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**From  
The  
President**

**Memories of Days Gone By .....**

As I sat at the table during the Post-Holiday Party at the Saltgrass Steakhouse, memories of days gone by flooded my head. Very few members are left in the chapter that still remember those days.

Back in 1990, the Tejas Chapter was about to go under. BMW CCA was going to disband the chapter because we had not met minimum standards for almost a year. We had no newsletter, no events, no meetings, and apparently few people who cared to make it survive. I begged Leo Newland, who was our Regional VP at the time, to give us another chance. He agreed and came down from Ft Worth to meet with us.

At the time we had 76 total members and 54 of them showed up to the meeting with Leo. The meeting was in the upstairs

room of Peppers at the Falls restaurant, which is now the Saltgrass Steakhouse. We met in the very room where we were having our party.

That evening in 1990, I was elected President of the Tejas Chapter and the rest is just history. But, for many years, that same upstairs room was our meeting place; the place where we assembled the newsletters and stamped/stapled them by hand; and the place where the Tejas Chapter grew up.

Times have changed. We no longer have monthly meetings, but monthly events. We no longer assemble the newsletter by hand, having a service to do that. We now have a website, which was unheard of in 1990. And, lastly, those 76 members have become over 1200 members, with hundreds who are active.

People comment about the “good old days” and while they were some great times, I like today just fine - thank you!

**Until next time ....**

**Glenn McConnell**

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# Tejas Chapter Vanishing Texas River Cruise

Saturday, March 25, 2017



View the scenic beauty of the Colorado River Canyon along our 22 mile route. Enjoy visions of waterfalls, towering cliffs, abundant native Texas wildlife, world-class birding and many scenic vistas along the river banks.



8:30am - Meet in the rear parking area of Rudy's BBQ in Round Rock. (2400 I-35, Round Rock, TX 78681)

8:45am - Driver's meeting

9:00am - Depart Rudy's



Arrive at Vanishing Texas River Cruise at 10:30am for check-in.

Cruise will depart at 11:00am. (\$20 per person/cash only.)

Alcohol and food/snacks are allowed on the boat. Feel free to bring anything you would like to enjoy during the cruise.



We will have lunch at 1:15pm at the Canyon of the Eagles Resort 2.3 miles from Vanishing Texas River Cruise.

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# Tejas Chapter Annual Bluebonnet Drive

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Planned by Lenny Zwik



Bluebonnet fans keep your fingers crossed for a bit more rain to help the wildflowers, but for fair weather on the day of the drive.

Yes, our Bluebonnet Drive is set for a later weekend than usual , but we hope to still catch the wildflowers in their prime. We will not miss out on the famous Willow City Loop or the scenic roads connecting Johnson City, Willow City, and Fredericksburg.

**8:30 am** - meet at the "Y" in Oakhill ( US 290 and SH 71), in the parking lot in front of Gatti's. Gas, coffee, and restrooms are available nearby.

**8:45 am** - Driver briefing

**9:00 am** - Start driving

Our drive will include back roads to Johnson City, with a rest stop planned at the Stripes Gas Station on the north side of Johnson City off of US 281.



Next will come the heart of the drive through the scenic roads northwest of Johnson City enroute to the Willow City Loop.



From there, cruise into Fredericksburg for lunch at The Auslander restaurant with an arrival time of NLT 1 pm.



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# What The Heck Is It?

By Dan McLaughlin

Like many of my fellow BMW enthusiasts, I spend a fair amount of my spare time either with my head under the hood or laying underneath my cars, wrench in hand. Now, BMW has always been a leader in automotive technology, but recently, I came across something I didn't know even existed.

Pulling out the radiator and fan shroud isn't a terribly difficult thing when working on your car. Spin the fan off, remove the shroud, disconnect a few hoses and one or two other little things to remove. One item I kept having to remove was a connector to a small box that mounted in the fan shroud. I've removed and reinstalled this small box many times over the years without really knowing what the heck it was. When I had to rebuild the whole front end of my E39 M5, I came across this little box again and, being damaged, needed to replace it. Well, what the heck is it?

