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## *From The President*

### **Winding down another year .....**

As I write this, we have only two events left in 2012 - the BMW of Austin Tech Session on November 10th and the annual charity event on December 8th.

Of course, by the time you read this, the tech session will be history and all that will be left is the charity event. This event is very special to the Tejas Chapter and one that I really wish more members would get involved in.

Every year, for the last nine years, the last event of the year is our charity event. The purpose of this event is to bring a memorable holiday season to kids that would not have much of a holiday without us. Our goal is to provide a shopping trip

for kids in need so that they can buy gifts for their family members and bring a happy holiday season to them.

Our financial goal is \$3,000 which provides \$100 each for 30 kids. These kids are hand-picked by the Guadalupe Community Center in San Antonio based on need. We take these kids around the store as they make purchases. It is really amazing to watch them as they are far more concerned about buying something for family members than they are for themselves. Members who participate always say that they are sure they get more joy in helping than the kids get. I think there is much joy for both.

Would you please consider not only giving to this charity, but giving of some of your time also to be a part of the kids experience. I know you will not regret it.

**Until next time ....**

**Glenn McConnell**

## *Welcome New Members*

### Austin

*Angela Bertero*

*Jeffrey Boyd*

*Mike Ethridge*

*Sean Engle*

*Nathan Johns*

*Vincent Lam*

*Rick Larsen*

*Robert Lewallen*

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*Michael Sessions*

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### Pipe Creek

*George Gualda*

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### Marble Falls

*Terry Jones*

### Manchaca

*Ray Gay*

### Cibolo

*Darryle White*

### Ridgefield

*Nathan Campbell*

### Round Rock

*Paul Davis*

*Kelsey Domb*

*Harry Midy*

### Georgetown

*Harry Ohe*

### Windcrest

*Kelsee McVey*

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**Saturday, December 8, 2012**

**Beginning at 9:00 am**

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## Member's Voice

by John Hughan

Last month's topic focused on BMW's proposed online, direct-to-consumer sales channel that may open in Europe to sell their upcoming i3 and i8 vehicles. Here's what members had to say when asked whether they might consider purchasing a vehicle completely online and whether they felt this arrangement would threaten BMW's brick and mortar dealerships or perhaps exist cooperatively and even collaboratively with them:

*The concept of online ordering is an interesting one, but it leaves out a very important part of car buying (at least for me) — the “look and feel”. How does it ride/drive/handle, what do the colors look like in person, and a host of other visual and tactile factors. A good example is the purchase of Jan's 2011 128i Convertible — we “built” it using BMWUSA's website and went through several permutations of colors and equipment before arriving at what we both felt was perfect. We took this info with us to the dealer and our Customer Adviser ordered it for us just the way we wanted it, and it was even better looking when we took delivery. But that scenario leaves out the relatively extensive test driving we did with a few of BMW of Austin's in-stock 128s. Without that experience, we'd never have been able to make an informed decision on what to buy and what not to buy regarding “packages”, options, accessories, and so forth. As long as it would be possible to examine and drive a similar car to what I intended to purchase/lease, I'm in favor of the concept, but without that capability, it'd be “buying blind”. My personal feeling*

*is that nobody should ever make such a huge investment without the opportunity to determine by personal experience if it's something they'll really be happy to own and live with for however many years they plan to keep it. —Alan Greene*

*It would obviously be unwise for BMW to start competing with their own dealerships for sales, and they must know that, so I'm very intrigued to see how this sales channel will co-exist peacefully with them. I'm mostly concerned about what I call the “Amazon effect”, where online sales can inherently be cheaper because online vendors have far lower operating expenses, causing physical outlets to suffer reduced sales or even go out of business since they cannot compete on price. If a consumer's research can be completed entirely online, then by all means I believe it's fair to take advantage of online prices, but I expect very few car buyers to fit that description. Instead, I fear that online sales may subject dealerships to an especially heinous practice I've observed in other markets, where consumers visit a physical outlet to examine, test, and compare products of interest, maybe take up a sales rep's time asking questions, decide what to buy, and then rather than purchasing there to support the outlet that provided the display and Q&A services they used, they buy the product from an online vendor where it's available for less precisely because that vendor isn't providing those services — hopefully BMW will have a way to manage that. I actually bought my first car without a test drive (though I was familiar*

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The Teen Street Survival Program is supported and organized by the BMWCCA to provide defensive driving techniques and actual experience for teenagers with a driving permit or license.

The Tejas Chapter would like to have its 1<sup>st</sup> event. A small team of Tejas Chapter members had been putting the plans together for a 2011 event, but have run into a roadblock, “the location.” The location has to be a large parking lot with minimal obstructions, such as light poles. Several locations have been contacted with no success. Due to this roadblock, the new target to hold an event will be in 2012.

Please let the Driving Events Coordinator, Josh Butts at [josh@joshbutts.com](mailto:josh@joshbutts.com), if you have a contact for a location in the Central Texas area.



**well at least  
a small part of it.**

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*with similar cars and generally less interested in cars back then), and I was completely happy with it, so I suppose I was an ideal candidate for an online option then — but I certainly test drove the M3. Maybe there are enough customers who are happy to browse merely by spotting cars on the road and are able to arrange test drives with friends who own the model they're considering (or, \*sniff\*, just don't care enough about things like handling and ride quality to bother) — but if not, I believe an online sales channel would work best as some sort of partnership with the buyer's local dealer, not a truly standalone alternative. —John Hughan*

*I bought my M3 over the internet, never having seen it. What I DID do was test drive one here locally and spend countless days reading almost every review ever written and diving headfirst into the online forums reading about reliability issues. I think this combination works wonders if you do your due diligence (PPI, service records, Carfax, etc). However, I do find it extremely difficult to purchase a new car in its initial production year where information is hard to come by. Reviews and user forums usually take time to build, and I can't imagine preordering a car without ever test driving it. I think a hybrid sales model will eventually be the norm, where a dealer would have a sample of cars with different color/package combinations, and the purchase process would be either locating that car regionally or in transit, or order it from scratch — similar to*

