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On the Bluebonnet Drive in Llano

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From The President

More Miscellaneous Ramblings

The Bluebonnet drive was another great event, with another fantastic turnout. This year we even had some bluebonnets and various other wildflowers to enjoy! Your support of chapter events is exciting and really appreciated by the board and event planners.

After two months of requesting member articles so we wouldn't have to publish so many BMW Press Club releases, you will notice that some responded. We have three articles by chapter members in this issue, however, Sandy still had to write the event review. Don't stop now - keep your original articles coming. We really can't have too many.

With the down turn in the economy, the Tejas Chapter is feeling some of the effects. We have lost several of our advertisers and a few have downsized their

ads. Advertising is crucial to the Tejas Chapter success and our ability to produce a newsletter, maintain the website, provide event subsidies, and Incentive Points Challenge awards. Each month, the chapter receives \$1.08 per member from BMW CCA. The cost to produce the newsletter is about \$1.00 per member each month, so it doesn't take a math wizard to realize that doesn't leave much for all the other things without the advertising dollars from our sponsors. Sadly, the reason we hear the most from our advertisers for not renewing is that they felt they really weren't getting any return for their dollars.

This only points out how important it is for our members to express appreciation to our advertisers for their support. Anytime you patronize a business that advertises in the Tejas Trax, let them know that you saw their ad and that you are grateful for their support in allowing the chapter to continue to function. It takes so little time to do it and may mean the survival of some of the benefits that chapter members have become accustomed to.

Until next time

Glenn McConnell

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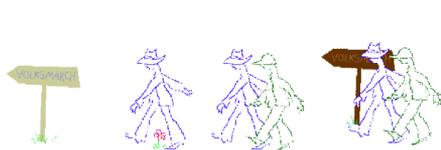
8:30am - The meeting place will be HEB in Kyle right on IH35.
 The address is: Kyle - H-E-B plus! #14, 5401 South FM 1626, Kyle 78640

Kapitän Allan & Kapitän Marcus will hold a brief Führer Treffen detailing our scenic drive. We will depart promptly **9:00am**

10:00 -10:30am we will have a short Toilette break, then proceed on our drive to lunch



12:00 - Arrive Oak Thicket Park, Lake Fayette. We will have the Pavilion reserved for the club and be right next to the swimming area, and dock for fishing. So bring your lunch, swim suits, fishing poles or boats to enjoy this wunderbar lakeside park.



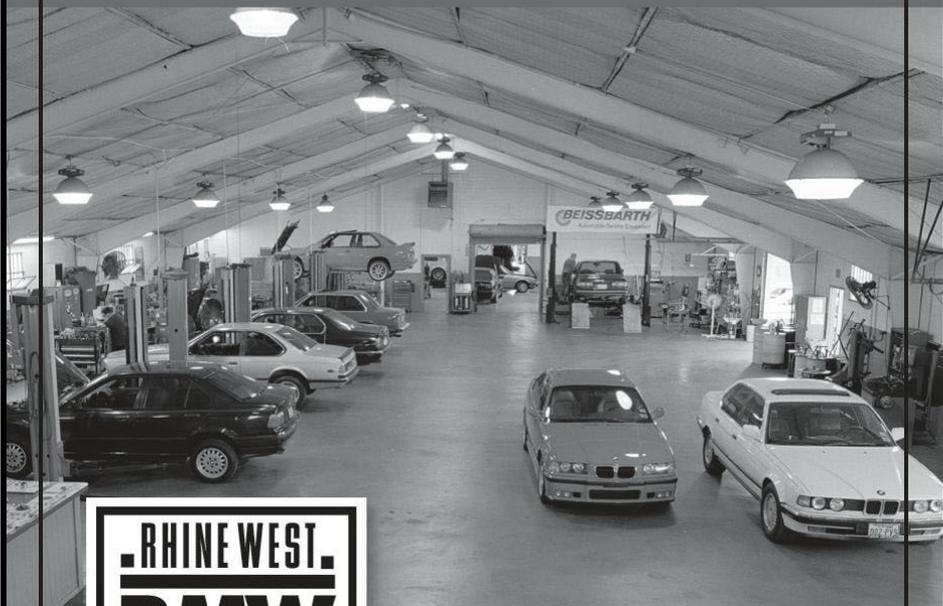
Enjoy a Volksmarch with us through one of the natural trails right near the pavilion to see the wildlife and scenic views. Don't forget your German attire and walking poles for this event.