I started with the typical internet search... realoem.com, part number search came up with... SENSOR F. AUC. Okay but, what the heck is it? Can you see me scratching my head? I moved

on to my go to parts website and tried again... BMW AUC Climate Control Sensor. Okay, we're getting somewhere... a sensor for the climate control but for what?

The part description reads, "This clever little sensor detects the levels of oxidizable gasses flowing through the radiator. When a specific threshold is reached, the HVAC recirculation flap closes for a specific time after the noxious gasses are no longer present."

So, what are oxidizable gases? Methane and gasoline are two off the top of my head but includes so many others. Anything from rotting meat to skunk spray qualify. In layman's terms, this "clever little sensor" detects noxious fumes and puts the climate control into recirculation mode, closing off the outside air from entering into your car through your vents, saving you from being overpowered by either a very bad smell or potentially harmful gasses.

Unless you're a chemical engineer, or a BMW tech, who knew this existed? And in our cars? Brilliant I say! And now, as you drive along the road and catch a whiff of that roadkill skunk, be assured you are going to be spared the worse of stench by your Sensor F. Auc.



# **Our Fleet Expands (A Somewhat Accidental Purchase), Episode 1**

by Phil Nybro

With a December 2016 retirement imminent, last summer I started to give more thought to purchasing a collector car. Since I'll have more time, I'll need a project; might as well make it something fun! My brother Carl, who spends more time online than I do, guided me to the Bring A Trailer (BAT) website. The target audience is well-informed enthusiasts who are free to make public comments about each car.

BAT is an online auction house and perhaps slightly more than half their listings are upper level German cars, specifically BMW, Mercedes and the occasional Audi. I signed up for a daily email that posts new and existing listings. I quickly noticed that BMW 2002s are listed fairly frequently.

My dad was a career Army officer and we lived in Germany from 1964 to 1967, when I was 11 to 14 years old. I was already a car guy. BMWs were not all that prevalent at the time so my interest ran more to Mercedes. Enlisting in the Air Force immediately after high school, I returned to Germany for the last two years of my enlistment, 1973-1975. Almost immediately I discovered the BMW 2002 model and was instantly smitten. If you know your BMW history, you know that the company barely survived WW2. They struggled to produce cars in any volume throughout the 1950s and didn't produce a car that was both a critical and commercial success until the mid

1960s. That changed with the New Class models. 4-door sedans led to 2-doors, beginning with the 1500-2 in 1966, quickly moving to the 1600 model that sold relatively well in North America, a first for BMW. When the company decided that if 1.6 liters was good and therefore 2.0 liters is better, the 2002 was created and production began in the 1968 model year.

Total worldwide production of all 2002 models was 401,947, ending with the 1976 model year. 83,778 models were sent to the US; it's estimated that only about 10,000 remain. Considered to be enormously successful for BMW at the time, it pales in comparison to current production from other manufacturers. Just in the USA, Ford and Chevy pickups, Honda Accord's and Toyota Camry's routinely sell more than 400,000 units per year.

The 2002 sold well because it was an excellent combination of clean, crisp, well defined and agile. In short, a practical sports car and perhaps the first "sports sedan", a concept for which BMW is still famous. To this day, I appreciate the 2002.

On BAT, my first bidding experience was a 1974 2002ti in Inka Orange, with recent mechanical rebuilding and paint job. I stopped bidding at around \$22,000 (lost my nerve, plus my wife was sitting next to me!) and the car ultimately sold for \$24,000.

I passed on several other 2002s; rust, high mileage, didn't like the color, etc. And then in September a 1976 2002 in Sienna brown metallic was posted. Well-optioned and pretty much what I was looking for, my

interest grew and I decided to make a bid. BAT auctions are typically for seven days. With 2 ½ days left, I made a bid of \$12,500. I had decided that I would not go much higher. In a typical auction most of the bidding takes place in the last half hour. So 30 minutes before the auction closed, I fired up my iPad to see how much I had been outbid. To my astonishment, not one person had raised my bid. Still, there was 30 minutes left and one would think that someone else would raise my rather low (ridiculous?) bid. Nope. Didn't happen. As the minutes and then seconds ticked away, I waited for some action. My happiness/anxiety and hope/concern grew incrementally. There were plenty of others watching the auction and posting comments but no one else bid. At 4 PM the auction closed, I was declared the high bidder, and about 5

seconds later my credit card was charged the 5% auction commission. I had just bought my first collector car. Gathering my thoughts and building my courage, I went downstairs to give my wife the good news (at least to me). While she knew that a collector car was a possibility, she had no idea it was a done deal. "Honey, the most amazing thing has just happened!" As any husband can tell you, the best defense is a good offense. To her credit and my eternal relief, she took it well.