*how BMW works now, but perhaps with a more lean business model where dealers have only a couple of days of inventory. But dealerships will always be required for service, and without them we would not have tech sessions, new product "tours" like the M5 and M6 event, and window shopping ability, to name a few. In some sales channels, traditional brick and mortar is the only way to go. —Hector Sanchez*

**For next time:** This past July, BMW and Toyota announced the most recent scope expansion of their long-term strategic partnership, begun last December and originally entailing BMW supplying diesel engines to Toyota from 2014 in Europe, and Toyota collaborating on lithium-ion battery research for electric cars. The partnership now includes joint development of a fuel cell system, powertrain electrification, lightweight technologies, and the architecture and components of a future sports vehicle. Neither automaker has announced any additional details such as what sort of lightweight technologies will be developed or when the fruits of this collaboration (particularly the future sports vehicle) will find their way into production.

**Questions:** What do you hope to see from BMW out of this partnership? Do you feel Toyota is an ideal partner to deliver the improvements you hope to see in BMWs? Do you believe one automaker stands to gain more than the other here?

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# Balcones Canyonlands Drive Review

by Ken Carson

Beautiful weather, twisty back roads, and great food attracted more than fifty participants to September's Balcones Canyonlands Drive. Thirty-two BMWs from five decades of production carved the ranch and farm roads through Hays, Travis, Burnet, and Williamson counties. This first day of autumn provided high temperatures in the upper eighties, ensuring that those with drop tops and sunroofs could enjoy the warm sunshine.



Staging for the drive at Cabela's in Buda saw old friends share warm greetings and relaxed conversation made even better by Round Rock Donuts served out of the trunk of event organizers Ken Carson and Connie Stried's M Roadster. Paul Goldfine welcomed everyone and his inquiries revealed 4 or 5 new faces who had bravely ventured out to a Tejas Chapter event for the first time. Ken and Connie led the short drivers' meeting, conveying expectations over the course of the 3-plus hour drive. Everyone was on the road by 9:25 a.m. The drive was divided into three sections, separated by two rest stops. The first section included Ranch to Market and county roads that took us

through the sleepy towns of Driftwood, Dripping Springs, and Fitzhugh. The Hill Country vistas were magnificent, especially while traveling along Crumley Ranch Road to Hamilton Pool Road. After about 45 minutes, our first stop was at Hamilton Market located at Hamilton Pool Road and RM 12. The expansive parking lot gave everyone room to spread out and relax, while the convenience store provided refreshment for those in need.



Drivers next negotiated some of the typically narrow county roads on the way to Marble Falls. Traffic was minimal, as were bicyclists, and the roads provided an opportunity for our machines to "stretch their legs" in spots. However, the hairpin turns just beyond Hamilton Pool required



restraint on the driver's part. We did have to get on a five mile stretch of U.S. 281, one of only two real four-lane highways we had to travel for

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very short stints during the entire drive. All cars took a break at the end of the 45-minute segment in a Marble



Falls convenience store.

The final stage gave drivers and their navigators over an hour to enjoy the twisty changes in elevation and the breathtaking views along FM 1431. All were primed and ready for the majestic canyons, cliffs, and dry limestone creek bed that lined Cow Creek Road, which jogged in and out of the Balcones Canyonlands Wildlife Refuge. The refuge is home to eight species of endangered animals, including the golden-cheeked warbler and the black-capped vireo. These birds use the canyon habitats for their nesting and breeding grounds. The curves and changes in elevation of Cow Creek Road encouraged drivers to put their foot down in spirited spurts of energy, only to be slowed by numerous cattle guards and low-water crossings. So many cattle guards and not one longhorn or goat or sheep was found sharing the road along the way. Surely the livestock had advance warning as the canyon walls echoed with the multiple sweet rumblings and howls from so many performance exhausts!

Exiting the canyons, the farm-to-markets led the Bimmer faithful north through Bertram and Mahomet and then south into Liberty Hill where lunch awaited. If you haven't had a chance to eat at Dahlia Café in this growing Hill Country community, you need to plan a little day trip just to try it. Or wind up in LH town in the evening on a Friday or Saturday to catch the live music served up weekly. The homemade desserts alone are worth the trip. Not to mention the great salads, sandwiches, wraps, burgers, and home-cooked entrees...

Mother-in-Law's Meatloaf, chicken fried steak with jalapeno cream gravy, pork chops garnished with their own slow-cooked spiced apple slices. Mmmmmmm! My personal favorites include the Cheeseburger Salad and the fried chicken livers with jalapeno cream gravy. Highly recommended desserts include chocolate or coconut chess pies, OMGoodness pie, and Bourbon Pecan pie. The meal left everyone satiated and satisfied.



One idea dominated my thoughts as I watched the other chapter members enjoying their time with each other at the restaurant. No matter how great the drive is, the best part of a Tejas Chapter event is really the fun and fellowship with old friends and new acquaintances. Good roads, good food, good friends...it really doesn't get any better.



# Tri-Marque Concours

By Paul Goldfine

The Tri-Marque Concours only happens every two years and is the chapter's opportunity to join with the Audi and Mercedes Clubs in doing our part to support a deserving local charity. This year, as in the past, the charity of choice was the Center for Child Protection, located in Austin, [www.centerforchildprotection.org](http://www.centerforchildprotection.org). Their mission is to assist children who are suspected victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect and for children who have witnessed a violent crime.

The entry fee to get into the concours was so low, some people brought more than one car just to give that little bit extra. The fee to show your car was only \$10 and to enter for judging, only \$30. All of the money collected went directly to the center. Many people showed their cars just to contribute and some, like me, even entered the judging with no hope of winning just to make that extra contribution, but more on that later.