Dessert:
 Desserts will be pot luck. Bring desserts if you want to eat desserts. We will be having a dessert contest, so cook your best. Also, if the dessert is home made, please bring the recipe for the dessert you bring for exchange.

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Washington on the Brazos Tour Saturday, June 20, 2009 8:30am to ?

We will start at the HEB at I-35 and Parmer lane. Gather in the parking lot beside the HEB drive-thru pharmacy. We need to meet at **8:30am**, have a drivers meeting at **8:45am** and pull out by **9:00am**. If you need to eat breakfast, do so before meeting

We will be collecting for the lunch, so please have cash or check available to pay for what you ordered.

Washington on the Brazos

We will initially drive Hwy 290, then break off the highway in Paige, taking a scenic route to Washington-On-the Brazos state historic site. There will be two "pit stops" before arriving to the State Park. Gas stations with sodas, etc. We will plan to stay at the Historic site for about 80 mins. Entrance fee is free



There is a \$5 fee to tour the museum which looks very interesting. If the Park Rangers have enough staff on that particular day, we can have a group walk/ranger talk about the history of Independence hall (20mins). There are short hiking trails along the Brazos river with historical markers/information. A gift shop is also available, bathrooms, water, etc. The longest trail is 1.6 miles along the Brazos. No food is available for purchase at the Park shop



Lunch will be at 1:30ish at Martha's Bloomers in Navasota. We will gather in the parking lot by 1:15 pm and drive about 10 mins to Martha's Bloomers for a nice lunch. Meal will be Chicken entree with vegetables or Sandwich sampler plate. Cost for the meal is \$19 for chicken and \$17 for sandwich sampler. Drink, dessert, tax and gratuity are included. WE will have a big room reserved for us to sit together.

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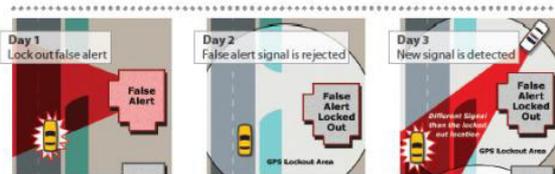
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Weekends Without A BMW Event

By Allan Gazza

Everyone enjoys looking forward to those weekends that we have our BMW events planned with the Tejas Chapter, but what about the rest of the weekends in between. This last weekend the Bluebonnet drive was a great success and very well done by Gina. The drive was excellent and the restaurant accommodations for the large group were outstanding. (great choice).

Some people would think it would be going too far to decorate a garage, but it is a place you spend some of your time tinkering with your BMW. You're in the garage while you wax your car, put on those accessories that were ordered from BMW of Austin, or

Bavarian Autosport. Some of us even gather around an open BMW hood and contemplate what's next with other Tejas Chapter members.

Why not make the garage a place of interest, a place that we can be proud of displaying our AWESOME car. Having done my garage previously in Arizona, I wanted something that would feel like another room in the house, but with a BMW in it. I started by deciding on the colors: Chocolate Cupcake on the back wall, and Mississippi Mud on the side walls. On the floor I used Sherwin Williams Commercial grade Beige epoxy with mixed chips for added effect followed by two coats of clear.

But a garage isn't complete until you have a BMW picture to

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complement the walls. Going through my albums, and finding BMW pictures, Sprint Car racing pictures, and military pictures added to the excitement of making this garage look like a showroom. I ordered the brushed aluminum “BMW Performance” letters through a seller on ebay after searching for BMW memorabilia. Once I was done with all the painting, Sears was having a closeout on their Ultimate Garage cabinets, and I am definitely not one to turn down a 40% off sale price.

Wow, it was finally coming together, but so many more ideas racing through my head like a child thinking of Christmas gifts. Where do I stop, is the next

question that came to mind, but only for a split second.

Some ideas for the continuation of the garage project include adding additional Daylight florescent lighting for those times I work on the car with the garage door closed. Also adding a TV and small stereo for the time I am spending time in the garage but still want to be able to watch TV. And what good is it if you do not have a small fridge to hold refreshments for your

friends that stop by the house.