The next episode will be all about the car itself and how it got to Texas, what's been done, what needs to be done, etc. Her name is Hedwig, the girlfriend of Ludwig, my E90 2007 328i with manual and sport package.

For details on my BAT listing, please go to: [www.bringatrailer.com/listing/1976-bmw-2002-16](http://www.bringatrailer.com/listing/1976-bmw-2002-16).



# Party Planning

By Susan Yule

The first event that Don and I attended, as chapter members, was the 2008 Post Holiday party. Don and I had been members of the BMW Tejas Chapter for several years before we took the plunge and hosted an event. I thought that the Post Holiday party would be a great start. I thought, how hard could it be to plan an event? So, in 2011 Don and I hosted the BMW Post Holiday Party at the Salt Grass Restaurant in San Marcos. This would be the first time that the party was ever held at this restaurant (*see page 3*).

I wasn't sure what to expect or even where to begin. I relied on Don's expertise since he hosts corporate events for work. The more he explained what we needed to do; I felt maybe I was in over my head, but since we are "Team Yule," we worked together on this project. As I recall everyone had a great time, and people were talking about the party several months later. We were even asked to host the 2012 holiday party.

Now jump ahead five years to 2016, and I am ready to plan another Holiday party. I asked Josh during the

Utopia event if anyone was planning the holiday party. I let him know I was interested, but I wanted to check a few things out and get back to him. I even mentioned to Glenn and Sandy that I was considering planning the holiday party. Of course, this was the first time that Don heard this come out of my mouth. At this point we should have considered a marriage counselor, he didn't appreciate me committing to an event without asking him first. Open mouth, insert foot, and now let us move on.

I was itching to plan another party, but now I had to get Don on board. The more I used him as a sounding board for my ideas he eventually came around. He started to give me guidance and even helped with emails to potential restaurants where we could host the party. I knew where I wanted to host the party, but we did reach out to seven different venues to see if they could accommodate a party of our size. It's not as easy finding a facility to accommodate about 45-65 people. When planning an event like this, we know how many people are in the Tejas Chapter; however, we never know how many people will show up

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until they register online for the event. So when talking with vendors I always had to give a ballpark number, I could never confirm the actual attendance until closer to the event. It's difficult since some people we forecasted to come, and the size of the room that we would need was either too small or too big. We looked at the past several years' Post-Holiday Party registrations to get the average attendance.

I was shocked when I talked to each restaurant about hosting our holiday party with them and what their requirements were. The cheapest we found to rent the facility was \$ 500.00 (This did not include food), and the most expensive restaurant was \$8,500.00. Many stipulations that each place was putting in their contracts made my head start to spin. I was wondering what did I get myself into now.

So one night we decided to head to the Salt Grass for dinner and talked with Collen Sotello, one of the managers. We explained that we wanted to host our BMW Post Holiday party with them again. First, we made sure that we secured the date for the party. Next, we talked specifics about their contract requirements and what we expected from him and his staff. He provided us a copy of the menu selections, and we provided him all of our contact information. The following week Don and I discussed all of our options and decided that the best place for our party would be the Salt Grass restaurant in San Marcos. Don put together an outline for the party with a recommended agenda in an email to Glenn. Once Glenn gave his approval, I went into serious

planning mode.

My job was to get with sponsors and vendors and ask for door prize donations. I decided to ask everyone that I could think of. It doesn't hurt to ask if you don't ask you will never know what the answer is. Whether or not the vendor said yes or no, I thanked them for their time and that I appreciated them.

I thought that the best place to start is where we have spent our life savings, at BMW of Austin where we have purchased three of our cars. Chris Markey and Judy Ray were my contacts that I knew. I no sooner sent the email, and Chris responded right back saying see him, and he would hook us up with some goodies. That evening Don came home with our first set of door prizes.

