled with hot coffee and donuts, we were provided route maps and gathered for a brief meeting. Linda, Tejas Chapter's Driving Events coordinator, provided important insights into the day's activities and Mike Sevel, our new Membership Chairman, recognized all the new members and visitors who came out to join in the fun.



We headed west on FM 306 on a normally scenic drive by Canyon Lake. It was a shame that visibility was such that we couldn't see the lake and the beautiful surrounding area... but the day was young. We continued on FM 473 to Sisterdale, Texas and the *Sister Creek Vineyards*. The first

thing(s) to greet us when we got there were the "pet" donkeys in the field next door. They seemed to be interested in us, but it quickly became obvious that they wanted us for what they thought we could provide, i.e. food. One of our newest members, Gay Dawson, had some crackers and the younger of the two donkeys was most appreciative of the tasty treat.



The elder, however, was not so open minded and literally spit out the offerings not once, but twice! So, you can guess who ending up getting those, too! Tejas Chapter has been to Sister Creek Vineyards before, but many, many years have gone by since then. The winery and tasting rooms still look about the same and the wines we tasted were as excellent this time, as we remembered from before.



Next we headed out toward the second stop of our journey and took an unexpected lengthy, but scenic route to the *Comfort Cellars* in

Comfort. The Comfort Cellars has a tasting room and a very interesting shop filled with unique wine related gift items for sale, everything from wine cork trivets to *Wino Xsing* signs!



They served samples of a variety of red and white wines, but the wine that probably caught the most interest was their Jalepeno Wine. We were given a normal sized tasting sample, but advised (wisely) to taste a very small amount and to reserve the rest. It was a fiery and eye opening experience... a very recognizable jalepeno hot. They then added Clamato* Juice to each of the reserved samples. This changed the drink into an interesting Bloody Mary type of beverage. It was really quite unique and different.



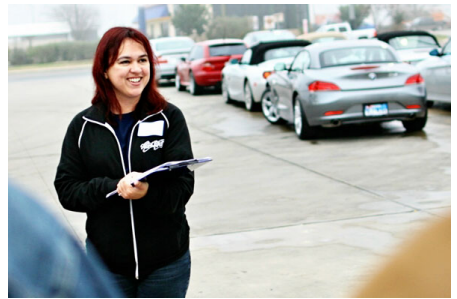
Next we lunched in Comfort at the Comfort Inn. Everyone was laughing and talking and seemed to have a great time. I had a wonderful gumbo, others had the meat loaf special and I

saw a variety of other meals such as chicken fried steak. No wine there....

After a satisfying stop for lunch, we drove on to the *Singing Water Vineyards*. This was in a rural spot near a “singing” brook and very nice.



It is a relatively small operation, but they also had a good variety of tasty wines, peanuts and chocolates. We completed our day with a tour of the wine making facility and some time enjoying the beauty of the grounds.



I would like to extend a special thanks to Linda, for a very well planned and enjoyable event. Everyone seems to enjoy the wine tours and Texas has many makers of fine wines....

See you next month for the Triple Ranch Tour!

***Clamato** a portmanteau of “clam” and “tomato”) and is a trademark of the Mott’s company which denotes a drink made primarily of reconstituted tomato juice concentrate.



**Guadalupe Valley
February**

Many thanks to

Many more great photos are a





Wine Trail
20, 2010
 Linda Cavazos
 available on the chapter website



More Joy in Top-level Performance

by BMW Press Club

More driving pleasure, reduced emissions: this principle of the development strategy BMW EfficientDynamics applies equally at the very highest level of performance. As of spring 2010, the high-performance model BMW M3 consistently combines its outstanding driving performance figures with further reduced fuel consumption and exhaust emission levels. The range of BMW EfficientDynamics measures fitted as standard in the models BMW M3 Coupé, BMW M3 Convertible and BMW M3 Sedan is now to be supplemented with the Auto Start Stop Function. This reduces the average fuel consumption and CO2 levels of the BMW M3 by up to 8 per cent or 24 grams of CO2 per kilometre. In order to further hone the outstandingly sporty profile of the model there will also be a Competition Package available as of spring 2010.