So even when there is not a planned event with our BMW's, they are not forgotten. Now the fun begins decorating the rest of the house to look as good as the garage. As always, I am looking forward to the next Tejas BMW event. Looking forward to seeing everyone next month....



An Expression of Joy

from BMW Press Club

The global launch campaign for the new BMW Z4 portrays driving as an art form - and presents the roadster as an artist on four wheels

Even before it reaches the market, the new BMW Z4 is literally making its mark. For the first time ever, the core theme of the communications campaign that will launch the new BMW Z4 is a motif created by the vehicle itself. Instead of a paintbrush, South African street artist Robin Rhode used the tyres of the BMW Z4 roadster to apply explosive, vibrantly coloured designs to an enormous canvas – in this case a gigantic medium density fibreboard – with tyre tracks of precisely executed circles, arcs and lines in yellow, blue and red. The outcome is “An Expression of Joy” – just like the BMW Z4 itself. The roadster unites aesthetic appeal and dynamic performance; it epitomises the qualities of the BMW brand by combining the ultimate driving experience with maximum sporting potential and distinctive design. More than anything, the new BMW Z4 is an expression of sheer driving pleasure. The head of marketing for the BMW brand in Germany, Manfred Bräunl, is confident that: “The BMW Z4 embodies the values of the BMW brand – design, youthfulness, dynamic performance – more than any other vehicle. The launch campaign for the new roadster expresses these values exceptionally well. This campaign will also reach out to new target groups who appreciate the high standards of elegance and value, suitability for everyday driving and comfort which the new BMW Z4

can easily fulfil.”

Motif created by the BMW Z4 as global campaign theme

The 1800 m² motif – featuring the BMW Z4’s brightly coloured tyre tracks on a white background – and the process by which it was created, will be the subject of all communications activities for the launch of the new roadster worldwide. This creative key visual is ideal for use in print ads and brochures, as well as for trade shows and guerrilla marketing. For instance, the BMW Z4’s world premiere at the NAIAS International Auto Show in Detroit incorporated original sections of the motif. There is currently a further installation at the Grand Central Terminal in New York; extracts from the campaign are also being shown at the “BMW Markenschaufenster” in Munich and Berlin as well as at BMW Welt.

The creative process behind “An Expression of Joy”

The commercial that will be used for advertising worldwide illustrates how the huge canvas was created and shows “An Expression of Joy” live in action. The briefing given to Robin Rhode and the director of the TV commercial, Jake Scott, was to present the new generation of the BMW Z4 in a completely different setting, in a way that would fuse innovation and artistic vision. Scott and his team had just twelve hours to document the artistic process on location at a studio in Los Angeles. The challenge was to get the right shot the first time round – repeat attempts were not an option on a shoot like this. The new BMW Z4 also had to be controlled with absolute precision: The driver had to apply a total of 160 litres of paint – sprayed onto the tyres from nozzles mounted be

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hind its wheels – precisely according to artist Robin Rhode’s directions across the oversized canvas: a difficult task which the stunt driver was nevertheless able to master, having already proven his skills behind the wheel of a MINI on the film set of “The Italian Job”. A total of 45 cameras captured the Z4’s movements simultaneously.

Print ads

Print ads also develop the track theme with the new roadster standing on sections of the motif it created, paired with various slogans along the lines of: “Your 306-horsepower paintbrush” or “Evidence that engineering is an art form”. These slogans establish the connection between “An Expression of Joy” and the new BMW Z4.

Mobile gaming

To mark the launch of the roadster, a game entitled “BMW Z4 – An Expression of Joy” has been developed for the iPhone and iPod Touch. The game focuses on the BMW Z4 driving experience and features a flexible 3D auto configurator. Highly-detailed 3D models and animations were developed from the roadster’s original computer-aided 3D design data. Players first configure their individual BMW Z4 and design their own five-colour motif by driving the virtual roadster across a white background. The motif’s design varies according to the vehicle’s speed and curve radius, making every picture unique. The game, which has been available for the iPhone and iPod Touch since March

10th, has already been downloaded well over 400,000 times.

Videos and background on the new BMW Z4 available online

BMW’s online video portals www.bmw-tv.de and www.bmw-web.tv/z4 offer five features with more information on the new BMW Z4. For instance, BMW Group’s new head of design, Adrian van Hooydonk, explains how the roadster’s unique design took shape and talks about the roadster winning the Red Dot Design Award. There is a video of the new BMW Z4’s world premiere in Detroit; also, the design process and the concept behind the BMW Z4 are discussed in more detail. These features are proving very popular and have already been viewed more than 800,000 times since December of last year.