We arrived at Cool River Café just before 7am on a beautiful Sunday morning. The temperature was in the mid 60's, which is a little unusual for early September in Austin, and the sky was almost cloud free. We quickly set up the table, threw up the tent and, before we knew it, the cars began to roll in.

All three marques were well represented and the models displayed ranged from as stock as the day they were purchased to full-on race prepared cars. Audi of Austin brought two great looking R8's, one in a very interesting flat black finish. BMW of



Austin was there showing off a beautiful 2013 Vermillion Red Metallic 640i Gran Coupe with the M Sport package. I'd be lying if I told you I was alone in drooling over that car just a little bit. Mercedes-Benz of Austin showed off a silver and red 2013 SL 550 Launch Edition.

There were several vendors there, including our friends Lee Rector from



Black Forest Werkshop and Brian McKinney from Bavarian Luxury Rentals. Mark Repella from Alloy Wheel Repair brought his mobile workshop, which I'm certain Alan Greene will cover in another article. Before too long, the judging started. Those of you who remember the last Tri-Marque Concours may recall my article titled, "I'm Never Washing My Car Again." I had decided to clean

my car just to drive to the concours and ended up investing nearly \$600 in upgrades. This time I went way out of my comfort zone and used rubbing compound, polishing compound and wax. This is the first time the car's been waxed in the entire four years I've owned it! My goal was to score 70 points and I managed to score 71, mission accomplished.

However, the real congratulations go out to the BMW winners - Hugh (1st) for his 1987 325iS, Esam Chaouachi (2nd) for his 1972 2002tii, and Herb Looney (3rd) for his 2006 M3 convertible.



It's too bad we have to wait another two years to do this again. From start to finish, everyone who attended had a great day. The weather was great, the cars were great, the people were great and, best of all, nearly \$2700 was raised for a worthy charity, which was, you guessed it, great!



# Utopia Weekend Review

by Jonna Clark



Photo by Ken Carson

Ahhhh, the annual Utopia weekend. But this time I'm writing with a little different perspective – I organized it! With the help of hubby Brad Mitchell of course!

I think the weekend turned out great. The fun started Friday evening, October 19<sup>th</sup>, when a slew of folks descended on our house in Boerne for an icebreaker & spaghetti dinner. This was the second year we've organized & hosted this event, and I think this year's Friday night was the best.



Marco showed off his new M3, while Brad showed off his '67 Corvette, and

the deer even came out. I don't think



folks really wanted to leave, but we all needed a good night's sleep because waiting for us the next day were the 3 sisters of the western hill country! My only complaint about the evening was that there was too much leftover spaghetti! ☺

Saturday morning dawned a bit cloudy & dreary, but that never stops 30 or so cars from turning out for the drive in the awesome Hill Country of the great state of TX! It's no wonder this continues to be one of the most popular Tejas Chapter events of the year. The summer heat has waned, so the convertibles definitely dominate

the turn out. And these are definitely some of the best roads Texas has to offer. This is a true driving event for BMW enthusiasts. It's just a whole package that's not to be missed.



Upon meeting on the Boerne Main Plaza, the group mingled & ogled over everyone's cars. After all the requisite formalities were covered, off we went



for the three sisters: highways 335, 336 & 337. Considered about the funnest roads to drive in TX they can be twisty & sometimes narrow – not for the faint at heart.

Between Medina and Leakey on 337, we ran into quite an unusual thick fog in the higher elevations. And as it



seems is becoming tradition, the bimmers were slowed down by some motorcyclists that don't seem to want

to navigate the roads like we do. Even Texas MotoFoto was not quite ready for an early group of bimmers! However, they caught all but the first couple of cars whizzing by. Check them out at [TexasMotoFoto.com](http://TexasMotoFoto.com) and consider supporting them by buying a picture of you & your car.

After the first leg, the group descended upon the Stripes station in Leakey for the necessary “empty” & “fill up”. Once we were all revived,



off we went for the next set of twisties. We hit 336 and all its cattle guards, but no cattle. Then jogged over to 335 and low and behold got into the midst of a cyclist event. The bicycles took



a bit of the fun out of the drive on that road, and added some drama as well. It was then that someone suggested the Utopia drive be a weekday event in the future! Not a bad idea!

After looping back into Leakey on the western section of 337, we headed south to Concan and lunch at Neal's

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**October 1**  
**Many thanks to Jonna**  
**Many more great photos are av**





**Weekend Drive**  
**9-21, 2012**  
**Clark & Brad Mitchell**  
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Dining Room. Neal's Dining Room is part of a resort on the Frio River, and specializes in catering to large groups. Neal's sits high above and overlooking the Frio River and the hill country to the west. They were ready for us with the picnic tables out on the deck



pulled together and set up for us, with menus out and glasses of water & tea all ready. We had a great lunch of burgers, chicken fried steak, and delicious onion rings, among many other things. The service was terrific and we really appreciate the staff there for their hospitality. For the after-lunch drive, we'd provided 2 routes for the return trip to Boerne. This allowed everyone to return at their leisure so that they could rest up or shop or whatever they desired.

Dinner Saturday evening was on the porches of the Limestone Grill at the historic Ye Kendall Inn. After



socializing and dining on fajitas and enchiladas, some folks headed across the street to a little burger joint that has a monthly 'Hot Rod Night'. It's quite a popular event in downtown Boerne, and not limited to hot rods, so there are all kinds of cars to check out, including a few old corvettes and Volkswagens.

The Sunday drive was planned as a shorter and bit more leisurely drive. Sunday dawned a much nicer day, but was not without its hiccups. We were forced to change our meeting location because of a Volkswagen swap meet being held on the Main Plaza in Boerne. The new meeting place was in front of the old historic Kendall Country Courthouse & Jail, and that

caught the interest of quite a few.