The range of driver assistance systems optionally available for the BMW X5 M and BMW X6 M will also be extended in spring 2010. Both models can now be fitted with the functions Side View and Speed Limit Info. The remainder of the BMW M GmbH portfolio will likewise feature new

offers. Directly at the market launch of the new BMW X5, a newly configured M Sports Package will be available for the Sports Activity Vehicle. The new BMW 3 Series Coupé and the new BMW 3 Series Convertible can also be upgraded from the start with an M Sports Package. An M Sports Package, also designed for the specific model in question, is part of the equipment range of the BMW 3 Series Sedan and the BMW 3 Series Touring in the Edition Sport. For the launch of the Z4 sDrive35, the M Sports Package for the BMW Z4 is offered for all the other versions of the roadster, too. The BMW Individual range will also be further refined. Especially exclusive equipment options are already available at the market launch, also for the new BMW 5 Series Sedan.

Auto Start Stop Function for the BMW M3 - for the first time in conjunction with a dual clutch transmission.

The BMW M3 achieves its outstanding performance with impressive efficiency. Its 4.0 litre V8 high-revving engine mobilises 309 kW/420 bhp, enabling superior acceleration response due to its unique propulsion. In addition to its fascinating performance characteristics, the 8-cylinder engine - developed exclusively for the BMW M3 - is characterised by an unusually high degree of efficiency. Ad



ditional efficiency potential is now tapped into with the Auto Start Stop Function. This helps the drive avoid idling phases when stopping at junctions or in congested traffic. In order to prevent unnecessary fuel consumption the engine is switched off when the vehicle comes to a halt. As soon as the driver wishes to continue driving, the engine is re-activated without delay.

The Auto Start Stop Function is used both in vehicles with standard 6-speed manual transmission and in conjunction with the M dual clutch transmission with Drivelogic. The BMW M3 is thus the first model - along with the BMW ActiveHybrid X6 and the BMW ActiveHybrid 7 - to use this efficiency-enhancing measure in combination with an automated manual transmission.

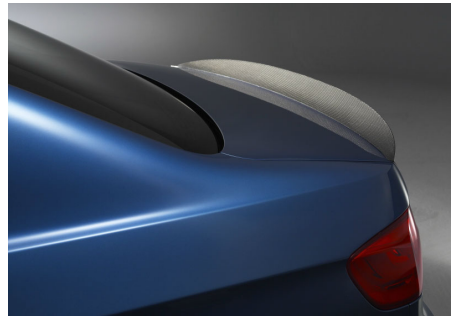
The increase in efficiency brought about by the Auto Start Stop Function is up to 8 per cent of 24 grams of CO2 per kilometre, depending on the model and transmission type. For example, the BMW M3 Coupé with 7-speed M dual clutch transmission and Drivelogic powered by a V8 high-revving engine with 309 kW/420 bhp now achieves an average fuel consumption on the EU test cycle of 11.2 litres per 100 kilometres (6-speed manual transmission: 12.4 litres). The same figures apply to the BMW M3 Sedan. In the case of the BMW M3 Convertible, the average fuel consumption is reduced to 11.5 litres (M dual clutch transmission with Drivelogic) or 12.7 litres (6-speed manual transmission) per 100 kilometres. All versions of the BMW M3 will also meet the exhaust emission norm EU5 in future.

Modified rear lights with glass covers in a homogeneous red colour provide an additional visual accentuation in the BMW M3 Coupé and the BMW M3 Convertible. With two harmoniously illuminating light banks fed by LED units, they cre-

ate a characteristic nocturnal design.

New for the BMW M3: Competition Package and retrofit options.