Guerrilla marketing

The new BMW Z4’s multi-coloured tyre tracks are perfect for different kinds of guerrilla marketing. For instance, one idea might be to plaster the colourful tyre tracks right across the side of a building, with the tracks leading down to the road where a BMW Z4 is parked or to a BMW dealership. Customers can expect to experience unconventional marketing in familiar surroundings.

BMW and contemporary art

The BMW Group has been closely linked with contemporary art for many years. For more than thirty years the company’s Art Cars have presented outstanding contemporary artists with the three-dimensional surface of various sports cars as a canvas for their work. The BMW Art Car Collection has since gained international renown and comprises the creations of well-known artists such as Andy Warhol, Frank Stella, Alexander

Calder and Olafur Eliasson. Today, commitment to the arts is an integral part of corporate communications at the BMW Group.

The new BMW Z4

The new BMW Z4 is the only vehicle in its segment to combine classic roadster proportions with a seating position close to the rear axle, rear-wheel drive and a fully-automatic retractable hardtop. The new BMW Z4 offers all the driving pleasure of a BMW Roadster with particularly refined and stylish flair. Driving with the roof down, this two-seater offers a refreshingly intense experience of the sunshine and the wind rushing by – and driving with the hardtop closed, it provides all the comfort of a Premium Sports Coupé. With this diversity and wide range of qualities, the new BMW Z4 represents the re-birth of the roadster. The design of the new Z4 is characterised by classic details interpreted in a new and contemporary style.

The appeal of this two-seater lies in its unique combination of elegance, agility, and supreme comfort. The aluminium shells of the two-piece lightweight hardtop come to rest in the roof compartment, thereby maximising space. Even with the roof closed, the new Z4 retains the proportions typical of a genuine roadster. With these features, the new model is the successor to both the BMW Z4 Roadster and the BMW Z4 Coupé.

Anyone who appreciates the open-air feeling characteristic of a BMW convertible can look forward to the new BMW Z4, which will be available at BMW branches and dealers from May 9th. This aesthetic, dynamic roadster will definitely leave its mark wherever it goes – not just on the launch campaign, but on those who see it and drive it.

Agency

The American agency GSD&M from Austin, Texas was responsible for creating and implementing the campaign.



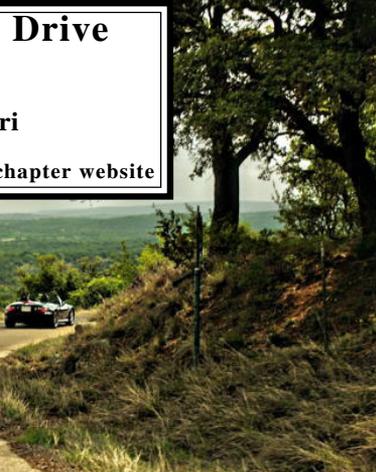


BMW Bluebonnet Biway
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Bluebonnet Drive Review

by Sandy McConnell

Hurrah for Bluebonnets! And Indian Paintbrush, Pink Evening Primrose, Indian Blankets, Cacti and all the other Texas spring flower beauties, seen along the route of this year's B3 drive. The BMW Bluebonnet Biway tour has become an annual event, because of it's popularity, and could probably be deemed a "traditional" Tejas Chapter event now. It's never routine though, because we have many choice routes in our Texas Hill country where we can enjoy both the beautiful flora and our choice of rides.

As expected, this was a fun filled and memorable day for all of the 91 chapter members, friends and family who were able to attend. We had 45 BMWs and a total of 47 vehicles in caravan. This year's drive was lead by Gina Silvestri, a chapter member from Austin and our Membership Chairman. Gina handed out route instructions, briefed us on some of the wild flowers we could expect to see along the route and explained that we would not be able to stop at the castle, because a wedding was scheduled there that day.

The morning began gray and a little drizzly, which caused some concern, mostly over the fact that our clean bimmers wouldn't shine their best! When we headed out, some of us did bravely start with tops down on our convertibles, but we had to put them up before we got to Dripping Springs! These concerns were short lived, however, as the tops went back down very soon thereafter and poor weather was not a damper on the rest of the day.