Once we were on our way, everyone seemed to enjoy the frisky drive up 474, followed by a more leisurely drive up Old Blanco Road. But upon arrival at our rest stop at the visitor's center in Blanco, it was closed, when it was supposed to be



open! However, we are a flexible bunch, and we all managed just fine before taking off for the final part of the drive. The next destination was lunch at Salt Lick BBQ in Driftwood. The drive from Blanco to Driftwood had us meeting up with even more bicyclists than the day before! Thank goodness however, this time they were going in the opposite direction. As it turned out, and unbeknownst to us, this was the weekend for the Austin Livestrong Bike Challenge. That weekday idea is sounding better all the

time.

We timed our arrival at Salt Lick just right as they were opening the doors just as we arrived and we had no wait! Some went inside for lunch service, and some went through the take out line & ate under the trees



outside. I reminiscenced about the tiny Salt Lick from “back in the day” when I was in college at SWT. It sure has grown, but the BBQ is as good as ever!

Brad & I sure enjoyed having everyone in Boerne for this year's event. From an organizer's perspective, everything really fell into place “as ordered”. It was our pleasure to have everyone at our house, and hope that everyone enjoyed visiting our little town and had a great time on the back roads!



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- Predictive Power Management: Using navigation data, the power unit learns to "see" - already standard equipment on the new BMW 7 Series.
- Intelligent Energy Management: heat pump, infrared heating surfaces and the second generation of the air vent control help to save energy.

Since 2007, the BMW Group has had an extremely successful concept for the reduction of fuel consumption and emissions at its disposal - the Efficient Dynamics development strategy. Efficient Dynamics is an integral part of all areas of vehicle development. Simultaneously, the BMW Group is relentlessly driving forward the electrification of its power units of its future vehicles. However, in the medium term, the internal combustion engine will remain the underlying technology, and thus the standard drive unit, for future series of volume production vehicles. The goal is to continuously reduce the fuel consumption of all the BMW Group's vehicles.

Completely new family of the BMW Group's Efficient Dynamics engines featuring BMW TwinPower Turbo

technology.

Against this background, the BMW Group decided to develop a completely



new family of engines. On the one hand, the existing high-tech concept of TwinPower Turbo technology will be used more effectively while on the other hand, the new engine family will enable an unsurpassed degree of commonality. The latest member of this new generation of engines is an advanced 1.5 litre TwinPower Turbo engine, which will be introduced next year.

Today, BMW TwinPower Turbo technology is used in petrol and diesel engines of various powers and capacities. These engines enjoy the highest level of



recognition, acclaimed by both customers and the world of professionals. Numerous prizes and awards testify to this fact. Recent examples include the four-cylinder petrol unit available in 1.6 and 2.0 litres, as well as the top-of-the-line, six-cylinder

diesel power unit, the 3.0 litre diesel with Tri-Turbo charging.

BMW TwinPower Turbo technology combines variable load control, direct fuel injection and turbo charging, specifically configured to suit each individual engine. Thus both efficiency and dynamics are increased in equal measure. An important feature of the petrol engines is the VALVETRONIC variable valve control system. Comparable to a highly efficient dimming system, it works almost entirely without losses, controlling all of the cylinders simultaneously and ensuring that extremely low fuel consumption and emission values are achieved. In addition to the gains in efficiency, it also noticeably improves the responsiveness of the engine.

With the introduction of the new Efficient Dynamics family of engines, TwinPower Turbo technology has become the common feature uniting all of the brand's petrol and diesel engines. The high degree of commonality, a term which refers to the large number of identical



components within the engine family, ensures ongoing, sustainable development of the full range of power units. In addition, the BMW Group has now created the conditions necessary to be able to offer even more body derivatives in future. The new engine concept will allow considerable savings to be made in development, integration and production, at an increased level of quality.

The new family of engines is based upon optimised cylinder modules, each with a capacity of about 500 cc, designed for thermodynamic efficiency, smooth, quiet operation and high-enjoyment - perfect for powering passenger vehicles. With the new three, four and six-cylinder engines, the BMW Group provides a range of engine capacities from 1.5 to 3.0 litres, thus adequately servicing a model portfolio consisting of very large volumes.

This new family of engines celebrates its premiere with a turbocharged three-cylinder engine of 1.5 litres. The compact in-line engine has the same genes as the six-cylinder and impresses with its remarkable smoothness.

The BMW Group has rounded out its range of engines in a unique way, adding a member at the bottom of the hierarchy. The new modular engine system exhibits a high degree of commonality between the petrol and diesel engines. Overall, the number of identical parts used in engines powered by the same type of fuel climbs to 60 percent, while the level of structural similarities between petrol and diesel engines is around 40%. Because in future, petrol and diesel engines will be produced on the same production line for the first time, the production process itself will be significantly more flexible.

### **Predictive capabilities optimise the vehicle.**

In addition to optimising individual components, the BMW Group is always exploring other avenues to reduce fuel consumption and emission levels, and to increase the dynamics of the vehicles. One example of this is forecasting the driving conditions ahead. Just like an experienced driver travelling along a stretch of road he knows very well, this technology can

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optimise the functionality and operational strategies of the vehicle if it is informed of the driving situation it is about to encounter. This information is provided by the vehicle's onboard electronics from large amounts of sensor data and now also by the navigation system. This allows the great potential of the Efficient Dynamics combined functionality to be put to even better use. Some examples of these technologies, of great benefit to the customer, are the Predictive Power Management system and the coasting feature, with the Foresight Assistant.

### **The automatic transmission is given the gift of sight.**

The new Predictive Power Management system enables the automatic transmission to “foresee” the route ahead. The electronics utilise data pertaining to the route, drawn from the navigation system, to optimize the transmission control enabling it to deal with the driving conditions ahead. The transmission is aware of a bend in the road, even before the driver has taken his foot off the accelerator, and automatically selects the right gear. The vehicle can negotiate the bend under a light load and accelerate out of it far better.

### **ECO PRO mode with Foresight Assistant.**

The new Predictive Power Management system also supports an extremely economical driving style when ECO PRO mode is selected. The Foresight Assistant makes the driver aware of deceleration situations in good time, in order to avoid inefficient braking manoeuvres and to reduce fuel

consumption. Other efficiency measures include coasting, where the engine is decoupled from the powertrain, and the ECO PRO Route feature, which calculates the most fuel-efficient route for the driver. Efficient Dynamics saves energy throughout the vehicle.