The Competition Package, available for the Coupé and the Sedan, and the retrofit options from the range of Original BMW Accessories specially developed for the M3 are just two possible ways of individualising the sports car. With a suspension lowered by some 10 mm and light alloy wheels in the size 9 x 19 inches at the front and Y-spoke design at the rear, the Competition Package provides further optimised longitudinal and transverse dynamics. In addition, the control of the electronic damper adjustment function EDC including a Sport mode specially developed for the Competition Package has been precisely adjusted to the chassis modifications by means of map-based control and the driving stability control function DSC.



The new range of items from the Original BMW Accessories program available for the BMW M3 provides an even more intense driving experience. Retrofit options designed for this model are specifically geared towards increasing dynamic performance and driving pleasure. For example a rear spoiler and front apron flaps in carbon will be available from spring 2010. As well as perfectly matching the Competition Package the

continued on page 18

More Joy

continued from page 17



aerodynamically optimised components further reduce lift force, thereby increasing the driving dynamics potential of the BMW M3.

Innovative driver assistance systems for the BMW X5 M and the BMW X6 M.

Additional equipment options are also available for the models BMW X5 M and

BMW X6 M as of spring 2010. The two top sports cars in the segment of the BMW X models can now be fitted with such features as the driver assistance systems Side View and Speed Limit Info. The Side View system comprises two cameras integrated in the side of the front bumpers, which means that intersecting traffic can be observed. The images from these cameras are shown on the Control Display of the operating system iDrive, providing an advance view of the road situation to the left and right of the vehicle when coming out of blind exits such as narrow driveways or multi-storey car parks, for example. Speed Limit Info gives the driver the possibility of finding out about speed restrictions on the current route. Here, a camera is installed on the windscreen in the area of the interior mirror which permanently monitors signs at the roadside as well as the variable displays on overhead gantries



12323 West Ave.
San Antonio, Texas 78216
(210) 340.1510 or (210) 385.0505
Email: eccars@hotmail.com
Web site: www.eccars.com

on motorways, comparing this information with the data from the navigation system. The figure thus obtained is displayed by means of a symbol on the instrument panel or in the Head-Up Display, as required.

Newly designed rear lights with especially narrow bands of light in the reversing lamps provide an enhanced sense of width in the BMW X5 M. Their homogeneously luminous light banks fed by LED also create a nocturnal design which is characteristic of the brand. They are now also fitted with dynamic LED brake lights which flash in the event of particularly intense deceleration, thereby providing a warning signal for drivers to the rear.

M Sport Package for the new BMW X5.

At the 2010 Geneva Automobile Salon the M Sport Package will also be presented for the new BMW X5. It offers ideal ways of experiencing the enhanced sporty qualities of this Sports Activity Vehicle even more intensely and expressing these strikingly in terms of design. The M Sport Package is made up of exterior, interior and chassis components which underscore the dynamic potential of the BMW X5. Larger air inlets in the front apron give the vehicle a particularly powerful appearance. A high-speed set-up and sporty suspension settings emphasise the dynamic character of the vehicle, as do the 19-inch M light alloy rims in V-spoke design. As an alternative, M light alloy wheels in 20-inch format are optionally available, ei-



ther in two colours or in burnished finish. In both instances, a special mixed tyre selection is used on the front and rear axle which is designed specially for the BMW X5. Even in the 6-cylinder versions, the tailpipes of the exhaust system bear the contours characteristic of V8 engines.

In addition to the M Aerodynamics Package and the M entry strips, the BMW Individual Exterior Line in satinised aluminium design for the surrounds of the side windows and the BMW Individual roof railing in high gloss Shadow Line ensure an unmistakable visual appearance. In the interior, sports seats for driver and passenger, the M leather steering wheel, M driver footrest, the interior strips in fine lengthwise brushed aluminium design and the anthracite-coloured BMW Individual roof liner optimise the driving experience in the BMW X5.

Stylish and exclusive: new BMW Individual options.