I called Circuit of the Americas, Griots Garage, Dr. Beemer, Tire Rack, XPEL, and Bavarian Autosport. Since we were so close to the holiday season there were many people out on vacation for the holidays that I left voicemails.

I even went to the BMW CCA website and sent an email letting them know who I was, that I was part of the BMW Tejas Chapter in Austin TX, what my CCA number was and that my husband and I were hosting this year's Post Holiday Party on January 21, 2017. We were reaching out to all of our vendors and sponsors asking if they would be willing to donate any merchandise/swag for our door prizes. I wasn't sure who to send the email to, but it would be greatly appreciated if they could forward the email to the appropriate person.

I came home from work one  
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evening, and Don said there was a big box from BMW CCA. I was so excited and shocked that my email was forwarded and that our CCA had sent door prizes. When I opened the box, it had a variety of merchandise. I was starting to feel like the party was coming together.

The next day I received a call from Bavarian Autosport and Griots Garage saying they could send some goodies too. I was getting pretty excited now. I felt like it was Christmas morning when all of the gifts started to arrive.

Herb Looney contacted BMW of San Antonio for me since he lives in the area. Joshua Roberts was able to provide some awesome BMW merchandise as well. I met up with Herb at Buckeye's in New Braunfels to gather the door prizes; he knew I wanted to be ready for the main event. Rachael Robles worked with Taurus Auto Detailing on getting a Certificate for car detailing. Since Sean Hutchisson is close to Kyle, I was able to meet up with him at his shop here in South Austin off Old Manchaca

Road where he can detail your car inside and out. Raquel is working with Sean on hopefully having a car event at his shop this year.

Now the biggest part of planning the event was getting down to the fine details. As all of the prizes were arriving, I made a spreadsheet of the gifts along with the name of the vendor/sponsor that generously donated them.

I wanted to create, plan and execute the event down to the tee. Now that I had gathered all of the door prizes it was time to make the labels for the bags that held the raffle tickets for the door prizes, the table tent labels with the description of the product and the vendor that supplied the prizes. I even wanted to make special badges for our nametags with lanyards that Josh provided.

Just when I thought I was all done, I received a call from Catherine Land from COTA, she has just returned from the holidays and heard my voicemail. She was able to donate a hat and a toolbox that they had given out at F1, so off to the track, I go.

Now for Part 2, The Main Event...see page 19

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# BBQ and Ale Drive

By Paul Goldfine

What a beautiful day for a drive! The morning temperature was around 60° and, as soon as some early morning clouds burned off, it was nothing but blue skies and temperatures approaching 80°. The



turnout was spectacular, too. Sandy told me at lunch there were 54 people who signed the waiver in the morning. Although I didn't count, I believe we had over 30 cars on the drive.

Starting from the Starbucks in San Marcos, we made our way westward toward Canyon Lake. A short drive took us to FM306 and then onto



Rebecca Creek Road. These were smaller roads with 30 MPH speed limits so there was plenty of opportunity to look around and take

in the scenery. Apparently we weren't the only ones taking in the sights. At one point, there was a deer standing, frozen, by the side of the road watching the parade of cars go by. Later in the day, Gay Dawson commented that she lives in that area and had never been on some of those roads. I'm guessing she'll be revisiting them soon.

We made a short stop in Spring Branch then headed Northwest up



Rittiman/Sattler Road, into Kendalia, and then up Crabapple/Old Blanco Road to the Old 300 BBQ in Blanco. The staff at Old 300 did a marvelous job. Although we rolled in with a very large group, they took our orders, sent us to find seats, and had the line



cleared out in about an hour. They had the hall in back all set up with tables, chairs, sauces, and sides. There was everything we needed to go with the food. Speaking of food, this is the second time Kathy and I have eaten there and the food was delicious both times. So far we've tried both briskets,

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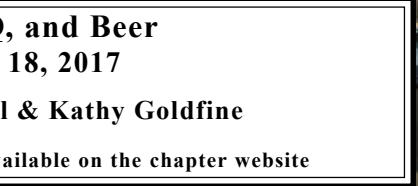


Drive, BBQ  
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Many thanks to Paul

Many more great photos are available at [www.pauljones.com](http://www.pauljones.com)





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the chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, and banana pudding. I guess we'll have to go back again to sample everything else.