Under the general heading of “Intelligent Energy Management”, technicians at the BMW Group are working on a variety of individual solutions that reduce energy consumption. In battery electric vehicles (BEVs) or cars using plug-in hybrid technology (PHEVs), every kilowatt of stored energy (in this case as electricity in the battery) that can be saved by selectively operating ancillary systems, will be available to the electric motor for propelling the vehicle. Some of these techniques for reducing energy consumption are also applicable to vehicles with conventional internal combustion engines.

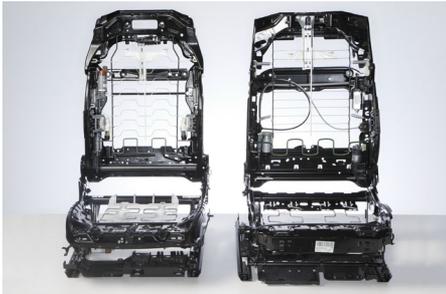
### **The heat pump: heating energy savings of around 50 percent.**

A particular challenge in BEVs and PHEVs is the efficient delivery of the required heating capacity to heat the passenger compartment. If only energy from the battery were to be used for heating, this drain of electrical energy would greatly limit the range of the vehicle. By using a heat pump in these types of vehicle, around 50 percent of this electrical energy or even more can be saved, depending on driving conditions. The extension of range which is gained can be up to 30 percent, when the outside temperature is at freezing point, depending on the driving cycle.

### **Infrared heating surfaces emit “healthy” radiant heat.**

Conventional heaters and air

conditioners today heat the air inside the vehicle, which then transfers its heat to the driver and passengers. In contrast, in systems employing infrared heating surfaces, energy is converted into infrared radiation, which then warms the occupants' bodies directly. The heating effect is operational only one minute after the system is switched on. In addition, the heat generated by infrared heating surfaces is distributed without any need for drafts of air and is completely silent. In the field of vehicle heating systems, modern infrared heating surfaces are a new solution that not only promotes low power consumption but also provides a noticeable improvement in the passengers' level of comfort. Particularly when used in battery electric vehicles (BEVs), which are purely electrically-driven, in future infrared heating surfaces will yield gains in efficiency, since the electrical energy will be used to directly warm the occupants. Apart from rapidly warming the passengers, infrared heating surfaces can be used as an additional feature to create an agreeable, cosy climate within the vehicle. Separate regulated circuits,



analogous to seat heating, with which the occupants can individually set their own degree of comfort are another possibility. Since each passenger can be provided with his own individual heating system, it is also possible to selectively heat only those seats that are occupied and thus reduce energy

consumption.

### **The new second-generation air vent control is variable.**

Back in 2003, the air vent control was already being fitted as standard equipment to several models, as a part of the Efficient Dynamics strategy. The system, which is positioned between the cooling air intake and the radiator, operates with movable slats, which can be closed if necessary, thereby improving the aerodynamics of the vehicle. With the second generation of this technology, a number of positions can be set in order to better control the flow of cooling air in an even more flexible, demand-controlled manner. The upper air slats are normally closed and when in this position make the largest contribution to a reduction in aerodynamic drag. Overall, the air vent control system reduces the drag coefficient  $c_W$  by 0.015.

### **Optimising the operating temperature of an internal combustion engine.**

In conjunction with the navigation system, predictive thermal management helps maintain the temperature balance within the engine, by means of predictive thermal conditioning of the coolant. The engine's power delivery is improved and thermal operational reliability is further optimised.

### **Energy management is an area of growing importance.**

Intelligent Energy Management is an integral part of the BMW Group's Efficient Dynamics strategy. The goal of saving energy in all of the vehicle designs and the details of all of the automotive components has high priority, both now and in future.

# VRBO? Yes!

by Ken Carson

I had noticed that Craigslist has a vacation rentals section and had even scouted different vacation spots for Connie and me. Because some of the Tejas group rented villas available at Comanche Trace in Kerrville during Utopia drives, and we had been invited to join Don and Susan Yule in one of the villas, when we got word in 2011 that the event was shifting its base to Boerne, I looked on Craigslist just to see if there might be vacation rentals available for our new base of operations.

I actually found a listing that included a link to some website called VRBO.com. Private owners use the website to promote their rental property after being vetted by the

website to some degree and in some mystical manner. A description and pictures of the property let me know that we wouldn't be interested in that rental, but I searched on VRBO for Boerne listings and had many to sift through. Some research led me to a three bedroom, two bathroom house on the outskirts of Boerne.

I contacted the Yules about the rental; they were agreeable, and we stayed in the house during the Utopia drive of 2011. The house was newer and very clean with an open floor plan, a fully outfitted kitchen, and only cost each couple about \$90 per night. Each couple had their own bedroom and bath, but the best part was the clean two-car garage with door opener that gave us peace-of-mind for our M Roadsters each night! Over the weekend, when we weren't at an event



The advertisement features a central logo for "Bavarian Luxury RENTALS". The logo consists of a blue arch with the words "Bavarian Luxury" in yellow script, a central crest with a shield and crown, and two black BMW cars on either side. Below the logo, the text reads: "America's 1st all BMW rental car company is in Austin and locally owned. BMWCCA members will receive 20% off weekday rentals. Weekend specials are available. Check us out at [www.luxurycarrentalaustin.net](http://www.luxurycarrentalaustin.net) or call 512-373-0400". At the bottom of the advertisement, there are three images: a red BMW 3 Series sedan from a side profile, a red BMW 3 Series sedan from a front-quarter view, and the interior of a BMW car showing the front seats and dashboard.

function, we were able to relax and socialize. It really worked out well. Knowing that we would be back in Boerne in 2012, we made plans early. This year we would need a bigger place, since the Yules, Mary Beth and Marco Cordon, Linda and Tim Cook, and my sister and sister-in-law (driving our e30) wanted to join in the fun. Surely finding a place for five couples would be tough. Actually, it wasn't. A ten minute search led me to a seven bedroom, four and a half bath house that could sleep up to 23! It fit the bill perfectly. The only missing item was a five-car garage. Duh!