We had a lovely scenic drive and it was an exciting thing to see all the

BMW's in a row. The only down side was a trip by a sheep ranch and eeewwe... you guessed it... the stench was horrific for those of us in convertibles. It took a long time to get rid of the smell even in the open car!

Included in the route was the beautiful Willow City Loop, located north of Fredericksburg. The surrounding terrain is really varied and spectacular. It begins with scrub pines, cactus and rocky patches and progresses to cliff sides and high scenic vantage points, to winding, descending roads though farms and meadows and over water crossings. We shared the roads with cattle too, but they were all on good behavior this trip! It's a wonderful place that I never tire of seeing.

After a break at the city park in Llano, the drive continued along Park Road 4 and the beautiful Inks Lake. We also had a distant view of the Falkenstein Castle. I kept trying to get a vantage point where I could take a picture, but since we were surrounded by trees I was unsure which direction to look to capture it. Amazingly on one brief look, I was surprised to see the castle as big as life, directly behind us! It looked big and extraordinary, nestled between the trees that lined both sides of the road. But I didn't see it soon enough to get a picture. It disappeared as suddenly as it appeared, as we rounded the next corner.

Lunch at the River City Grille in Marble Falls, was a fitting end to the day. The food and service were excellent, especially considering the large size of our group.

A special thanks to Gina for her hard work put into organizing this event and to all of you who came out to share in the fun. See you next month!



Am I driving a BMW or a UFO?

By Wayne Eltringham

Do you know the reaction you have when you see something weird, out of place or the feeling you get when you know someone is watching you but don't know who? Well, this happens to me whenever I am driving my 1969 BMW 1600 (which turns 40 years old this year) to and from work. I get a lot of funny looks, thumbs-ups, and the occasional photo taken.

Some of these sightings are as follows:

On my way home from work one evening I was pulled over by a local law enforcement officer. I know I wasn't speeding (I call it PUTT-PUTT for a reason) and I didn't think I ran any lights, so I was a bit worried. He approached the car – saying that he just wanted to get a closer and better look at the car because he had a similar car back in his day.

Another time I pulled up next to a school bus while driving down SH 66 and out the window come four or five arms all holding camera phones. They were taking pictures of my little car like it was an UFO sighting.

And the weirdest event took place when a gentleman pulled up next to me while driving to give me the thumbs-up. Suddenly the vehicle in front of

him stopped and he did not have time to react so he crashed into the vehicle.

It is an awesome experience being followed by and then pulling over to converse with a fellow 02er about our car, it gives one an unusual sense of pride and belonging. This small gathering gives others the opportunity for a multiple UFO sighting. It is nice seeing other vintage BMW's with regular registered plates being used as daily drivers or just driving around doing errands.

I guess most of the vintage cars seen around these parts are usually American muscle cars from the 60's and 70's so to see a vintage BMW is a rare sight or UFO (Unidentified Foreign Object). You might over hear someone saying "I seen one of them things before, over by my house, but before I could get a good look at it, it disappeared.

Some nights Kathy and I take our little car to our neighborhood car meet, and with the hood up and doors open it looks more like an Alien autopsy than a car show. Sure everyone knows it is a car but they don't seem to know what kind of car it is. After closer inspection, the confusion sets in. "What is this?" is heard a lot along with "Wow an old BMW!" The body styles of the vintage BMWs are UNIQUE, not like the

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newer melted jelly bean models with painted plastic bumpers of today.

BMW's of the 60's and 70's were not noted for superior heating and cooling systems because the Germans had not fully grasped the reality of driving in Texas, where you could leave in the morning where it was in the 30's and overcast and end up somewhere else where it is in the 80's and sunny. This being said, driving in my 1600 is a challenge, because the defroster vents don't do that great of a job and there is no rear-window defroster, so I keep a supply of towels handy to keep wiping down the inside of the windows to clear off the fog so I can see out clearly. My little PUTT-PUTT is nothing like the New BMW's with their I-Drive, heated seats, and

traction control, GPS systems, driver-side air bag and oh! And a thing called Lane Departure Warning which vibrates the steering wheel if you change lanes without signaling. To name a few but most of all cup holders.