After lunch, we made the short drive to the Real Ale Brewery where a few of us grabbed a cold adult beverage to carry along on the tour. My friend and the Marketing Director for Real Ale, Charlie Paulette, started off with a short history of the brewery



and the variety of beers they brew. He then led us through the quality control process, the brew tanks, a section where they do small batches of special brews, and the bottling and canning lines. Thanks to a question from the group, we even learned the brewery built a water treatment plant on site so their waste water can be cleaned and used by the city of Blanco. After the tour was over, some people stayed around to sample a few of the various beers on tap.

My hat goes off to the people at the restaurant and the brewery for working with us. Because of a flurry of RSVPs at the very end, both places were very accommodating in moving us to a larger space, and adding a special, private tour. All in all, it was a good day with good roads, good food, good beer, and great friends.





## The Main Event

By Susan Yule

The 2017 Post Holiday party was held at the Salt Grass Restaurant in San Marcos Texas, hosted by yours truly and my husband Don. Since our surname is “Yule” there is a connection to the holidays, so we wanted to make this year’s party extra festive.



As the date of the event approached, we worked very closely with Collen Sotello, the manager at the Salt Grass to ensure that the evening would run smoothly. We tried to cover every detail including the number of servers, the specific menu items, and the setup of the room.

Room capacity was a concern.

Since we wanted to make sure that everyone had an excellent guest experience, working with Glenn, we determined that limiting the number of event attendees was a good idea.

After months of preparation and anticipation, it was finally go time. Our pre-event checklist was complete, and now it was time to double check every item to ensure that nothing was missed. While I was making sure that we had everything ready, I let Don know that it was time to load the car. We wanted to be at the restaurant early so that we could get the door prize tables set up in advance. However, Don was busy killing an alien hoard on XBOX and was thoroughly distracted. Yes, old men like to play video games too.

It took me several trips to load everything into the car. Of course, who would have thought in January that it would be 80 degrees outside, and I was sweating. We were ready to head to San Marcos when Don asked me, “where are the cakes”? Thank goodness, we hadn’t made it out of the driveway yet. So back to the fridge I went. Dessert secured, we headed out for San Marcos.

After arriving at the Salt Grass, we started unloading and prepping for the event. As Don was setting up his PA

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gear, he asked me if I had seen a particular type of cable that he needed? Of course, I have no clue. He thought he had packed the cord, but apparently, he had not. So, back to the house, he goes to retrieve the missing equipment. Don is still blaming the XBOX aliens for the oversight. Thank goodness for leaving early huh? As planned we were fully set up before everyone arrived.

We had so many presents this year; I decided that we would give some away as freebies. Everyone received a Cup holder coaster from Bavarian Autosport (which are washable) plus, either a BMW ornament, 2017 Calendar or a USB Michelin car charger all from our very own BMW CCA. We had 51 attendees this year, so the agenda was going to be tight. We encouraged everyone to check out all the great door prizes and



decide where they wanted to place their raffle tickets. Once everyone started arriving Santa, and Mrs. Claus joined the party. I thought Don looked great as Santa. Maybe in our retirement years, we can have a yearly gig as Mr. and Mrs. Clause at the local mall.

We kicked off the event by announcing our 2016 incentive award winners. Josh Butts was our first place



winner taking home the grand prize of a \$ 300.00 gift certificate to BMW of Austin, nice job Josh! Raquel Robles came in second place winning a BMW watch and an umbrella. Third place went to Ken Carson; he went home with a BMW watch and an M-Wallet. Was there an extra incentive inside the wallet Ken? Scott Bowman came in fourth place taking home a boarding bag. Vincent Robles also received a BMW watch while placing fifth. Kathryn Butts took home a snappy M Jacket for her sixth place win. David Lucia took home a nice utility bag as the seventh place winner. Herb Looney earned a Motorsport umbrella for eighth place. Don came in ninth place and took home an X6M mouse and pad. Paul Goldfine also took home a wireless mouse for coming in tenth place. Chungnam Lucia received a jacket as our Rookie of the year. Last but not least our Honorable mentions went to a husband/wife team, Gay, and Tom Dawson. Congratulation's to all of our members that received the incentive awards you truly are an inspiration to us all.