Actually there wasn't any garage, but there was plenty of off-street parking in the back. Each couple had their own bedroom with a queen or king bed, and there were four bathrooms, so only two couples had to share a bath. Three living areas and an open kitchen that was stuffed with dishes,



pots and pans, spices, and all modern appliances made downtime...funtime.

Mornings brought Mary Beth's breakfast casseroles and Susan's muffins, while two coffee pots churned out two different coffees. Evenings meant relaxing with friends and more food, of course. Oh, and wine...lots of wine, since everyone brought their favorites to share with the group. Surprisingly, we didn't have a chance to try out the seven person hottub.

The house was located in the middle of Boerne, only a block from the intersection of River Road and Main Street. And all of this fun and fellowship cost about the same as an ordinary hotel room.

In each rental experience, initial contact is by email inquiry. The owner can send rental agreements and terms via email, too. I did talk to the owner by phone this year to ask some questions. Payment is by check or credit card.

After two very positive experiences with Vacation Rentals by Owner (VRBO), I am quite comfortable with recommending its use for those out-of-town excursions where sharing accommodations or spreading out beyond a small hotel room is desired. I know we'll be booking again in the near future.

## To Replace Or Refinish? It Just Got Easier...

By Alan Greene

We've all had it happen...or we will sooner or later. That really nice set of wheels that complements your car to a "T" suddenly comes down with a case of curb rash or finish decomposition. Used to be that meant dismounting wheel and tire and either shipping or delivering your damaged rim to a wheel-repair facility. Then you had to wait whilst your car either sat on jackstands or you drove with an unmatched set of wheels and tires until your remanufactured wheel was returned. Or, you had to visit the dealer and wait while an on-site wheel repair guy working out of his pickup or van smoothed out your scrape with a disc sander and repainted the repaired area. It wasn't inexpensive, either.

But now, there's a better alternative. A few weeks ago at the Tri-Marque Concours, a vendor brought one of their mobile repair trailers to the event and happened to park near my 335i Coupe. One of my hyper-silver CSL-style wheels had begun to shed its finish on some of the outer spoke edges and no matter what I tried, I could not get any type of do-it-yourself repair to make it look any better. I overheard the two wheel repair guys talking about doing a demonstration and I approached them about being a volunteer, with a wheel that just needed a simple touch-up. After looking over my wheel, a deal was struck (a nice discount for volunteering for the demo) and they immediately brought over a jack and jackstands and removed my left rear

wheel.

This of course got a lot of stares and questions ("what are those guys doing with your wheel?", "what's wrong with your car?", "do you have a flat tire?", and so forth), but the fun had just begun. I've watched the guy do the sand-and-paint routine at the dealer parking lot before, but this was a whole new experience. They rolled my wheel and tire to their trailer, deflated the tire, and broke the bead so as to move the tire away from the painted surface. This was done with a great deal of care, along with thoroughly scrubbing the wheel with cleaner and water. After a careful inspection of the front and rear faces, they mounted the wheel on a platform in their trailer and began using an abrasive pad to remove the outer layer of clear and smooth down the areas where the finish had started to come off all the way down to the black base coat. This was done by hand and the technician was very thorough.

Those of you familiar with the hyper-silver color know that it is a 3-stage paint process, starting with black, then a chrome-like silver second coat, followed by clear coat. I was concerned they might not be able to match the color of my other wheels, but they assured me all was well and they dealt with these wheels and others with much more complex finishes all the time. After the sanding and smoothing was done, they again thoroughly cleaned it all the way around and took the wheel into the back part of the trailer, which was actually a mobile paint booth complete with spray guns, air filters (compliant with clean air regulations), and everything needed to do a

professional-level job. After the paint had been applied, the process had taken roughly 45 minutes. Once it was dry enough to handle, they removed the wheel to another area so they could start refinishing another attendee's wheel. They told me my wheel would need to dry for another hour, so I went back to the concours activities.

An hour later, I checked in with them and they were just getting my wheel ready to bolt back on to my car – they inflated the tire to the proper pressure and proceeded to reinstall the wheel using a special lug socket that would not mar the finish of my wheel bolts or the bolt holes in the wheel. The wheel was an amazing match for the other three on the car (see the before and after photos) – the finish was smooth and glossy and looked “factory”. A pretty incredible job for the middle of a parking lot to be sure.

As it turns out, these two technicians were from Alloy Wheel Repair Specialists, and they operate in the Dallas, Austin, Houston, and San Antonio areas. They can refurbish and refinish nearly any kind of wheel that is not cracked or seriously damaged or bent, which would require a much more extensive repair process. The best part is that they come to you, wherever you are in the metro area, similar to most windshield repair services. They also do a lot of work for the higher-end car dealers in the same metro areas as well. After seeing how good their work is, I invited them to advertise in the TRAX, as I'm sure many of our fellow members could make use of their services. I provided them with contact info and I hope to see their ad in an upcoming issue - it should be a mutually-beneficial association for them and our members.



AWRS, as they're known, has multiple mobile units in their major business areas and can respond quickly once they've been contacted. I overhear several Concours attendees talking with the representatives about doing work on entire sets of wheels to get them back to “factory spec” as well as one or two wheels with serious road rash or other problems. I certainly will use them again should the need arise - which I hope it doesn't but stuff happens! It is certainly worth trying as opposed to shopping for another wheel – and if you have found a used set of wheels that need spiffing up, these would be the guys to tackle that task. I hear they'll give you a discount on a multi-wheel refurb job.