Supplements to the BMW Individual product portfolio round off the list of new items in the range of BMW M GmbH. For the new BMW 5 Series Sedan, too, there is the option to add an unmistakable touch with stylish and exclusive options from the BMW Individual program directly at the market launch. The range specially developed for the Sedan includes the BMW Individual high gloss Shadow Line, the BMW Individual Exterior Line in satinised aluminium design, an anthracite-coloured BMW Individual roof liner and BMW Individual reading lights at the rear.

The new BMW Individual paint finish Frozen Grey will be available for all models of the BMW 6 Series. The surrounds of the monitors of the optional rear entertainment systems for the BMW 7 Series are now available in a finish which

continued on page 21

Calendar of Tejas Chapter
and Related Events



Date	Event	Meet Location
March 20, 2010	Triple Ranch Tour see page 5	Austin
April 24, 2010	Annual Bluebonnet Drive	TBD
May 22, 2010	Memorial Bimmer Drive	TBD
June 19, 2010	Fun Rally	TBD
September 2010	Tri-Marque Concours	TBD
October 22-24, 2010	Annual Utopia Weekend	Kerrville
December 2010	Annual Charity Event	TBD

Web Site Info

<http://www.tejaschapter.org> for the most up-to-date
information about the TejasChapter.

Texas World Speedway 2010 Driving Events

TWS Performance Driving School

FEB 13-14 AUG 28-29
 APRIL 3 SEPT 19
 MAY 15-16 OCT 17
 JUNE 26-27 NOV 28
 JULY 24-25 DEC 12

- Open to all driving levels
- Each day provides four 25 minute sessions on track

\$195 for one day PDS
\$295 for two days (weekend)
\$25 garages/day

Open Track Day Events

FEB 5 JUNE 4 SEPT 10
 MAR 26 JUNE 11 SEPT 17
 APRIL 2 JUNE 25 OCT 15
 APRIL 16 JULY 16 OCT 22
 APRIL 30 JULY 23 NOV 12
 MAY 7 AUG 6 NOV 26
 MAY 14 AUG 27 DEC 3

- Open to Blue Solo & Advanced Drivers
- 4 Hours of Open Track
- See website for more details

\$125 for Open Track Day Events
 (includes garages)

Test & Tune Events

MAR 4 - Open to SCCA Drivers
 MAR 18 - Blue Solo & Advanced
 APRIL 23 - NASA Drivers/Yellow
 & Advanced
 MAY 21 - Blue Solo & Advanced
 MAY 28 - Open to SCCA Drivers
 JULY 30 - NASA Drivers/Yellow
 & Advanced
 SEPT 24 - Blue Solo & Advanced
 NOV 19 - Open to SCCA Drivers

\$215 for Test & Tune Events
\$25 for garages



www.TexasWorldSpeedway.com

More Joy

continued from page 19

matches the colour of the BMW Individual full leather trim. What is more, the side rear monitor panels can be covered with BMW Individual Merino leather if requested specifically by the customer. The long version of the BMW 7 Series can be additionally fitted with fold-out tables integrated in the backs of the driver and front passenger seats. The storage surfaces for the fold-out tables available for the long version of the BMW 7 Series can be covered in soft nappa leather or in BMW Individual leather on request, thus offering additional comfort in the use of external entertainment or communication devices. As well as enhancing the overall travel experience, this also extends the range of functions of the luxury sedan when used as a mobile office.

With the current new items in its model program and the further extended product range, BMW M GmbH has created an ideal basis for the continuation of

its successful business development. Enthusiasm for exclusive high-performance vehicles in the premium segment continues unabated in automobile markets throughout the world. Current sales figures indicate a dynamic start to the year 2010 for BMW M GmbH. 1,146 BMW M automobiles were sold worldwide in January 2010 alone. This is an increase of 7 per cent over the previous year. "The new models BMW X5 M and BMW X6 M have made a key contribution to this positive trend," explains Dr. Kay Segler, Chairman of the Board of Management of BMW M GmbH. "With their very successful launch they have even made up for the end of the production cycle of the BMW M5 Sedan, which has been one of the cornerstones of BMW M automobile sales up to now." Particularly significant sales increases were achieved in January 2010 in the European markets of Germany, the UK and the Netherlands, as well as in China, Australia, South Africa and the Middle East.



Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2010

To encourage participation, the successful Incentive Points Challenge began in 1998. The members or associate 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 2011. The Rookie of the Year award is for the member that joined in the current year and earns Rookie Points based on Incentive Points earned divided by the time as a member during the year.

Activity	Points
Return Survey Form (form available on request or at website)	50
Attend a meeting or event	30
Organize a monthly event, (social/technical etc.)	100
Assist with a monthly event (credited by organizer)	50
Each new member recruited (credited by CCA)	30
Original photo(s) published in the Trax (30 pts max/issue)	10
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)	30
Original Article published in the Trax (less than 500 words)	15
Recruitment of a commercial ad for Trax	20% of ad cost

2010 Incentive Points Challenge Leader Board As of February 26, 2010

<u>240 Pts</u>	<u>80 Pts</u>	Javier Torres	Fred Brinkley	Alan Greene
Linda Cavazos	Gina Silvestri	Susan Yule	Josh Butts	Billy Harris
<u>220 Pts</u>	<u>60 Pts</u>	<u>50 Pts</u>	Francisco Cruz	Mary Lou Katchen
Herb Looney	Mike Anderson	Ken Carson	Spencer Cubage	Jack Laumer
<u>175 Pts</u>	Chip Beaudette	Christopher Code	Daryl Cunningham	Bill Leisey
Allan Gazza	Tom Brown	Kevin Duffy	Gay Dawson	Johnny Mitchell
<u>140 Pts</u>	Eric Chang	Nathan Fong	Tom Dawson	Phil Nybro
Paul Goldfine	Linda Cook	John Russell	Tim Ehrhart	Kurt Schwerdtfeger
<u>120 Pts</u>	Tim Cook	Alice Villarreal	Kathy Eltringham	Roger Williams
Sridhar Kamma	Marco Cordon	<u>30 Pts</u>	Wayne Eltringham	<u>10 Pts</u>
<u>110 Pts</u>	Gregg Peterson	Jose Alejo	Robert Flores	Donald Sloan
Donald Yule	Martie Peterson	Mike Alewine	Dennis Freiheit	
	Mike Sevel	Jose Amador	Kathy Freiheit	

2010 Incentive Points Challenge Rookies Leader Board As of February 26, 2010

<u>2,84 Pts</u>	<u>2,72 Pts</u>		
Jose Amador	Francisco Cruz		



Tejas Chapter Patches

Display your Tejas Chapter membership with a high-quality embroidered patch. May be sewn or glued to anything from shirts to bags to notebooks.

To get yours, send \$5.00 for each patch to the Tejas Chapter mailbox or get one at the next chapter event.



Tejas Chapter Merchandise

Are you interested in getting shirts with the Tejas Chapter logo? Do you need a good BMW related gift for someone? A Denim Shirt, Polo Shirt, or a T-Shirt perhaps? Long sleeve, short sleeve, or maybe sleeveless. Perhaps a tote bag or ball cap would be of interest to you.

Chapter members Jose & Cathy Alejo of ALEJO USA, can make this happen for you. They have our Tejas Chapter logo and can apply it on almost anything they carry in their catalogs. Embroidered and screen print logos are available. Seen in the picture below, the Denim shirts have embroidered logos and the T-Shirts have color screen print logos.

You may contact Jose or Cathy by calling (254) 527-4060.

You may also go online to www.alejousa.com. or email alejousa@alejousa.com.



Do it yourself and save!

In *Fast Times*, our free, tech newsletter, we show you – step by step – how to repair and maintain your BMW or MINI. You can save hundreds, if not thousands of dollars on labor. Buy your parts from us and save even more (best price guarantee, free shipping, no sales tax, etc.).