This year we were blessed to have an abundance of spectacular door prizes that were generously donated

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by our sponsors/vendors. I would like to thank all of our sponsors that donated prizes for our Post Holiday party. Thank you, BMW of Austin, BMW of San Antonio, BMW CCA,



Griots Garage, Circuit of the America's, Bavarian Autosport and Taurus Auto Detailing.

Once dinner was over it was time for the white elephant gift exchange and dessert. Don & I decided to provide cakes for dessert and two special prizes as our gift to everyone. If you enjoyed the cakes, run right over to Costco and order one. There are two pounds of buttercream frosting



on each of the cakes, that's what I think makes them so delicious.

Don with the help of Josh decided that there should be some rules established for our gift exchange. Rule one, no fondling the gifts, second rule;

you touch the gift you own it; rule number three, no complaining about rules #1 and #2. Standard house rules about gift stealing applied.

We had 31 white elephant gifts this year, and they were all terrific!



Don and I noticed that there was a variety of specialty gifts this year. Adult beverages proved to be popular choices, along with flashlights, a BMW magic light, a driving hat, (by the way, Herb you looked marvelous in the hat); and numerous other



presents. Of course, there was the real white elephant that decided to reappear this year, and the funny part about this was that Brad Clark who won it this year had won it several years ago. We know this because when you are the lucky recipient of the white elephant, it is customary that you sign the elephant with the date the year that you received the gift. Brad felt that this was once again an honor, until next year when he brings him back to someone else. The worst white elephant gift recipient this year went

to Angel, for selecting a wine and pasta gift basket. Glenn and Sandy provided an alternative gift to ease Angel's pain. However, the wine could have taken care of that.

The party was ending, but we still had two more gifts to give away. We had taken all the raffle tickets that didn't win and placed them back into the bowl, so everyone had a second chance to win another gift. The lucky winner went home with a high intensity LED garage work light.

Last but not least, we hid a picture of the beloved Star Wars character Yoda under one of the attendees chairs before everyone arrived. Whoever found Yoda received a special present. The lucky winner was Jonna Clark who now owns a copy of the book *Texas on the Table*,



*People, Places, and Recipes Celebrating the Flavors of the Lone Star State by Terry Thompson-Anderson. Our chapter has visited many of the locations noted in the book.*

Lastly, I want to thank the Salt Grass Restaurant in San Marcos for providing excellent service to the Tejas Chapter. Big thanks to Collen Sotello, and to all of the servers who worked the party; Justin Saddington, Michelle Ladd, Jade Pippin, Ricky Garcia and Tina Coyne. Also, I wanted to thank my wonderful husband for being such a gracious Santa Claus this year. You did a great job on being our Master of Ceremonies for the

evening - you were very entertaining. I even heard there was someone that wanted to sit on Santa's lap.

Putting together a holiday party is hard work and coordinating with many different vendors can be challenging, but I enjoyed pulling it all together. If he stops killing aliens long enough, maybe I can get Don on board for next year.



**Calendar of Tejas Chapter  
and Related Events**



**2017**

Date	Event	Meet Location
March 25, 2017	Vanishing Texas River Cruise see page 5	Round Rock
April 15, 2017	Annual Bluebonnet Drive see page 7	Austin Johnson City
May 19-21 2017	HPDE at COTA Austin Spring Schnell Fest	Austin
October 2017	Annual Utopia Weekend	TBD
November 17-19 2017	HPDE at COTA Austin Fall Schnell Fest	Austin
December 2017	Annual Charity Event	TBD



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# 2017 Track Events

by Scott Bowman

Some of you have contacted me about high performance driving events (HPDEs) on the calendar for this year. There is an event coming up soon at MSR Cresson, sponsored by the Lone Star Chapter of the BMW CCA, as well as two more events this year at the Circuit of the Americas (COTA).

Please note that the Tejas board made a decision to withdraw from the COTA contract with the other two Texas chapters because of the financial risk to the club. The Houston and Lone Star Chapters are teaming up with the Porsche Club of America (PCA) to put on the events, so you can still get some quality track time this year at a world class facility.