They obviously can't do powder-coating with their mobile units, but if you're looking to restore the finish or get rid of curb scrapes or other damage to a painted wheel, you can now take care of it with a phone call and leave the rest to them. Price-wise, they're a little more than the pickup-based disc-sander and airbrush technique that has been employed by many dealers – but this is a complete wheel refinishing process (not just a touch-up) right at your door – no need to go anywhere and no middleman. So if you're looking for that “finishing touch” to your older BMW (or other make) or need first-aid for a lapse in parking skills – this has got to be the ideal solution.

# Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2012

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 2012. 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 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)	60
Original Article published in the Trax (less than 500 words)	30
Recruitment of a commercial ad for Trax	20% of ad cost

## 2012 Incentive Points Challenge Rookies Leader Board As of October 24, 2012

<u>35.01 Pts</u> JP Burd	<u>13.22 Pts</u> George Gualda	<u>9.58 Pts</u> Christian Glombik	<u>3.31 Pts</u> Daniel Elizalde	<u>2.72 Pts</u> Ross Miles
<u>26.58 Pts</u> Kathryn Butts	<u>12.72 Pts</u> Craig Nordskog	<u>9.31 Pts</u> Viren Thakur	<u>3.00 Pts</u> Joe Robson	<u>2.68 Pts</u> Marc Schubert
<u>23.60 Pts</u> Sean Engelke	<u>11.70 Pts</u> Carl Nybro	<u>5.96 Pts</u> Terry Jones	<u>2.98 Pts</u> Ben Littler	<u>2.60 Pts</u> James Puryear
<u>21.64 Pts</u> Daniel White	<u>11.48 Pts</u> Kyle Ray	<u>5.74 Pts</u> Max Dean	<u>2.81 Pts</u> James Lee	
<u>19.01 Pts</u> Luis Torres	<u>11.41 Pts</u> Brian Wong	<u>3.66 Pts</u> Larry Targosh	<u>2.79 Pts</u> Amy Marchut	
<u>16.77 Pts</u> Shane Glombik	<u>9.60 Pts</u> Chris Spencer	<u>3.47 Pts</u> Jeri Lee	<u>2.77 Pts</u> Ted Marchut	

### Calendar of Tejas Chapter and Related Events



2012

Date	Event	Meet Location
December 8, 2012	Annual Charity Event see page 5	San Antonio
January 2013	Post-Holiday Dinner and Incentive Point Awards	TBD

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

**2012 Incentive Points Challenge Leader Board  
As of October 26, 2012**

<u>1505 Pts</u> Alan Greene	<u>280 Pts</u> Tim Cook	Javier Torres	Brian Wong	Jeri Lee
<u>1020 Pts</u> Ken Carson	Brad Mitchell	<u>100 Pts</u> Jeff Gifford	Trent Zou	Robert Lewallen
<u>940 Pts</u> Herb Looney	<u>270 Pts</u> Kathryn Butts	Chris Spencer	<u>50 Pts</u> Gina Mae Barker	Bob Lewandowski
<u>905 Pts</u> Paul Goldfine	<u>250 Pts</u> Craig Pearson	Luis Torres	George Gualda	Ben Littler
<u>800 Pts</u> Jan Greene	<u>240 Pts</u> Mike Sevel	<u>90 Pts</u> Sean Engelke	Bill Hoch	Joseph Lupo
<u>795 Pts</u> John Hughan	<u>220 Pts</u> Jay West	Jack Laumer	<u>40 Pts</u> Christian Glombik	Margie Mann
<u>590 Pts</u> Connie Stried	Mohammed Abusalih	Al Ridgley	<u>30 Pts</u> Hassan Al-Tabatabaie	Amy Marchut
<u>545 Pts</u> Jonna Clark	Philip Nybro	Terry Sayther	Kimberlee Augustine	Ted Marchut
<u>530 Pts</u> Don Yule	Tom Brown	Dick White	Phil Auldridge	Brian McKinney
<u>470 Pts</u> Josh Butts	Wayne Eltringham	<u>80 Pts</u> Brian Gavron	Mike Bassart	Ross Miles
<u>420 Pts</u> Susan Yule	Daniel White	Joe Lamping	Dawn Bissell	Lisa Moore
<u>405 Pts</u> Hector Sanchez	<u>150 Pts</u> Don Bishop	Jacy Legault	Anthony Bowen	Dorothy Morgan
<u>380 Pts</u> Linda Cook	Ron Buchalski	Tim Master	Ruby Bowen	Sergio Murillo
<u>355 Pts</u> Linda Cavazos	<u>130 Pts</u> Jeff Conner	Frazier Newlin	Fred Brinkley	Michelle Peterson
<u>340 Pts</u> Scott Bowman	David Mann	Steve Pedersen	Lori Burns	James Puryear
Roger Williams	Johnny Mitchell	Kyle Ray	David Cloyd	Mark Reinke
<u>320 Pts</u> JP Burd	Shearon Mitchell	Steve Tatro	Robert Craig-Gray	Joe Robson
<u>290 Pts</u> Marco Cordon	<u>120 Pts</u> Rob Brown	Brad Thompson	Joel Dolisy	Marc Schubert
Sridhar Kamma	Eric Chang	<u>70 Pts</u> Shane Gomblik	Fred Elgoff	Cathy St. Martin
	Gay Dawson	Bob Ashenbrenner	Daniel Elizalde	Nicholas Steinour
	Tom Dawson	Ken Booth	Bob Ellingson	Larry Targosh
	Carl Nybro	Brenya Buchalski	Hugh Fisher	Viren Thakur
	<u>110 Pts</u> Allan Gazza	Max Dean	Chris Gant	Brad Theriot
	Craig Nordskog	Ben Eckermann	John Garvish	Karl Van Shellenbeck
		Tim Ehrhart	Gail Goodloe	Mike Van Shellenbeck
		Bert Hernandez	Jac Harding	Philip White
		Bill Muldoon	Kristopher Hicks-Green	<u>20 Pts</u> Graham Jones
		Brian Peterson	Mark Hollingsworth	<u>15 Pts</u> Harold Storer
		Claudio Sanchez	Ken Hollins	<u>10 Pts</u> Steven Stamps
		James Shaw	Pat Jamail	Joe Sylvester
		John Trevey	Doug Johnson	Luis Torres
			Terry Jones	Terre Williams
			James Lee	