 **BAVARIAN**[®]
autosport

www.BavAuto.com • 800.535.2002

Browse every issue since 2003 at www.BavAuto.com/newsletter.

Classified Ads

2004 330i ZHP

"Dinan 3" Silver Gray with Black Leather, Steptronic Transmission with only 39,500 miles. Car has the Following: Performance Package, Silver Cube, Xenon lights. Interior has no tears or scuffs and in excellent condition. Dinan Products include the following: High Flow Throttle Body, Dinan Cold Air Intake, Dinan Stage 3 software, Dinan Automatic software, Dinan Pedal Covers. Exhaust: TSE 3 Cat-Back by Corsa...Drone Free Exhaust..Very Nice High Quality Cat-back exhaust system. Car overly maintained with oil changes every 3000 miles using only BMW oem Synthetic oil or Castrol German Made 0w-30 Synthetic oil used. Differential has Royal Purple Synthetc oil, Radiator has been Flushed/serviced. Great car never Tracked, garaged kept + car cover. \$24,500. If interested, Please call Gary at (361) 548-4228 or e-mail at sigep69@hotmail.com .



1992 325iC

6 cyc., auto, AC, convertible. No accidents, no rust (TX car), approx. 140,000 mi, regular oil and

maintenance. Interior very good. Blue leather has lines with two small splits at top of rear seat. Dash, doors and carpets excellent. Top and tires in good shape. Car purchased at Hovey Motors in SA in '01 with 40,000 mi. It has been very dependable till '09, when the timing belt failed. All service records are available. My mechanic did not disassemble the engine but thinks it needs a cylinder head and maybe a piston. Other needs (optional) Odometer stopped at 129,000, so I had the oil changed every 3 months since then. The glove compartment latch needs replacement. Referring to the blue book values of rough, average and full retail, I am asking the rough of \$2,225.00 O.B.O., as it needs engine repair. The car is not rough - it was well cared for. This is a perfect car for an enthusiast who can fix the engine and enjoy a sweet roadster. Car is located on US 281 N and Bitters Rd. By appointment only. Contact: Lynda Halloran at 210-288-5556 or lhallora1@yahoo.com for questions or appointments.



2003 M3 Coupe

All scheduled maintenance, Chrome OEM wheels, Fully loaded, GPS

Classified Ads

system, Highway miles, Looks & runs great, Must see, New tires, Non-smoker, Power everything, Upgraded sound system, Cold Air Intake (K&N), Car Cover, High Performance Coils, Ipod Connector, New Brakes and Rotar on front and a set of new Pads for the rear, SMG has M6 Shifter that lights up and shows what gear you're in. Brand New Struts and Shocks. Never seen snow and Rear Parking Senors. \$18940.00. Please contact Anton Ciomperlik at 903-445-8922 or send an email to anton.ciomperlik@us.army.mil

2004 E46, 4-18" ZHP wheels

They are scratched and have curb rash but they look pretty good from 10 feet away. \$500.00 OBO. Contact Donald Sloan at 512 267 3550 or send email to lsloan8@austin.rr.com.



2000 323CI

Convertible featuring the following upgrades: Dinan Stage II Software, Dinan Strut Bar (Front), Dinan Cold Air Intake, 18" ZHP wheels with Continental 225/45/18 tires, Titanium Headlight bezels, Angel

Eye headlight rings, front seats re-upholstered last year, ///M Sport aluminum parking brake handle, new spark plugs installed Dec 09. Standard features & info: 106K miles, drives and runs great, power seats, A/C, Cruise, AM/FM CD, Factory alarm system & door remote control, automatic step-tronic with manual mode, BMW floor mats, gray interior, titanium exterior. The car will be ready for sale in the next month or two. I will be having one door ding removed (paintless dent repair) and replacing one BMW emblem, as well as full detailing. Car is available to preview during this time. Price is \$9,990 firm. Great car for Tejas BMW events, or for your son/daughter. Contact Allan Gazza at 512-785-9650 or send email to agazza2@gmail.com.