The dates for these events are:

—May 5-6, 2017 Motor Sports

Ranch at Cresson. Saturday is a more traditional HPDE and Friday is primarily a club race school for upper intermediate and advanced drivers. Contact Bruce Heersink at bruce@heersink.org or go to the registration page at <http://austinschnellfest.clubregistration.net/> for details.

—May 19-21, 2017 Austin Spring Schnell Fest at COTA. Registration should be opening March 30 and will have full details and pricing. The May event will have Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced run groups. See [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net) for details.

—November 17-19, 2017 Austin Fall Schnell Fest at COTA. Look for details following the conclusion of the Spring event.

Come out and support these events through your registration, volunteering, or spectating. Hope to see you at the track!



# Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2017

To encourage participation, the successful Incentive Points Challenge began in 1998. The members who earn the highest number of points by the end of the year (up to 10th place) receive valuable prizes at the Post-Holiday Party in January 2017. The Rookie of the Year award is for the member that joined in the current year and earns Rookie Points based on points earned divided by the time as a member.

## Activity

	Points
Return Survey Form (form available on request or at website)	50
Attend a meeting or event	30
Organize a monthly event, (social/technical etc.)	100
Assist with a monthly event (credited by organizer)	50
Each new member recruited (credited by CCA)	30
Original photo(s) published in the Trax (30 pts max/issue)	10
Original photo(s) published on the website (30 pts max/event)	10
Original Tech Tip published in the Trax	15
Original Article published in the Trax (500 words or more)	60
Original Article published in the Trax (less than 500 words)	30
Recruitment of a commercial ad for Trax	20% of ad cost

## 2017 Incentive Points Challenge Leader Board As of February 24, 2017

<b><u>390 Pts</u></b> <b>Susan Yule</b>	<b>Ken Carson</b> <b>Marco Cordon</b> <b>Mary Beth Cordon</b>	<b>Joaquin Aviles</b> <b>Fred Brinkley</b> <b>Kathryn Butts</b> <b>Jonna Clark</b> <b>Linda Cook</b> <b>Tim Cook</b> <b>Jennifer Davis**</b> <b>Helen Dorrance</b> <b>Jeff Gifford</b> <b>Brandon Hardiman</b> <b>David Hardiman</b> <b>Bob Heimann</b> <b>John Hughan</b> <b>Harris Katchen</b> <b>Mary Lou Katchen</b> <b>Sandra Kennedy</b> <b>Debra-Lou Lantz</b> <b>Geno Marola</b>	<b>Brad Mitchell</b> <b>Carl Nybro</b> <b>Dave Rainwater</b> <b>Yvette Robinson</b> <b>Diana Salzman</b> <b>Bob Salzman</b> <b>Kurtis Seebaldt</b> <b>Maggie Seebaldt</b> <b>Steve Tatro</b> <b>Roger Williams</b> <b><u>10 Pts</u></b> <b>Alberto Alcala</b>
<b><u>310 Pts</u></b> <b>Paul Goldfine</b>	<b>Gay Dawson</b> <b>Tom Dawson</b> <b>Terry Jones</b>		
<b><u>190 Pts</u></b> <b>Don Yule</b>	<b>Sridhar Kamma</b> <b>Jeffrey Lantz</b> <b>Chungnam Lucia</b>		
<b><u>130 Pts</u></b> <b>Phil Nybro</b>	<b>David Lucia</b> <b>Raquel Robles</b> <b>Vincent Robles</b>		
<b><u>120 Pts</u></b> <b>Herb Looney</b>	<b>Connie Stried</b>		
<b><u>90 Pts</u></b> <b>Scott Bowman</b>	<b>40 Pts</b>		
<b><u>80 Pts</u></b> <b>James Whalen</b>	<b>Dexter Kelble</b>		
<b><u>70 Pts</u></b> <b>Dan McLaughlin</b>	<b>30 Pts</b>		
<b><u>60 Pts</u></b> <b>Josh Butts</b>	<b>Gloria Anderson</b> <b>Mike Anderson</b>		
			<b>** 2017 Rookie</b>



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



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## **2008 Z4 M Coupe,**

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## **2009 BMW M3 Sedan**

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