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## “The best design innovations 2012”: BMW seizes double victory



With their expressive and unmistakable design, BMW's latest new models convince not only juries of experts at renowned competitions, but also the general public. Latest example of this is BMW's double victory in the readers' survey conducted by the trade magazine "auto, motor und sport". In the vote for the best design innovations 2012, the BMW 6 Series Gran Coupé and the new BMW 3 Series Sedan each attained a top position in their respective vehicle segment. As a result, both models are now being honoured with the "autonis" award presented by "auto, motor und sport". "We are very happy to receive the awards for the new BMW 3 Series and the BMW 6 Series Gran Coupé. Such a positive feedback from our customers and friends of the BMW brand is truly a major acknowledgement of our work and gives us the encouragement to continue approaching the design of our vehicles with the deepest commitment and passion," comments Karim Habib, head of BMW Design.

In the case of the BMW 6 Series Gran Coupé, the venture into a new vehicle segment is accompanied by a

fascinating combination of aesthetics, dynamics and luxurious flair. The brand's first 4-door coupé boasts its very own product personality, reflecting elegant styling and exclusiveness both in the interior and on the outside. Likewise, the new BMW 3 Series Sedan immediately underscores its position as a sporty 4-door saloon car at very first glance. The both dynamic and elegant contours and the unmistakable front end with headlight assemblies extending to the BMW kidney grille give clear indication of even greater driving pleasure that can be experienced with the sixth generation of the world's most widely sold premium automobile.

The aesthetic appeal achieved by each award-winner in its individual way is the result of the features that define the design of BMW automobiles. The brand identity of every BMW is reflected in its proportions, these symbolising elegant sportiness above all with a long bonnet, short overhangs, a long wheelbase and a set back passenger cell. The model-specific character is created by complexly modelled, powerfully stretched surfaces

structured by precisely defined lines. Thanks to a unique interpretation of the surface design and detailed accents, each respective model becomes an unmistakable product personality.

More than 14,500 readers and online users participated in the poll to determine “the best design innovations of the year”. They judged the appearance of 102 new models launched during the past twelve months. Overall victory in two categories went to BMW’s latest models. The BMW 6 Series Gran Coupé proved to be the public’s upper-range favourite, whilst participants voted the BMW 3 Series Sedan the most attractive new middle-class model.

Both models had previously already received awards in well-known design competitions. The BMW 6 Series Gran Coupé is one of the winners of the “red dot award 2012” for outstanding product design, in which the new BMW 3 Series Sedan also received an “honourable mention”. In the “Automotive Brand

Contest” held by the “Design Council”, both new models received an award in the category “interior”. Moreover, the BMW 6 Series Gran Coupé also convinced the jury comprising experts from the areas of design, media, brand communication and science in the “exterior” category. Consequently, both models are also nominated for the “Design Award of the Federal Republic of Germany”.



# Classified Ads



## 2008 M5

(E60), 51,000 miles, Silverstone II metallic paint, Full black perforated Merino leather (heat/cooling front and rear), Manual transmission, Brushed aluminum interior trim, Bluetooth, Navigation / Head-Up Display (HUD), 4 new tires (replaced in Jun/2012, less than 1,000 miles driven after replacement), Never smoked in, never tracked, no accidents, all original, except after-market xMx pedals, Dinan carbon fiber front strut bar. Sold new at Advantage BMW of Clearlake. One previous owner for the first 9,500 miles. Always serviced at BMW, all records available including the original leather case with manual and factory books. MSRP: \$96,475 - Asking price: \$42,000. Engine Specs: S85 V10 engine, 500 HP @ 7,750 rpm, 383 lb-ft @ 6,100 rpm / redline at 8,250 rpm. Contact Tor Taklo at 713-550-2589 or send email to tor.taklo@sbcglobal.net.

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## Wheels For Sale

A set of 4 E-30 wheels. Condition: serviceable. They have been sitting in my garage for at least eight years. Best offer over \$200.00. Contact: Tom Brown, 512-337-7758 or send email to trbrownaf@yahoo.com.

# Classified Ads

## Miscellaneous 135i Parts

Bavarian Autosport SR SRS Airbag scan/reset tool \$35, 2008 135i Montego Blue Rocker panels \$100, 2008 135i original Kidney grills \$25. e-mail [agazza2@gmail.com](mailto:agazza2@gmail.com) for more information.



## Style 66 or ///M wheels

The sale is for staggered set, four wheels, genuine BMW factory style 66 or "///M;" two [2] wheels 17X8 (8JX17) - part no. 36 11 2 228 995, 20mm offset, bolt pattern 5X120; two [2] wheels 17X9 (9JX17) - part no. 36 11 2 229 035, 26mm offset, bolt pattern 5X120. These wheels are straight, round and never bent or cracked other than cosmetic scuffing, and were mounted on my

540i/6... there are no scratches or road rash. These wheels also may fit the following models:

- 1982-1987 5 series (E28 chassis)\*
- 1989-1995 5 series (E34 chassis)\*
- 1996-2003 5 series (E39 chassis)
- 2004-2008 5 series (E60 chassis)
- 1977-1989 6 series (E24 chassis)\*
- 1978-1987 7 series (E23 chassis)\*
- 1988-1994 7 series (E32 chassis)\*
- 1995-2001 7 series (E38 chassis)\*
- 1991-1997 8 Series (E31 chassis)\*

\*It may be necessary to use a hub-centric ring on these models that are not e39 or are D-Center Bore is 72.56mm. Contact Claudio Sanchez at (512) 627-3499 or send email to [claudio3@swbell.net](mailto:claudio3@swbell.net).



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