1987 635CSi

Austin, TX car with 200k miles, currently registered, Texas Safety Inspection including emissions test passed this month (good through Jan 2011). I've owned this car since 1996. No rust, smoking or racing. Very nice black paint, no accidents.

Classified Ads

Tan interior, driver's leather seat cracked, passenger front seat leather cracked and split (should be replaced/recovered, or seat covers put on). Rear interior is fine, no cracks or splits. Very clean trunk with like-new gray carpet. Front and rear air conditioning stopped working last summer. Needs some basic service e.g. all fluids should be changed, leaky power steering hoses and window tint should be replaced. Car drives well and is otherwise mechanically sound. Lots of new parts in recent years (water pump, radiator, battery, clutch master/slave cylinders, catalytic converter, full tune-up, main and in-tank fuel pumps, banjo bolt re-fit etc.). Shod with 14" basket weave wheels from '78 633, all with almost new tires. (original TRX wheels also come with the car, full size spare is TRX with tire in good condition). This car hasn't seen much use in the last few years and is still a good daily driver. I'm letting her go cheap, hopefully to a shade tree mechanic who would want to put a little effort into restoring this car to her full classic potential. I'm now a boat owner and my shade tree time is no longer available for my old friend.. Asking \$3000. Contact Jay Sacco jaysacco@sbcglobal.net.

Wheel Locks

OEM BMW Wheel Locks. Protect your expensive alloys with a set of four new OEM wheel locks. \$40. Bob @ 512.327.7522 (Austin)



2000 Z3 2.3

VIN: WBACH9344YLF89752, Red, Tan interior, 5-speed, Black top, 97K miles, Harmon/Kardon upgrade sound, Garaged, oil pressure gauge added, all service records. My '98 M3 has been moved out of our garage due to a returning family member and now is suffering from the weather. I really need the room so am selling the Z3. \$9,900 or best offer. Contact Thomas Goodwin at 2105664688 or email to tomgoodwin2@sbcglobal.net.



Wheels/tires for Sale

17"x8" wheel+tire package from 2000 540i Sport - \$1150. Perfect condition, no scratches or curb rash. These wheels came stock on my friend's 2000 540i Sport (e39). They are an excellent performance and

Classified Ads

appearance upgrade for other BMW's as shown on my 1989 535i (e34) in the Members' Cars section. All 4 are the same size so can be rotated (i.e.- not staggered). Include 4 nice 235/45ZR-17 Kumho ECSTA SPT tires (2 new, 2 ~one year old). Also include proper lug bolts. Can include hubcentric rings if you want to use them on an e34.. Only reason I am selling them is I have now sold this car. . Contact Doug Norton at 512-413-1222 or send email to doun@att.net

Roundel Back Issues and BMW Sales Brochures

Complete set of Roundels from 1989 to date, some earlier. Excellent condition, an invaluable reference. \$90. Also BMW original sales brochures from the 1980s and 90s,

most models. Call with needs. Bob @ 512.327.7522 (Austin)


Calipers for Sale

Rebuilt Calipers with cross drilled rotors and pads from an 1985 M635, approximately used for less than 5k miles. \$150 plus shipping, please call 210-473-3091, thanks! . Contact Javier Torres at 210-473-3091 or send email to javistor@aol.com.



Classified ads FOR PERSONAL USE items are printed free for current members of BMW CCA. Ads will run for three issues, unless stopped earlier. Ads may be extended by a request in writing to the Tejas Chapter mailbox or by email. Members are limited to five (5) classified ads running at a time. The ad rate for non-member ads or member ads of a COMMERCIAL nature is \$10.00 per issue. These ads will be accepted on a monthly basis and payment must be received before ad is printed. Classified ads submitted for publication in the Tejas Trax are also placed on the Tejas Chapter's website.



**Tejas Chapter
BMW CCA, Inc.
P.O. Box 17216
Austin, TX 78760**

**DRIVE
FRIENDLY**

PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #1434
Austin TX