On cold days I have to get up earlier than usual to let the car warm up, done by pulling on the manual choke and letting it idle for five or so minutes before pulling out of the garage. On hot days I would hesitate to shut off the one barrel carbureted four-cylinder engine with its points and condenser, because it just might not restart that easily. I like to drive around like they did in the good ole days, with NO radio and NO A/C just windows down putt-putting around for everyone to see. Am I driving a BMW or a UFO?



UFO Encountering Tip: Be Patient

Patience is a necessity for anyone interested in seeing a UFO. If you aren't expecting to see one, you might have a better chance of a close encounter. In fact, many people who have seen UFOs report that they felt compelled to look out the window for no real reason.

Notable UFO Related Quotes:

“It was the darndest thing I've ever seen. It was big, it was very bright, it changed colors. We watched it for ten minutes, but none of us could figure out what it was. One thing's for sure: I'll never make fun of people who say they've seen unidentified flying objects in the sky.” - **Former President of the United States, Jimmy Carter**

“I strongly recommend that there be a committee investigation of the UFO phenomena. I think we owe it to the people to establish credibility regarding UFOs and to produce the greatest possible enlightenment on this subject.” - **Former President of the United States, Gerald Ford**



“The US Air Force assures me that UFOs pose no threat to National Security.” - **Former President of the United States, John F Kennedy**

Keep your eyes open, you never know when a sighting will happen, maybe at the next Tejas event.



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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
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Original Article published in the Trax (500 words or more)	30
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Sridhar Kamma	Harold Cohen	Adriana Diesen	Richard Butler	Harvey Reiter
<u>280 Pts</u>	Tim Ehrhart	Paul Goldfine	Don Charbula	Amanda Shanks
Kathy Eltringham	Alan Greene	Joseph Hall	Jonna Clark	Wyatt Shanks
<u>270 Pts</u>	Brian Hall	Ken Hollins	Bill Duran	Donald Sloan
Mike Sevel	Kurt Schwerdtfeger	Tom Motes	Virginia Duran	Richard Stein
<u>240 Pts</u>	<u>100 Pts</u>	Philip Nybro	Fred Egloff	Robin Stein
Herb Looney	John Swann	Corinne Sayther	Bob Ellingson	David Wakashige
<u>230 Pts</u>	<u>90 Pts</u>	<u>50 Pts</u>	Hugh Fisher	Claude Welles
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<u>200 Pts</u>	Robert Giles	Alan Campbell	Jeff Franklin	<u>25 Pts</u>
Gregg Peterson	Bill Leisey	Don Heller	Terry Giroux	Denise Reid
Donald Yule	Chris Pedersen	Casey Jordan	Tom Goodwin	<u>10 Pts</u>
Susan Yule	Steve Pedersen	David Michna	Frank Henderson	Brett Bartschi
<u>180 Pts</u>	Martha Ricketson	Michael Schwartz	Dalia Hunter	Billy House
Eric Chang	<u>80 Pts</u>	Daniel Urrea	James Hunter	
<u>170 Pts</u>	John Wagner	<u>40 Pts</u>	Stephen Kneuper	
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Harold Cohen	Donna Bogan	Daniel Urrea	Richard Stein
9.27 Pts	5.65 Pts	3.39 Pts	Robin Stein
Brian Hall	Michael Schwartz	Mack Bari	2.58 Pts
7.63 Pts	5.06 Pts	David Wakashige	Jim Blue
Tad Goodwin	Joseph Hall		

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.

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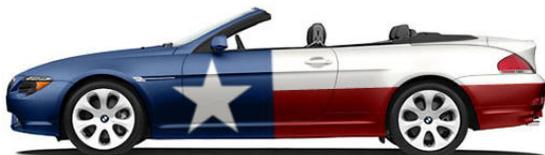
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Calendar of Tejas Chapter
and Related Events



Date	Event	Meet Location
May 23, 2009	Annual Picnic at Lake Fayette see page 5	Kyle, TX
June 20, 2009	Washington on the Brazos see page 7	Austin
July 25, 2009	Shakespeare in the Barn	Winedale
August 22, 2009	Fun Rally	TBD
September 26, 2009	Wine & Dine Drive	TBD
September 28, 2009	BMW CCA Oktoberfest	Lake Lanier, GA
October 23-25, 2009	Annual Utopia Weekend	Kerrville
November 14, 2009	BMW of Austin Tech Session	Austin
December 5, 2009	Annual Charity Event	TBD

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Lessons Learned

by John Swann

It was a fine Sunday afternoon, and the car was loaded with golf clubs, bags and stuff for our trip to Alabama. We were headed home to Kerrville, cruising down the interstate near Columbus TX. The weather was wonderful after the cold front had blown through. Everything was just great, until air started leaking from the front left tire valve stem. We had installed new tires a week before our trip.

The tire pressure monitor told us to check our tires. They looked OK, but we decided to stop for lunch, and then check the air. When we arrived at the gas station after lunch, the front left was completely flat. The car doesn't have a spare (just an inflation kit) but the air was rushing out around the valve stem faster than we could pump air in with the gas station air-line. We were in a bind.

The GPS gave us auto repair options, but they were all closed on

this Sunday afternoon. We tried the "On Call" service but they would only arrange towing to the nearest dealership (Houston) and not-so-politely pointed out that we were supposed to have a properly inflated spare! We declined the tow (for now) and considered other options. We flagged down a sheriff, who called "dispatch" and left us with a promise that "dispatch" would help us, if help was available.

A few minutes later Cammy (aka "dispatch") called to say that Larry - the tire guy - would call. Within seconds the phone rang and Larry told us he was on the way. He checked the tire and confirmed that indeed, the valve was probably the problem. He took the wheel and disappeared. We lost count of how many good Columbus folks stopped to ask if we needed help. We waited a couple of hours for Larry.

We were outside Walmart. Just down the block, a lady was asking for

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donations to help people who had suffered serious burns. Her son had been burned terribly ten years earlier and she was trying to help others with the same awful misfortune.

Larry, who it turns out is the owner of a local auto repair business, arrived with a big smile, and a fully inflated tire. He explained that his business was across town, and that removing and reinstalling an 18 inch tire is not an easy proposition. We installed the newly functional wheel and lowered the car. Larry made sure the lugs were tight, and then a real life-lesson began.

I asked Larry how much I should pay him for taking almost three hours of his Sunday afternoon; I was ready

for anything. He replied that I could name my own price. He explained that he doesn't believe in making profit on a Sunday, so he wouldn't be keeping the money anyway. I gave him what I thought might be OK, although I wish I'd given more. He bid us farewell, and then drove over to the lady collecting for burn victims, and passed the money over.

Lessons learned: always trust your tire monitor even if everything looks OK; buy a car equipped with a spare tire; Columbus, TX has some wonderful people; sheriff's cars can be beautiful, even on a road-trip; "dispatch" is a lady named Cammy; and Larry the-tire-guy is a real-life angel.

Oh, by the way, our BMW and our Volvo both have an air-pump spare, so it could have been either vehicle. The tire that failed was on our Volvo.



A photograph of the Euro Car Care Inc. building. The building is white with a yellow sign that reads "AUDI - BMW - MERCEDES SAAB" and a larger yellow sign that reads "EURO CAR CARE INC.". Four cars are parked in front of the building: a silver sedan, a black sedan, a black sedan, and a silver sedan. The building has a string of colorful triangular flags hanging across the front. The address "12323" is visible on the building's facade.

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garage kept for almost it's whole life. There's only 35K miles on it - like I said, it's my baby (and I'd take it if the British drove on the other side of the road!). Asking \$18K, but will entertain other offers - if interested, please contact Debbie at 512-656-4679 or at welderdebbie@yahoo.com.



Zenith Carb Kit

For restorations sake, I have a virtually complete Zenith carb kit from a 1973 Bavaria. parts include 2 carbs, manifolds, air cleaner assembly, crossbar linkage, vacuum actuators (dist), Egr Plumbing, Hose connections are present, but not complete. However, it should be fairly easy to ascertain most of the

connecitons. The carbs ran up till the first week of December when I took them off. I will also include 2 Carb rebuild kits, 2 air filters, a plastic sync adapter, as well as a unisyn. Contact Scott Davis at 512.653.1773 or send email to scott.j.davis@hotmail.com.

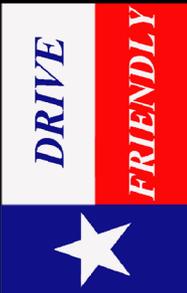
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